



# NZIDE Newsletter

June 2023

## Vice President's Welcome



Hello and welcome to the June edition of the NZIDE newsletter. We have been busy working behind the scenes organising our upcoming AGM and Conference, see below for more details.

As I now work full time for a community driver education programme, I was fortunate to attend the recent Driving Change Network Hui held in Auckland. It was a fantastic event with many opportunities to share ideas and network with others who are working towards achieving access and equity for all who want to learn to drive. Thanks to Wendy and the DCN team for making it such a wonderful event.

*Carolyn Boardman*

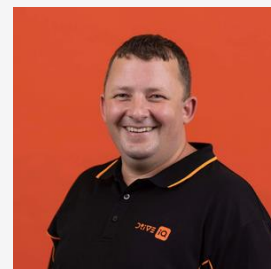
## NZIDE 48th National Conference

The 48th National NZIDE Conference will be held at the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor in Wellington on 25-26 August 2023. To register, click on the link below. Please note that the hotel is offering discounted accommodation rates for the Friday and Saturday nights, but these are limited so get in quick! The hotel room booking link is within the conference registration form. [Read More](#)



## Welcome new NZIDE Midlands Region Delegate

We welcome Stephen Jones as the new Midlands Region Delegate for NZIDE. Stephen owns driving school Drive IQ based in Napier. Also a big thank you to outgoing Midlands region delegate Graeme Hood for his help and input during the past year.



## He Tohu Huarahi Māori bilingual traffic signs consultation



A package of 94 bilingual traffic signs in the draft Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices (Bilingual Signs) Amendment 2023 has been released for consultation as part of the He Tohu Huarahi Māori bilingual traffic signs programme led by Te Mātāwai and Waka Kotahi.

Consultation material is available in both Te Reo Māori and English. Click on the link below for more information and to make a submission.

Feedback closes at 5pm, Friday 30 June 2023.

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## Upskilling Professional Driving Instructors of Young Learner Drivers: What Are We Waiting For?

This driver education research paper has just been published. The key findings are:

- Due to adolescent development, young driver training needs differ to adults
- Young drivers report poor knowledge and use of driver assistance technologies
- Developmentally appropriate training to address young driver needs is demonstrated
- Parents can lack awareness, knowledge or skills to train young drivers optimally
- Driving instructors seek but lack professional development opportunities
- Upskilling driving instructors has potential to upskill young drivers *and* parents



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## President's Update - No Resit Fees October 2023 - Are You Ready?



Disruption to driver training in New Zealand is due October 2023. It will be the biggest disruption since covid. Worst case, Instructors go out of business. 'Pass the test' rather than 'learn to drive' becomes engrained. Test wait times hit two months. Resit no shows quadruple and the budget to pay for it blows. We're talking no fee resits. No resit fees for the class 1 restricted and full driver licence tests. It was announced April 2023. It will start October 2023. From October, if you fail your restricted or full licence test, there is unlimited resits, no cost. Sounds great from the drivers perspective. Unlimited resits, no cost. Here's the but. The price of the first restricted test will be \$167.57. Right now, it is \$134.80. If that new price forces a choice between a lesson or a test, it will be the test. Free resits will be used to learn. Driver expectations shift to testing officers for training. First time pass rates drop. The financial incentive to avoid a resit is gone.



For those that missed it, here is a [link](#) to the NZIDE response. [Government changes to driver's license test costs remove incentive for motorists to train before testing | Newshub | NZIDE comment.](#)

Have we got this right? I hope we're wrong. Tell us in this [link](#). We're asking instructors and testing officers.

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The [survey](#)...11 questions. Less than five minutes to answer everything.

## CEO Update

The 2023 Conference Programme continues to take shape and we have been successful in securing Dr Shaun Helman from the Transport Research Laboratory (UK), to provide a pre-recorded Keynote Address. Dr Helman is one of the world's leading researchers into road safety and driver behaviour.

For your information, I have been selected as a member of the Hanga-Aro-Rau National Industry Advisory Group (NIAG) – Commercial Transport. This position will allow for increased access of driver education feedback as it applies to industry qualifications and standards. The first meeting is scheduled for August 2023 and I encourage members to make contact with me should they have any National Transport and Logistics Qualifications concerns, that I can pass on to the National Advisory Group.



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## NZIDE Membership Renewals



There are a small number of members whose membership has expired and are now in the grace period for payment. System generated emails have been sent to all members regarding renewing membership. Just click on the Renew Now button on your reminder email to renew your membership for the 2023-24 financial year. Payment options are internet banking or credit card online. If you would rather receive an invoice by email, or if you no longer want to be a member, please email Carolyn at [nzidemembership@gmail.com](mailto:nzidemembership@gmail.com)

