



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **Fuel Saver app a hit with drivers as fuel price rip off begins to ease**

The RACT's new Fuel Saver app is putting motorists in control of how much they pay for fuel.

RACT Chief Member Experience Officer, Stacey Pennicott said the app has allowed people to vote with their feet and save.

"In December and into January, Tasmanians have not been overcharged a cent for unleaded petrol, proving access to real-time reporting works, keeping prices fair for motorists," Ms Pennicott said.

"Since real time fuel price reporting was mandated by the Government and since the RACT released the Fuel Saver app, motorists have reaped the benefits by saving millions on fuel.

"This week we officially launched the Fuel Saver app with our members. There has been a strong response to date with thousands of Tasmanians already downloading it. We'd expect this number to continue to grow as motorists benefit at the bowser. By using the Fuel Saver app and taking advantage of the RACT Rewards discount, motorists could save hundreds of dollars a year.

"Fuel Saver is free to download for all Tasmanians and I encourage everyone to get it before heading out for a final trip to the shack or favourite camping spot before school holidays end."

With many Tasmanians preparing for an extended Australia Day long weekend, Ms Pennicott also urged drivers to avoid the fatal five on the roads.

"While it's great that people are out and about enjoying everything Tasmania has to offer, with more people on the roads comes more opportunity for something to go wrong and people should take extra care when driving this weekend," Ms Pennicott said.

"It's every driver's responsibility to make sure they, their passengers and passengers in other cars are able to return safely to school or work after the holidays end.

"Research shows that there are five main contributing factors to fatalities on our roads –

- Speeding
- Inattention
- Not wearing seatbelts
- Fatigue

- Drink/drug driving

“Please avoid the fatal five this weekend period and drive to survive.”

Ms Pennicott also encouraged drivers to stay up-to-date with information on fuel prices. Ms Pennicott said that prices varied around the State and people should shop around. Prices\* include:

- Hobart – United Brighton: 119.9 cents per litre (113.9 cents per litre for RACT Rewards members)
- Launceston – Independent Tas Petroleum (Goderich Street): 119.9 cents per litre
- Burnie – Shell (River Road, Wivenhoe): 119.9 cents per litre
- St Helens – United St Helens: 122.9 cents per litre (116.9 cents per litre for RACT Rewards members)
- Queenstown – Bob’s Servo: 132.1 cents per litre

“To find out where the cheapest fuel prices are near you, download the RACT’s free Fuel Saver app.”

Ms Pennicott said for more information visit - <https://www.ract.com.au/cars-and-driving/fuel-saver-app>

\*correct as at 8.45am, 22 January 2021