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Now is the time to fill the tank

As petrol prices start to rise across Brisbane, RACQ is urging drivers to fill up ahead of the long weekend while cheaper fuel is still available.

RACQ spokesperson Nicky Haydon said 10 percent of sites across Greater Brisbane are charging 191.9 cents per litre (cpl) for regular unleaded petrol (ULP).

“If your tank is getting low, now’s the time to head to the bowser as we are seeing a price hike in the Brisbane area and we expect more sites to follow suit,” Ms Haydon said.

“While there aren’t any signs of prices hiking in Ipswich or on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts just yet, this could change in the coming days so don’t delay filling up.

“The good news is, there are still plenty of cheaper deals available ahead of the long weekend across Brisbane, so look out for those sites and aim to pay 160cpl or less.”

Ms Haydon said the increase to prices was part of the south east’s regular price cycle.

“We’ve seen petrol prices fall right across Queensland since the cut to fuel excise was introduced last month and we’re continuing to monitor this closely,” she said.

“What we’re now seeing is prices starting to climb again as we enter the hiking phase of the cycle and move towards the expensive phase.

“In regional Queensland, where there is no price cycle, ULP prices continue to trend down.”

Ms Haydon urged drivers to do their research before heading to the bowser.

“Our research shows convenience is the top reason people pull into a servo and fill up, but in Brisbane, there’s currently up to 40cpl difference between the cheapest and most expensive spots – so it really does pay to shop around,” she said.

“Use apps like [RACQ’s Fair Fuel Finder](#) to track down the best deals and if you’re heading away for the weekend, check out the prices along your route and at your destination, as you might find it’s actually cheaper to fill up there.”

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SEQ Fuel Prices:

Location	Latest average ULP price
Brisbane	162.4cpl
Gold Coast	161.6cpl
Sunshine Coast	163cpl
Ipswich	163.5cpl
Toowoomba*	166.2cpl

*Toowoomba has its own fuel price cycle, which is currently in the cheap phase.

Regional Queensland Fuel Prices:

Location	Latest average ULP price
Cairns	174.9cpl
Townsville	167.2cpl
Mackay	175.3cpl
Rockhampton	176.7cpl
Gladstone	170.9cpl
Hervey Bay	161.9cpl
Maryborough	166.6cpl
Bundaberg	168.7cpl

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