

# Tourists injured in head-on collision

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TWO AUSTRIAN tourists appear to have driven on the wrong side of road and collided with a prime-mover on the Bruce Highway yesterday afternoon, according to police.

Rockhampton police said Austrian-born Dettina Koekwas suffered a compound fracture to her left arm in the accident near Marmor about 1.50pm yesterday.

Senior Constable Bruce Farquhar said the passenger, Ms Koekwas, was trapped in the Toyota Hiace rental van and Fire and Rescue cut her out before the RACQ rescue helicopter airlifted her to Rockhampton hospital.

Snr Const Farquhar said the rental van driver, Kurt Weis, received minor injuries.

"The campervan was travelling southbound and it appears they travelled on the incorrect side of the road causing the prime-mover to swerve to the incorrect side of the road to avoid a collision," Snr Const Farquhar said.

"The van sideswiped the end of the truck."

The Bruce Highway was closed for about two hours. Traffic was diverted through Marmor.

The two patients were in a stable condition, according to Rockhampton Hospital last night.

The driver of the prime-mover also escaped with minor injuries.

An Austrian tourist was transported by the Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service following a collision on the Bruce Highway three kilometres north of Marmor yesterday. Picture by TIM MARSDEN acc131005-1



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