

## SPEED

Excessive speed is also a major cause of road accidents. Be alert and travel at a speed which suits the road and weather conditions and allows you to stop safely. Also make sure you take note of the different road signs, they mean what they say. **IT'S DO OR DIE SO DON'T TAKE THE RISK, RIDE TO STAY ALIVE.**

Too many people have died on our roads already, don't be a statistic. Come back and visit again.

## BRAKING

Using both brakes together will stop the bike in the shortest distance.

### GOOD BRAKING

There are two parts to good braking: **Set-up** and **squeeze**. Set-up means to apply the front and back brake levers just until the brakes start to work. The set-up prepares you and the bike for braking and takes the slack out of the braking and suspension systems.

- Begins the transfer of weight onto the front tyre, which gives it more grip.
- Alerts the driver behind you because your brake light comes on then, progressively squeeze as firmly as you need to until you stop.

Set-up and squeeze needs to be practised until it is a habit. On poor surfaces such as gravel and wet roads, gently squeeze and allow a longer distance to stop. In the wet, make sure you set-up a lot earlier to dry your brakes.

## PETROL AVAILABILITY

Petrol is available in metropolitan and suburban areas seven days a week. Opening hours vary but most are open until 7.00 pm. Most large towns have at least one service station which opens until midnight; some open 24 hours and take all major credit cards. Quiet country towns usually open normal business hours. Some take credit cards and some don't, so be prepared.

## MOTORCYCLISTS

Please help us make our roads safer by providing information and feedback about your experiences while travelling in Tasmania.

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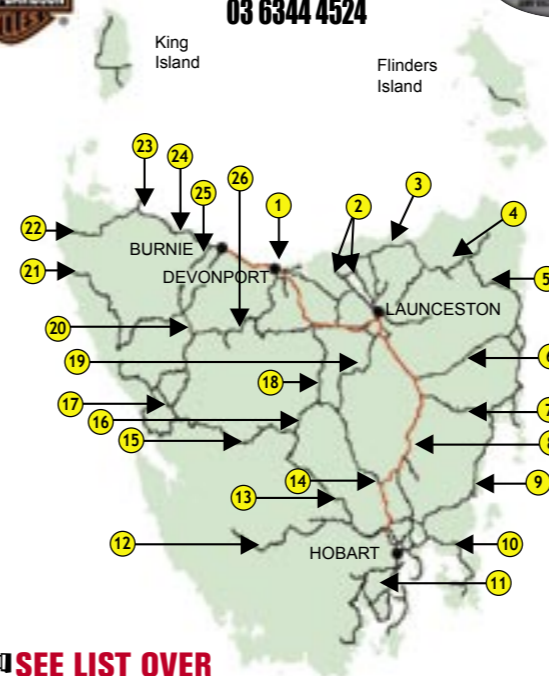
- 1 Devonport North Coast or Launceston to Hobart - main highways, good roads National standard
- 2 East & West Tamar Valley - smaller busy roads, care needed
- 3 Georgetown to Bridport, Scottsdale - good roads, used by all traffic
- 4 Launceston to Scottsdale - winding road, very good ride, be careful when wet
- 5 Scottsdale to St Helens - winding road very good ride, be careful when wet
- 6 Avoca to St Helens - nice ride, winding roads, care needed
- 7 Lake Leak - can be wet & cold, nice ride, winding road, good scenery
- 8 Launceston to Hobart - main highway, roads good
- 9 Triabunna, Orford, Hobart - scenic ride, narrow, windy, care needed
- 10 Port Arthur - excellent ride, roads good, used heavily by tourists, care needed
- 11 Huonville, Geeveston - some very nice riding roads, pretty good, narrow
- 12 Strathgordon - roads fair, need plenty of fuel, can get cold, wet or very hot any time of the year
- 13 New Norfolk, Bronte Park - narrow, windy, rough on some corners, some gravel, log trucks
- 14 Poatina, Bothwell, Melton Mowbray - narrow roads, very windy, care needed
- 15 Derwent Bridge, Queenstown - very windy, care needed, (log trucks)
- 16 Miena, Bronte Park - gravel rough road, can be snow, log trucks, care needed, four seasons in one day
- 17 Queenstown, Rosebery - windy, care on corners, trucks all year round, lots of rain
- 18 Miena, Golden Valley - gravel rough road, can be snow, care needed
- 19 Longford, Cressy - narrow good roads, care needed, log trucks
- 20 Murchison Highway - scenic ride, good roads, gravel edges, take care, wettest highway in Tassie, windy roads
- 21 Arthur River, Marrawah - new road, good scenic ride
- 22 Marrawah, Smithton - good road, heavy stock area, stock crossing roads, take care
- 23 Stanley, Smithton - good road, scenic ride
- 24 Burnie, Stanley - good road, scenic ride
- 25 Hellyer Gorge - damp on corners, very scenic, narrow, windy, good bike ride, care needed
- 26 Sheffield to Murchison Highway - good ride, narrow, windy, used by tourists, care needed

All roads going to and on the west coast can be dangerous and have a lot of motorcycle accidents. Take note of speed signs and ride safely. Weather conditions can change quickly and dramatically - you can experience all four seasons in a short period of time. The distance you are going to travel may only be 150 Kilometres but could take well over 2 hours due to the winding roads and scenic views. **Plan your ride, ask locals about condition of roads, don't rush, let someone know when and where you are going.**



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Travelling Distances & Times			
From	To	km	hr:min
Launceston	St Helens via Scottsdale	163	2:30
Launceston	Bicheno via Scottsdale	236	3:30
Launceston	Hobart via Midlands Hwy	198	2:20
Bicheno	Hobart via Sorell	178	2:25
Hobart	Port Arthur	93	1:30
Hobart	Queenstown	260	3:30
Queenstown	Burnie	176	2:25
Burnie	Devonport	49	0:40
Devonport	Launceston	99	1:00
Devonport	Hobart via Midlands Hwy	277	3:00
Hobart	St Helens	265	3:40
Queenstown	Launceston via Sheffield	251	3:30

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**Tasmania has some beautiful roads to ride**



**RIDE TASMANIA SAFELY**



**TAKE YOUR TIME & ENJOY SAFELY**

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# Tasmanian Motorcycle Council Inc.

