

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Learner drivers and supervisors plan for success

The headlights are now on learner driver supervisors with a free workshop in north Brisbane tomorrow (August 6), to focus on the responsibilities of teaching our future motorists.

Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Road Safety Manager (SEQ North) Stuart Gardner said the Customer Services Branch road safety team had piloted the interactive workshop in November last year with positive feedback.

“The Planning for Success workshops provide practical advice about the role of driving supervisors and what they can do to help learners be even safer and more confident on the road,” Mr Gardner said.

“One of the biggest factors behind the workshop’s success to date is the opportunity for attendees to actively participate throughout the two-hour session.

“At the beginning, participants are asked what they want to get out of the workshop, so the presenters can focus on what’s really important to that audience.

“Conversations continue with road rules refresher quizzes covering commonly misunderstood rules like merging, roundabouts and driving near bike riders.”

Mr Gardner said participants were also encouraged to share stories about their own driving experiences.

“Protect your P Plater information and resources are used to encourage parents and care givers to stay involved with their young driver, even after getting their P plates, which is when new drivers are six-times more likely to have a serious crash,” he said.

“The workshop also covers some of the common reasons for an unsuccessful practical driving test, including not using signals or performing shoulder checks, so supervisors can really hone in on teaching these skills.

“The supervisors are introduced to different phases of driving and how they can tailor their approach depending on the learner’s skill level as they progress.

“Driving examiners also attend to talk about their role and what happens during a practical driving exam, so supervising and learner drivers are better prepared for when the practical driving test day arrives.”

Mr Gardner said the workshop would be held at Carseldine on Tuesday August 6 from 4pm until 6pm with bookings required.

For more information on the workshop or to book your spot, contact the South East Queensland North Road Safety team on 0417 737 107.

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