



Fundraising Begins for L2P in Mirboo North

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to congratulate the Mirboo North and District Community Bank for officially opening their fundraising initiative last week to fund another L2P Program car.

The fundraising initiative aims to raise \$15,000 for a second L2P car for South Gippsland to be housed in Mirboo North.

The project currently has approximately \$3,000 funded from the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, Mirboo North Rotary, Mirboo North Lions, Mirboo North Community Bank and Eastern Victoria Region MLC Melina Bath.

South Gippsland Shire Council operates the L2P Program where young people are matched with fully licensed volunteer mentors and have access to a sponsored vehicle, which they can use to get supervised driving experience.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Cr. Bob Newton said the L2P Program has provided the opportunity for more than 150 young people to gain valuable driving experience since it began in 2011.

“The key component of the L2P program is the volunteer mentors and we have quite a number from Mirboo North area at the moment. One of the major limitations on the program for a large rural shire is access to suitable vehicles for young people to practice in.

“The opportunity to have another dedicated vehicle that is based in Mirboo North is wonderful news. This will mean that volunteer mentors from this area will no longer have to travel to Leongatha to collect the car when helping youngsters from this region.

Council is grateful to the Mirboo North and District Community Bank staff and board for taking on this project to support young people and volunteers from this district,” said the Mayor.

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