



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Check Your Vehicle

All volunteer drivers are required to check the vehicle before and after each trip. It is essential that any damage even slight must be reported to the Office.

Please follow this up with a photo that can be emailed to NPTN for our records at nptn@mtr.sa.gov.au.

Many drivers continue to report all incidents but there are a few that need a gentle reminder.

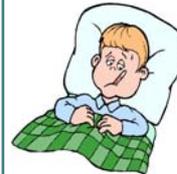
This is a work health and safety issue that must be reported, recounted and recorded.



The responsibility for maintaining vehicles to the standard that is expected is up to everyone.

Those On The Sick List

There are several volunteers on the sick list.



The staff of NPTN hope you are all feeling well soon.

Take time to recover, stay warm and keep

NPTN informed when you are ready to start driving again.

Keeping Within A Vehicle

You must not drive with any part of your body outside the vehicle, except:

- when giving a hand signal if the indicator is not functioning.

You must not allow any passenger in a vehicle you are driving to have any part of his or her body outside the vehicle.

Keep a watch on those that dangle their arm out the window or rest the elbow on the window ledge.

As drivers have full control of the vehicle and the windows can be locked.

It is a finable offence and dangerous.

Thank you to the Volunteer Driving Team

Winners of

“The Andamooka Community Project Award” 2018

Presented by

His Excellency the Honourable
Hieu Van Le

Governor of South Australia

on the 11th June

at the

Adelaide Festival Theatre.



FIGURES FOR MAY CAR TRIPS

Trips 201 with 44 carers Total 245
Total Kilometres: 17,669
Total Volunteer Hours: 354.35

FIGURES FOR MAY BUS TRIPS

Medical bus 57 with 218 carers Total 75
Social bus 169
Total bus bookings taken 244

MEETING DATES FOR JULY

July 20th

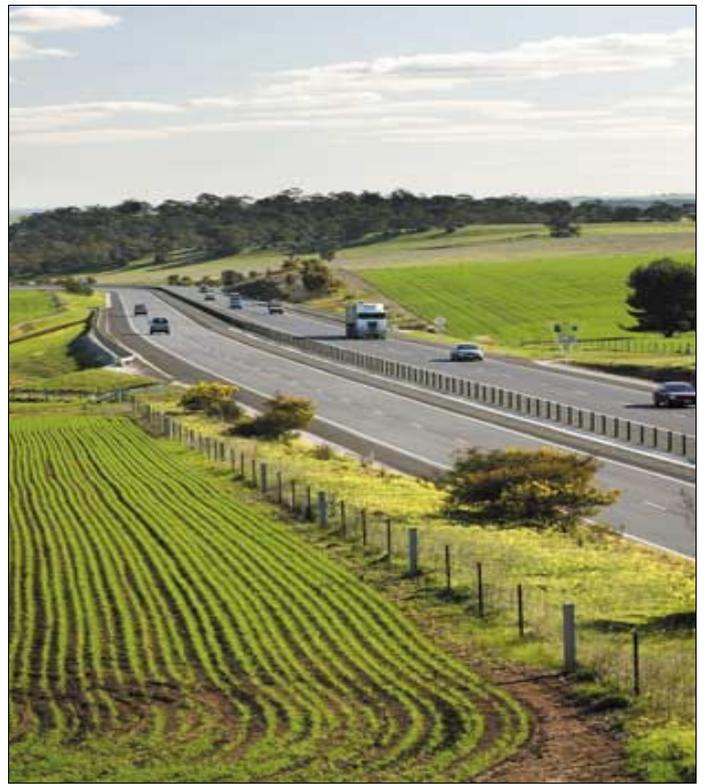
Orroroo 9.00am Orroroo Hospital Room
Peterborough 10.30am Peterborough Hospital
Jamestown 1.00pm Northern Area Council
Gladstone 2.30pm Anglican Church Gladstone

July 23rd

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

On A Freeway Or Highway

- The right lane must be kept for overtaking unless the road is congested, and you must move out of it when you can.
- Do not move out to overtake without first checking your rear view and side mirrors and signalling your intention.
- When changing lanes, give way to vehicles in other lanes.
- Look over your shoulder to check your blind spot (which is not covered by your mirrors) as a final check before changing lanes.
- Take care - traffic coming from behind may be moving faster than you think
- Maintain a safe distance from other vehicles at all times, but especially when overtaking.
- Watch for other vehicles merging at entry roads and adjust your speed if necessary. To help other vehicles enter the freeway/expressway, change lanes if it is safe.



Supporting Bodies



Care, Courtesy and Common Sense

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.

Flat Tyres

With regular tyres, a puncture generally means you lose steering control. It also puts you in added danger while changing the tyre on the roadside.

Notify the NPTN Office that you have a flat tyre and we can get RAA to change it or if you have changed the tyre yourself contact the office and a new tyre can be organised.



Driving on a flat tyre can cause the rim to ride on the tyre tread or the ground potentially resulting in loss of control of the vehicle .

Casual Office Staff Required

Northern Passenger Transport is looking for a Casual Office Assistant to work in the Melrose Office a few hours a week.

The right person must have good computer and phone skills and be willing to undertake a Police and Medical Screening.

