

NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Management Update

To the Management Committee and Volunteer Drivers, as you are aware the contract with the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) was signed by the District Council of Mount Remarkable on the 17th January 2017.

Council has received confirmation that NPTN will continue until June 2017 with an expected extension with a

variation to the agreement to June 2018.



Thank You Ros

A big thank you to Ros who had worked for Northern Passenger since March 2014 and finished on the 25th January 2017.

I'm sure you all join me in passing on our gratitude and appreciation to Ros and wish her well in her future endeavours.



Emergency Vehicles

It is an offence to obstruct a police or emergency vehicle with the warning siren sounding or displaying red and or blue flashing lights. You must move out of the path and give way to the emergency vehicle and provided a clear and uninterrupted passage.

You are allowed to disobey other road rules in order to move out of the way, but only if it's safe to do so.

Blocking or obstructing other road users is not only discourteous but potentially dangerous.



Seat Belts

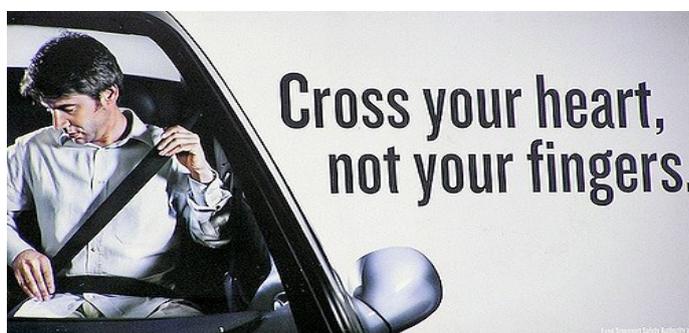
Wearing a seat belt can be a life or death situation—both for you and your passengers. Seatbelts must be worn even if your are only travelling a short distance because most road crashes happen close to home. For someone not wearing a seatbelt, a crash at 40km/per hour is like falling from a two storey building onto concrete.

By law, drivers must ensure that they and any other passenger in the vehicle are wearing their seatbelts, regardless of their age. However, passengers are still accountable, as both drivers and passengers aged 16 years and over can be fined if they fail to wear a seatbelt. Demerit points also apply.

A seatbelt will not work at all if it hasn't been correctly fastened.

Buckle up, and you double your chance of surviving a crash.

(for further information visit www.sa.gov.au/restraints)



Next Volunteer Meeting Dates

ORROROO

9am on Friday 17 March

PETERBOROUGH

10.40am on Friday 17 March

JAMESTOWN

1.00pm on Friday 17 March

GLADSTONE

2.40pm on Friday 17 March

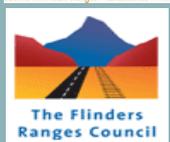
QUORN

10.30am on Monday 27 March

MELROSE

1.00pm on Monday 27 March

Supporting Bodies



Adelaide Cup

To be held 13th March 2017. Adelaide Cup was originated when a thoroughbred horse race was run in Adelaide in 1864 and was made an official State Public Holiday in 1973.

The office will be closed and no cars or buses will run on 13th March for the Cup. Take the time out and enjoy the day with family and friends.



FIGURES for January

Trips: 84 + 36 Carers
Kilometres: 7,207
Hours: 158.08

Broken Windscreens

Most modern vehicles are fitted with laminated glass, so a windscreen will only crack under impact. However, if the glass does shatter and you can't see, slow down and use another way to see ahead, such as opening the side window and looking out, gently put your foot on the brake to warn following traffic that you are about to stop and use your indicator and come to a stop slowly and carefully. Move off to the road as safely as you can.

Even if the windscreen has a large crack, notify the office and as the vehicle may be deflectable.

Use the mobile phone to take photo's all any incidents.

Call the Office on 8666 2255 and give full details of the incident. Report the damage and any injury to yourself and passengers, and take photo of the damage.

NPTN staff will organised the vehicle to be towed and send another vehicle for you and your passengers.

The staff will endeavour to contact the passengers appointment location and reschedule if necessary, and let any family members know of the delay.



Client Surveys

Northern Passenger has sent out yearly client survey forms to all car clients only. The responses were overwhelming with a 70% return.

We also received 30 individual comments from clients who use the service.

<p>GENDER 58.40% Female 31.85% Male 9.73% returned unanswered</p>	<p>RIGHTS 77.5% knew they had rights</p>
<p>AGES 26.54% over 85 years 34.5% between 75-85 years 25.8% between 65/74 years 4% between 55-64 years 4% between 45-54 years</p>	<p>FARES 84.95% agree a fare should be given 74.33% agree the fare is reasonable</p>
<p>SAFTEY CONCERNS 91.15% had no concerns 1.76 had minor concerns 84.95% believed their concerns would be listen too. 87.72% feel NPTN are reliable 5.42% feel NPTN are mostly reliable</p>	<p>COUNCIL REGIONS 30.97% Peterborough 27.43% Northern Areas 11.50% Mount Remarkable 8.84% Orroroo 8.84% Port Pirie 1.76% Flinders Ranges 1.76% Goyder</p>

A copy of the full report is available by email or post upon request.