



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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DRIVING IN WET WEATHER

With winter approaching, and wet slippery roads, the best defence is to slow down. This will keep traction between the road and your tyres. When it is wet, it takes 3 times the length to stop, so always keep your distance from the vehicle in front of you.

- ◆ The first rain after a long time will make the road considerably slippery and difficult to drive on.
- ◆ If there is a car in front of you drive in their tracks as it will give you extra traction on the road. Remember to leave a safe distance from you and vehicle in front.
- ◆ Avoid braking as much as possible. Initially, to reduce your speed, take your foot off the accelerator and then you can brake at a much slower speed.
- ◆ Aquaplaning is when water in front of the car builds up in front of your tyres quicker than the vehicle can push it out the way. This causes the tyres to rise up and allow a thin layer of water between your tyres and the road. This is a really dangerous situation as it is very easy to lose control. If you find yourself aquaplaning, the best thing to do is not to brake or turn suddenly. Ease your foot slowly off the accelerator until the car makes direct contact with the ground again then apply the brakes.
- ◆ If the rain becomes too heavy, stop and wait for the rain to ease. It is best if you are able to stop in a parking bay or rest area away from the road. If you have no other choice but to stop on the side of the road, pull off as much as possible, leave your headlights on and put your hazard lights on to notify other drivers you are on the verge of the road.



- ◆ If you have driven through standing water that is deep enough to get your brake shoes wet, dry them off by applying the brakes lightly, try this several times then continue.
- ◆ Slow down and allow extra time in getting to your location. Don't speed to make up time, if you are running late getting your client to their appointment, notify the office, they will contact the clients appointment location and explain the delay.

Cleaning Products

The office has a supply of sterilising product for the vehicles.

Please contact the office when you notice the supplies are getting low so they can be replaced.



FLAT BATTERIES

Change of season and dim lighting can result in flat batteries in the cars.

Could drivers please be vigilant with making sure that the interior light has been turned off before leaving the cars. The car interior lights dim down but don't turn off even after the key has been taken out.

The best way is to use the interior light when the car is stationary, and to open the door, and once the door is closed the light goes off.

It could be you get caught, when you next use the vehicle at 6.30am and it's cold and dark, because someone has left the light on.

Ring the RAA on 131311 and quote the rego number of the NPTN car and leave a message for the office regarding the situation.



Supporting Bodies



Personal Hygiene

How to Wash Your Hands

Application of Hand Sanitizer

Regular washing of hands with soap and water.

Make sure you wash your wrists to the tips of your fingers and in between your fingers.

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.

Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow or a tissue when coughing or sneezing.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Your hands touch many different surfaces which can carry many viruses. Use your hand sanitiser to help prevent picking up unwanted viruses.

Mother's Day 10th May 2020

Is a celebration honouring the influence of mothers across the world.



First Aid Boxes

It's that time again for the first-aid boxes to be checked and all items, missing, damaged or out of date will be replenished.

Thanks to the volunteers for completing these inspections.



Spending today complaining about yesterday, won't make tomorrow any better.

FIGURES FOR MARCH CAR TRIPS

Trips 125 including carers
Total Kilometres: 13,196
Total Volunteer Hours: 257.19

FIGURES FOR MARCH BUS BOOKINGS

Medical bus 64 including Carers
Social bus 159

VOLUNTEER MEETING

Face to face volunteer meetings cancelled until further notice.

Please phone the office with any inquiries on 8666 2255.