

## RACQ Towing and Caravan Workshops

An ever-increasing number of Australians are hitching up their caravans and boats in search of that long-awaited, hard-earned break from the daily grind. For many drivers, this is a new experience that requires additional skills and knowledge. RACQ can deliver the relevant training and education necessary to competently and safely tow a caravan, boat trailer, horse float, or goods trailer.

### Aim

The aim of our workshops is to help participants gain a better understanding of the relevant towing laws and regulations. It also provides practical experience in regard to pre-purchase, setting-up, safe towing and manoeuvring of caravans and trailers.

### Content

The RACQ Towing and Caravan Workshops devote an equal amount of time to theory and practice at a low client to coach ratio. We can also arrange one-on-one tuition.

### Objectives

- › acquire knowledge necessary to satisfy legal obligations of towing a trailer/caravan.
- › acquire knowledge necessary to safely tow a trailer/caravan on road.
- › confidently couple and uncouple caravan/trailer and manoeuvre to site.
- › safely load and stabilise caravan.
- › perform basic safety checks.
- › manage fatigue safely and responsibly.
- › responsibly share the road with other road users.

### Topics Included

- › towing weights - legality
- › loading the trailer - central focus
- › brake types and legal requirements
- › connection types and accessories
- › ball-weights - testing methods
- › preparation - roadworthiness, registration, tyres, chains
- › hitching and connection
- › on-road skills
- › reversing and manoeuvring to site.
- › fatigue management

### Practical

- › group workshops- manoeuvring to site using participants' own vehicles
- › individual sessions designed to meet participant requirements and may include on-road towing, coupling, uncoupling and manoeuvring

Group workshops and individual sessions are held regularly.