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Take a break and arrive alive

This Easter long weekend, hundreds of Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) volunteers will take their time out of their holidays, to make sure drivers and their families get to their destination safely.

VICSES volunteers will run 27 Toll Driver Reviver sites across the state between Friday 19 and Monday 22 April.

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

Since Driver Reviver began more than 30 years ago, volunteers across Australia have served more than 23 million cups of Bushells tea and coffee and 27 million Arnott's biscuits to drivers!

VICSES is the largest road rescue provider in Victoria, with 103 units road rescue certified.

Last year VICSES volunteers responded to 1,218 road rescue incidents. That's 1,218 too many.

Make sure you take a break and have a cup of tea or coffee at one of the many Driver Reviver rest stops this Easter long weekend.

Quotes attributed to Tim Wiebusch, Victoria State Emergency Service Chief Officer Operations.

"We want everyone to get to their holiday destination safely. This year VICSES volunteers responded to 1,218 road rescues, that's 1,218 too many."

"Easter is a busy period on our roads. I encourage drivers to plan your trip and take a break at one of the many Toll Driver Reviver rest stops this long weekend. We would much rather serve you a cup of tea, than cut you out of a car."

Quotes attributed to Michael Byrne, Toll Managing Director

"At Toll, we understand the importance of safe driving, with the company operating 2,000 prime movers and 2400 light vehicles across Australia. Our drivers spend more time on the roads than anyone, travelling a distance equivalent to the moon and back every day."

"At Toll, we strongly believe that all injuries are preventable and everyone has the right to get home safely. As road users, it's vital that we are situationally aware so that we can respond to changes in our surroundings. We also need to be self-aware, such as recognising when we need a break from driving."

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