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## Mackay motorists welcome cheaper fuel

Mackay motorists have been handed some welcome relief at the bowser after RACQ's monthly Fuel Price Report revealed prices had dropped in recent weeks.

While the average price of unleaded petrol across much of regional Queensland had risen in February, Mackay's average had fallen 1.5cpl to 129.2 cents per litre (cpl), and the Whitsundays average dropped 4.4cpl to 133.8cpl.

RACQ spokesperson Lucinda Ross said drivers had been rewarded with lower prices, despite an increase in the global price of oil during February.

"We saw global oil prices reach a three-month high of US\$66 a barrel, which chewed into retail margins and resulted in many servos across regional Queensland to hike prices up to 10cpl," Ms Ross said.

"But the good news for drivers in Mackay and the Whitsundays is the local market bucked that trend with indicative retail margins dropping by 4.8cpl and 7.7cpl respectively, since January."

Ms Ross said regardless of how fuel prices trended, motorists needed to make sure they only supported the service stations which charged the lowest prices in their area.

"We've seen Queensland's fuel price reporting trial, which kicked off in December, is also helping to drive prices down as it's generating high levels of competition among retailers in many markets," she said.

"The trial means the power is truly at our fingertips, so we need to use the information we have available on apps and websites, like RACQ's Fair Fuel Finder, to find the cheapest servo to fuel up."

The February 2019 Fuel Price Report could be viewed on RACQ's [website](#).

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