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RACT helping apprentices unlock a brighter future

The RACT is working with a group of apprentices to unlock a brighter future.

RACT spokesperson Amira Vaatstra said that it was just as important for apprentices to learn a range of life skills as it is to learn the tricks of the trade.

"Helping apprentices get a broad range of skills is really empowering for them," Ms Vaatstra said.

"These apprentices need to learn more than just how to build a home. We're working with St Joseph Affordable Homes to help them get a range of practical skills in areas such as road safety, licensing, managing distractions while driving, awareness of vehicle safety features and what support is available to service and maintain a car.

"We'll also be showing ways they can gain more experience while learning to drive and hear from a variety of road users involved in serious crashes.

"We want these young drivers to build confidence and resilience and learn some practical tools for car safety and ownership," Ms Vaatstra said.

St Joseph's Affordable Homes spokesperson, Adrian Broomhall, said the program was about more than just an apprenticeship.

"St Joseph Affordable Homes is helping these young Tasmanians become job-ready and teaching them life skills," Mr Broomhall said.

"This program is about supporting young people looking for opportunities in building and construction. We empower young people with life-skills and work readiness training, coaching, work experience, and employment opportunities, specifically employment as trade apprentices with St Joseph Affordable Homes.

"We employ and support trade apprentices who as well as skills training will receive one-one coaching and access a range of wellbeing supports.

“We would like to thank the RACT for their support today and we’re excited to be working with them to help young Tasmanians reach their full potential.”