



# NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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## Fee For Service

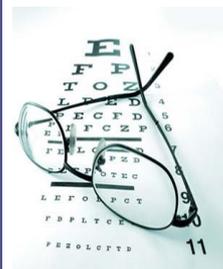
The Fee For Service Policy has been presented to the Management Committee at the February Management meeting for review.



There was a recommendation for a small increase to in our fare structure to cover clients travelling to Mount Barker for appointments.

This recommendations for change to the Fee Policy will now go to public Consultation and Council to be adopted as policy.

There is a visiting Optical Specialist who visits Jamestown and operates only a few times a year in Jamestown



For those clients needing regular appointment the specialised equipment is unavailable and clients are then required to travel to Mount Barker for further treatment.

## Easter 2018



Easter is fast approaching, and anticipated as the biggest and most travelled long weekend of the year.

For those people braving the roads over the Easter break please take care.

Please be advised that NPTN will be closed on Friday 30th March and reopen on the 3rd April over this Easter period.

## MEETING DATES FOR MARCH

### 16th March

Orroroo	9.00am
Peterborough	10.30am
Jamestown	1.00pm
Gladstone	2.30pm

### 26th March

Quorn	10.30am
Melrose	1.00pm

## Yearly Client reviews



All clients have been sent their yearly client surveys to help gauge client needs and for the network to evaluate the quality of service we provide.

Clients have also been requested to complete a renewal client registration form, to keeps our records current as per our funding agreement.

If there are any questions from clients regarding the surveys or registration forms please refer them to the office by phoning 08 8666 2255

## HANDY BAR

A reminder for volunteers to make themselves familiar with the Handy Bar found in the glove box in the NPTN cars. The Handy Bar has three uses, by helping the elderly or fragile to get out of the car without requiring assistance of the driver, and in emergencies, it can be used to break windows and cutting seat belts.

The clever design of the Handy Bar allows the handle to latch onto the side of the door by locking it into the striker on the door. This will take the weight of anyone leaning on the handle helping them to exit the vehicle.



To break the windows, a metal tip has been installed and a cutter in the handle which will cut the seat belt if ever there is a buckle malfunction.

## FIGURES for JANUARY CAR TRIPS

Trips 204 with 26 carers Total 220  
Total Kilometres: 15,461  
Total Volunteer Hours: 300.60

## FIGURES FOR JANUARY BUS TRIPS

Medical bus 58 with 8 carers Total 66  
Social bus 94  
Total bus bookings taken 160



## Blind Spots

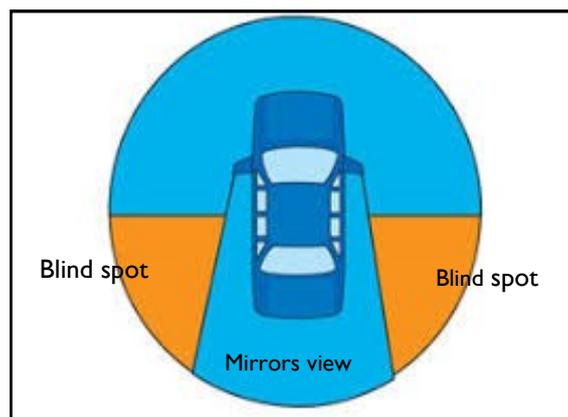
A blind spot is an area where our vision to the front, side or rear is blocked when driving, particularly areas to your side not covered by your mirrors

The picture below shows that you need a 360 degrees view (a full circle). This means that you need to look out of the windscreen and the side windows to see what is shaping up ahead and to the sides.

You also need to use your mirrors to see what is behind you. But your mirrors can't cover all of the view behind. You always have "blind spots" - areas not covered by your mirrors. To check your blind spots you need to turn your head and look out the side windows.

Blind spots will be different on each vehicle that you drive. Vehicle such as vans or trucks often have more blind spots than passenger cars.

Checking the blind spots with a head check is vital when you want to change lanes or when reversing.



## Driveway Safety



On average, seven children are killed each year and 60 seriously injured after being hit or run over by a motor vehicle in driveways as home.

Very young children are at greatest risk. 90% of children killed and 70% of those seriously injured are under five years of age.

The vehicle is usually only moving slowly and is often being driven by a parent, family member or friend.

Small children are naturally inquisitive and want to see what's going on. They can also move surprisingly quickly. In the time it takes for the driver to say goodbye and start the car, a child can move from a 'safe' position onto the driveway and into the path of the vehicle.

Small children can be impossible to see from inside a car, especially if they are immediately behind it.

The rear vision of a number of popular cars has been tested and results show that there is not a 'blind spot' but in fact a large 'blind space' behind most cars.

Be aware of your vehicle's blind zones and learn the best way to use the mirrors and any other reversing aids in your vehicle.

All our vehicles have reversing lights please use this tool provided and keep a watch out for children at all time.

