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## NO MORE DRIVING ROUND IN CIRCLES THANKS TO NEW LEARNER DRIVER BOOKLET

Learning to drive on busy, public roads can be a challenge for both the learner and the supervisor.

Now, the City of Ryde has joined with Ku-ring-gai Council and NRMA Insurance to produce ***Driving Sessions for Learners***.

The 44-page guide recognises the crucial role that parents play in educating novice drivers. It features 10 pre-prepared, graded driving sessions, including:

- clearly marked route maps plus detailed driving directions
- drive characteristics, degree of difficulty from easy to advanced, length of drive and road type
- a focus in each drive for practising particular driving techniques
- types of skills and challenges to be encountered
- Local start and finish points with drives ranging as far as the Blue Mountains.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Michael Butterworth, said: "By pooling our resources we have created a multi-purpose booklet that helps educate the learner and the supervisor. More knowledgeable learners will lead to safer drivers and that will benefit of the whole community."

"*Driving Sessions for Learners* helps take the guess work out of ensuring learners get the kind of practical hands-on experience they need in preparation for their driving test," added Ku-ring-gai Mayor, Ian Cross.

NRMA Insurance Community & Sustainability Manager Megan Lupton praised the guide. "NRMA Insurance is in the business of paying claims when things go wrong, but it makes sense to try and reduce the chance of claims occurring in the first place through initiatives such as ***Driving Sessions for Learners***," said Ms Lupton.

President of the Australian Driver Trainers Association NSW, Jeff McDougall, said that the booklet was a valuable resource for both Professional Driver Trainers and Parents to help give a great variety of driving experiences to new drivers.

Copies of *Driving Sessions for Learners* are available from: Customer Service Centres and local high schools. It can be downloaded from [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/learnerdrivers](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/learnerdrivers) For details of the next Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers workshop go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au) or [www.kmc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au)

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### Official Launch - Photo Opportunity:

Wednesday 14 July 2010, 1.00pm. De Burges Bridge, Lane Cove Road (near Eden Gardens)

Attending: City of Ryde Mayor Cllr Michael Butterworth, representatives of Ku-ring-gai Council, Australian Learner Driver Association, NRMA, Ryde Youth Council.