Is an organisation representing all Motorcyclists, Clubs, Associations, Groups, Dealers, Individuals, Junior, Senior, Road and Off Road, on all matters regarding roads, safety, government regulations and MAIB.

The organisation helps you have a safe and enjoyable stay while you are here. Be careful, we have some unique roads and weather so don't be fooled.

**All The Roads** are travelled on everyday by thousands of road users with small, medium and large vehicles. Road surfaces can change from good to bad at anytime so **watch out for soft deep road edges.**

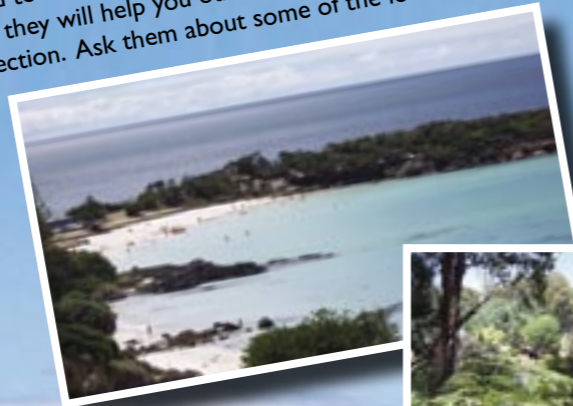
**Riding in Tasmania can be a very rewarding and enjoyable experience but we have very different road conditions.**

1. One moment you can be riding in sunshine without a care in the world then you come around a corner, and everything changes. All of a sudden it is still wet because the sun has not reached that spot yet, you are now travelling too fast for the road conditions.
2. You are riding along taking in the fantastic scenery, coming up to a bend, you turn into the bend while still admiring the scenery but the bend is sharper than you expected.
3. The corner has a speed restriction of 60km - it means what it says.
4. Always beware of blinding sunrise and sunset.

**HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE TRIP - RIDE SAFE. GO HOME ON YOUR MOTORCYCLE AND NOT IN THE AMBULANCE.**

## PEOPLE OF TASMANIA

The people in Tasmania are very hospitable towards people who tour their beautiful state. If you have a problem or need to find which way to go, just ask some of the locals and they will help you out or point you in the right direction. Ask them about some of the local attractions.



**We want you to have a safe and enjoyable trip whether a short ride, a day ride, or a full on holiday.**

**If you come across an accident**

**Make the scene safe** - warning and directing traffic. **Send for help**  
**See who is injured and assist them**  
- reassure them and keep them calm.

**EMERGENCY Phone numbers**

**Mobile Phone .... 112**  
**Landline ..... 000**

112 is an alternative to 000 if you are outside of your own provider's coverage area.

## CORNERS

Most roads in Tasmania are good BUT never underestimate what is around the corner - there could be a number of things that could turn a good day into a bad day just like THAT (Think).

Things to look out for:

- Wildlife
- Stock animals
- Road could be damaged through gear changes or heavy braking from heavy trucks or machinery
- The road could be washed over with dirt and rock
- Other vehicles cutting corners and bringing dirt and stones out on the departure side
- The road could be wet from being shaded all day after a frost from the night before
- Black ice on road
- The tree cover could block out the sun on the departure and it might be wet
- It might have moss on it
- It could have tree limbs lying across it
- There could be trucks, caravans or farm machinery that is travelling slower than you
- There could be farm machinery going in and coming out of their land

## WEATHER

**BLACK ICE:** Black ice forms when water on the surface of a road freezes. The ice actually isn't black, it's transparent and almost invisible on asphalt. Black ice can appear to be a spot of moisture on a road, or may have a slight glisten on black asphalt. Do not be mistaken: this thin ice is very slick. Check weather details the night before and always be prepared for all weather conditions.

**Conditions can vary from all the points of the compass**

## RIDER FATIGUE IS A KILLER

While speed and alcohol are well known killers on the road, rider fatigue can be just as deadly because of the subtle ways it can creep up on you. Nobody is immune to fatigue.

Here are a few points to help fight fatigue:

- Get a good nights sleep and never ride when you would normally be asleep
- Take rest breaks every two hours, or when you feel drowsy
- Do some light exercise, enjoy a light snack and a drink during your breaks
- Don't put in too many riding hours for the day
- If you are feeling too tired - STOP

## RIDER FATIGUE INDICATORS

- Running a bit wide on corners
- A couple of rough gear changes
- Not seeing a sign
- Day dreaming
- Dry mouth
- Stiff joints (neck, knees and wrists)
- Lapses of concentration

If you suffer from any of these symptoms, pull over - STOP

**When did you last check**  
Tyre tread, pressure?  
Brake fluid, pads?  
Cables? Chain? Belts? Lights?  
Tighten all nuts and bolts?  
Visual Inspection of  
your bike?