



## Quarterly Network News, Updates & Information

### Important Info

Our temporary website is live - check it out:  
[www.drivingchange.nz](http://www.drivingchange.nz)

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

### Zoom Meeting Dates

- **Monthly Networking Catch-up**  
The last Thursday of every month at 3pm.  
Commencing 28th January, 2021  
<https://zoom.us/j/95882378228>
- **National Hui Planning Committee Zoom**  
Monday 18th January 2021, 10am  
Email Wendy if you are interested in this
- **Communications Strategy Workgroup**  
Tuesday 19th January 2021, 10am  
Email Wendy for joining information

### Save the Date

**National Conference**  
**20th - 21st May, 2021**  
**Wellington**

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## Introducing Emily

It is with great pleasure we introduce Emily Reeves who has taken the reigns from Helen Anderson who has left us to be mum to her son Arlo who was born at the start of December.



Emily is a qualified Driving Instructor and has been the Training, Education, and Product Design Manager for the AA Driving School for more than 3 years.

Through her role she supports the AA's national network of 130 driving instructors with regular training and professional development. She also develops products for the Driving School's Fleet & Business team offering training to experienced drivers.

Emily is a passionate advocate for road safety and outside of work you'll find her riding her e-bike around town with her family.

Emily will be supported in her role by two deputy chair's (Dallas Seymour & Joe Graham) who will step in, should any Driving Change business or decisions be a conflict of interest with Emily's professional role.



*Merry Christmas to everyone on behalf of the Driving Change Team*

We will be on leave from the 18th December returning on the 11th January 2021



# Regional Hui

During October and November we had the pleasure in hosting our first series of regional hui.



During our two week travels we had the pleasure of meeting organisations, funders, schools and staff from government organisations who all work with those navigating the driver licensing journey in some way.

Meetings were held in Hamilton, Auckland, Napier, Rotorua, Wellington and Queenstown, where we had the opportunity to share how and why the Driving Change Network was formed and our dreams for the future of driver education and licensing.



We had the pleasure of hearing first hand the difference that the support of community driver licensing programmes makes to participants from Auckland, Rotorua and Wellington and the difference gaining a licence has made to the lives of those young people.

We hope to complete these visits with hui in Taranaki and Christchurch in the New Year and will be repeating this again in 2021.



At each hui a series of questions were posted and the feedback received was largely similar from area to area. This was not surprising as we continue to hear from more and more groups that the challenges they are facing are similar. We still have two more regional hui to hold, however the most common feedback from each question to date are:

## # 1 Issue for your clients?

- access to identification, suitable vehicle and adults to supervise learning

## How is your programme funded?

- 52% of the community groups attending received at least 40% philanthropic funding toward their programme costs

## What is one improvement you would make to the current system?

Access to driver education at school and more accessible testing options

## What do you see as the key to creating safe drivers?

Education and training

## What resources do you use and what is missing?

... a variety of resources were used ranging from programmes own resources to the Road Code and the DRIVE programme. (Many of these resources have been shared with us and we will look to have these all available on our new website next year)



Missing was resources in multiple languages, a simpler user friendly version of Drive, training for mentors, community driving programme vehicles.



A full summary of all responses will be posted to the website in the new year once all visits have been completed.



As promised during our visits regular monthly Zoom meetings will be hosted commencing in January 2021. This will be an opportunity to share successes and seek support and also to be briefed on any major progress in the Driving Change space. Date, time and zoom link can be found on page one.



Thank you to DV Bryant Trust, Trust Waikato and Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust, Auckland Transport, Queenstown Council, Vodafone Foundation and William Colenso Collegehosting and catering for some of these events.

## To the Members of the Driving Change Network

To follow are a few links below to information that is commonly asked for by driver trainers. Some of the material available has been updated and the Restricted Licence Test Guide has a new link, so providers may need to delete their browser cache if they have any of links saved as favourites.

