

## Media release

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# Tassie's top seven pit stops revealed

With the long weekend just around the corner, RACT has revealed the state's top pit stops for road trips: Campbell Town, Ross, Epping Forest, Pittstop Cafe in Zeehan, Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm, Bicheno and Avoca.

General Manager Advocacy and Government Relations Mel Percival said whether you're chasing the best vanilla slice, a scenic riverside walk or a good old-fashioned stretch, these spots have got you covered.

"We asked locals to share their favourite rest stops - because taking a break isn't just about grabbing a coffee; it's key for a safe and enjoyable journey," Ms Percival said.

"Pulling over for a break isn't just about taking in the sights, it's also about keeping yourself and others safe on the road," Ms Percival said.

"Regular stops help beat fatigue, keep you alert and help reduce the risk of accidents.

"We recommend planning a break every two hours to stretch, grab a snack and recharge for the next leg of your trip.

"Stopping not only enhances safety but also provides an opportunity to explore towns and natural landmarks along the way," she said.

The initiative comes following a devastating start to the year, with 67 serious injuries and seven fatalities already recorded on the state's roads.

"Safety isn't just about stopping—it's about starting right.

"With a long week end this weekend, we're reminding drivers to check their vehicles and brush up on road safety before hitting the highway," she said.

Here are some top tips for a smooth, stress-free trip:

- Break it up - Avoid driving for more than two hours at a time - a quick stretch and a snack go a long way.
- Slow down - Every km over dramatically increases the consequences of an accident
- Do a pre-trip check— Before leaving, check your oil, coolant, battery, lights and tyre pressure.
- Drive to the conditions - Tassie's winding routes and unpredictable weather call for extra caution, especially on hidden bends.
- Be kind - Stick to speed limits and show courtesy to fellow road users.

"With so many people hitting the road this weekend, we're encouraging everyone to slow down, stop for a snack or walk and prioritise safety."

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