



# Media Release

Victoria State Emergency Service

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## Take a break with Driver Reviver

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Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) volunteers will offer coffee, tea and snacks at roadside locations over the Christmas/New Year break to encourage drivers to stop, rest and refresh, so they can arrive safely at their destination.

Fatigue is one of the big killers on Victorian roads and Driver Reviver sites offer a place for motorists to take a break and enjoy a free coffee, tea or snack.

Since its launch over 27 years ago, volunteers have served more than 23 million hot drinks to drivers across Australia.

Driver Reviver advises motorists to get a good night's sleep before travelling, take extra care while driving and plan journeys to include stops on the way to avoid fatigue.

VICSES volunteers contribute thousands of hours each year towards hosting Driver Reviver sites, as a way to reduce driver fatigue and resulting car crashes.

VICSES CEO Stephen Griffin highlighted the dangers of driving without breaks over the holiday season, when people can take longer journeys on busier and often unfamiliar roads.

"Fatigue behind the wheel can be fatal. A break to stop, rest and refresh could save your life and your loved ones lives. Our volunteers would much rather give you a free cuppa and have a friendly chat than respond to a motor vehicle accident further down the road," he said.

"The message is simple; Stop Revive and Survive."

Volunteers will be hosting sites state wide at: ***Benalla, Coleraine, Euroa, Dartmoor, Dimboola, Kaniva, Lismore, Morwell, Numurkah, Orbost, Rosedale, Seymour, Skipton, Stanhope and Winchelsea.***

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