



## AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES & MECHANICAL REPAIRS

Regular service helps prevent impending vehicle breakdowns and costly repairs.



### Warning lights

With so many distractions in today's fast paced life it's easy to miss instrument panel warning lights telling of impending problems. Music, satellite navigation, children and traffic conditions all compete for our attention ..... and the dashboard warning light fades into obscurity. That is until the car stops!

Are you familiar with the warning lights on your car's instrument panel? What do you do if your car suddenly stops? Thankfully these instances are not regular occurrences.

Hopefully you are a member of a roadside breakdown service such as [RACQ](#) but if not, you can always contact [Southport Car Service](#).

**PHONE: 5591 3611**

**Monday - Friday 7am - 5pm**

### Vehicle Insurance

We are constantly bombarded with offers via tv, radio and online services which offer to get you the best insurance deal at the right price. Using these services can still be a time-consuming exercise and frustrating process. One option is to take matters into your own hands, pick out two or three major insurers and call or contact them directly asking pre-arranged questions to suit your circumstances. You'll find that companies will answer in detail all of your concerns and offer cooling off periods to give you time to consider if what you originally agreed to actually covers all your needs.

Dealing direct gives you the negotiating power not a third party. Asking the same questions of two or three companies takes little or no more time than filling out an online third-party application and then waiting for a reply.

## Vehicle Insurance continued



Deal direct, your choice, your money.

There are a number of categories covering car insurance, the more recognised ones being Comprehensive, Third Party Property, Third Party Fire and Theft and CTP (Compulsory Third Party). Insurance is important so take a moment to make the right choice.

There are dozens of vehicle insurers, we've listed a few. [RACQ](#) Ph: 131905, [NRMA](#) Ph: 132132, [Suncorp](#) Ph: 131155, [Budget Direct](#) Ph: 1300306560, [Shannons](#) for the motoring enthusiasts Ph: 134646

### Right Car ~ Wrong Fuel!

Yes it still happens, people filling their vehicle with the wrong fuel. If you are unlucky enough to have filled your vehicle with the wrong fuel, that is diesel instead of petrol or the other way round the rule is DON'T start the engine. Call roadside assist or your mechanic but DON'T attempt to start the engine as it will be a much more costly repair job if you do.

### Four Wheel Drive Enthusiasts

A proportion of our clientèle own 4WD vehicles, some taking to the bush or deserted coastlines for that great Aussie off-road adventure, others just

like the feel of driving these powerful, go anywhere machines loaded with the creature comforts today's technology offers.

Some of you who are new to the 4WD experience or are thinking about buying one may benefit from some basic tips and tricks. We will be writing 4WD articles on our [Blog](#) in the near future so keep an eye out.

In the meantime if you are thinking of buying a 4WD call us to make a booking for a pre purchase inspection **Phone: 55913611** or [fill out the online form](#).

### Car Electrics and Electronics

Technological advancements in the car industry are changing how we feel about our vehicles. New cars today are increasingly becoming an extension of



our homes and ourselves with voice activated features, satellite navigation, audio and video options and coming to a suburb near you self drive cars, well not quite yet but not that far away. Gone are the days when it was just a matter of changing a fuse or relay, now you need specialised equipment to diagnose and repair electrical faults. So rather than attempt a home repairs which could cost you dearly call in to your local mechanic or call roadside assist if you are broken down.

### Next month - Motorway Breakdown