



NSW Driver Trainers Association

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Older Driver Assessor Training

As part of our ongoing relationship with the RMS as a stakeholder in the driver training and assessment sector, we have been asked to inform our members that there are still spaces available for the Older Driver Assessment Training Course on July 27th. If you are interested in becoming an Older Driver Assessor, you need to contact the RMS at the email address below.

olderdriverassessor@rms.nsw.gov.au

Courses will be run monthly going forward, so if you are keen, you should register your interest at the above email address. For information regarding eligibility criteria to become an Older Driver Assessor, follow the link below.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/driving-instructors/older-driver-assessors.html>

Proposed Changes to Road Rules

The National Transport Commission is seeking feedback on a list of proposed amendments to the Road Rules. Information regarding this update is available here:

<http://www.ntc.gov.au/about-ntc/news/media-releases/ntc-seeks-input-on-proposed-amendments-to-the-australian-road-rules/>

For the full list of the proposed amendments, follow the below link:

[http://www.ntc.gov.au/Media/Reports/\(0A30B4C2-0657-5D9A-CF08-F84C6ECBC375\).pdf](http://www.ntc.gov.au/Media/Reports/(0A30B4C2-0657-5D9A-CF08-F84C6ECBC375).pdf)

For full details of the proposed changes, go to:

[http://www.ntc.gov.au/Media/Reports/\(EC12B943-FB37-9D9B-20C5-D555625EDA95\).pdf](http://www.ntc.gov.au/Media/Reports/(EC12B943-FB37-9D9B-20C5-D555625EDA95).pdf)

We would suggest that all driving instructors read these proposed changes, and consider making comment on them directly to the NTC via their website. These are changes we will need to be aware of to better inform our clients.

PCYC and Safer Drivers Course

As most of you would now be aware, the PCYC was successful in its application to continue as a provider of the Safer Drivers Course for the next 4 years. This continues the successful partnership arrangement between the PCYC and the NSW Driver Trainers Association. We have also been successful in negotiating some new rates of pay for facilitators and Coaches, as well as addressing a few other issues in the contracts that had been raised over the last few years.

Any current Coaches and facilitators have been contacted directly by the PCYC to inform of the delay in getting new contracts out, and the extension of current contracts until the end of July. This is due to some staffing changes within PCYC that have held up the process. New contracts should be sent out in the coming weeks along with a summary of the changes from the old contracts.

If anyone is interested in becoming a coach or facilitator with the PCYC, please email Jenny Davidson at jdavidson@pcycnsw.org.au

New SDC Providers

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate several of our members who were also successful at in their tender to be a SDC provider. Some of these were already providers, and have obviously been doing a good job to be awarded the contract again, while others are new providers and proved ability to deliver the course as required.

We wish them all well in their endeavours to provide this quality course to the young drivers around the state.

Service NSW

The below is a copy of the text from a Service NSW Media release from June 20, 2017.

SERVICE NSW ROLLOUT A WIN FOR REGIONS

Residents across regional NSW will soon have access to hundreds of government services under one roof with a comprehensive rollout of Service NSW Centres included in the 2017/18 NSW Budget. Minister for Finance, Services and Property Victor Dominello said the \$20 million expansion of the Service NSW network, which includes 24 new centres in regional areas, underscores the popularity and success of the Service NSW model.

“Service NSW has dramatically changed the way that people interact with government, offering a new customer first approach. People simply love the service provided, and now even more regional communities will benefit,” he said. “Gone are the days of excessive paperwork, copious phone numbers and duplication. Service NSW has transformed the customer experience by providing them with a 21st century one-stop shop service with access to over 970 transactions.”

The Budget allocated \$2.8 billion to the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation. Other major investments in the Budget include:

- \$177.7 million for the next phase of the Critical Communications Enhancement Program that will deliver a significantly enhanced Government Radio Network to help public safety, emergency, health and other personnel better protect communities;
- \$73 million to protect and enhance the Sydney Harbour foreshore, including heritage investment in Campbell's Cove and Pyrmont Bridge;
- \$15 million to reinvigorate retail tenancies in The Rocks to revitalise the retail offering and drive enhanced visitation from tourists and locals;
- \$17 million for enhanced regulatory activities to support the new Compulsory Third Party Green Slip Scheme;
- \$9 million to maintain the NSW Government's heritage stone buildings;
- \$8 million to regulate the private operator of the NSW land title system to ensure a stable transition and enhanced service levels and to support the transition to a paperless electronic based conveyancing system.

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Nsw Service Centres



24 new Service NSW one-stop shops rolling out by 2019



Getyourps.com

We have been made aware of a troubling website called getyourps.com. This website allows learner drivers to input their current hours, their required hours, postcode and a start date, and it will then generate driving records for them to enter into their log book. This is an online assistant to blatant fraud regarding hours in log books and we have made the RMS and Service NSW aware of this. We are not sure what can be done about it, other than making testing officers aware of it and to be on the lookout for apparent fraudulent entries. But we wanted you to know about it so that you can also keep an eye on what is going in your client's books.

Regional meetings

Following a suggestion from a member at our last AGM, we are starting to trial regional meetings for members. These are not workshops as we have run previously, and are not run or chaired by the committee. These are meetings of local instructors run and chaired by local members. These are an opportunity for you to get together and have a chat about anything that concerns you, network with other instructors, discuss ideas for the association and the industry etc.

Any ideas or concerns will be fed back to the management committee for actioning, so there will be follow up to the matters you raise. However these are an informal meeting where you are free to say whatever you like. If you want to come along and have a bitch about things, that's great. If you want to come along and talk about local matters that wouldn't concern anyone else, also great.

