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## Teen Coach Workshop

A workshop for Selwyn residents that are coaching a young person to drive is being held on 10 June in Lincoln.

Teen Coach, facilitated by James Morrison of Aotearoa Driving Academy, is a 90 minute workshop for adults who are teaching a young driver. The workshop will give parents and caregivers practical tips on how to safely coach young drivers, refresh their knowledge of the Road Code and find out how driving instructors teach key skills. The workshops are also a chance for parents to talk to other adults teaching their children to drive and learn from their experience.

“Teen Coach workshops have been held in Selwyn over the past two years and have been well attended and very successful,” says Ngaire Tinning, Road Safety Coordinator at Selwyn District Council. “The workshop is open to any adult living in Selwyn who is currently teaching a young person to drive who is currently on either a learner or restricted licence. The invitation to attend is also extended to people who will have children learning to drive in the near future.”

Mr Morrison says that Teen Coach provides driving coaches with a better understanding of the new licensing system and the requirements of the restricted driving test. “The driving environment today is very different from what it was like thirty years ago when most parents learnt to drive. There is more traffic, vehicles can travel faster and young people also face pressure from friends, the media or other areas,” he says.

“People coaching young drivers need to know the importance of role modelling good road safety. This includes thinking about whether they could drive more safely themselves which in turn will have a flow on effect helping bring New Zealand’s road toll down,” he adds.

The Teen Coach workshop will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, 10 June at Lincoln High School. This workshop is subsidised by the New Zealand Transport Agency and Selwyn District Council which enables it to be offered for \$10 per adult. Young drivers can accompany a registered parent or caregiver for free.

Places are limited, so early registration is encouraged. To register, or for further information, contact Ngaire Tinning on 347 2901 or email [ngaire.tinning@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:ngaire.tinning@selwyn.govt.nz).

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