



Media release

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Learner drivers help shape new youth road safety approach

Learner drivers and their driver supervisors have been invited to share the highs, lows and laughs of the learner-driver experience to help co-design a ground-breaking youth road safety education program.

Having visited local communities around the island, this next phase is the start of community co-design meetings, where learner drivers and their driver supervisors build solutions into the nation-leading road safety program.

RACT Group CEO Mark Mugnaioni said the collaborative workshop was part of a Tasmanian Government-funded RACT initiative to deliver an evidence-based program that's led by young people but will make roads safer for all road users.

"We are serious about this being a collaborative project, designed with young people, for young people. To do that, we have to genuinely listen to their stories and perspectives," Mr Mugnaioni said.

"Teaching a young person to drive is one of the most important skills we can pass on in life, and it can be rewarding, stressful and daunting for both parties.

"We are thankful to the young people and their driver supervisors who have agreed to speak honestly about their experiences so we can better understand how best to support the learner-driver journey."

Mr Mugnaioni said the forum was a chance for young people to help shape the resources, tools and support that will make a tangible difference for people across the state.

This project will expand next year, including working with teachers, providing resources for the curriculum and schools, and continuing to be co-designed with young people and the community.

The program is being funded through an \$8 million grant from the Tasmanian Government.

Each year, around 300 Tasmanians are killed or seriously injured on our roads, with around 92 of those under 25.

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