

Unions' campaign comes to Kiama

A UNION campaign to make workplace relations a state election issue hit Kiama yesterday, with Unions NSW launching its Fair Employer Scheme at a Kiama pharmacy.

Unions NSW is spending the week driving its Your Rights at Work bus around the Illawarra, encouraging voters to take a stand against WorkChoices.

"Peter Debnam has said he's going to hand over the IR powers to Canberra, so this state election is equally as important as the federal election," Unions NSW secretary John Robertson said.

The Fair Employer Scheme is designed to reward businesses that reject the industrial relations laws and individual contracts. "We're looking to identify fair employers who are prepared to uphold fairness in the workplace," Mr Robertson said.

Kiama pharmacist Gerry McInerney has been in business for 36 years and prides himself on treating his staff fairly. "I regard my staff as my most valuable asset. I have always treated them fairly and always received 110 per cent in return."