

The Learner Driver Program contributes to The Neighbourhood Centre's vision of an inclusive and strong community by enabling economically disadvantaged people to gain their driver licence.

Holding a licence is one of the most empowering ways for a person to be able to fully participate in their community as it increases opportunities for:

- Employment
- Participating in recreational activities
- Accessing facilities and services
- Civic participation
- Independence and taking ownership of the direction of one's life.

### Helpful information and links...

*Haven't got your Learner Licence yet?*

The Roads and Maritime Service is the only driver licensing authority in NSW so they have all the information you need to know about getting your licence.

Head to the RMS website ([www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au)), visit the Service NSW office in Bathurst, Cnr Mitchell Hwy and Bradwardine Rd or call them on 13 77 88 to find out about getting your "L's".

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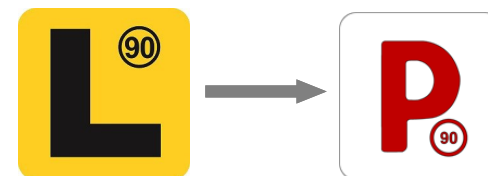
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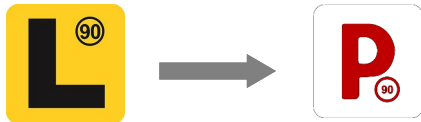
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This program is for people who are experiencing economic hardship that prevents them from accessing driving tuition from commercial driving schools or others.

### How does the program work?

Eligible participants are taken for supervised driving sessions in The Neighbourhood Centre's car with suitably assessed, skilled and knowledgeable volunteers in and around Bathurst to gain driving experience and log book hours.



### Who is Eligible for the program?

A person is eligible if they:

- Are experiencing economic hardship and receive a Centrelink payment
- Hold a valid NSW Learner Driver Licence and
- Meet our suitability criteria for safe driving.

### How do you get involved?

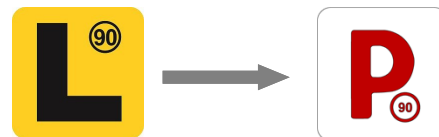
Call The Neighbourhood Centre on 6332 4866 or drop in at 96 Russell St to talk to a staff member about your eligibility and suitability for participation in the program.

If eligible and suitable, we will guide you through the registration process and arrange for you to undertake an initial driving session with a driving school.

After you have been assessed as safe, you can begin driving sessions with our volunteers.

### Our Car

The Neighbourhood Centre's car has an automatic transmission. Please take this into account if you are planning on sitting the Provisional Licence (Ps) test for a manual car.



### Program Fees

There is a registration fee of \$180.00 which includes assessment with a local driving school and 100 kilometres of supervised driving.

Once the 100 kilometres are completed additional kilometres can be pre-purchased at .75 cents per kilometre.

To ensure their place in the program, participants are required to keep their Learner Driver account balance at least \$20 in credit.

### Instalment Payment Option

If you are not able to pay the full \$180 upfront we can arrange a payment plan with you.

### Getting you licence faster

Participants in our program will be alerted to, and encouraged to take advantage of, other cost effective workshops and programs that will help them to become safer drivers and work towards getting their licence faster.