



Media Release

Victoria State Emergency Service

Arrive Alive this Australia Day

23 January 2019

This Australia Day weekend VICSES and Lions Club Volunteers will conduct Toll Driver Reviver sites on the Hume Freeway, to assist motorists in reaching their destinations safely.

Together, the volunteers will host two Toll Driver Reviver rest stops in North East Victoria in the following locations:

- **Friday, 25 January 2019 12pm to late afternoon**
Hume Freeway Northbound, Balmattum Rest Area
- **Friday, 25 January 2019 11am to 11pm**
Hume Freeway Northbound , Winton - Mokoan Rest Area
- **Sunday 27 January 2019 10am to late afternoon**
Hume Freeway Southbound, Balmattum Rest Area

Fatigue is one of the biggest killers on Victorian roads, the VICSES Toll Driver Reviver sites offer a place for travellers to take a break and enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee, cool drink, and some biscuits.

The National Toll Driver Reviver campaign has been running for more than 27 years with one objective: reduce road collisions by alleviating driver fatigue.

Yearly, VICSES and Lions Club Volunteers contribute thousands of hours towards hosting Driver Reviver sites, offering drivers free refreshments and a safe place to rest.

VICSES provides the largest road rescue network in Australia, with specialist teams in 102 of our 149 units across the state.

Quotes attributable to VICSES North East Regional Duty Officer, John Newlands

“Fatigue can be a major factor in road crash incidents. As Victoria’s largest road crash rescue provider, VICSES volunteers would much rather serve you a cuppa at a Toll Driver Reviver rest stop, than cut you out of car.”

“Along with taking a break every two hours on the road, it’s important for travellers in the North East to look out for warnings via the VicEmergency smartphone app, emergency.vic.gov.au website, or by listening to emergency broadcasters”.

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