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Local learner drivers need your help!

Can you spare one hour a week? A growing number of learner drivers in Towong Shire are seeking the support of volunteer mentors through the L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program.

"Young learner drivers in Towong Shire who find it difficult to get the driving experience they need because they don't have access to a vehicle or a supervising driver can overcome these barriers through the L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program," explained Cr Aaron Scales, Towong Shire Council's Deputy Mayor.

"There is strong demand from local learner drivers for this program and we urgently need more volunteer mentors to meet this demand," said Cr Scales.

Volunteer mentors with the L2P program generously donate one hour of their time each week to help a local young person achieve their 120 hours of compulsory supervised drive time.

"A car, insurance, fuel, access to professional driving lessons for the learner driver and training and support for the mentor are all provided through the L2P program," advised Cr Scales.

"Obtaining a car licence is an especially important milestone for young people in Towong Shire because of our rural location and the limited availability of public transport," said Cr Scales. "This program is an excellent opportunity for mentors to make a positive difference to a young person's future".

Mentors must be over 25 years of age, have a current full drivers' licence and be willing to undergo Police, Working with Children and Driver History checks. Training for the next intake of volunteer mentors will take place in June. Please contact the L2P Co-ordinator at Junction Support Services on 02 6043 7400 to register your interest in becoming an L2P Mentor.



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