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Christmas fuel prices hold steady in regional Queensland

Drivers across regional Queensland should be spared from any major petrol price increases over the festive period, according to the State's peak motoring body.

RACQ spokesperson Renee Smith said the average cost of regular unleaded petrol (ULP) was expected to hold steady as families hit the road for the holidays.

"While regional fuel prices are still expensive compared with this time last year, thankfully they've fallen since record highs last month. Average ULP prices are now sitting between 156 cents per litre (cpl) and 164cpl in the major regional centres," Ms Smith said.

"Over the past week prices in most major regional areas have fallen by 0.3-2cpl and it's likely that trend will continue over Christmas and into next week."

Ms Smith said global factors were responsible for pushing up petrol prices during 2021.

"Ongoing issues with international supply and demand for fuel spurred on by the pandemic have driven up oil prices, which we in turn feel at the bowser," she said.

"ULP is slightly higher in regional Queensland than the south east, but that's because the State's southern cities are in the cheap phase of their fuel price cycle.

"When fuel prices do start to hike in south east Queensland, prices in regional centres should continue to stay relatively stable.

"But, no matter where you live or where you're travelling to, using apps like [RACQ's Fair Fuel Finder](#) is the best way to track down the cheapest fuel prices in your area."

Location	Average price of Unleaded	Record price of Unleaded
Cairns	163.7cpl	167.1cpl (observed 7 November)
Townsville	162.cpl	167cpl (observed 8 November)
Mackay	162.cpl	163.9cpl (observed 12 November)
Rockhampton	164cpl	165.8cpl (observed 12 November)
Gladstone	161.2cpl	166.3cpl (observed 10 November)
Bundaberg	155.6cpl	162.2cpl (observed 18 November)
Hervey Bay	160.3cpl	163.2cpl (observed 12 November)

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