### **DRIVE Programme**

**DRIVE** is a joint programme (Waka Kotahi NZTA / ACC) that has been designed to help young people become confident, capable and safe drivers. It is full of helpful tools and content that will make learning the road rules and learning to drive easy and fun for young drivers - designed by kiwis; for driving on kiwi roads.

DRIVE provides young drivers with free learning tools and educational support from pre-learner right through to passing the full licence test and helps them to become safe and skilled lifelong drivers. Evidence shows us that DRIVE users are safer drivers and achieve better test outcomes than those who do not use DRIVE to obtain their Learners and Restricted licence. It is a great resource with fun learning activities, videos, practice tests and test readiness tests.

The information contained on DRIVE has been designed in partnership with experts in education, design, gaming and driving. The content has also been specifically developed to support students with low literacy or with special learning needs.

You can find more about DRIVE on our newly improved website hub at <https://drive.govt.nz>

### **Community Driver Mentoring Programmes (CDMP)**

CDMP was developed to address the barriers disadvantaged learner drivers in the 16-24 age group were facing, but it has application for all novice drivers. The programme is designed to enable local communities to help novice drivers to gain their restricted licence and improve their levels of safe driving.

It does this by providing experience in a wide range of driving situations with an experienced driving mentor in a registered and warranted vehicle. For many, the programme also puts an end to driving related fines and opens the doors to further education, training and employment opportunities.

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/community-driver-mentor-programme-guide/Community-driver-mentor-programme-guide.pdf>

### **Locations of driver licensing and testing services by region**

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/driver-licences/getting-a-licence/driver-licensing-agents-and-course-providers/agents>

### **Give Way Activity Cards (ready to print)**

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/give-way-activity-cards/docs/16-349-give-way-activity-cards-print.pdf>

### **Restricted Licence Test Guide - updated in October**

This guide provides detailed information about the restricted licence test (RLT). It will help professional driving instructors and coaches work with learner drivers as they prepare for the RLT, but it should not take the place of well-structured and comprehensive lesson plans, together with high levels of supervised driving experience in a broad range of driving situations.

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roadcode/general-road-code/appendices/restricted-licence-test-guide/>

### **Full Licence Test Guide - updated in October**

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/driver-licence-test-guides/full-test-guide.pdf>

### **Know your way around roundabouts poster**

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/know-your-way-around-roundabouts/docs/know-your-way-around-roundabouts.pdf>

### **Road Codes - note there has been a refresh of the format**

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roadcode>



# Road to Zero Action Plan

This action plan accompanies Road to Zero: New Zealand's road safety strategy for 2020-2030. It contains 15 initial actions within each of Road to Zero's five focus areas. The initial action plan will last for three years (1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022), although delivery of some of the initial actions will continue over the term of the strategy.

Progress on each of the 15 actions will be key to laying the foundations for Road to Zero's 10-year change programme.

[https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Report/Road-to-Zero-Action-Plan\\_Final.pdf](https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Report/Road-to-Zero-Action-Plan_Final.pdf)

I trust your members will find this information useful.

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## National Hui

Planning for our National Hui is now underway and we would like members interested in being involved in assisting to put this event together to join us on the 18th January. If you are interested and feel you have the skills to assist to put together an event that is both a personal development and networking opportunity please email Wendy.

It is our intention that this event will be a celebration of driver education and licensing programmes around the country where we will have the opportunity to share best practise resources and programme guides.

This year's event will be held during Road Safety week which runs from Monday 17th May to Sunday 23rd May, 2021, mark Thursday 20th & Friday 21st May in your diary.

In the first quarter of 2021 we will be running a competition with secondary students to create a short film to challenge the mental models held by youth, their peers and their whanau. The winners of this competition will be announced the week of the National Hui.

## Thank You

Thank you to our major funders and supporters who make the systems change work around drivers licensing possible. Without your support we would not have made the progress that we have made to date.

