



# NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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**T**he agreement:

We are still unable to finalise the agreement as advice is being sought from the Department for Communities & Social Inclusion. The District Council of Mount Remarkable continues to seek clarification to ensure they enter into a suitable contract for all parties.



## Do you have an Email address?

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, then please advise the office of your address and we can add you to the mailing list.

Postage has now become costly and also a very slow way of receiving news. We do appreciate that not everyone has access to email and we will continue to post the newsletter to those who don't.



## Smoking in and around Cars

As per our policies and procedures, smoking while in the car is prohibited and preferably smokers should be more that 1 metre away from the car.



As a driver you must refuse the clients request to smoke. If they insist in smoking then NPTN will refuse to transport them.

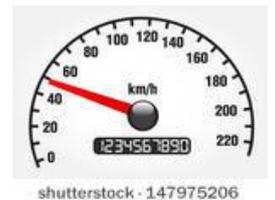
This is not discrimination in any form but protection of the service, drivers and other clients.



## Drivers Log Sheets

A reminder to all volunteers when completing your drivers log sheets for trips taken, that the kilometres and volunteer hours recorded are from the start of your journey to the end of your journey and not for the pickup and drop off kilometres and hours of the client.

This will give a correct record of the overall total kilometres driven and a correct record of your valuable hours.



## Driver Courtesy (Every day driving tips RACV)

Be courteous and share the road:

- Allow other drivers to merge or change lanes easily.
- Only use your horn as a warning sound and not out of frustration.
- Concentrate on your own driving rather than the behaviour of others.
- Don't gesture to other drivers or engage in arguments.
- Be forgiving of other drivers mistakes.
- Don't take your personal frustrations out on the road.

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“Volunteers don't get paid because their worthless, but because they're priceless.”

## VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

Orroroo - 9am  
16 September

Jamestown - 1pm  
16 September

Quorn - 10.30am  
26 September

Peterborough - 10:40am  
16 September

Gladstone - 2:40pm  
16 September

Melrose - 1.00pm  
26 September

### Thank You Card

We recently received a lovely thank you card from an Orroroo client wanting to pass on her thanks to all of the Orroroo drivers and for the work they do.

She was very appreciative of the assistance she received in getting her to appointments in Adelaide.

*Your work doesn't go unnoticed*

### Another Thank You

A client has moved out of our region due to ill health and has expressed her appreciation to Northern Passenger for the service and help over many years and a BIG thank you to the Gladstone and Laura Drivers.

### Royal Adelaide Show

For those drivers heading to Adelaide in September, keep in mind that the Show is on from the 2 to 11 September.



You may want to take an alternative route and avoid this area if possible. Be aware of the extra traffic and speed restrictions around the Parklands and Goodwood Road.



### New Safety Strategy for Railway Crossings

DPTI has launched an online survey seeking feedback on the newly-released draft Railway Crossing Safety Strategy.

It's part of a State Government review of level and pedestrian crossings throughout South Australia's rail network.

Go to the [Your Say](http://yoursay.sa.gov.au) website to read the Draft Railway Crossing Safety Strategy and have your say in the survey.

The survey only takes about five minutes, and closes at 5pm, Friday 9 September.

### 2016 Positive Ageing Expo

#### Free community event

When: Thursday 20 October

Where: Central Oval  
Augusta Terrace  
Port Augusta

Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm

NPTN Van is travelling to this event. The van only holds 11 people so bookings are essential. Ring the office on 8666 2255 NOW to book a seat.



### FIGURES—JULY

Trips:	48
Kilometres:	13,285
Hours:	290

### SUPPORTING BODIES

Thank you to the following Councils and Government departments for the work and assistance throughout each year. We appreciate your support.



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