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**Date:** September 5<sup>th</sup> 2011  
**Subject:** Snowy Hydro Young Driver Training Program

This week marked the successful completion of the 2011 Snowy Hydro Young Driver Training Program. The Program is run in partnership with local high schools and this year more than 280, Year 12 students completed the program across the Snowy Mountains Region.

The Snowy Hydro Young Driver Training program focuses on the unique road conditions of the Snowy Mountains and includes both theory and practical sessions designed to improve the attitude and driving behaviours of young people in our local community.

Along with two theory sessions in the classroom, the practical sessions are run with a specially designed "skid car" which allows students, under direction and control of an expert driver trainer from the Australian Driving Institute, to experience a simulated skid situation. This improves the level of awareness of young drivers and demonstrates how easy it is to lose control in certain conditions.

Managing Director, Snowy Hydro Limited, Mr Terry Charlton said "The Snowy Hydro Young Driver Training Program is part of our long standing commitment to young people in our local area and is consistent with our company's strong focus on health and safety. We are all too familiar with disturbing news headlines about young people killed or injured in car accidents. If our program saves a life or prevents one crash, then it is money well spent. I thank local high schools for working with us and in sharing our vision of improving road safety through driver education for students through positive community partnerships such as this."

Schools that participated in the program included those listed below and they have indicated they are willing to be contacted for further comment.

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>Program Contact</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
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