



# Quarterly Newsletter



## EXCITING TIMES

Much has happened in the driver education, training and licensing sector since our last newsletter. We held our second annual Driving Change Network conference, attended by 140 people. Driving Change Network have been given a place on the inter agency Driver Licensing Improvement Programme (DLIP) Workgroup and we are currently partnering with MSD on their regional consultation meetings around the motu.

As of this newsletter we have completed two of the twelve regional meetings scheduled over the next two months. A list of all dates and venues are on page 5. For me it is great to be out there meeting our members who we normally only get to communicate with via Zoom, phone or email. As we find when we gather at conference, the issues that are raised in each of these meetings are the same or very similar no matter where in the country we operate. Hopefully through the MSD team getting to hear the barriers first hand they will understand how urgently we need to see changes to the current status quo.

Also joining us as part of these regional meetings are staff from the DLIP team. They are sharing details of the work they are doing and trials that are currently underway to improve access and equity to the Driver licensing system. More details of this are later in this news letter.

Later this week, we are holding our online AGM, a chance for more people to get involved with the systems change mahi we are doing.

Finally this week, it was my great pleasure to commence working for the network in a full-time capacity.

Hopefully through increased advocacy work in this space, we will start to see positive changes sooner.

**Regards - Wendy**



**Get involved**

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**Know someone keen to join? New members can [sign up here](#)**

### Join Our Workgroups

**Government Advocacy & Comms.**  
[9.30am 3rd Thursday, Monthly](#)

**Education in Schools & Employability**  
[1.30pm 3rd Wednesday, Monthly](#)

**By Māori for Māori**  
[9am 1st Thursday, Monthly](#)

**Best Practise programmes & Training**  
[8.30am 2nd Wednesday, Monthly](#)

**Multicultural**  
[9.30am 4th Friday, Monthly](#)

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# DCN 2022 National Hui and Community Awards



The Driving Change Network National Hui 2022 in Wellington was a success with attendees from all over Aotearoa coming together to discuss driver licensing and share stories and ideas. Thank you to all those who attended and participated.

This event included updates from the relevant government departments of Waka Kotahi, Ministry of Social Development and Te Manatū Waka regarding how the \$86million of driver licensing funding announced in the budget will be used. From Police and ACC regarding their licensing programmes and initiatives and how you can access their resources <https://community.drive.govt.nz/resource-hub/>

Presentations were also shared on the topics of Driving Simulators, teaching neuro-diverse students, incorporating Te Tiriti o Waitangi into your community programme, and looking after your mental health so you can better serve your students. These hopefully informed and inspired everyone attending. Should anyone want copies of these presentations please email Wendy.

The aims of our annual conference are to not only inform, inspire and upskill our members, but to also celebrate the life changing work that you all do every day. This year, this was done in the form of the Community Awards to recognise outstanding individuals in the driver licensing space. Congratulations to everyone who was nominated, you all do outstanding mahi in your communities who are lucky to have you.

#### Winners for Best i-Endorsed Instructor:

1. Ave Faka'osi – Kainga Pasifika
2. Mike Clark – Salvation Army Community Driver Programme
3. Lu Maultsaid – Howard League/Youth at Risk

#### Winners for Best Community Mentor:

1. Maureen West – Open Road Dunedin
2. Malcolm Te Wiki – Safe2Go Programme Taumarunui
3. Anaru Thompson – Te Wharekura o Rakaumanga Career Programme



## DCN 2022 Community Award Winner Articles



### **The impressive Ave Faka'osi**

Ave Faka'osi from Kainga Pasifika Services received the award for Best i-Endorsed Instructor at the Driving Change Network National Hui.

[Read more](#)



### **Maureen West - 'A one in a million kind of woman'**

Maureen from Open Road Dunedin was awarded Best Community Mentor at the 2022 Driving Change Network Awards, find out why!

[Read more](#)



### **"A driver licence can transform a life in many ways"**

A Stuff article about driving client Manal and Mike Clarke, from the Salvation Army community driver training programme. Mike was awarded second place in the Best i-Endorsed Instructor category.

[Read more](#)

# Waka kotahi - Driver Licence Improvement Programme



It is full steam ahead for Waka Kotahi's DLIP (Driver Licensing Improvement Programme) team, with two new testing services led by DL community providers, underway in Te Taitokerau and Tairāwhiti. Each area has had over 50 individuals sit practical tests now, with good results being achieved.

More recently, the DLIP team also hosted four one day workshops – future state eco-system, to collect experiences and insights from providers and practitioners on the following topics:

- \* socio-economic
- \* justice
- \* driver licensing and full system requirements.

It was awesome to have many DCN members, other DL practitioners and agencies keenly participate in what were full on days of ideating and solutioning. As a result, four Investment Logic Maps (ILMs) were drafted with all the content for each topic and have been sent out to the participants for review, in preparation for the next stage which is agreeing a shortlist of solutions to draft and eventually present back to the Employment, Education and Training Ministerial Group (EETMG).

