



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Running Off The Bitumen

A common cause of country crashes is accidentally running off the bitumen road surface to the left and then over-correcting your steering or braking too harshly. If your left wheels leave the bitumen:

- Ease off the accelerator and do not brake harshly.
- Hold the steering wheel firmly with both hands.
- Gently guide the wheels back onto the bitumen surface, being careful of the raised 'step' between the soft edge of the road and the bitumen surface. This can cause the steering wheel to be wrenched out of the drivers hands.



Unavailable Drivers

Any volunteer drivers taking a long deserved break over the Christmas and New Year season please contact the office with the dates your are unavailable.

Happy
Holidays!



Client Appointment Details



As most of clients are elderly, they tend to be a little vague at times, especially when it comes to appointment details. Ask if you can check their appointment details before you leave.

This will save you time when getting to your destination especially if the wrong booking time or location is given when bookings are made.

Calling For Volunteer Driver

Need a volunteer to drive the Health Van for the Peterborough Christmas Pageant Friday 14th of December for passengers from Nayla Lodge to participate in the Pageant.



Volunteer Driver Shirts

Anyone needing to replace their volunteer shirt please let the office know so we can replace it. These shirts show the clients and medical staff to recognise instantly that you are a volunteer.

Figures For Sept Car Trips

Trips 200 with 42 carers Total 242
Total Kilometres: 18,153
Total Volunteer Hours: 397.64

Figures for Sept Bus Trips

Medical bus 77 with 14 carers Total 93
Social bus 161
Total bus bookings taken 204

Meeting Dates For February 2019

Friday February 15th

Orroroo	9.00am	Orroroo Hospital Room
Peterborough	10.30am	Peterborough Hospital
Jamestown	1.00pm	Northern Areas Council
Gladstone	2.30pm	Anglican Church Gladstone

Monday February 25th

Quorn	10.30am	Flinders Ranges Council
Melrose	1.00pm	District Council of Mt Remarkable

Lyn's Christmas Message



My gratitude goes out to the Volunteers and Staff of Northern Passenger Transport, who continue to work and support this ever evolving organisation.

Your enthusiasm and perseverance has been evident from our clients as we have received many letters and phone calls of appreciation.

By providing transport, clients are able to access their much needed appointments while breaking social isolation. Many clients have no other means of transport and for those home bound clients, who appreciate the service we provide and value your time and energy you give freely.

So a big thank you to everyone involved.

I look forward to seeing most of you at our Christmas Volunteer Luncheon.

Who knows what 2019 brings for Northern Passenger Transport Network, so in anticipation, I say thank you.

Christmas wishes to you and your families

Lyn Forster

Supporting Bodies



Busiest Time of the Year

It's the busiest time of the year with many changes to clients appointments and urgent trips before the specialist close down over the Christmas and the New-Year break.



In order to cater for the growing number of clients request for transport, you would have noticed that more and more trips end up with 2 or 3 clients in the one car. And the reverse happening with many trips getting cancelled at the last minute as hospitals/medical centres are rearrange appointments due to overloading in many city hospitals.

We do appreciate how well everyone has been handling this process.

Thank you to everyone for being patient with the phone calls backwards and forwards working out these more difficult trips.

Handy Bar

The handy bar is extremely useful for older clients as they can use it as leverage when getting out of the car.

1. The handy bar slots into the U-shaped striker on the door frame of a car.



2. The hard metal tip is designed to be used as a window breaker in an emergency.



3. A seat belt cutter included into the handle for emergencies release.



Handy Bar in use

QUOTE: Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile is the source of your joy.

- Thich Nhat Hanh