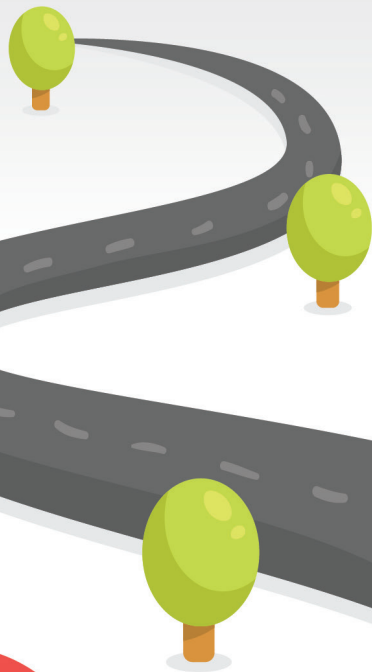


WAKATIPU

# DRIVE MY LIFE

A COMMUNITY DRIVER MENTORING PROGRAMME



## WHAT IS DRIVE MY LIFE

Drive My Life (DML) is a community mentoring driving programme for vulnerable members of Murihiku/Wakatipu regions predominately (but not limited to) rangatahi aged 16-24. Our goal is to assist referral based at-risk participants to gain the necessary knowledge and skills essential to obtain a drivers licence.

We aim to develop smarter, safer drivers on New Zealand roads. We can do this by guiding, mentoring and assisting participants through each stage of their licence.

Holding a licence can lead to gaining employment, education opportunities, access to goods and services and the ability to connect with family and friends.



## WHAT WE OFFER

We offer the following to help someone achieve their licence:

### Learners Licence:

- 6 x 1 hour learner licence sessions
- Road codes for use in class
- Answers to all the questions you NEED to know
- Practice tests

### Restricted and Full Licence:

- A vehicle to learn in
- A mentor to help you learn
- A professional driving session and input before you sit your test
- A defensive driving course (optional)

## BENEFITS

- No cost
- Safety / knowledge
- Ability to drive legally
- Gain independence
- Increased confidence
- Create freedom and opportunities
- Identification



## VULNERABLE CRITERIA

- Financial
- No money in the home to be able to obtain their licence
- No warranted or registered vehicle in the home
- No vehicle in the home to practice in
- No one in the home with a Full drivers licence that can be the support driver
- If you feel your client may benefit from gaining their licence but cannot see the criteria group that they would fit under, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss

We are not limited to these. It could also be:

- Learning difficulties
- Violence in the home
- Lack of family support



## SUCCESS STORIES

One person with dyslexia was very overwhelmed on the day they sat their learners licence. They said to me, "I never thought I would step foot in the AA building let alone actually pass my learners licence."

One young man that has completed his learners licence with DML and is working towards his restricted licence has been successful in gaining employment. This is partly due to the relationships that have been formed from him attending the DML course.



One young man that has gained his restricted licence through DML was on a warning from the police to gain it, or end up in front of the courts. He has now gained his licence and is very optimistic about his future employment opportunities.

One young lady is pregnant with her first child and is thrilled to have gained her restricted licence prior to her baby being born so that she will be able to legally drive her newborn around.

## KEY SUPPORTERS & FUNDERS



## WAKATIPU CONTACT DETAILS

If you think you fit the criteria or you know someone that does, call **Chenin Madden** and register for the Drive My Life programme.



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