



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Procedures for Volunteer Drivers

We are taking every measure possible to protect clients, volunteers and our community. This includes social distancing and hand hygiene as this significantly lowers the risk of transmission.

At this stage Northern Passenger Transport Network is continuing to operate in serving the community.

If any there are any changes to operational requirements all volunteers will be notified by phone.



1. Personal hygiene is of the utmost importance for everyone. Use soap and water and washing hands thoroughly for 20 seconds.

2. There are multi-purpose surface disinfecting wipes in each vehicle to be used by volunteers every time you enter and exit the vehicle. Making sure that where the client sits is also wipe down and include door handles, dash, middle console, steering wheel, glove box, gear stick and all other surfaces that may be touched. There are rubbish bags in each vehicle for disposal of used wipes and please take the rubbish bag with you and dispose of, in a bin after each trip.

3. All clients will be told when booking that they also must use the disinfecting wipes provided.

4. Small packets of tissues are available in the car to give out to clients and also give a zip lock bag for disposal of tissues, ask the client to take with them when leaving the vehicle.

5. Drivers are not to enter a hospital or medical centres to reduce contamination.

6. Staff are asking all clients and volunteers to take a packed lunch for those long trips.

7. Asking all clients to sit in the back seat to create a distance between driver and client.

8. We have cancelled or postponed any non-critical social functions.

9. All recommendations from the State and Federal Health and Governments are being adhered to or surpassed to keep our fleet of vehicles operating.

10. Any client with a cough or cold will be refused transport and asked to rebook at a later date.



Any question regarding the transporting client please ring the office on Ph: 8666 2255

Flu Injections

The influenza vaccination will be available in most medical centres as from the 1 May 2020.

It is highly recommended to check with your medical centres and book your flu shot early.

For those over 65 it's free.

For those with a Chronic Disease eg diabetic, heart, asthma etc. it's free.



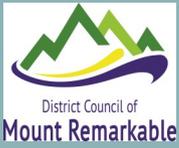
Cancellations

Just to make all volunteers aware that due to the Coronavirus we are experiencing a unusual lot of last minute cancellations by clients and medical staff.

Thank you for your understanding



Supporting Bodies



ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.



ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps



Join all of Australia in remembering the men and women who fought and died for our country.

We Will Remember them!

Unwanted Animal Hair

Animal hair which is attached to clients clothing sticks to the car seats. This is unsightly and sticks to the next persons clothes when they use our vehicle.

Not only is this unpleasant for the next client but could also cause a asthma attack, if the client is allergic to animal hair.

Could all DRIVERS please vacuum the car and not wait for the cleaner or the next driver to do the vacuuming?

NO SMOKING

Smoking in or around the vehicle in not permitted



Port Wakefield Road Up Grade

Work has started on Port Wakefield Road with a large section with speed reductions in place with one lane each way open only for about 20 km's.

If you are using this road take into consideration that there could be time delays and factor extra time for the trips.



Easter



Easter is fast approaching, so for those people braving the roads over the Easter break please take care.

Please be advised that NPTN will be closed on Friday 10th April and Monday 13th April over this Easter period.

Be mindful of your personal safety and keeping your distance with social gatherings.

FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY CAR TRIPS

Trips 206 including carers
Total Kilometres: 12,140
Total Volunteer Hours: 250.88

FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY BUS BOOKINGS

Medical bus 78 including Carers
Social bus 186

VOLUNTEER MEETING DATES & TIMES

April 17th
Orroroo 9.00am Hospital Meeting Room
Peterborough 10.30am Hospital Meeting Room
Jamestown 1.00pm Council Chambers
Gladstone 2.30pm Anglican Church Hall

April 27th
Quorn 10.30am Council Chambers
Melrose 1.00pm Council Chambers