

# The Driver Trainer

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August/September 2008

## ADTAWA Board Members

### President:

Des Wood 08 9307 6199

### Vice- President:

Ray Hooper 08 9286 4194

### Secretary:

Elaine Green 0417931324

### Registrar/Treasurer

Tracie Garbutt 08 9796 1130

### Board Members

Andrew Belfiore 08 9418 1344

Kerry Creely

Janette Pride

Keith Armstrong

## Annual General Meeting

8:00 pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Metro Inn  
61 Canning Highway  
South Perth

**This will be an important opportunity to hear updates on a variety of issues from the Association. So put it in your diary!**

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## President's Report

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*Many of you think and express that you cannot see anything happening, and in many ways your right, it takes DPI years to get anything done and even then it is often a step backwards. Almost everything that comes to pass is re-active rather than pro-active. This despite the word PLANNING being in the title.*

*We still have TRELIS. The wonderful computer system installed at great cost and with all the hick-ups that were there when it started. We still have a poor booking assessment booking system which so often lets us down.*

*From my point of view I am active on various fronts but as always I need your help. In order to take action I have to know the facts. There are problems at Midland but I am not up to speed on what they are. I need to be informed in order to take action on your behalf.*

*For those that don't know Tracie Garbutt resigned from the board back in 2005, having given us 10 years of excellent service as Registrar/Treasurer. As we all knew then her departure left a large hole to be filled. Well, fortunately for us, Tracie has agreed to re-join the board and again take over her old post. This is greatly helping us to get back to some degree of normality. Once again our sincere thanks to Tracie for the terrific service she has given us.*

*Two of our board members have left and we have two positions that need to be filled.*

### **GENERAL MEETING**

*It makes me feel quite proud that we have a nucleus of 30 plus members who always turn up at these meetings, as you have heard me say before in NSW they have a large membership but rarely get over 13 members to any meetings. I hope that some of you will consider joining the Board.*

### **Review of Driver Services**

*Many of you will remember this review taking place in 2006. It was given a big rev-up. I have to report that apart from the Senior Assessors all being moved to Midland we have not seen any other action. I am told it takes time.*

### **DPI Call Centre**

*This was a gentleman called S. M. baby. Surprise, he has long since left, so he is not around to see the mess he made. The mis-information that comes out of there makes my hair stand on end. We are often made to look like idiots because the public do not believe us after DPI has told them a different story.*

## **Assessment Booking System**

*Currently, with the Branch Managers back at the helm, we are getting Assessment released only days in advance. The "Call Centre" then offers these to clients without advising them they cannot cancel once they have accepted the assessment. We have had several clients call us to advise they have an assessment within a couple days. Which as a driving school we cannot cover the assessment. Then find they cannot cancel.*

IS THIS CUSTOMER SERVICE.

## **New Rules From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008**

*You will be aware that the 6 months rule was reversed for Learners who held their permit prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July. We helped to make this happen by Local Member representation on a large scale.*

## **Dual Controls**

*Many of you will be aware that the cost of installing Dual Controls has gone up several times. Recently a member was quoted nearly \$6000 to put duals in Toyota Corolla. We arrange to have the car shipped to Melbourne for \$1100 and Franks Engineering installed duals for \$825, in one day. The Whole operation took a week. What a difference.*

## **User Pays Parking in Central Joondalup**

*I have attached a letter written to the local council. We have a meeting with them later this week.*

## **Road Safety**

*It amazes me that despite world experts stating that large roundabouts are 72% safer than traffic lights our State continues its love affair with traffic lights.*

## **Clients need training**

*How about telling us what your client's does that annoy you? Please let us know.*

*Here is an example.*

- 1. You arrive on time at a large house that has many steps up to the front door. Nobody in sight. You have to climb the steps to be greeted by a client that is not ready.*
- 2. Similarly a client lives in a large block of flats and waits for you to find the flat.*

*Once again to be successful we need your input.*

*Please keep us informed in order that we can assist you.*

All the Best



Des A Wood C.D.

President

Copy of letter attached to President Report re User Pays Parking in Central Joondalup



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12<sup>th</sup> August 2008

Garry Hunt  
CEO  
City of JoondalupWA

*Sent by email [garry.hunt@joondalup.wa.gov.au](mailto:garry.hunt@joondalup.wa.gov.au)*

Dear Sir,

**Re: Parking for Driving School vehicles attending Driving Assessments**

Further to my letter of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

As you will be aware we represent the majority of W.A's Driving Instructors. We are aware that you have been talking to our members.

In view of your announcement of the introduction of user paid parking in central Joondalup, and in view of our members being involved in short term parking, usually about 10-15 minutes prior to and following Driving Assessments, we request having a special parking ticket system. This would allow us to avoid having to feeding a meter. This would be especially beneficial at the end of the Assessment, when the Assessor is in the vehicle, and the Instructor will not be present at whatever point the vehicle is left. This could possible in the form of a card to be displayed on the dashboard. Similar to ACROD cards.

