



A free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers will be held by the Roads and Maritime Services in conjunction with Greater Hume Shire and Lockhart Shire Councils at the Henty Library on 22 March 2017 at 5.30pm.

Media Release

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The two hour workshop, ***Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers***, will offer parents and supervisors hands-on advice on how to provide the most effective driving practice for learner drivers.

Younger drivers face many challenges when learning the complex task of driving a vehicle. With their inexperience, they also face a higher risk of danger. Despite making up only about 15 per cent of all drivers, younger drivers represent more than a third of annual road fatalities.

“Parents and supervisors of novice drivers have a crucial role to play in making our roads safer, and that is why the Roads and Maritime Services have developed this workshop to better support them.”

The workshop covers topics such as:

- new laws for learner and P-plate drivers
- how to use the new Learner Driver Log Book
- how to plan on-road driving sessions
- low risk driving techniques

“Parents and supervisors who have attended this workshop found it boosted their confidence, helped those better plan driving sessions and allowed them to share their experiences,” said Kim Schultz, Road Safety Officer from Greater Hume and Lockhart Shire Councils’.

The NSW road toll isn’t simply a number. It is people. Sadly, it’s closer to home than you think. It’s people like you. Grandparents, mothers, fathers, children; and it’s a number that’s unacceptable, no matter how small it gets, until it gets to zero.

That should be the aim for all of us – government, law enforcement, business, communities, families, and individuals – we should work together to do everything in our power to push the number of deaths on New South Wales roads towards zero.

Bookings for the *Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers* workshop are essential and can be made by emailing Kim at Roadsafety@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au or calling 6036 0100.

Ends.

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