

NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Due Care and Attention

You must drive at all times with due care and attention, with reasonable consideration for other road users, and while exercising courtesy and common sense.

We must all share the road together.

You have a duty to avoid collisions and, where necessary, to give way to other vehicles and pedestrians.

The law does not give anyone indisputable 'right of way'. Even when you feel that you have right of way, you must still make sure the other driver is going to give way before proceeding because the other driver may be unaware of your approach.

You may see other road users behaving aggressively or engaging in unsafe driving practices. Don't be pressured by other drivers, and try to stay calm and in control of your vehicle at all times. Don't over-react to thoughtless or deliberately aggressive driving by another driver.

You should also be in control of the inside of your vehicle. Don't let your passengers distract you, obstruct your vision, or influence your decisions by giving advice that may not always involve driving safely.



Labour Day 7th October

Labour Day is an annual public holiday that celebrates the eight-hour working day, a victory for workers in the mid-late 19th century.

The argument for the eight-hour day was based on the need for each person to have eight hours labour, eight hours recreation and eight hours rest.

The office of NPTN will be closed and no buses will be running.



Advanced Notice Volunteers Christmas Function

When - 6th December 2019

Venue - Peterborough Golf Club

Time - 10.30am - 2pm

Lunch Provided

Come and enjoy yourselves with other the volunteers as a thankyou from Northern Passenger Transport for all your hard work and dedication to the service.

Open to Volunteers, Partners, and Committee Members

Write this date in your diary.



Mandatory Training Day for Volunteers

On Policies, Procedures and Updates.

When: November 8th 2019

Where: Melrose Town Hall
(next to the council office)

10am to 2pm. RSVP 21st October

Morning Tea and Lunch provided.



Supporting



Gravel And Other Loose Surfaces

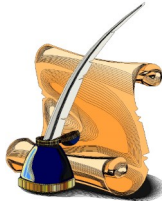
Driving on gravel roads or other roads with loose or shifting surfaces requires much care and attention. Driving on these roads is more hazardous than driving on bitumen roads. As control of the vehicle and braking are more difficult, drivers should slow down to maintain safe control.

When driving on a gravel road, which has half of the tyre grip or friction of a bitumen road, a driver will need double the distance when braking to a stop as compared to the braking distance normally required on bitumen.

Similarly, when driving around a bend on a gravel or unsealed road, loss of control of the vehicle (skidding) will occur at a much lower speed, compared to the control you would have when driving around a similar bend on a bitumen road.



Volunteers Policy and Procedure Folder



NPTN is currently reviewing the volunteers policy and procedure manual.

A copy will be given to all volunteer drivers at the next volunteer meeting. This folder will be reviewed every 3 years.

Procedure If You Have a Car Accident

- ◆ Attend to the injured person first
- ◆ Call 000 if required for Police and Ambulance
- ◆ Call the Office and report the incident
- ◆ Get all information required, to fill in an incident / insurance form, which should include, other drivers name, address, phone number, make and model of vehicle, other vehicles registration number make and model of vehicle
- ◆ Take a photo of the incident, where possible
- ◆ All vehicles are covered by RAA road side service so phone 13 11 11 for assistance and quote your registration number

Phone Numbers
Police 000
Office 8666 2255



Day Light Saving

In South Australia, Day Light Saving starts on the 6th October.



Don't forget to turn your clocks forward 1 hour.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

Figures for August Car Trips

Trips 188 with 40 carers Total 228
Total Kilometres: 15,042
Total Volunteer Hours: 331.1

Figures for August Bus Trips

Medical bus 51 with 14 carers Total 65
Social bus 239
Total bus bookings taken 304

Meeting Dates For October

Friday October 18th 2019

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

Monday October 28th 2019

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