



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Client Surveys

In February our current client's have been sent out the yearly surveys with some quick responses received already.

The final results will be published in the May Newsletter.



Adelaide Cup

The public holiday for the Adelaide Cup will be held on the 11th March. The office will be closed and no bus or car bookings will be taken.

The Adelaide Cup horse race is a major sporting and social event in South Australia, and race day has been a public holiday since 1973.

Conducted by the South Australian Jockey Club, the Adelaide Cup is one of Australia's oldest races, first won by Falcon in 1864, making it only three years younger than the other great Australian horse race, Melbourne Cup.



New Staff

Welcome to Heather Graham from Booleroo Centre who has joined the staff at Northern Passenger Transport.

Heather has comes with a wealth of experience in admin.

Please introduce yourself and make her feel welcome.

My Aged Care

As part of the funding agreement with the Commonwealth Government, Northern Passenger Transport is encouraging all clients over the age of 65 to become registered with My Aged Care (MAC) This is for the Medical Bus and all Volunteer Car users.

If you have any enquiries from clients regarding MAC ask them to ring the office, for clarification.



Des McMahon



A big thank you to Des for all his endless volunteers hours of valuable driving the Jamestown Car.

With Des's driving skills and knowledge of surrounding towns and Adelaide made him a very much appreciated and respected volunteer driver by clients and fellow volunteers.

Des started driving in 2012 :-
Giving 1,110 Volunteer Hours
Driving 53,635 Kilometres

Northern Passenger Transport Staff would like to wish Des and Marie all the best for their future endeavours.

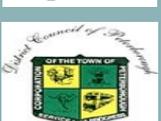
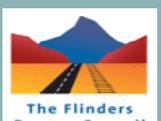


Thank you

Thank you to Janet Ridge (volunteer driver), and clients Margaret Rowe, Ashley Baty and Pam Baty for their time when interviewed by Michelle Etheridge from the Advertiser. This related to reduced services for regional, elderly and isolated residents and how its affect those without family or friends getting to much needed appointments.

The Advertiser
ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, MONDAY, JULY 29, 1996

Supporting Bodies



Roundabouts

A roundabout is an intersection with an island at its centre. When in a roundabout, you must always keep to the left of the centre island. Roundabouts will be marked with a Roundabout sign and can either be single-lane or multi-lane roundabouts.



When approaching a single-lane roundabout, you must decide which exit you want to leave by:

- if you intend to turn left (leave before you are half way round), you must give a change of direction signal to your left as you approach
- if you intend to turn right (leave after half way round), you must give a change of direction signal to your right as you approach
- if you intend to go straight on, you do not need to give a change of direction signal as you approach.

When approaching a multi-lane roundabout, you must:

- decide which exit you want to leave by
- position your vehicle in the correct lane before you reach the roundabout signal (left or right) if you intend turning at the roundabout.



At all times, you should signal with your indicators to let other drivers know your intentions. Immediately before leaving the roundabout (i.e. when passing the exit before your exit) you must signal with your left indicator, unless it is impracticable to do so. For example, the roundabout may be too small to allow your indicator to operate. This tells drivers waiting to enter the roundabout where you intend to exit.

Patient Assistance Transport Scheme (PATS)

Residents living in South Australia travelling over 100km's to a medical appointment may be eligible to claim PATS for transport reimbursements.

Eligibility is based not only on the distance travelled. But the client must be going to the closes specialist or refusal for the reimbursement.

Forms are available from clients, local doctor and must be filled out by their specialist.

For further information client can contact PATS on 1300 341 684.



Refilling the Car



If you get back late and the petrol outlets are closed and you can't fill the car up, let the office know. If the car is not needed the next day then you can fill the car the next morning. If the car is going out first thing the office can ring the next driver to warn them to check the fuel before they leave.

Log Sheets

Can all volunteers keep a watch out on the log sheets and when they start to build up can you post them into NPTN with the stamped address envelopes provided.
Let the office know if the cars are getting short of any supplies.

Figures for January Car Trips

Trips 186 with 26 carers Total 212
Total Kilometres: 16,630
Total Volunteer Hours: 359.62

Figures for January Bus Trips

Medical bus 51 with 12 carers Total 63
Social bus 147
Total bus bookings taken 210

Meeting Dates For March

Friday March 15th 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 March 25th 2019

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