



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Management Update



On the 17th January 2017 Under recommendation from Council the contract with the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion was signed by the CEO Wayne Hart of the District Council of Mount Remarkable.

This contract is to the 30th June 2017.

Dehydration

Dehydrated driving can be just as dangerous as drunk driving. A [recent study](#) found that mildly dehydrated drivers made as many errors, like lane drifting, late braking, or crossing over a rumble strip, as people who get behind the wheel with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent.

The lesson is simple: Hydrate before you drive and don't avoid drinking up before a long trip to avoid bathroom stops. Plain water is always a solid choice, but other options like soft drink, juice, tea, coffee and flavoured milk can do the trick too.

Remember to stop every two hours, take a drink and go for a walk to keep your concentration levels at maximum efficiency.



What is new for 2017

The Fee for Service Policy is currently under review. There will be an increase in the cost of a one way trip. At the moment a one way trip is half the cost but the vehicle is completing a Two-way trip.

We have received a few comments from Volunteer Drivers suggesting the current one-way fares are not covering the fuel costs and should be increased.

Once the recommendations for changes to the Fee for Service Policy, has been approved by Council, the up-dated Policy, will then go to Management for final approval and then volunteer drivers. Clients will be then notified in writing.

Next Volunteer Meeting Dates

ORROROO
9am on Friday 17 February

PETERBOROUGH
10.40am on Friday 17 February

JAMESTOWN
1.00pm on Friday 17 February

GLADSTONE
2.40pm on Friday 17 February

QUORN
10.30am on Monday 27 February

MELROSE
1.00pm on Monday 27 February

Client Surveys

Northern Passenger has sent out yearly Survey forms to all car clients. The responses will help generate any changes required to our service and determine the quality of service we are providing.

The results will be published in the March Newsletter.

Supporting Bodies



2016 Volunteers Christmas Lunch

The 2016 Volunteers Christmas Lunch was held at the Anglican Church Hall in Gladstone. A big thank you to Maurice & Bev Penn who set up the Hall and prepared and served a delicious buffet lunch.

The Mayor of Northern Areas Council, Denis Clark attended the lunch and presented 5, 10 and 15 year service awards.

The entertainment was quite a surprise package and kept everyone amused. There were some interesting anecdotes and a bell ringing performance which called for volunteers as shown below.



Thank you to all of those people who attended and participated in the festivities on the day.



Ted White 5 years
Jamestown



Peter Burt 15 years
Gladstone



Maureen Jones 15 years
Gladstone



Lyall Arthur 5 years
Melrose



Sue Prosser 10 years
Melrose

FIGURES for NOVEMBER

Trips: 52
Kilometres: 16,726
Hours: 339

FIGURES for DECEMBER

Trips: 86
Kilometres: 12,583
Hours: 258.41

Meeting Dates for 2017

**Orroroo, Jamestown,
Peterborough and
Gladstone**

Friday 17 February
Friday 17 March
Friday 21 April
Friday 19 May
Friday 16 June
Friday 21 July
Friday 18 August
Friday 15 September
Friday 20 October
Friday 17 November

**Quorn and
Melrose**

Monday 27 February
Monday 27 March
Monday 24 April
Monday 22 May
Monday 26 June
Monday 24 July
Monday 28 August
Monday 25 September
Monday 23 October
Monday 27 November



Garry Thompson 15 years
Quorn



John & Carol Ferguson Retirees