



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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The Funding Agreement
We are still waiting on
confirmation from Department
for Community Services.

WATER ON ROAD

After heavy rain or a burst water pipe, if a large puddle of water appears across part of the road and you need to drive through the water, slow down before driving through the water to avoid losing control of your vehicle.

If you drive too quickly through a puddle you risk the car aquaplaning or sliding and becoming uncontrollable. If water over the road could be too deep for your vehicle, stop and check the depth before driving any further.



After driving through water, always check your brakes to be sure they are working effectively. If water has reached the brake linings, the brakes will not be as effective. An easy way to dry them out is to drive for a short distance with your foot pressed gently on the brake. (mylicence.sa.gov.au)

GRASSHOPPERS

It's that time of year again when grasshoppers are starting to become a nuisance. Could drivers please check the car after a trip to see if it needs a quick clean to remove any dead grasshoppers.

Please do not use any abrasive cleaning products that could damage the paintwork.



FLAT BATTERIES

Change of season and dim lighting has resulted in flat batteries in the cars

Could drivers please be vigilant with making sure that the interior light has been turned off before leaving the vehicle.

The car interior lights don't close down once the car has been turned off.

Once a call is received in the office, RAA will be contacted to attend to the vehicle.

It could be you caught, when you next get to use the vehicle.

Sunday 8th May

Time to remember the women in your life and the roles they play.

Also time to remember the ones we have lost.



RETIRING DRIVER

RICHARD FRENHAM

Richard Frensham started driving for Northern Passenger Transport in May 2012 in the Melrose area.

In this 4 year period Richard has travelled 7,885 kilometres and volunteered 158 hours. Richard has also volunteered for many other organisations and now it's time to move on with other commitments in his life.

We would like to thank Richard for his invaluable contribution as one of the Melrose drivers who made himself available for both local and Adelaide trips. We wish Richard all the best with his future endeavours.

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VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

Orroroo - 9am
20 May

Jamestown - 1pm
20 May

Quorn - 10.30am
23 May

Peterborough - 10:40am
20 May

Gladstone - 2:40pm
20 May

Melrose - 1.00pm
23 May

DRIVING AT NIGHT OR IN POOR VISIBILITY

Your driving speed at night should be adjusted to the range of your headlights. Drive so that you can stop well within the distance you can see to be clear ahead.

Do not look directly at oncoming headlights as you may be dazzled. Look at the left hand side of the road and drive well to the left. If you are dazzled slow down and if you cannot see, stop.

You can momentarily flash your headlights on high beam to indicate to another driver that you intend to overtake.

Keep your windscreen and lights clean.

Always dip your lights within 200 metres both when an oncoming vehicle is approaching you and when you are approaching the rear of another vehicle. It is an offence to use your lights in such a way that you dazzle other drivers.

Front or rear fog lights can also be used in fog or other hazardous weather conditions causing reduced visibility, but you must switch them off when visibility improves. (mylicence.sa.gov.au)



LOST PROPERTY

Could volunteer drivers please advise the office if they notice any items left in the cars, such as shoes, clothes, Jewellery glasses, walking sticks or clients paperwork.

There have been items left in several cars lately and the sooner they are reported the easier it is to work out who they may belong to.



SUPPORTING BODIES

Thank you to the following Councils and Government departments for the work and assistance throughout each year. We appreciate your support.



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Volunteers Week

9th –15th May

A big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers from the staff of NPTN.

We appreciate all your hard work.

FEE FOR SERVICE ENVELOPES

Some volunteers may have noticed that the Fee for Service envelopes are not very secure for coins. The coins have a tendency to fall out the top sides of the envelope.



If you are placing coins in the envelope could you please either staple or sticky tape the gaps where the coins can fall out.

FIGURES—MARCH

Trips:	49
Kilometres:	15,914
Hours:	316

“Volunteers don't get paid because their worthless, but because they're priceless.”