Refreshments will be served and they only run for a few hours. We are trialling the first one in the Hunter region where it will be run by David Groves, on July 27th at the East Maitland Bowling Club, from 10am till 2pm. If you would like to attend, please contact David directly at davidgroves@tpg.com.au

We would like to start these meetings in other regional and metro areas, and would be looking for anyone who is willing to take on the task of running and chairing such a meeting. The association pays for the meeting room hire and refreshments and can assist with communications leading up to the meeting. If you think you would like to have a go at this, either by yourself or with help from others, please email me at anthonycope@nswdrivertrainers.com.au

Committee Meetings

We recently began our tour of the state for our committee meetings, starting in Port Macquarie. The idea of these is to take the management committee to you. The management committee meets on a regular basis and we thought it would be a good idea to come and meet our members. While a couple of committee members have met with local members previously through our series of workshops, many of their faces would be unknown to you and you may never have had the chance to talk directly to the people making decisions on behalf of this association.

So our committee meetings have gone on road. The Port Macquarie meeting was well received, even though not as well attended as we would have liked. Those that did come along found they got something out of it and were very appreciative of the committee putting themselves out to travel and go to them. We were down two members in Garth Bransgrove and Richard Day due to bad weather. Garth and Richard had work commitments on the Saturday preventing them from travelling up from Sydney that day, so Richard was flying them both up in his light plane early on Sunday morning. However bad weather north of Sydney meant they had to pull the pin and consider their safety first.

Our next meeting is in Nowra at the Shoalhaven Ex Servicemen's Sports Club, on Sunday 23rd July. The committee will meet in the morning until 12pm when we will have lunch. Members are invited to join us for lunch and then hang around for our members meeting from 1 – 3. If you would like to join us, please RSVP to anthonycope@nswdrivertrainers.com.au

We will be holding future meetings down south (maybe Albury or Wagga) and out west (maybe Orange) with Sydney metro meetings to follow. Dates will be announced shortly.

Strategy Meeting

The management committee held a strategy meeting last weekend, where we discussed the future direction of the association and what goals we want to achieve. We believe such meetings are critical to the continued growth and development of the association.

As part of this process, we will soon be asking all members to complete an online survey to help us better understand the level of engagement and satisfaction within our membership. This feedback from you is critical to us making some strategic decisions about future activities and decisions. This survey will be sent out towards the end of July and we would hope everyone could take the few minutes needed to provide this important information.

Road Safety Conference

The annual Australasian Road Safety Conference is being held in Perth between 9th and 12th October. The association usually sends two delegates from the committee to represent the association and to sit in on as many presentations as possible, but this year we would like to open up that opportunity to you.

We will still be sending a member from the committee, but we would like to invite one lucky member to take that second position. We know that many of you are very interested in what is going on the road safety sector, from research to education projects etc, and so we would like to give you the chance to go and be a part of this exciting event.

This will be an all expenses paid trip, including flights, accommodation and conference registration. This doesn't come cheap, so we would like only those people who are really passionate about being involved in this event to register their interest. We will soon be sending out an expression of interest form for you to fill out and return, where you will then go into a random draw to pick the winner. Once selected, we will announce it straight away and get the ball rolling in regards to registration etc.

If you are not sure about whether you would like to attend, please go to the conference website below and have a look at what it is all about.

<http://australasianroadsafetyconference.com.au/>



27TH JULY 2017

EAST MAITLAND BOWLING CLUB

CNR NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY & BANKS STREET

EAST MAITLAND

REGISTRATION 9.30AM

MEETING 10AM – 2PM

AFTER LISTENING TO THE IDEAS OF MEMBERS AT THE 2016 AGM, THE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH SMALLER, LOCAL AREA MEETINGS RUN BY THE MEMBERS.

THESE MEETINGS WILL ENABLE MEMBERS TO EXPRESS IDEAS OR CONCERNS IN A SMALLER GROUP, TO THEN BE FED BACK TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR ATTENTION.

RSVP 20/07/2017 FOR ATTENDANCE AND CATERING PURPOSES

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**REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
MEETING**

**GET TOGETHER AND
HAVE YOUR IDEA'S
HEARD**

**INFORMAL
GATHERING IN
MEETING FORMAT**

**PLEASE INFORM
OTHER MEMBERS**

**MORNING TEA &
LIGHT LUNCH
PROVIDED**

**NSW DRIVER
TRAINERS
ASSOCIATION**

Bring the Safer Drivers Course to your learners and your local area (Expressions of interest)



Apia Driving School is a long standing provider of driver education, in operation since 1963 and an RMS approved provider of the Safer Drivers Course throughout much of NSW

We are currently partnering with local Independent Driving Instructors and small/medium Driving Schools within city and regional areas across the state, to bring the Safer Driver Course to their learners and their local area. We are engaging a limited number of trainers in each area, so if you are interested in taking part please contact us ASAP.

Through a unique rollout, we will empower you to deliver Apia Driving Schools Safer Drivers Course to your learners.

Benefits include:

- **Retain your learners:** Make bookings & deliver to your learners instead of sending them to another driving school.
- **Flexibility:** Influence when and where you deliver the course to your learners.
- **Grow:** Broaden your offering
- **Earn:** in most areas \$100 per hour*
- **Get Paid:** Be automatically paid within 14 days of delivering a session (Usually 10 days or less)

We are currently taking expressions of interest from current Facilitators & Coaches in the following regions:

- All Metropolitan Sydney
- Newcastle
- Central Coast
- Hunter
- Mid North Coast
- Macathur
- Illawarra
- South Coast
- Southern Highlands
- Southern Tablelands
- Snowy Monaro

We also welcome those wanting to be accredited and will support you with training.

If this sounds attractive, contact us today by:

- emailing - saferdrivers@apiadrivingschool.com.au
- enquiring at www.apiadrivingschool.com.au/safer-drivers-course-trainers