



Quarterly Newsletter



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DRIVING CHANGE NETWORK

This quarter I had the pleasure of joining MSD and Waka Kotahi staff on Nationwide regional visits, where I got to meet many of our supporters/members, who have previously just been email addresses in our database. It was so lovely to be able to finally put faces to names and to learn about the amazing mahi being carried out in the regions.

We have also been privileged to have been given a seat at the table of the Driver Licensing Improvement programme working group. This gives us the chance to directly influence proposed changes that Waka Kotahi are considering and the opportunity to pass on your concerns and pain points when working in your communities.

There are many new improvements on the horizon such as Community Driver Testing Officers, new test routes, mobile testing units and proposed group booking options that we should see come to fruition in 2023. More information about much of this in our Waka Kotahi update.

Driving Change will be launching our He Mahi Tikaana recognised provider programme in the new year thanks to support from ACC for the pilot funding. We are excited about the prospect of supporting and strengthening providers through this platform.

Please if you ever have ideas, problems or concerns drop me an email and I will do my best to answer it or direct it to someone who can.

Big things to look out for in the next two months are information about the MSD tender process for the Budget 22 licensing funding. Watch for my emails, but also watch **GETS** for when this opens.

Our office will be closed for Christmas from Thursday 22nd and will reopen on Monday 9th January.



Merry Christmas - Wendy

HE MAHI TIKAANA

Recognised provider scheme



VISION

To support our Community Driver Training Providers to develop and share "Best Practise" resulting in safe, skilled fully licensed drivers on our roads

PURPOSE

To encourage organisations to research what is already offered and to **collaborate** to strengthen services available to learners and avoid **unnecessary duplication** of services



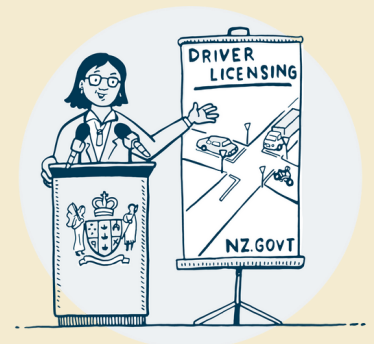
IMPROVING OUTCOMES

It encourages providers unable to provide a **full holistic service** for learners, addressing all barriers, to **establish referral pathways** to ensure their work does not contribute to licence "pooling"

BENEFITS TO FUNDERS

Government & Philanthropic funders will have access to **accurately mapped community providers**, data on numbers receiving support and success rates of students and providers

He Mahi Tikaana will assist funders to ensure that limited community funding budgets are wisely allocated and that they are **funding evidenced based programmes** that meet the needs of communities.



HE MAHI TIKAANA

Recognised provider scheme - cont

BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS



Working with 'recognised providers' gives them assurance they are being supported by a reputable provider, with trained and vetted staff and volunteers who follow best practise procedures

WHAT IS INVOLVED

Providers will register on the He Mahi Tikaana platform and complete a 7-step process.

A DCN peer-based review, will support and assess the registered providers as part of the process.

A He Mahi Tikaana - recognised provider certificate will be issued, which can be used as supporting information for funding purposes.

Annual reviews will be required, this will ensure the He Mahi Tikaana database is up to date.



HOW TO BECOME A RECOGNISED PROVIDER



We will do a soft launch of the platform in January this year and will accept expressions of interest to be part of the initial group.

Once we have ironed out any issues with the software it will be launched through our website to everyone.

There will be no cost in the first year to be part of this.

To register to be consider to be part of the first intake or for further information please email wendy@drivingchange.nz

DCN ANNUAL HUI

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE OUR BEST CONFERENCE YET

SAVE THE DATE

8TH & 9TH JUNE, 2023



Te Taitokerau ki Te Raki Community Police Testing Officers

The Far North Districts Road Safety Teams were given the opportunity in 2021 by Waka Kotahi to be part of a trial programme with community driver testing officers. After much planning with all involved Waka Kotahi trained 3 Northland police officers as driver testing officers (CDTO) graduating Friday May 13th 2022.

The programme was launched in Kaitaia June 16th 2022 and it was expanded to Kerikeri in August and will start in Kaikohe in the New Year.

This is seen within our Far North Districts Road Safety Teams as an opportunity to help our people/ rural communities & whanau to gain access via another avenue in obtaining a driver's licence. All participants who have taken part in this trial must go through one of our driving programmes within the Far North district before sitting the practical test. The success rate is high (98% pass rate) as none of our instructors or mentors are prepared to have participants sit the test if they are not ready. The 2% that didn't pass the first time have since come back and obtained their respective licences.

This programme works because:

- Testing Officers are community orientated and know the communities, barriers and consequences when driving on the wrong licence
- Driving Instructors/ Mentors work closely together with Testing Officers to offer the participants a whanau-friendly orientated testing environment
- The integrity of the test is still adhered to as this is the best outcome for all concerned – end result is safe drivers
- This programme aligns with the guiding principles in the Road to Zero Strategy

Outcomes/ Comments:

- Kaitaia have had 46 students with 1 Failed
- Kerikeri have had 62 students with 2 Failed
- The 3 who failed were really nervous and have since passed when they returned to try again

All of the participants have been in a variety of ways from gaining employment, independence and no longer fear incurring fines for driving outside their licence conditions.

Organisations involved making community trial happen are: Waka Kotahi, Far North REAP, NZ Police, Northland Transport Alliance, Far North District Council, Hauora Hokianga, Te Runanga o Whaingaroa - Mid North, Moerewa Christian Fellowship Centre, Building Safer communities - Kaitaia, Ngati Hine Health Trust, Te Hau Ora o Kaikohe, MaiLyfe, Te Kotahitanga Trust, AA agencies, Howard League, MSD, VTNZ Kerikeri, Driving Change



Driver licence programme expands

Sitting your driver licence is about to get easier in four towns around New Zealand.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Vehicle Testing NZ have designed and approved new test routes in Waipukurau, Wairoa, Kaikohe and Dargaville. This means practical driver licence tests will be provided in each town.

