



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Well it looks like another year is almost finished and I think there must be something true about the saying that the older we get the quicker the years go!

Office Closure

The NPTN office will be closed from 12pm on Friday 23 December 2016 and will reopen at 9.00am on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

We will also try to take minimal bookings for the cars from 19 December to 9 January as we appreciate that everyone needs a rest and time to spend with family and friends.

The Port Pirie Bus Service which runs buses from Peterborough and surrounding towns to Pt Pirie and Pt Augusta will close from the end of Friday 23 December and recommence on Monday 9 January.



Approved Policies

The District Council of Mount Remarkable approved the following two policies for Northern Passenger Transport at its October Meeting:

- ◆ Fire Policy
- ◆ Volunteers Meal Allowance Policy

These policies are available for anyone who would like to have a look at them, please ring Lyn on 8666 2255 or email lyn@mtr.sa.gov.au if you would like a copy.

New Royal Adelaide Hospital

There will be parking for 600 visitors & patients.

It is yet to be determined if our free parking passes will be able to be used at the new hospital. NPTN is waiting for confirmation and will let all Volunteers know of the outcome.



FIGURES—OCTOBER

Trips:	38
Kilometres:	11,572
Hours:	258

NPTN Management Committee

The NPTN Management Committee would like to welcome two new members.

At the District Council of Mount Remarkable's Ordinary Meeting held 18 October 2016, Council reviewed its Section 41 Committees and appointed the following committee members to the Northern Passenger Transport Network Management Committee:

- ◆ Mayor Colin Nottle - Chair
- ◆ Cr Lyall Arthur

We would like to thank Sandy Wauchope for her time on the Management Committee and her contribution to NPTN during this period.

Fire Warnings

Just a reminder to all volunteers that the vehicles will not run on days where a Catastrophic fire warning has been announced by the CFS.

On days of Extreme and Severe fire danger the cars will run, but under strict procedures as set out in the Fire Policy Guidelines.

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Volunteer Meetings

Please note that there will be no Volunteer Meetings held for the remainder of 2016. Could volunteer drivers please post in any receipts for reimbursement as well as log sheets on a regular basis.

Lyn's Christmas Message

My gratitude goes out to the Volunteers and Staff of Northern Passenger Transport, who continue to work and support this ever evolving organisation.

Your hard work and dedication to the community is noticed by our participating Councils, other Government Services, the Health Professionals, Community Workers, Clients and other volunteer organisations.

You provide outstanding work to those who need the service.

Words of thanks is often passed on to the office staff through cards, letters, emails and phone calls, telling us what a valuable service you, as volunteers you provide. Many comments are received as to how important this service is to

those who cannot drive, have no family or have limited licences, in getting people to their much needed appointments. Those that have lost loved ones, contact us thanking us for their support through difficult times.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with this remarkable group of individuals that make up the Northern Passenger Transport Volunteers.

A combined effort of kilometres driven by all volunteers was 173,157 km's with 3,3562.25 volunteer hours.

The future of NPTN is still under negotiation and we wait with anticipation for 2017.

Christmas Greetings to you and your family and thank you.

Merry Christmas Lyn



“Volunteers don't get paid because their worthless, but because they're price-”

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