





## LEARNER DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAMS (LDMPs)

Learner Driver Mentor Programs (LDMPs) have been operating in Tasmanian communities for several years. These community run, voluntary programs provide disadvantaged learner drivers with the opportunity to develop their on-road driving experience. The primary focus of these programs is to help novice drivers who have limited opportunity to access a suitable vehicle and responsible supervisory driver to accrue on-road driving experience.

- Migrant Resource Centre, Hobart (TOP Gear)
- Claremont College (TOP Gear)
- Jordan River Services, Bridgewater (TOP Gear)
- Huon Valley Council (Gearing Up)
- Clarendon Vale Neighbourhood Centre (Ready Set Go)
- Sorell Council (B Ready)
- Youth Futures, Launceston (Wheels4work)
- Break O'Day Council (Get in2 Gear)
- Kentish Council (REV)
- Migrant Resource Centre, Launceston (Drive for Life)
- Derwent Valley Community House (Drive Time)
- Goodwood Community Centre (Greenlight)
- Devonport's Migrant Resource Centre (Wheels for the North West)

DIER road safety consultants have worked closely with communities to promote and assist with applications for the Government's 'Learner Driver Mentor Program Seed Funding 2010' initiative which provided funding to encourage new programs and to help existing ones consolidate and expand.



Allison Bone, Huon Valley's 'Gearing Up' Coordinator



Break O'Day's 'Get in2 Gear' was launched in 2009

Currently LDMP coordinators and DIER consultants are working to establish an incorporated organisation called 'Driver Mentoring Tasmania' to further support programs.

Congratulations to the Goodwood Community Centre and the Derwent Valley Community House for recently launching their new LDMPs. With the commencement of *Greenlight* (Goodwood) and *Drive Time* (Derwent Valley) we now have 13 LDMPs operating across Tasmania. A fourteenth LDMP, based at the Migrant Resource Centre (Devonport) has also commenced operation and another program is currently being planned for Burnie.



REV volunteer mentor driver Cait Clarke



Bridget Stewart (coordinator) passes the keys to learner driver Natalie Coppock while Cate Poole (mentor driver) and Scott Bacon MP watch on at the launch of 'Greenlight'



Derwent Valley Community House reps, Richard Lang and Paul Smith, launch 'Drive Time'



**MOCK CRASH EVENTS**

The Brighton CRSP organised a mock crash scene at the Brighton Civic Centre as part of a Youth Week Expo event. This involved two crashed cars from Delta, the local auto wreckers, simulating a side impact collision. Students from Bridgewater High School dramatised a crash scene, supported by Tasmania Police and the Ambulance Service. The aim of the event was to raise awareness of the dangers of distraction when driving.

In 2009 Rosetta High School played host to a 'mock crash' with neighbouring schools, Cosgrove High School and New Town High School. The day was facilitated by community road safety advocate, Bill Pregnall, in partnership with Tasmania Police and Ambulance Service and a range of community experts, who took the stage to share experiences of road trauma with students.

*“Local ownership and understanding of road safety”*

**GLENORCHY YOUTH TASK FORCE – ‘DON’T END UP DEAD’**

The “Don't End Up Dead” Initiative was generated from the findings of the Glenorchy Safety Forum 2010. Speed, alcohol and distraction were identified as the three main road safety concerns in the community, particularly among young drivers. The Glenorchy Youth Task Force took on the challenge to come up with an educational medium that could be used to get the safety message on to the street and that would appeal to the youth of Glenorchy. The Youth Task Force, working with the Council's youth development officer, Ross Park, and graphic designer, Simon Williams, have developed a local car air freshener which will be distributed among youth networks.





### TRIPLE P – LAUNCESTON COLLEGE

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In 2009 Launceston College introduced a new project called 'Triple P' (Protect Provisional Points). The project presented students with incentives, such as petrol vouchers and locally donated prizes, to promote safer driving and avoid incurring demerit points. Key safety messages were also promoted through direct email to participants and on College television screens.

*Triple P* was supported by DIER and Tasmania Police and the following Launceston businesses got involved with sponsorship: Autobarn, Crystal Cleaning, Mojo Music, Tint-a-Car, Village Cinemas, Cataract Bistro, Sports Rider Motorcycles, RACT and Bruce Stevenson's Toyota.



Social Worker Natalie Heiniger (Launceston College) with Triple P participant, Mombo Jetoh

### ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS (RYDA)

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DIER road safety consultants have continued support of the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program across Tasmania as part of the wider delivery of road safety education in schools.

### KEYS2PS

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DIER continues to promote the 'Keys to Ps' program widely across Tasmanian communities. The program has been designed to follow up classroom road safety education and prepare parents and their pre-learner driver students for the challenging process of achieving the necessary skills to pass their provisional licence assessment.

Keys2Ps sessions are also conducted through the support of community organisations for adult learner drivers.

