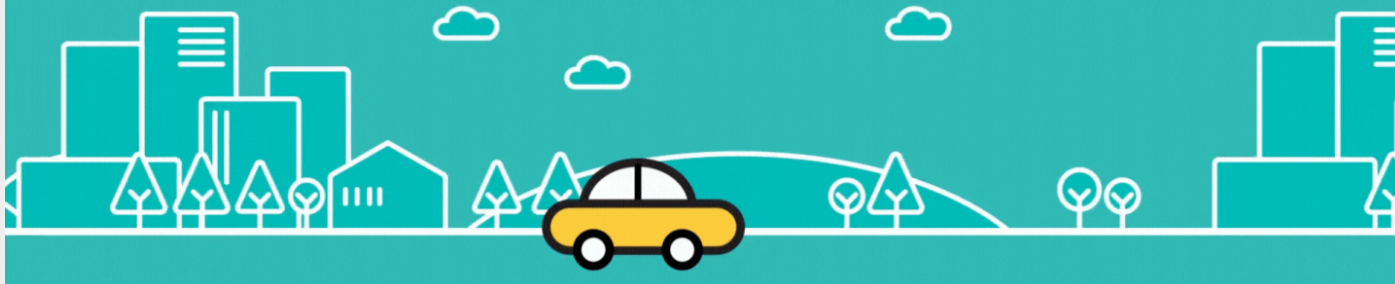


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## Welcome to Darwin's June Newsletter

This month, we've got some tips to help you use your car more efficiently – whether you're driving diesel, petrol or even an EV.

And we'll also be sharing our thoughts on why you may want to consider installing a dashcam in your car.

So you can stay safe - and smart - behind the wheel.



### Get more miles out of your motor

Feeling the pinch at the petrol pump? Or constantly worrying that you won't have enough charge in your EV? Here are some practical steps you can take to help make your fuel go further.

- Check your tyre pressure – driving with incorrect tyre pressure will reduce fuel efficiency.
- Reduce your speed – the faster you go, the faster you'll use up your fuel. Please make sure that you adhere to speed limits.
- Drive in the correct gear – and avoid high revs.
- Be a smooth operator - sudden acceleration, braking and not anticipating what the traffic ahead is doing can eat into your fuel tank.
- Plan your route – wasted miles spent searching for your location soon add up.
- Have a clear out – lose any unwanted clutter from the car boot or interior, and be sure to remove any unused roof racks, roof boxes or trailers. These add weight and cause drag, which can have a negative impact on fuel efficiency.
- Close the windows – as above, having the windows open can cause drag which means your car has to work harder.
- Ideally, you'll also turn off your air con as this will also help your car use less energy. That said, if it's a really hot day then the most fuel-efficient way to keep cool will depend on your speed. As a general rule, if you're travelling below 40 mph then it's best to open the window, above that, it's best to close the windows and use the aircon.
- Take advantage of technology – many modern cars have stop-start systems that use less fuel to restart the engine than they do when left idling, even for just a few seconds.

### Should I get a dashcam?

Being a savvy motorist isn't just about driving efficiently; it's about staying vigilant and knowing how to keep safe when you're on the road.

If you're involved in an accident and want to make a claim for damage to your car, having the evidence you need to support your version of events can help. That's where dashcams come in.

#### *What's a dashcam?*

A dashcam is a small video camera fitted to your windscreen to record video as you drive. Some dashcams come with parking mode - so, if anyone tries to tamper with your car when you're not there, the camera starts recording.

#### *Should I get a dashcam?*

The potential benefits of installing a dashcam include deterring thieves and vandals, recording damage to your car when you're not with it, and documenting details of an accident – which can be helpful if you need to make an insurance claim.

#### *How do I install a dashcam?*

You can have a dashcam professionally installed, which can be useful if you want it hardwired to your car, or you can do it yourself by positioning it on your windscreen and plugging it in to your 12v cigarette lighter. There are strict rules around positioning a dashcam safely, as it mustn't obstruct the driver's view. For full details, head to the [government website](#).

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