

Media Release

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GEELONG L2P PROGRAM REACHES MAJOR LICENCE MILESTONE

More than 400 young drivers across the Geelong region have now gained their P-plates thanks to the Andrews Labor Government's *TAC L2P Program*.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll said the program supports young Victorian drivers to gain their independence, while also helping to reduce the risk of road trauma.

More than 38,000 hours of collective supervised driving has taken place since the Geelong program began in 2009, helping local learner drivers get their licence.

The TAC L2P program is a vital mentor program that matches learners without access to a vehicle or supervising driver with a volunteer mentor, L2P car and free professional driving lessons, to help reach the critical minimum 120 hours they need to get their P-Plates.

Since its launch in 2008, the statewide program has helped 15,000 young learner drivers log 656,757 hours and supported more than 7,000 participants to get their P-Plates.

The program is a partnership between the Labor Government, local councils and community organisations, the Department of Transport and the Transport Accident Commission.

It supports the *Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030* which aims to halve road deaths and reduce serious injuries by 2030 and eliminate road deaths by 2050.

For more information visit the VicRoads website and search for 'L2P'.

Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll

"The L2P Program is critical in connecting trained mentors with young Geelong drivers to support them to gain their mandatory minimum 120 hours of driver experience – as well as the skills and confidence they need to drive solo."

Quote attributable to Member for Bellarine Lisa Neville

"We know that young and inexperienced drivers are sadly at a greater risk on our roads – thank you to the program's volunteers for helping to provide hundreds of young locals with the practice they need to be safe on our roads."

Quote attributable to Member for Geelong Christine Couzens

"For more than a decade the TAC L2P Program has given young Geelong people access to quality driving practice and education when they might have otherwise missed out – it is a fantastic milestone the program has achieved."

Quote attributable to Member for South Barwon Darren Cheeseman

"Having a licence can be the key to securing employment or further education which is why we are offering ongoing support to drivers across the region who could otherwise miss out."

Quote attributable to Member for Lara John Eren

"L2P Geelong is not only giving local learners the opportunity to get their licence – it is helping to make our roads safer by ensuring these young drivers have vital on-road experience in a range of conditions."

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Quotes attributable to City of Greater Geelong Mayor Peter Murrhy

“Road safety and good driving habits are things that the whole community benefit from and it’s really pleasing to see role the Geelong TAC L2P Program has been able to play in supporting young drivers to achieve their goals.”

“It’s exciting to know that the City has been able to work with the TAC in helping reach such an outstanding milestone as 400 licences.”