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ONLINE DRIVER TRAINING TO HELP IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY

RACV has launched its new Online Safe Driver Training program, ensuring participants have access to RACV's high quality driver training program created by RACV's own fleet and road safety experts.

RACV Policy Lead - Safety, Elvira Lazar, said RACV wants to help protect the safety of people that drive for work.

"According to Safe Work Australia, about one third of Australian workplace fatalities involve a vehicle and around 60 per cent of crashes are the fault of someone driving for work," Ms Lazar said.

"With our new Online Safe Driver Training program, we teach drivers to protect themselves and others by adopting a 'Safety Mindset' that encourages them to understand the factors that increase crash risk and plan ahead to reduce that risk as much as possible."

RACV Executive General Manager Motoring and Mobility, Phil Turnbull, said RACV's new program was an evolution of RACV's existing classroom-based driver safety sessions and in-vehicle driver assessments, and can help make our roads and workplaces safer.

"Over the last couple of years, we were asked by many organisations if we could deliver an online program as many people who drive for work cannot meet face-to-face due to schedules or work locations," Mr Turnbull said.

"The online training covers every aspect of driver training and provides practical advice about the vehicle, the road and driver behaviours to keep drivers and everyone else on the road safe.

"It assists participants evaluating their unique situation and make decisions about how to apply their learnings to their work environment and become a leader for others in their workplace."

RACV's training aligns with the Victorian Government's Road Safety Strategy 2021 - 2030 which focuses on increasing safety for those using the road to get to work or for work.

The program taps into growing demand for and acceptance of online driver tests, training and education programs, and interest from businesses looking to upskill their drivers and keep them safe at work. The program complements existing RACV programs such as the Learner and Hazard Perception tests for young drivers which are now offered by RACV online.

To learn more about the program, please email businessdrivertraining@racv.com.au or visit racv.com.au/safedrivertraining.

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