

## Benefits of the Program

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 and social activities
- Accessing facilities and services
- Civic participation
- Independence and taking ownership of the direction of one's life.

*"Once I gained my licence I was able to get employment. The LD Program gave me more confidence and independence, and to get a job. I am able to do more things, having a licence is definitely life changing. I have even been able to now buy myself a better car and give my daughter my old car because I have now had this job for 12 months. The Program really helped me, a really valuable Program. The instructors and TNC staff were really helpful."*

**Successful learner driver client, Leonie**

## Where to find us

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The Neighbourhood Centre

*We acknowledge the Wiradjuri people, the traditional custodians, and recognise their continuing connections to land, water and community. We commit to working with all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures, to help strengthen our communities and support social and emotional wellbeing.*



**Award Winning  
Learner Driver Program**

*Building skills, confidence and independence*



## The Neighbourhood Centre's

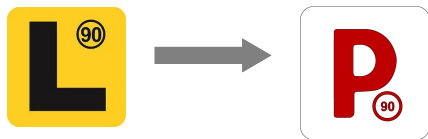
### Learner Driver Program

This program supports learners to become licensed by allowing them use The Neighbourhood Centre's car for on-road practice while a volunteer mentor supervises them.

This 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 a variety of practice supervised sessions 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 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 suitable for our Program, 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 \$200, which includes assessment with a local driving school.

After completing the assessment the remainder of the fee is used to cover administration and kilometres used while driving with the supervisor.

The cost is \$1 per kilometre.

Payment plans are available.

#### Getting you licence faster

Participants are 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.

### Award Winning Program



*The Purpose of The Neighbourhood Centre is to connect people, resources and ideas to support individuals and strengthen their communities.*

***Our values: Respect, Integrity, Equality and Inclusion***