Other DLIP work also underway in the 'delivery' work-streams space, is the recently announced Budget 22 funding, with planning of the following activities being worked through:

- to increased Driver Testing Officer (DTO) capacity in remote and commercially uneconomic areas
- to increased mobile theory and practical testing services into locations where testing options are not ordinarily available e.g., marae, community centres, employment hubs.
- to establish group booking functionality so that providers can plan and link course completion to testing availability
- to establish new regional advisory roles to support future community driver training and mentoring programmes, as well as four additional training roles to build capability across the provider group to ensure driver awareness, accountability and road safety education is incorporated to support safer licensed driver outcomes.

In partnership with VTNZ, we are currently sorting out the next DTO training courses for mid-October where we endeavour to have at least six community employed and based testing officers qualify and be ready to go by mid to end of November. This is in the very early stages with lots of details to work through. We are working with an identified group of community providers to assist us with making this possible.

In regards to the new regional advisor and training roles, this mahi is also in the very early stages of being set-up.

Given the huge interest and discussions that continue to emerge in relation to education and road safety outcomes, the DLIP team overseeing this work will be seeking expressions of interest from a small range of practitioners and provides, to contribute to the build of these Position Descriptions as we envision some, not all of these roles, out in communities – where it makes sense.

Discovery work is also progressing with mobile theory testing and group booking functionality for community providers.

Finally, there is a common thread to this budget bid, that is the exclusive partnership Waka Kotahi and MSD now has in delivering DL outcomes together, over the next four years. Two weeks ago, MSD and the DLIP team set out to deliver the regional roadshow sessions, which will be held across the country.

This joint venture is a way of collecting valuable feedback and listening to the many voices and views from individuals and groups who are passionate about seeing driver licensing change so that many lives gain the prosperity of having one.

**Cass Wise**

**Change Manager – Driver Licensing Improvement Programme**

# MSD Consultation dates

The Ministry of Social Development is working to assess and improve access to driver licence support across New Zealand. As part of this mahi, we are running consultation workshops across the motu. These workshops will be vital in giving a voice to people, communities and providers who may not have had a say in the past. We need your experience and expertise to make these workshops valuable and to help improve access to driver licence support for those who need it most.

**[Register here](#) to have your say at one of the meetings below:**

13th September	Auckland North	Fairways Event Centre, Wairau Valley
14th September	Auckland South	Bruce Pullman Park, 90 Walters Road, Takanini
20th September	Nelson	Greenmeadows, cnr Stoke Main Rd & Songer St
27th September	Canterbury	Room 3.5 MSD Regional Office, Christchurch
4th October	Southern	The Edgar Centre, Andersons Bay, Dunedin
11/12th October	Northland	Day & venue TBC - register and we will update you
25-28 October	East Coast	Day & venue TBC - register and we will update you
1/2nd November	Bay of Plenty	Day & venue TBC - register and we will update you

The MSD have assured us that there will also be an online session later in November for anyone who could not make any of these dates. Let us know if you are interested in this and we will past the date onto you when we are advised.

These sessions run from 1pm until 4.30pm each day and are attended by DCN, MSD and Waka Kotahi staff. The final 30 mins of each day are set aside for Q & A. We hope to see you all there.



# REMINDER

Reminder of the Driving Change Network AGM  
Wednesday 14th September at 9.00am on Zoom  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89496756795>

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Summary of DCN progress
2. Financial Summary
3. Voting via online poll
4. Confirmation of Co-chair positions
5. Confirmation of workgroup leaders
6. Confirmation of Steering Committee members

# Member Update

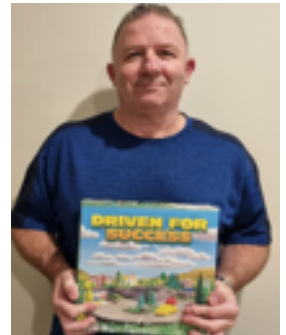
## Driven for success

Ian Elford works as a Probation Officer in Mangere Community Corrections, Auckland and is also the CEO and owner of a new company called Driven to Success Ltd.

In 2015 he was part of a team educating people in the community who were finding studying for their driving theory test and within a 24-hour period his board game "Driven For Success" was designed. One focus as a company is the engagement with public sectors throughout Australasia to support the education of road users a make road a safer place to drive. Ian has identified that not having a driving licence has been a stumbling block for people in community resulting in low esteem, unemployment, and re-offending with driving offending being a contributing factor.

The concept and structure of the game is the first of its kind throughout all of Australasia. There is no other like it. Driven for Success is guaranteed to be competitive and fun, while at the same time giving people the opportunity to learn and succeed.

The game gives people the opportunity to proactively play and learn in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere with family and/or friends. It not only supports the community but also gives the opportunity to educate younger children throughout schools and colleges as well as those studying for their driving tests prior to release from prison.



To date they have completed 353 pre orders, (43 of those being schools and colleges and 6 prisons throughout New Zealand. All are proactively seeking to use the game in their facilities to further support education. The company and are also in collaboration with Paper plus and Transport New Zealand to further extend and promote their game. Their aim and focus is to also take their game to Australia and further afield once it becomes a household name throughout New Zealand.

## 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 [kaylen@drivingchange.nz](mailto:kaylen@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!