

# Driver Education

## RACQ Caravan and Trailer Towing Workshops

An ever-increasing number of Australians are hitching up their caravans, camper vans and trailers in search of that long-awaited, hard-earned break from the daily grind. For many drivers, this is a new experience that requires additional skills and knowledge. RACQ can deliver the relevant training and education necessary to competently and safely tow a caravan, horse float, goods trailer and many other types of trailers used for recreational purposes.

### **Aim**

The aim of our workshops is to help participants gain a better understanding of the relevant towing laws and regulations. It also provides practical experience in regard to pre-purchase, setting-up, safe towing and manoeuvring of caravans and trailers.

### **Content**

The RACQ Caravan and Trailer Towing Workshops devote an equal amount of time to theory and practice at a low client to coach ratio. We can also arrange one-on-one tuition.

### **Objectives**

- acquire knowledge necessary to satisfy legal obligations of towing a caravan/trailer
- acquire knowledge necessary to safely tow a caravan/trailer on road
- confidently couple and uncouple a caravan/trailer and manoeuvre to site
- safely and legally load and stabilize a caravan/trailer
- perform basic safety and security checks
- manage fatigue safely and responsibly
- responsibly share the road with other road users

### **Topics Included**

- towing weights - legality
- loading the caravan/trailer – central load distribution focus
- brake types and legal requirements
- connection types and accessories
- ball-weights - testing methods
- preparation - roadworthiness, registration, tyres, chains
- hitching and connection
- on-road skills
- reversing and manoeuvring to site
- fatigue management

### **Practical**

- group workshops- manoeuvring to site using participants' own vehicles
- individual sessions designed to meet participant requirements and may include on-road towing, coupling, uncoupling and manoeuvring

Group workshops and individual sessions are held regularly.