



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Maureen Jones Retired Volunteer

Maureen Jones became a founding member of Northern Passenger Volunteers for the Gladstone, Caltowie and Laura area in 2001. Maureen has always lead a busy life not only with volunteering but her many sporting achievements. Life was always hectic but she still found time for Northern Passenger.

Maureen has given 15 years of service driving locally with 376.68 hours and travelled 33,473 K's.

Maureen and her husband Jimmy are well know Gladstone residence who have worked diligently for their community and surrounding areas.

As volunteer drivers you all know the hours of commitment that is given and Maureen and her husband Jimmy as her secretary have given timeless hours and dedication to Northern Passenger .



Jim Nagel Retired Volunteer

THANK YOU



Jim Nagel joined Northern Passenger in May 2009, becoming an integral part of the Orroroo Volunteers working with a dedicated group of people providing volunteer transport to the Orroroo and surrounding areas. Jim has provided 941 volunteer hours travelling 54,393 k's taking people to wide range of appointments and locations.

Jim and his wife Lynn live at Morchard and both serve the wider community with many and varied volunteer roles. Lynn is also a valued member of Northern Passenger Committee.

Jim's dedication to Northern Passenger Transport has been very much appreciated by staff, clients and other volunteers.

A big thank you, is in order for the countless hours Jim has given to clients of Northern Passenger.

Kangaroo's



Visibility can to be poor anytime when, during insufficient daylight, unfavourable weather conditions or terrain making visibility less than 100metres. When driving at sunrise and sunset or in hazardous weather conditions, your vehicle's headlights, must be turned on.

Kangaroos are known traffic hazards. The reaction of the kangaroo is hard to predict when you see them, but more importantly it's the ones you don't see that add a massive risk. Kangaroos can come out of nowhere, putting you and your clients at risk and making your vehicle un-driveable.

Reduce speed at evening and early mornings to give yourself more stopping time, in particular around wooded areas and when visibility is reduced. Allow extra travel time when organising your transport for those early morning starts or late finishing trips.

Call the office and report any incidents and use the mobile phone to take photo's of any damage to yourself, passengers and vehicles.

Don't get out of your car and check on the injured Kangaroo remember an injured animal is a dangerous animal.

Volunteer Meeting Change of Date

ORROROO

9am on Friday 28 April

PETERBOROUGH

10.40am on Friday 28 April

JAMESTOWN

1.00pm on Friday 28 April

GLADSTONE

2.40pm on Friday 28 April

QUORN

10.30am on Monday 24 April

MELROSE

1.00pm on Monday 24 April

Easter Office Closure Public Holiday's

Good Friday 14th April
Easter Monday 17th April



Supporting Bodies



Figures for February

Car Bookings

Trips: 307+ 82 Carers
Total outputs 348 by car
Kilometres: 17,140
Hours: 362.70

Bus Bookings taken

Medical Bus: 70
Social Bus: 122

Refilling The Car

Request from other Volunteer drivers, when you use the car can you please fill it up! Even for those short trips. Leaving with only a half a tank or less is not helpful. Think of other drivers!



Remember our Diggers



25th April

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as Anzacs and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

Anzac Day, 25 April marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

The Australian and New Zealand forces landed at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915, meeting fierce resistance from the Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war, quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated from the peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships.

More than 8,000 Australian soldiers had died in the campaign. Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians, and the 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remember the sacrifice of those who died in the war.

Petrol in Jamestown

Now that Bridgestone's have changed location in Jamestown, the fuel station will remain open. Perry's and Sons are the owners of the fuel pumps and they have informed Northern Passenger that the petrol station will be open with business as usual.



Motor Pass fuel card will continued to used.

Disable Parking

Australian Disability Parking Permit is kept in each vehicle and when in use, must be displayed when the car is parked only, by hanging the permit from the rear vision mirror with the expiry date clearly visible from the exterior of the vehicle.



This permit gives you as the driver the permission to park for twice the time that is indicated on a parking sign. The permit can be used when parking at while waiting for clients at medical, and social appointments.

Many small towns are now displaying timed parking areas, please keep this in mind when parking locally. If as a driver you overstay your allotted parking time a fine would be incurred and will be sent to you for payment.

Never remove the permit from the vehicle, as they are difficult to replace, and store the permit flat. It is illegal to drive with the Disability Permit displayed it can also be a distraction to drivers.

Make sure you check the expiry date when using the disability parking permit and contact the office if you notice it's getting close to it's renewal date. Out of date disabled parking permits will incur a fine.

For more information Phone : 13 10 84
Service SA Customer Service Centre

Extra Client Stops

Many Volunteer Drivers are recording any stops that a client requests that were not previously known, but we need more information than just shopping or lunch we need the locations also. It's important for our records that all locations and address's are known not just why the client stops but where. This information is reflected on our Data Base Outputs.