

## CASE STUDY FOUR

### Inner-City program giving young people a kick-start

This small-scale program was set up for local young people through their youth centre, which houses a number of different programs and services.

Rather than providing a complete LDMP, the aim of this program is to get the young people set up and on their way to getting the required hours, rather than having the final goal as getting their P1 licence. These young people may not have their learners licence yet, for a number of reasons including literacy issues or outstanding fines.

Young people need to identify at least two people within their family or community or at their workplace, who are willing to help them with their required hours. Then the program provides them with five free driving lessons with a professional instructor throughout their time on their Ls, alongside subsidised lessons for those who can or are willing to pay for more. These sessions are booked through the youth centre and use the instructor's vehicle.

There are no volunteers involved in this program as it was considered beyond the capacity of the program, considering budget and staffing restraints. Instead, young people are supported to work through the processes required to get their Ls, such as enrolling in the TAFE course "Foundation Skills for Learner Drivers", or finding out how they can get photo ID and other necessary paperwork to go for their knowledge test. Those who are then eligible after gaining the required number of hours can apply for the Safer Drivers Course for free. For those who don't meet the criteria set by Transport for NSW, the centre looks for outside sponsorship to pay for the course.

The local council Road Safety Officer supports the service with providing road safety resources and tips and runs a road safety session with the young people to help them understand about the road rules and risks on the road.

The main challenge for this program is the fact that it isn't owned by any one service and there is no additional funding to help run it. The centre runs the program by committee and delegates responsibilities amongst the services housed there. In addition, because the young people have varying needs depending on their situation, it is diligent case management that gets the young people started. If they don't have anyone close who can help with the remaining on-road hours the program refers them to other LDMPs in the area but of course these programs already have people waiting so it can be a long time before participants can try for their P1 licence.