

Foster Carer Card newsletter

October 2004 edition

Welcome to the October 2004 edition of the Foster Carer Card Newsletter.

Christmas is just around the corner so this is a great time to take the opportunity to utilise some services that are available to assist with Christmas Shopping.

Here is some information for you on business outlets that are available to all Foster Carer Card holders in Queensland to assist with savings while doing your shopping.

ADSS – Australia Discount Shopping Service is a service available to Foster Carer Card holders when purchasing any electrical – white/brown goods or major items at discount prices.

We encourage you to utilise this service, as it is free and available to you. This is a no-obligation, hassle free shopping service. They act on your behalf to negotiate the best possible price and can usually have the goods delivered to your door.

How do I use ADSS

Step 1 – Look around, decide what you want and note the make, model number and the best price you have seen advertised or been quoted.

Step 2 – Have your Foster Carer Card ready, then contact **ADSS** with the above details. They will call you back, usually within 24 hours, with the best price they've obtained on your behalf. Be assured you're under no obligation to buy.

Step 3 – If you want to make the purchase, simply place your order with **ADSS**. The supplier will contact you to organise payment and delivery.

Members are currently experiencing discount savings from 9% to 13%. So why not take this opportunity to save and make Christmas Shopping easier.

Contact **ADSS** on 1300 658 787

Currently **Foster Carer Card Business Discount Scheme** has over 400 participants. Here are a few business outlets that may interest you.

- Ellaways Music – Kedron

Jewellery & Gifts

- Goldline Jewellers – Brisbane
- Silver Moon Treasure House – Kuranda
- Just Jewellery – Broadbeach
- Stephen's Jewellery – Proserpine Mackay & Whitsunday

Shopping Centres

- The Myer Centre – Brisbane. Visit the customer service desk for your discount book.

These are just few of many businesses offering discounts to Queensland Foster Carer Card holders. If you would like to see more businesses in your local area as participants in the **Foster Carer Card Business Discount Scheme**, please contact us.

Foster Carer Card Coordinator

- Email: fostercarercard@childssafety.qld.gov.au
- Freecall: 1800 811 732
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Business Discounts

How to use your card to save money:

- Keep a lookout for the Foster Carer Card symbol displayed in the shop windows, or near a cash register.
- To find out which businesses in your area give discounts, check the Foster Carer Card Business Discount Directory.
- Keep a printed copy of the Foster Carer Card Business Discount Directory handy and be aware of any special conditions.
- Find out what the regular price is before asking for a discount.
- Comparing prices is recommended.
- Always present your card at the time of getting a written quote, or prior to payment. Businesses do not have to honour discounts after the transaction has occurred.
- Take your card when you travel throughout Queensland
- If you have difficulties obtaining discounts from businesses listed on the Foster Carer Card Businesses Discount Directory, please advise *Foster Carer Card Discount Scheme* so that the matter can be followed up.

General information

Foster Carer Card Newsletter is a monthly Newsletter to inform you of the status of business recruitment and other information.

In the up coming months, Foster Carer Card will be launching a business recruitment drive, more information will be shared in the next Newsletter.

As well as business recruitment, the *Foster Carer Card Discount Scheme* is currently working on the Business Discount Directory, reducing from the A4 paper size to a DL size similar to Seniors Card Discount Directory.

Web site: The Business Discount Directory is updated every two months. For all other information please go to the *Foster Carer Card Discount Scheme* web site.

Email: fostercarercard@childsafty.qld.gov.au

