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DIGITAL DRIVER LICENCE COMING SOON

The 2019-20 NSW Budget will put technology front and centre with drivers able to opt-in to use a NSW Digital Driver Licence (DDL) in the coming months, as the technology is rolled out state-wide.

More than 14,000 drivers are already using the technology, available via the Service NSW app, with successful trials underway in Dubbo, Albury and Sydney's Eastern Suburbs.

Participants who opt-in can use their DDL, accessible on a mobile phone, for proof of identity and proof of age to gain entry into pubs and clubs as well for roadside Police checks in the trial areas.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said this was just another example of the NSW Government's willingness to embrace technology.

"Innovation is at the heart of this Budget and nothing shows this more than the rollout of the Digital Driver Licence," Mr Perrottet said.

Minister for Customer Service Victor Dominello said the Government is delivering on a promise, with the trials helping to inform the state-wide rollout of the technology.

"Smartphones have become de facto wallets and we're using cutting edge technology so that drivers can use a digital licence in everyday scenarios," Mr Dominello said.

"The DDL is hosted securely on the new Service NSW app, locks with a PIN and can be accessed offline. It will provide additional levels of security and protection against identity fraud, compared to the plastic driver licence."

To participate in the trials and a subsequent state-wide rollout, eligible licence holders will need to create a MyServiceNSW Account at www.service.nsw.gov.au, download the Service NSW mobile app on their smartphone and opt-in for the DDL.

However, during the trials, drivers who opt-in will still need to carry their plastic driver licence with them.

The DDL will always be opt-in only. Further information is available at www.service.nsw.gov.au/digital-driver-licence.

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