# **Media Release**

The Hon Melissa Horne MP

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## ONE MILLION HOURS CLOCKED UP IN L2P LEARNER DRIVER'S SEAT

The Allan Labor Government is getting young learner drivers, who don't have had access to a car or supervisor behind the wheel – as the L2P program reaches one million hours.

Coinciding with National Volunteer Week, this program wouldn't be possible without the 7,500 volunteers at the heart of the program.

Since 2009, the L2P Program has given more than 23,000 young drivers across the state the vital skills needed to drive confidently on our roads.

The program matches learner drivers aged 16 to 21 years old who don't have access to a car or a supervising driver with a fully licenced volunteer mentor and car to help them get the driving experience needed to gain a probationary licence.

The program not only benefits learner drivers but also gives volunteer mentors an opportunity to connect with their community.

Volunteer mentors are provided with comprehensive training and access to a L2P Program car.

The TAC funded L2P Program supports the Government's Graduated Licencing System (GLS) which makes it compulsory for learner drivers aged under 21 to obtain a minimum 120 hours of supervised driving practice.

For more information visit the transport.vic.gov.au.

#### Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"The TAC L2P Program plays a vital role in empowering and enhancing a young person's confidence by teaching them to drive safely and reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities among young drivers."

"Gaining a licence also enhances a young person's confidence and social independence allowing them to engage with their friends and community, helping them access employment opportunities and education."

### **Quotes attributable to TAC CEO Tracey Slatter**

"The more experience learner drivers can gain, the better equipped they will be to become safer solo drivers."

"The TAC L2P Program provides learner drivers with equal access to driving experience and an opportunity to develop the skills and behaviors necessary for a culture of road safety in Victoria."

#### **Quote attributable to Head Road Safety Victoria Marcelo Vidales**

"We're looking for more enthusiastic people to commit 1-2 hours a week to help young learner drivers gain the experience they need to get a license."

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