



MEDIA RELEASE

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FULL GEAR PROGRAM GETS YOUNG RIDERS SAFELY ON THE ROAD

Young people will be raising awareness about their road safety campaigns at a Bunnings BBQ in Derwent Park on Sunday 8 July 2018 between midday and 1pm.

The campaigns were created as part of the Full Gear program, developed by Glenorchy City Council Youth Program and Bucaan Community House.

The BBQ will be an opportunity for Bucaan Community House, Glenorchy City Council and State Growth to recognise the achievements and commitment to the program of these young people.

Glenorchy City Council Youth Participation Officer Willie Joseph said the participants will be presented with certificates and vouchers to obtain their learner motorbike licences.

Full Gear is a program for young people between 16 -24 years old which aims to reduce risk taking behaviours on the road including; riding without a licence, without safety gear, not following the road rules and disobeying the law.

Mr Joseph said the Chigwell community noticed an increase in young people hooning on bikes and in cars in their area and they wanted to work with the young people to provide an opportunity that teaches them skills and improves attitudes to road safety, therefore improving the safety in their suburbs.

“The first program was completed in May 2017 with six people graduating from an eight week program that they helped to develop. The outcomes were extremely successful with some of the participants securing employment as a result,” he said.

“Further funding from State Growth’s *Road Safety Grants Program* enabled 11 more young people to complete the course and obtain their learner motorbike licenses with a further all female program planned to start late July 2018.”

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Media Opportunity

- Bunnings, Howard Road, Derwent Park
- Sunday 8 July 2018
- Midday to 1pm

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