



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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School Crossings



Emu Crossing

There are two types of school crossing designed to get children safely across the road.

1. Emu Crossings with flags displayed, operate before and after school times. Usually with School Safety Monitors.
2. Koala Crossings have lights displaying speed limit of 25km's, which applies 'when children are present'. Remember that children do not always have good road safety sense and can also be easily distracted.

Drivers need to take speed limits seriously and stay alert around pedestrian crossings near schools.

Drivers were caught speeding more than 17,600 times outside Adelaide schools in 2016/17.



Koala Crossing

Air Bags Recall

Due to the recent recall on Takata Front Passenger Air bags.

NPTN has checked the Toyota Website with the Vin number of each vehicle and found no indication that the Toyota Camry's we are currently using have been recalled.



NPTN will continue to monitor the situation and notify volunteers drivers of any changes to the current situation.

Adelaide Cup

The office will be closed on the 12th March for the public holiday for the Adelaide Cup.

The first Adelaide Cup was raced 21 April 1864 at Thebarton Racecourse. The race had stakes of 500 sovereigns.

The highest ever Cup attendance was in 1951 when 50,000 spectators attended.

The day received public holiday status in 1973 and became a major social event in South Australia.



FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY CAR TRIPS

Trips 244 with 72 carers Total 316
Total Kilometres: 15,721
Total Volunteer Hours: 305.30

FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY BUS TRIPS

Medical bus 70 with 21 carers Total 91
Social bus 141
Total bus bookings taken 160

MEETING DATES FOR APRIL

20th April

Orroroo	9.00am
Peterborough	10.30am
Jamestown	1.00pm
Gladstone	2.30pm

23rd April

Quorn	10.30am
Melrose	1.00pm

Supporting Bodies



Seat Belts



How can a piece of fabric end up being the difference between life and death? The seatbelts is the most important technology in any car.

When a car is travelling at 50 km's your speed and the cars speed is equal as you are moving as a single unit. When the car comes to an abrupt stop your speed remains the same and you continue to travel at 50km's. Without a seat belt you would be either slammed in to the steering wheel or thrown at the windscreen causing considerable injuries or even death.

If you hit the windshield with your head, the stopping power is concentrated on one of the most vulnerable parts of your body. It also stops you very quickly, since the glass is a hard surface. This can easily kill or severely injure a person.

When a seatbelt is applied the stopping force to more durable parts of your body is reduced.

As drivers your are responsible to make sure everyone in the vehicle has their seatbelt correctly fasten at all times.



Eating in Cars

Volunteers please be mindful of the person cleaning the car and don't allow clients eating and dropping food stuffs. If you notice any crumbs or discarded papers please remove them at the end of your journey. There is a no eating policy in cars.

Wiper Blades

Winter is on it's way with the expectation of winter rains. Please report to the office any wiper blades not working correctly so they can be replaced.

Easter 2018

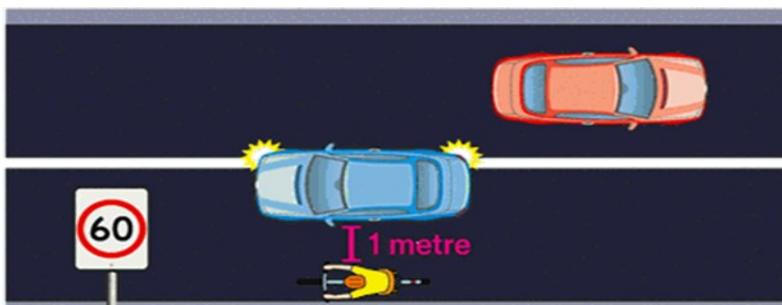
Please be advised that NPTN will be closed on Friday 30th March and reopen on the 3rd April over this Easter period.

For those travelling visiting family over the Easter please take care on the road. Allow plenty of time, drink plenty of water, take rest breaks and arrive safe.



What You Need To Know When Overtaking A Cyclist!

When the speed limit is 60km or less, leave a 1 meter gap when overtaking cyclists. If the speed limit is more than 60km you will need to leave a 1.5 m gap. If you don't keep these distances you could get a \$298 fine, and a \$60.00 Victims of Crime Levy and 2 demerit points.



You can cross a solid white line and drive over painted islands to pass a cyclist, as long as you make sure you've got a clear view of oncoming traffic and that it's safe, before moving onto the other side of the road.

Information found in the Autumn 2018 RAA Magazine.