



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Management Update

Wayne Hart CEO of the District Council of Mount Remarkable, remains engaged with the Department for Community Services (DCSI) and the Minister Zoe Bettison MP, to look at the future of Northern Passenger and the changing environment with the Commonwealth Government and the introduction of the NDIS Scheme.



We would like to again thank the volunteer drivers for your continued encouragement and support.

Fee For Service

Thank you to the volunteers who have offered suggestions for updating the Fee for Service Policy. Many comments made were regarding the one-way trips and the current fee's not covering the fuel costs. Its still not to late, if you would like to make a comment regarding the current fee structure.

All suggestion will be considered and will be discussed at our next volunteers meeting.

The Policy will require impute and approval from the Management Committee and the taken to Council for approval before the existing policy can be changed.



Happy Mothers Day 14th May

M is the million things she gave me.
O means only that she's growing old.
T is for the tears she shed to save me.
H is for her heart of purest gold.
E is for her eyes, with love & light shining.
R means right, and right she'll always be.

Happy Mother's Day

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Incident Reporting

Please report any incidents no matter how minor to the Office.

This will require a near miss form being recorded but for work health and safety it's important to acknowledge the incident.

By reporting and recording all incidents this may help other drivers to have awareness and skills to avoid the same incidence.

Just a reminder to please inspect the car before and after usage and report any noticeable damage regardless of how slight.



Note Change of Volunteer Meeting Dates

Volunteer Meeting

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

Supporting Bodies



Driving At A Safe Distance

Keeping a safe following distance

This distance varies, depending on the speed you are travelling and your braking ability. The acceptable minimum distance, your vehicle will travel in three seconds, about eight or nine car lengths at 60 km/h



Time Lapse Formula

Allow three seconds to pass between the time when the rear of the vehicle ahead passes some stationary object, for example a signpost, and when the front of your vehicle reaches that point. To estimate that time, as the rear of the vehicle ahead passes the selected point, count... 1001, 1002, 1003 and your vehicle should not have reached that point before that time.

Often you may need more than three seconds. This includes:

When the road is wet or slippery

When visibility is poor

If conditions are dark

When you have a heavy load

When the road is unsealed.

Total Stopping Distance = Reaction Distance + Braking Distance

The braking distance increases if the road is wet, slippery, uneven or unsealed. The braking distance increases when going downhill because of the effect of gravity. The braking distance for heavy vehicles is much greater. Take care when passing in front of them.

The braking distance increases at a greater rate than the increase in the speed you are travelling - if your speed doubles, your braking distance will increase by four times (2 x 2); if your speed trebles, your braking distance will increase by nine times (or 3 x 3). For example, if your vehicle travels 20 metres in braking to a stop from 50 km/h, at 100 km/h it will take approximately 80 metres to come to a stop on the same road surface (i.e. 4 x 20 metres).

If you double the speed, you double the reaction distance.

Licence Renewals

If you have had your licence renewed in the last few months please, remember to supply the office with a copy for your records.

You can either post to the Office at PO Box 169 Melrose or hand to Lyn at



Figures for March

Car Bookings

Trips: 288+ 72 Carers

Total outputs:

360 by car

Kilometres: 18,608

Volunteer Hours: 401

Bus Bookings taken

Medical Bus:

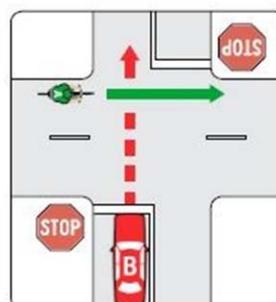
54 clients + 26 carers

Social Bus:

280 clients

Stop Sign

When approaching an intersection, with a stop sign you must stop your vehicle as near as practical to the sign, before entering the intersection and come to a complete stop. Give way to all other road uses including bicycles and pedestrians.



Driver B is stopping and giving way at a Stop sign to a bicycle coming from the left