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Dr Sophie Scamps, Federal member for Mackellar

DR SCAMPS OFFERING FREE ANTI-SCAM SEMINARS

In 2023, losses to scams exceeded \$4.5 billion, causing misery and financial hardship to thousands of people including hundreds on the Northern Beaches.

The perpetrators of these crimes masquerade as your bank, the Tax Office, phone companies, or postal delivery services – to name a few.

Scammers deliberately target older people, the vulnerable and people who are not as savvy with digital communications.

“These scammers are without scruples,” said Dr Sophie Scamps, Federal MP for Mackellar. “That’s why I want to help the people of Mackellar fight back against them, by knowing what to do when they are contacted by these people.”

Nearly 20% of reports in NSW were by people 65 and over, followed by the 55-64 age group (12.2%) and 45-54 age group (10.7%).

There are steps you can take to protect yourself.

Dr Scamps will host a free seminar on scams presented by staff from the Australian Competition and Consumer commission’s Scam.

In person event on March 14th

10.30am-12pm

Ted Blackwood Community Centre

Jacksons Rd & Boondah Rd, Warriewood.

Online presentation on April 10th

3.30pm to 5pm

<https://www.sophiescamps.com.au/events>

The scams awareness presentations will provide practical guidance to assist people to identify and avoid scams and stay safe online. The presenter will share valuable information on where to seek help and support when recovering from a scam.

It’s also an opportunity for attendees to share their scam stories with their peers.

We all need to be vigilant and help each other to avoid scams. If you have an unusual phone call, text or email, stop! Hang up. Do not click on the link or provide information. Seek advice from a friend or relative.