

Holiday Rest STOPS



The Defence Highway Rest Stop Program — DECEMBER 2002 - JANUARY 2003

The holiday season is almost upon us again (who's counting the days??). During these holidays many people will be travelling by motor transport to visit mums, dads, spouses, boyfriends or girlfriends.

One of the factors clearly associated with motor vehicle accidents is driver fatigue resulting from travelling long distances without adequate rest breaks. Research has shown that driver fatigue could be a factor in up to 50% of all motor vehicle accidents in Australia. The current high operational tempo suggests that many of our colleagues will be fatigued as they proceed on leave.

As in previous years, the Defence Safety Management Agency (DSMA) in an effort to reduce fatigue related motor vehicle accidents has sought the participation of Military bases in the Highway Rest Stop Program. The Program provides overnight accommodation in various locations around Australia to Defence personnel both service and civilian and their families travelling over the Christmas/New Year leave period.

Following consultation with the Defence Security Authority the Highway Rest Stop Program will proceed this Christmas leave period. Many establishments have participated in the DSMA's Highway Rest Stop Program over previous Christmas leave periods and subject to the requirements of Operation SAFE BASE have again offered their facilities.

In accordance with the requirements of the Defence Security Authority, Operation SAFE BASE all personnel wishing to make use of the Program will require positive vetting at the time of booking and will be required to provide identification on request. Additional information may be obtained through the Defweb on the Defence Security Authority (DSA) web site, (see <http://defweb.cbr.defence.gov.au/dsa/> click on safety programs - after hours road safety program)

Additional information on the sites listed is available on the DSMA web site at (see <http://dsma.dcb.defence.gov.au>), or telephone the DSMA HELPLINE on 1800 019 955. For availability, bookings and other details please telephone the relevant contact person.

BOOKING PROCEDURES

- Member contacts establishment, using Defence communications, requesting accommodation with full details (name, service/APS number) of member and details of family members and vehicle/s
- Establishment confirms/refuses booking using Defence communications to members unit with booking number and any relevant security procedures
- Member arrives at establishment and provides Service ID/identification and booking number. Establishment confirms details against booking form

FRINGE BENEFITS -

Users of the Rest Stop Program are advised that it may attract Fringe Benefits Tax

It should also be noted that those Defence personnel who are in receipt of travelling allowances, which is the case for military members travelling on posting, are expected to expend those allowances on commercially available accommodation and not occupy limited rest stop facilities.

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 Contact: Ms Ali Berryman
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Townsville - RAAF Base.
 Contact: Tel - 07 4752 1760
 Fax - 07 4752 1761

Rockhampton - Defence Corporate Support Office
 Contact: Neil Godden
 Tel - 07 4931 4709
 Mobile - 0408 023 400

Amberley (near Brisbane) - RAAF Base Amberley
 Contact: SERCO Sodexo Staff
 Tel - 07 5461 2862
 Fax - 07 5461 2168

Oakey (Darling Downs)
 Contact: Accommodation Cell
 Tel - 07 4691 7191

Newcastle - RAAF Base Williamtown
 Contact: Tracey Whyte or Lynette Webb
 Tel - 02 4964 7200
 Fax - 02 4964 7202

Orchard Hills (approx 40 km from Sydney)
 Defence Corporate Support
 Contact: Miss Katherine Phelan
 Tel - 02 4587 3745

Adelaide - RAAF Base Edinburgh, Salisbury.
 Contact: Jacqui Vejera
 Tei - 08 8393 2486
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Canberra - HMAS Harman
 Contact: Miss Jo Kirwan
 Tel - 02 6286 6795

Nowra - HMAS Albatross (Naval Air Station Nowra)
 Contact: Ms Kim Garragan
 Tel - 02 4424 1369

Garden Island - Rockingham (approx 30km south of Perth city) - HMAS STIRLING
 Contact: Sandra Grey
 Tel - 08 9553 3866
 Fax - 08 9553 2669

Bandiana - (Albury/Wodonga) - Gaza Ridge Barracks, South Bandiana
 Contact: Andrew Strout
 Tel - 02 6055 4398/2967
 Fax - 02 6055 2964

East Sale - (approx 3 hours drive from Melbourne)- RAAF Base East Sale
 Contact: Mrs Dawn Eden
 Tel - 03 5146 6161 (until 21Dec 02 & after 07Jan 03)
 Duty SECPOL/Probe Access Controller
 Tel - 03 5146 6333 between 22Dec & 06Jan 03

Wagga Wagga - RAAF Base Wagga
 Contact: Tel - 02 6937 4372



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