



Health workers trained to check

WITH smoking a hot topic in recent days after the 25 per cent price rise, it is fitting that a Smoke Check workshop is being held in Taree.

The workshop will be used to train local health workers working with Aboriginal people on the effects of smoking.

The project, which is being funded by the Cancer Institute of New South Wales and the NSW Department of Health, is being run by the University of Sydney.

Their aim is to make Aboriginal communities in Australia smoke free.

According to a report by NSW Health on adult Aboriginal health, 43.2 per cent of the NSW Aboriginal population smokes.

"The high rate of smoking in our Aboriginal communities is alarming," Luciana Massi, Smoke Check's senior trainer said.

The Smoke Check Project seeks to help improve the health of the Aboriginal people of NSW and to reduce their prevalence towards tobacco addiction.

The workshop will be held today at Taree Community Health Centre, York Street, Taree.