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New Car for ‘Gearing Up’ Program

Members of the Huon Valley Council met with business owners and volunteers in Kingston to celebrate the addition of another car to the Council’s ‘Gearing Up’ driver mentor program.

Huon Valley Commissioner Adriana Taylor and General Manager Emilio Reale joined Garry O’Byrne from Driver Mentor Training Tasmania and volunteer mentors and learner drivers to accept the car from representatives of the businesses that donated it to the program.

Robert Jacobs from Kingston 4WD and Tyres and Sarah Jackman from Kingston Panel and Paint were presented with certificates and thanked for donating the car and their time and effort making it roadworthy.

The white Mazda 3 is an automatic and its inclusion will allow 16 learner drivers to be mentored while amassing the necessary driving hours to get their provisional licenses.

Huon Valley Commissioner thanked both companies and highlighted the importance of the Council’s ‘Gearing Up’ program.

“The generosity of these two companies in helping learner drivers in the Huon Valley and in Kingston is heartening. The Mazda automatic they have donated will make a definite difference in the lives of the Gearing Up participants.

“We know that in rural and regional areas, the ability to drive offers opportunities to work or study or gain independence. By being able to help more learners attain their license, these companies are making a direct impact on the lives of people in the Huon Valley and Kingston.



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“I would like to thank Kingston 4WD and Tyres and Kingston Panel and Paint for their generous donation. I would also like to thank the members of the community who volunteer their time to mentor learner drivers, and urge anyone with an interest in becoming a mentor in the Gearing Up program to contact us at Council,” Commissioner Taylor said.

Gearing Up is run with the support of the Huon Valley Council and Driver Mentor Training Tasmania.

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