



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

PO Box 169 Melrose. SA 5483
Ph. 8666 2255
nptn@mtr.sa.gov.au

September 2019



Buckle Up

Wearing a seatbelt doubles your chances of surviving a serious crash.

25% of all drivers and passengers killed and 6% of vehicle occupants seriously injured are not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash. Many of these deaths and injuries could have been prevented, or be less severe, if the people were wearing a seatbelt.



A restraint or seatbelt will not work at all if it hasn't been correctly fastened. Buckle up - and you double your chance of surviving a crash. The severity of injury received in crashes, especially injuries to the face and head, is significantly lower if occupants wear their seatbelts.

Wearing a seatbelt can be a life or death decision - both for you and your passengers. Seatbelts must be worn even if you are only travelling a short distance because most road crashes happen close to home. For someone not wearing a seatbelt, a crash at 40km/h is like falling from a two storey building onto concrete. Passengers not wearing seatbelts can kill or seriously injure others in the car if, for example, the driver has to brake suddenly.

By law, drivers must ensure that they and any other passenger in the vehicle are wearing their seatbelt, 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.



Smoke Free Zone



A reminder to all volunteers that the car is a smoke free zone.

All volunteers and clients must exit the vehicle before lighting up a cigarette.

19 Years But Who's Counting



Northern Passenger started it's 20th year on the 1st August 2019.

Time has flown by but there have been many people involved over the years who have made this an important part of the mid north for those with no transport options.

Thank you to everyone who have been involved from the volunteers, management committee and staff, who have helped this organisation achieve this milestone with the transporting of people to many and varied appointments locally, regionally and to Adelaide.

Receipts

As a volunteer for NPTN, you are expected to give your passenger a receipt for all monies paid. Even if the client doesn't want one, you can fill in a receipt and leave this in the receipt book.

District Council of Mount Remarkable
PO Box 94, Melrose, South Australia 5483
P: 8666 2255 • F: 08 8666 2169

Tax Invoice/Receipt 3204

DATE:

RECEIVED FROM:

AMOUNT OF \$:

FOR NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK FEE FOR SERVICE.

PAYMENT RECEIVED IN: Cash Cheque

DRIVER SIGNATURE:

PASSENGER SIGNATURE:

NO GST APPLIES FOR ANY 'FEE FOR SERVICE' PURCHASE

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



Supporting Bodies



Driver Distraction and Inattention

Driving is a complex task requiring coordination of a wide range of skills.

To anticipate and avoid hazards on the road, drivers must give their full attention at all times. Any lapse in concentration, or distraction away from driving, increases the risk of a crash.

Too often, drivers engage in activities that distract them from the driving task. These include using mobile phones, eating, drinking, smoking, conversing with passengers, using audio equipment, and responding to distractions caused by children or other passengers.

Avoid the temptation of doing other tasks and getting distracted while you are driving. Taking your eyes off the road even for just a few seconds can be fatal.



Confidentiality



While travelling with clients, confidential information may be raised regarding client's family or friends. This information should stop there and never be share with anyone else.

As drivers you have signed a Confidentiality Agreement stating all conversation must be kept confidential.

Contact the office on 8666 2255 if there is an issues regarding clients safety/welfare.

Fathers Day

Father's Day is celebrated worldwide to recognize the contribution that fathers and father figures make to the lives of their children and families across the world.

Australia celebrate Father's Day on the first Sunday of September.



Figures for July Car Trips

Trips 252 with 36carers Total 288
 Total Kilometres: 19,019 Km's
 Total Volunteer Hours: 417.4

Figures for July Bus Trips

Medical bus 50 with 18 carers Total 68
 Social bus 237
Total bus bookings taken 305

Meeting Dates For September

Friday September 20th 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 September 22nd 2019

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