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Training helps motorcyclists to stay safe on Selwyn roads

Selwyn motorcyclists have been up-skilling their driving capabilities and knowledge as part of a road safety programme.

27 motorcyclists recently completed the half or full day 'Live to Ride' courses in Lincoln and Darfield offered by the Selwyn District Council and delivered by Motorcycle Instructor Duncan Seed.

Motorcyclists are only a small percentage of road users throughout New Zealand but they are over represented in crash statistics. In the last five years there have been 65 motorcycle crashes recorded in Selwyn District.

Selwyn Road Safety Coordinator Ngaire Tinning says completing the course gave motorcyclists the opportunity to learn how to assess risks and avoid problems that may cause crashes while driving. "People who attended the course had a very hands-on experience by learning in a team environment. The full day course also included a three hour road excursion for practical training," says Mrs Tinning.

Jonathan Frauenstein of Kirwee took part in the course and says, "The skills training improved my slow handling skills like braking and turning and also made me more aware of the best place to be when out on the open road."

As part of a promotion, everyone who registered and completed the course was placed in a draw for one of three prizes. The major prize of a \$300 voucher for motorcycle protective clothing was won by Jonathan Frauenstein while Louise Hughes and Andrew Jackson each won a \$40 MTA voucher.

The next Live to Ride courses will begin in September this year and continue over the spring and summer months. To register or find out more, visit www.live2ride.co.nz.

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Image attached: left to right – Jonathan Frauenstein being presented his motorcycle protective clothing voucher by Ngaire Tinning, Selwyn's Road Safety Coordinator, and Motorcycle Instructor Duncan Seed.

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