We look forward to your comments on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Des A Wood C.D.  
President

cc. Gordon Urquhart Parking Co-orinator  
Bruce Moore Branches Manager DPI Licensing & Services

Hi Everyone

Yes I am now back and hopefully we can get the Driver Trainer (Newsletter) back on track, we need your help to get it out as we the board hasn't got much to say, so I have left the rest of this page blank, and in future issues we can fill it in with what you send to me, to be put in the newsletter. Also if you know anyone that hasn't received a renewal notice this year could you please hand them my phone number (08)97961130, so I can send their renewal notice out to them.

Address to send information to is:

ADTAWA

C/of Tracie Garbutt

1 Spinnaker Drive Australind WA 6233

Is anyone out there that can draw? We are trying to come up with a new logo for Australian Driver Trainers Association (National wide). Please send your drawing to the above address or email to Tracie [traciegarbutt1@westnet.com.au](mailto:traciegarbutt1@westnet.com.au)



**BE PROUD TO BE  
PROFESSIONAL DRIVER INSTRUCTOR**

Members are reminded that they are permitted and indeed encouraged to publicize their membership of ADTAWA in advertising.

The Association's logo may be used by financial members and add to your credibility as a competent professional instructor.

Please call Tracie on (08) 97961130 if you would like a sticker or electronic version of the logo.

**ARE YOU COVERED?**

Members are reminded to consider the merits of taking out Professional Indemnity and/or Public Liability insurance.

In summary, Professional Indemnity insurance is designed to protect your assets if you are sued over the advice or information you provide.

Public Liability insurance on the other hand is designed to cover you if a person injures themselves as a result of your negligence.

Neither type of insurance is very expensive, but can give you enormous peace of mind – particularly if you have business or personal assets in your name. So feel free to call Tracie on (08) 97961130 for more details.

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

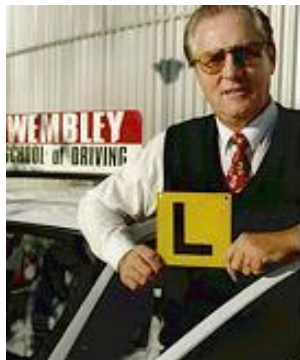
Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Australian Driver Trainers Association of Western Australia will be held on:

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at the Metro Inn  
61 CANNING HIGHWAY  
SOUTH PERTH  
8:00pm

Attendance is FREE to ADTAWA members.

## MEET THE BOARD MEMBERS

### **PRESIDENT: Des Wood**



Des has previously been the Vice President of this association when it first started in 1994 and has been the President of ADTA WA since 1997. He has also been the National Treasurer of ADTA National and attended all National and Road Safety Conferences since he first became a Board Member.

Des has been a Driving Instructor for over 30 years and still loves being a driving instructor. He operates under the name of Driving Australia and can be contacted on (08) 93076199.

### **VICE PRESIDENT: Ray Hooper**



Ray is Proprietor of Bayview Driving School working in Claremont and surrounding suburbs. Originally qualified and worked as a driving instructor in NZ 1986. Moved to Perth and did further training and qualified at the National Safety Council to work in WA. Our work is challenging, demanding, high risk and at times unrewarding, in more ways than one. It doesn't matter how professional or careful or how courteous you are, some idiot can stuff up your life in an instant, so take care. As a Board Member I have had the opportunity to contribute and also to learn from very dedicated and knowledgeable ADTA Board Members.

Ray has been a Board Member since 2001 and Ray can be contacted on (08) 9286 4194

### **SECRETARY: Elaine Green**



Elaine is the Proprietor of Tru Blue Driver Training and has been with the association since 1997. Elaine has been a Board Member since 2002 and the Association Secretary from 2004. Elaine can be contacted on 0417931324

## Registrar/Treasurer: Tracie Garbutt



My Name Is Tracie, I have been on the board from 1996 to 2005, I have held various positions on the board. I returned in March 2008 to take on the position of Registrar/Treasurer. I received Life Membership in 2004. I can be contacted on (08) 97961130 for any membership enquires. I live in Australind with my family.

## Board Member: Andrew Belfiore



Hello, my name is Andrew Belfiore.  
I run my own driving school business “Andrews Driving School” in the Fremantle area.  
I have been a Board member of the ADTA for a number of years.  
Thank you to the members for keeping me on.  
If you have any queries or problems with DPI in the Fremantle area, please do not hesitate to give me a call on 9418 1344 or 0418 902071.  
Thank you.

More board members to be done in the next issue of The Driver Trainer

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you have currently changed your address, email address or phone number. PLEASE let the association know so you don't miss out anything important.

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**A.D.T.A. WA**

**GENERAL MEETING NOTICE**  
**17<sup>TH</sup> September 2008**

**8.00 PM**

AT

**METRO INN**

**61 CANNING HIGHWAY**  
**SOUTH PERTH**

TEA AND COFFEE PROVIDED

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