



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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After the heat wave we experienced in February, we hope you all managed to stay cool.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

With the Council elections occurring last year NPTN's new Management Committee representatives as per February Council meeting are:

Councillors:

Cr F Hardbottle - Peterborough

Cr G Lange - Northern Areas

Cr G Thompson - Flinders Ranges

Cr M Byerlee - Orroroo

Mayor S Wauchope - DCMR

Cr L Arthur (proxy) - DCMR

Peter Arnold – Port Pirie

Department of Communities and Social Inclusion:

Tina Eadsforth

Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure:

Michelle Spagnoletti

Mid North Health:

Julie Arthur

Community:

Lynn Nagel

Volunteer Driver:

Janet Ridge

“Thank you Helane”

We farewell a valuable staff Member of Northern Passenger.

Helane has been a treasured member of Northern Passenger for two years. Helane became the first trainee to stay on after completing her traineeship. Sadly for NPTN, she has taken up another position in Council. Helane is now the face you first see when coming into the District Council of Mount Remarkable.

I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Helane, the best on her promotion. Helane has been a breath of fresh air and will be sorely missed by the volunteers and clients. Her valuable contributions and enthusiasm has not gone unnoticed.

To Volunteers, “I would like to thank each and every one of you (even to those who are no longer volunteer for NPTN) for your patience and perseverance over the past couple of years.

You as Volunteers have provided me with a great experience, to work with such a dedicated team. I have learnt many things from all of you and plan to continue to grow in another area of Council.

Thank you and I am sure I will see you when you drop into the office.” Helane

WELCOME ROS

For all of the volunteers who have spoken to Ros over the last 12 months, you will be pleased to hear that Ros has agreed to take up a four days a week position with NPTN. I am sure you will all welcome her into the office and will look forward to speaking with Ros in the future.



FIRST AID KIT

Recently, we have reviewed a first aid box for one of the vehicles and discovered, there were quite a few used items.

We ask that any driver who uses something out of the kit, to notify the office so it can be replaced as soon as possible.

The First Aid kits are there as a Work Health Safety item for you. Please be mindful of keeping the kit up-to-date.



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Volunteer Meetings

Orroroo - 9am
20 March

Jamestown - 1pm
20 March

Quorn - 10:30am
23 March

Peterborough - 10:40am
20 March

Gladstone - 2:30pm
20 March

Melrose - 1pm
23 March

MEDICAL BUS EXTENSION

This information is for you as volunteers to be aware of. The extension to the Port Pirie Medical bus service started on the 1st of January. The Tuesday medical bus is now leaving Peterborough at 5.00am every Tuesday, going through Jamestown, Gladstone and arriving in Port Pirie 6.45am and Crystal Brook at 7.30am.

The first appointment for the day is 10.30am and the last appointment is 1.30pm, Allowing time for the bus to leave by 2.30pm.

The medical bus is available for anyone with a medical appointment. The maximum fare is \$50.00 return with carers travelling free. It's a door to door service, air-condition and disabled access.

Brochures are available from this office and can be emailed.



HACC QUALITY REVIEW

This year, NPTN is due for their 3 yearly HACC (Home and Community Care) Review.

You may remember NPTN being involved with a review about this time last year for DCSI. This is a very similar review process, held over two days

The reason we go through these reviews is for the funding bodies to check for Effective management of volunteers, clients, policies, procedures and resources.

Many interviews will take place with clients, volunteers, staff and management checking that all are being managed in a correct manner.

'IT'S HOT'

This is a friendly reminder for all volunteers to take cool water with you. Please remember to drink the water and don't dehydrate. It's easy to forget when travelling in air-conditioned cars.

We are asking all drivers to ask your passengers to wait inside an air conditioned facility while waiting for the driver to return. This is a best practice that should be followed making it less stressful on both client and volunteer.

Even though the outside air temperature is very hot, still have the air vents open to allow fresh supply of oxygen.

Closing of the air-vents can cause drowsiness and eventually may cause an accident.

WEATHER WARNINGS

All drivers are reminded to call and report directly, to the office on days of Severe Extreme weather warnings.

Days of Catastrophic Fire Danger Ratings the Cars **will not run.**



FIGURES—JANUARY

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| Trips: | 447 |
| Kilometres: | 14755 |
| Hours: | 298 |



SUPPORTING BODIES

Thank you to the following Councils and Government departments for the work and assistance throughout each and every year. We appreciate it!



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