



Hurunui District Council

Case Story #11

## Overview

To kick start the Hurunui Community Driver Mentor Programme (HCDMP) in Culverden there was originally a lease in place via Mayor's Taskforce For Jobs (MTFJ) funding and using a vehicle from Proactive Drive Charitable Trust.



## Challenges

Before the continued support from MTFJ staff looked at alternative options for funding a vehicle. It was even proving difficult to get back lease quotes because of the shortage of vehicles coming into New Zealand.

As the lease got closer to expiring staff began to look for external funding, that would allow the lease arrangement to continue. This was proving to be a very difficult task and there wasn't funding within the programme budget to take it over.

Conversations were again held with the MTFJ team and an application was made for further funding to continue using a lease vehicle. The HCDMP was successful as the MTFJ team said yes!



*Alex passing his restricted license.*

## Solutions

Having financial support from MTFJ was half the solution... the other half was to find a suitable vehicle. Looking locally staff approached Arthur Burkes, Amberley. HCDMP staff were excited when the answer was 'yes'.

## Outcomes

- 1** Arthur Burkes said yes and supplied the vehicle.
- 2** The car has been branded with the partner logos.  
It's great to have the HCDMP logo visible in the community.
- 3** It's wonderful having the logos on the vehicle as because it acknowledges the partnerships.



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Thanks to the support of HDC the programme is able to use a second vehicle to have the programme active in the Amberley/Leithfield area. This is charged back is a cost per km calculation back to the programme.



## The Future...

The ideal outcome for the ongoing sustainability and growth of the programme would be to have funding to purchase a vehicle outright.

**Media Release:** [New vehicle to build on community mentor driver programme's success](#)

*“One of the biggest challenges for young people living in Hurunui District is not having the support to gain their driver licence – from their learners, to restricted, to full licence. MTFJ has put a lot of their young people through the driver mentor programme as a first step to connecting them to employment and training, so it made sense for them to become a stakeholder in the driver mentor programme.”*

**Prudence Roberts**

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### The Partners

