



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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My Aged Care (MAC)

As part of our funding agreement with the Commonwealth and State Government all clients over 65 must be registered with MAC. A letter was sent out to all car clients in May asking for the clients to register with MAC.

There has been a resounding positive response with over 66% replying so far.

Retiring Driver Alan Hughes



Thank you to Alan Hughes who has retired from driving the Peterborough Car.

A true gentleman who treated everyone with respect regardless of their circumstances.

Alan started driving in 2013 and during that time travelled over 82,000 km's. His efforts for the Peterborough district were always appreciated by the clients who needed transport.

Alan made 572 volunteer trips. Spending 1, 576 volunteer hours.

A special mention to his wife Pam for supporting Alan over the years.



Be A Courteous Driver

Be patient and courteous to other road users, including bicycle riders and pedestrians.

Give them plenty of space especially when overtaking.

Don't take unnecessary risks and be mindful, they might not see you, until its too late.



Recruiting Volunteers in Peterborough



Cynthia and Lyn will be at the Rural Transaction Centre Peterborough on the 18th June starting at 9.00am trying to encourage more volunteers for Peterborough and districts.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in volunteer driving, ask them to phone the office on 8666 2255 for further information.

Keep a watchout, the recruitment drive team we will be coming to your town soon.

5 Second Rule



You must use your indicator at least 5 seconds before pulling away from a kerb and give way to all traffic.

Penalty: Failing to give a 5 second signal before moving from a stationary position will cost you \$317 and a \$60 Victim of Crime Levy and 2 demerit points.



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

Supporting Bodies



2019 Client Survey Results

Client's Age

Aged over 65 - 89.84%

Client Region

30.47% Peterborough Council
28.91% Northern Areas Council
11.72% Orroroo/Carrieton Council
10.94% Regional areas of the Port Pirie and District Council
10.16% District Council of Mount Remarkable
7.03% Flinders Ranges Council

Client's Usage

51.97% Rarely 1- 4 times a year
29.45% Occasionally 5-11 times a year
10.24% Often More than once a month
7.56% Used the service last year

Would you be able to access your appointments if there was no NPTN?

70.16% No
24.19% Yes

Do you feel the transport services provided by NPTN are reliable?

94.02% Yes
2.56% Mostly

The survey results were very positive with many clients completing the survey and responded with comments confirming the need for Northern Passenger Transport Network and its volunteers. A full report can be obtained by contacting the office on 86662255 or by email at nptn@sa.gov.au



Get Well Soon

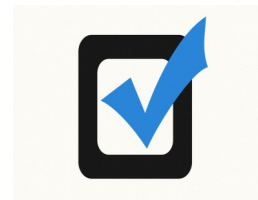


The staff of Northern Passenger would like to send a cheerio to those volunteers on the sick list, stay warm and we look forward to seeing you at the next volunteers meeting.



Screenings Checks

- All Volunteers must have a free Screening Check. This came into affect as from November 2018.
- The Department of Human Services (DHS) Screening Unit provides checks for volunteers and volunteer organisation contributing to creating a safe environment for vulnerable people for free.
- Northern Passenger can not accept any other Clearance. It must be a clearance produces by DHS.



Figures for April Car Trips

Trips 222 with 16 carers Total 238
Total Kilometres: 16,139
Total Volunteer Hours: 340.91

Figures for April Bus Trips

Medical bus 43 with 16 carers Total 59
Social bus 188
Total bus bookings taken 247

Meeting Dates For JUNE

Friday June 21st 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 June 23rd 2019

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