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Fuel price records smashed in regional Queensland

The State's peak motoring body has revealed many regional Queensland towns and cities had this week recorded the highest petrol prices ever seen.

RACQ spokesperson Lucinda Ross said drivers in Emerald, Gladstone, Goondiwindi, Hervey Bay, Mackay, Mount Isa, Rockhampton and Townsville had felt hip pocket pain as prices reached 160 cents per litre (cpl).

"Records have tumbled in these regional towns and motorists are left feeling the squeeze," Ms Ross said.

Townsville drivers were also slugged at the pump, Ms Ross said, when the all-time record daily average hit 159.7cpl.

"While the rising global oil price and softening Aussie dollar is largely to blame for these prices, some servos are charging above what we think is fair," she said.

"There is 7cpl difference between the cheapest and the most expensive fuel in Townsville so motorists need to let their purses do the talking.

"It might not seem like much of a saving but choosing the cheaper retailers will send a strong message to the others to compete for your business and can save your household hundreds of dollars over the year."

Ms Ross said more regional centres were set to follow suit and Queenslanders would see more records smashed over the coming days and weeks.

"It's why we're keen to see the real-time fuel price trial come online in December. When it does, we need drivers to jump on board, and use the apps and websites available to get the best deal at the bowser."

Town	New record ULP	Town	New record ULP
Emerald	162.9cpl	Mount Isa	165.9cpl
Goondiwindi	162.9cpl	Rockhampton	162.cpl
Hervey Bay	161.3cpl	Gladstone	160.5cpl
Kingaroy	159.2cpl	Townsville	159.7cpl
Mackay	163.1cpl		

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