

MEDIA RELEASE



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Free refresher workshop for older drivers

Older drivers in Waitaki will have an opportunity to refresh their driving skills and update their knowledge of the road rules this year through free workshops offered as part of a local road safety initiative.

Waitaki Road Safety Co-ordinator Elton Crane said the first older driver's workshop will be held on 26 March.

"This is a great way for older people to discuss their driving concerns and sharpen up on any road rules that may cause confusion, including a discussion on the new give way rule".

Three workshops were held last year, as well as an introductory mobility scooter course, all of which were very successful and attracted full attendance.

"Feedback from participants was very positive, with many stating they enjoyed the friendly, non-threatening atmosphere and the opportunity to ask questions."

The workshops will include a voucher for a free practical driving assessment with a local driving instructor.

Mr Crane said this was a popular option in 2011 and helped to reinforce several of the key points covered in the theory refresher discussions.

He urged anyone interested to get in quickly as only 20 spaces would be available on each workshop.

The first workshop on Monday, 26 March, will be held at the Plunket Rooms in Severn Street from 10am – 4pm.

Those wanting further information and wishing to sign up for a workshop can contact Jean Paterson on 434-8542 or Derek Beveridge on 434-1055.

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Ends