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Record petrol prices hit regional Queensland

Motorists in parts of regional Queensland are experiencing unprecedented petrol prices, as the average cost of regular unleaded (ULP) surges to new highs.

RACQ spokesperson Kate Leonard-Jones said records have been broken in 24 regional centres this week.

"Fuel prices across regional Queensland have been gradually increasing since last year, but we're now seeing records broken on a daily basis," she said.

"The average cost of ULP ranges from 165cpl in Bundaberg to 174cpl in Cairns and 187cpl in Mt Isa."

Ms Leonard-Jones said global factors are to blame.

"High oil prices, international supply and demand issues, and geo-political tensions are driving up prices at the bowser," she said.

"We expect global oil prices will continue to trend upwards, resulting in the cost of fuel climbing further.

"However, regional Queensland does not operate on a fuel price cycle, so we won't see petrol prices creep towards 200cpl, as is the case in the south east at the moment."

Ms Leonard-Jones urged motorists to shop around for the best deal.

"In some areas, there can be up to 10cpl difference between what is being charged at the cheapest sites compared to the most expensive," she said.

"Drivers should use apps, like RACQ's Fair Fuel Finder, to track down the service stations selling for the cheapest price and fill up."

Location	Average ULP Price
Cairns	174.3cpl
Townsville	172.3cpl
Mackay	170.7cpl
Rockhampton	171.6cpl
Gladstone	171.4cpl
Bundaberg	165.7cpl
Hervey Bay	168cpl

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