

21 October 2021

## SEQ fuel prices peak at record high: RACQ

RACQ has warned drivers of record high fuel prices in Brisbane, Ipswich and on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts.

It was the third time in a matter of months Brisbane records had been smashed, as the average price peaked at 178.8 cents per litre (cpl) this week. Record average prices also peaked on the Sunshine Coast at 176.8cpl and in Ipswich at 174.8cpl.

On the Gold Coast a record had been observed, however prices could still creep higher in coming days.

RACQ spokesperson Renee Smith said almost 80 percent of service stations were charging drivers 180cpl or more for unleaded across Brisbane.

“A number of factors are at play leading to unprecedented prices. International supply and demand issues have driven up oil prices, this has led to high terminal gate prices and we are also in the expensive phase of the price cycle,” Ms Smith said.

“Now is the worst possible time to be filling up the tank. If you must buy fuel, only get the bare minimum until prices begin to fall in coming weeks.”

Ms Smith said much of regional Queensland, where prices were not impacted by a price cycle, had also experienced jumps of between 2cpl and 6cpl.

“Prices are on the rise in most regional parts of the State, however some areas are being hit harder than others. Averages for unleaded in Cairns and Townsville have reached 163.2cpl and 161.6cpl – the highest in three years,” she said.

“No matter where in Queensland you live, make sure you use apps like [RACQ's Fair Fuel Finder](#) to track down the service stations near you with the best deals.”

### New record daily averages for unleaded petrol:

Location	Previous record	New record
Greater Brisbane	173.4cpl (September 2021)	178.8cpl
Ipswich	170.6cpl (September 2021)	174.8cpl
Sunshine Coast	173.5cpl (December 2019)	176.8cpl
Gold Coast	173cpl (December 2019)	178cpl

**Media inquiries: RACQ spokesperson Renee Smith 0409 573 193; Media Advisor Hannah Kotaidis 0487 196 726.**

RACQ is Queensland's largest club and peak independent motoring organisation. We were formed in 1905 to represent the interests of the State's first motorists and today campaign for safer drivers, vehicles and roads on behalf of more than 1.7 million members who own the Club. We offer those members a vast range of motoring, insurance, banking, entertainment and travel services and benefits, and each year respond to more than a million calls for roadside assistance.