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## Petrol pain ahead of Easter long weekend

RACQ has warned Wide Bay drivers heading on an Easter long weekend road trip would be hit at the hip pocket, as some servos hiked fuel prices ahead of the four day break.

The average price of unleaded petrol (ULP) in Bundaberg had jumped by 3.5 cents per litre (cpl) over the last week to an average of 135cpl.

RACQ spokesperson Lucinda Ross said drivers had every right to be frustrated petrol prices had peaked just before the long weekend.

“In Bundaberg the cheapest fuel on offer is 129.9cpl, but most service stations are charging 5cpl more than that,” Ms Ross said.

“Higher prices can be partly attributed to increases in the global oil price and wholesale price, however we believe Bundy servos on the most part are charging too much and a fairer price would be more like 131cpl.”

Ms Ross said the average ULP price in Hervey Bay was 139.9cpl, also far higher than what RACQ considered fair.

“Drivers shouldn’t be paying more than 136cpl for unleaded petrol in Hervey Bay,” she said.

Ms Ross said Maryborough drivers needed to be savvy before heading away with some servos charging as much as 140cpl.

“While we expect prices to rise in parts of the region over the next few days as the increase in the global oil price continues to flow onto us at the bowser, motorists can always save money by shopping around for cheaper prices,” she said.

“The only way we can keep prices competitive is with our pocket power, if we buy fuel from cheaper retailers, the others will have no choice but to bend as well.”

### Wide Bay ULP averages:

- Hervey Bay – 139.9cpl
- Bundaberg – 135.0cpl
- Maryborough – 135.8cpl.

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