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RACT and Kennerley working together to help young Tasmanians move on

A partnership between Kennerley Childrens Homes and the RACT is helping young Tasmanians get their driver's licence.

Amira Vaatstra from the RACT, said that with over 210,000 members, the RACT is Tasmania's largest membership organisation and an important member of the local community.

"We have a big role to play and we are committed to supporting the community that supports us," said Ms Vaatstra.

"Since 2019, we have been working closely with Kennerley Childrens Homes to help young Tasmanians living in state foster care gain their independence as part of the Moving On program.

"Around 14 participants over the two years have accessed lessons and gone on to obtain their licence.

"This age group is more at risk of accidents and serious injury on our roads, so to give them confidence behind the wheel makes them safer drivers.

"Teaching someone to drive is really empowering for young people who might not otherwise get the opportunity to have lessons with a professional driving instructor. As Tasmania's largest driver training provider, this is a simple, yet powerful way that we can support young people in our community."

Kennerley Childrens Homes General Manager, Andrea Sturges, said RACT's support was vital.

"To many people, getting a driver's licence is a rite of passage, but to some of the young people we support, it's a crucial step in helping them become more independent and connected to their community," Ms Sturges said.

“So many young Tasmanians miss out on this opportunity because they don’t have access to driving instructors or a vehicle to learn to drive in.

“With the RACT’s support, we are doing something practical that is helping to unlock a brighter future for young Tasmanians.

“The Moving On program helps young people leaving foster care learn vital life skills. We are very grateful that the RACT has partnered with us to provide driving lessons to so many kids who need a hand.”

More information about the Moving On program is available here

- <https://kennerleykids.org.au/moving-on-program>