



## Volunteer L2P Driver Mentors Urgently Needed

South Gippsland Shire Council is seeking volunteer mentor drivers to help young people in our community obtain their drivers licences.

The L2P Learner Driver Program is a state-wide initiative designed to help disadvantaged young people aged between 16 to 21 gain driving experience under the supervision of a fully licenced driver. Drivers licences – particularly in country communities – can help a young person to gain greater independence and increase work opportunities.

But currently there are more young people needing driving assistance than there are drivers to mentor them, which is why volunteers are urgently needed.

To become a driver mentor you need to be fully licenced and be able to give one to two hours of time to mentoring each week. The regularity helps learner drivers to retain information and the hours contribute to the 120 hours of driving experience that is required to be eligible to take a driving test. Volunteer drivers will be supported in their mentoring role by L2P project staff.

The L2P Learner Driver Program has been running for over ten years in South Gippsland and has helped 224 young people. Over 4,800 drive trips have been undertaken through the program equalling over 10,300 hours of driving experience.

For more information or to express your interest in becoming an L2P driver mentor please contact Denise Trani on 5662 9200 or visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/L2P](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/L2P)

### **Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council L2P Coordinator, Denise Trani:**

“The L2P Learner Driver Program is very important, particularly for disadvantaged young people in rural communities. We would like to encourage anyone who has the capacity to help out, to give it a go. It’s a great way to make a difference in your local community. Not only will you be helping young people you will also be supporting the next generation of drivers to become safe and responsible road users”.

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