

## Opportunities Available in L2P Program

South Gippsland Shire Council is encouraging young people in South Gippsland struggling to gain driving experience to apply for the L2P Program.

The L2P Program, which currently has vacancies, can provide access to volunteer mentors and suitable cars to people who find it difficult to get adult help to meet their target hours.

The program is open to young people aged between 16 and 20 who face a significant barrier to successfully obtain their licence.

Individuals are advised not to self-assess their eligibility for the program as it is not means tested but provided on an as-needs basis.

Council's L2P Coordinator John Ernst reminds parents that their children need to complete 120 hours of practice prior to being eligible to sit for their licence test.

"Year 12 exams are often the focus of student's attention at this time, however many young people will need a licence once they finish school. Gaining 120 hours is a pre-requisite for all 18 year olds who wish to be eligible to sit for their driving test.

"With daylight savings soon upon us the opportunities for gaining night driving hours are also reducing. All learners must have a mixture of driving experiences, including at least 10 hours of night driving.

"We are encouraging learner drivers to take any opportunity for night driving now but to aim to drive no later than 10.00pm to avoid higher risk situations," said Mr Ernst.

Council's L2P Program has assisted 65 young people from South Gippsland to gain their probationary licence.

Those needing assistance in gaining 120 hours of driving experience are encouraged to contact the L2P Coordinator in their area.

For more information on the program please contact Council on 5662 9200 or visit Council's website.

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