The Waipukurau community was the first to go live, celebrating the milestone with a launch at the local Eastern Institute of Technology Learning Centre on 24 November.

Central Hawke’s Bay District Mayor Alex Walker told the gathering that collaboration from the local community, Waka Kotahi and VTNZ, was at the heart of the good news.



Test routes in Wairoa, Kaikohe and Dargaville will go live at in early December.

Neil Cook, Waka Kotahi Deputy GM Regulatory Services and sponsor of the Driver Licensing Improvement Programme, says expanding test routes enables more people to access a driver licence.

“A driver licence opens the door to life’s opportunities, whether that’s getting a job, better education, or being able to take your kids to sports or a health appointment,” he says. “Accessing the driver licensing system also helps support and educate learners to drive safely on our roads.”

The Waipukurau celebration included the introduction of a newly trained Community Driver Testing Officer (CDTO). The community-based role is part of a Waka Kotahi initiative to reduce wait lists for practical driving tests and support disadvantaged groups of people to sit their licence.

CDTOs are from the local community and work for local community providers to test participants of community-led driver licensing programmes. They are trained to Waka Kotahi standards for Class 1 licences. CDTOs will also be introduced into Wairoa, Kaikohe and Dargaville. VTNZ will provide practical testing for the general public.

The very first CDTOs were part of Driver Licensing Improvement Programme trials that started in June in Te Tai Tokerau and Tairāwhiti. The trials are a partnership between Waka Kotahi and Far North REAP and Tairāwhiti REAP.

Member introduction



The CP Society is a not-for-profit that strives to enhance the lives of New Zealanders living with Cerebral Palsy by providing programmes and support.

This week, thanks to two generous donors they have launched their **getDriving** programme. This programme will support 30 people with Cerebral Palsy to start their driver licensing journey and be a step closer to experiencing some of the freedoms that many of us take for granted.

Obtaining a driver license and learning to drive is more expensive for people who have Cerebral Palsy compared to their able-bodied counterparts. This is due to lessons in specialised vehicles with disability modifications being more expensive, and potentially, members with Cerebral Palsy having other disability barriers to overcome which result in them needing more lessons (eg: startle reflex, learning disabilities, sensory impairments etc).

To be eligible for getDriving, you must:

- Be a New Zealand citizen/resident
- Be a current financial member of the [Cerebral Palsy Society of NZ](#)
- Have a current Learner Driver Licence
- Have a self-funded Occupational Therapist Driving Assessment before applying for a getDriving grant
- Provide a report/support letter from this assessment as part of your application, which confirms:
 - You have Cerebral Palsy
 - Confirms you have capacity to learn how to operate a vehicle on the road safely
 - Details which vehicle modifications or driving conditions are required for the member to operate a vehicle on the road safely.

For more information about this programme, if you know of someone who would benefit from the support of getDriving or if you are a driving instructor with access to a modified vehicle who could assist with lessons

email cpsociety@cpsociety.org.nz or phone 0800 503 603.



Pictured is Grace Lee - [read her story here](#)

Member Stories and Videos

We need your stories. If you are happy to share a story or even be in a short video about your amazing organisation and the work you do to support people to gain their licences in your community, please email Info@drivingchange.nz

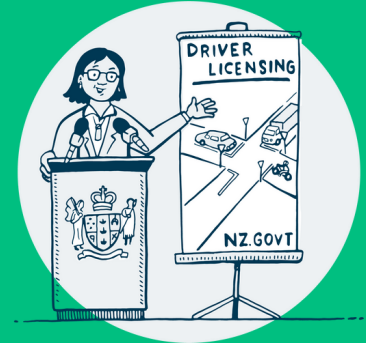
Getting these stories out is vital so we can provide anecdotal proof of the need in our communities for funding driver education and licensing support. We know how busy everyone is, so we will even phone you and interview you for the story.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Consultation:

MSD and Waka Kotahi completed consultation on 24 November. Consultation was held across the country with around 300 providers and community groups participating. Significant feedback has been provided which supports the need for increased certainty and consistency with MSD driver licence support contracts. Feedback is being consolidated and will be shared with the DCN, providers and community groups within the next two weeks. Feedback gathered through consultation will inform the design of the contracting framework and procurement process.



Next steps:

A tender round for driver licence support programmes will commence early 2023, for contracts starting 1 July 2023 pending approval from the MSD Procurement Board. Community groups will be able to apply for funding through the Government Electronic Tender System (GETS) and information will be included on what driver licence supports MSD wishes to purchase. An advance notice of the tender (Request for Proposal) will be listed in GETS and all providers and community groups that attended the consultations will be proactively contacted by MSD.



Tender Recommendations

How to Prepare

We understand that tenders will come out in Mid to Late January. While MSD have assured us that they will let us know when it will be, and DCN will contact you all as soon as we receive this advice, we acknowledge that this may happen once some of you have broken for Christmas Holidays.

With this in mind we recommend that you do the following;

- Ensure you have a NZBN - [Apply here](#)
- Register as a GETS (Government Electronic Tender Servicer) supplier - [Apply here](#)
- Update your tender subscription preferences so you receive an email alert when this goes live and/or check the 'Future Procurement Opportunities Report
- Read the information provided on the GETS site on tender preparation so you have everything you need when it opens. [Here](#)
- Watch for Driving Change updates and alerts