



Driving Change: Steering young people through the licensing system - August 2016



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Facts:

- Aboriginal people are two to three times more likely to die on Australian roads.
- Aboriginal people are 30% more likely to suffer a serious injury from a road crash than other Australians yet Aboriginal people are less likely to hold a current drivers licence.
- Less than 50% of Aboriginal people in remote communities report having a valid driving licence.

Background:

- Low rates of licensing in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities have a far reaching and sustained negative impact.
- Not having a licence limits mobility and the ability to access health and education services as well as employment opportunities, which further marginalises an already disadvantaged group.

Aims:

- Driving Change is a community driven program that supports young Aboriginal people to navigate the licensing system and attain their driving licence, fostering greater social inclusion and economic independence.

Methods:

- Mixed methods study evaluating process, impact and outcome of the program.
- Controlled time series analysis of licensing data will be used to evaluate impact on licensing and driving offences, supplemented with data from program records and qualitative data from clients and stakeholders to evaluate acceptability and impact.



Supporters:

AstraZeneca
Transport for NSW
NSW Health

Impact:

- Since its implementation in 2012, Driving Change has been established in 12 sites across NSW
- To date, 994 people have registered with Driving Change and over 400 driver licences have been obtained through the program.

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