



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Management Update

The contract with the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion has been confirmed to July 2018.

Fee for Service

Fee for Service payments have increased and new charges will come into affect as from the 1st July 2017.

All clients will be sent information regarding increases and notified at the time of booking.

The Fee for Service Guidelines will be available in all vehicle and available form the office upon request.

Drivers Duty of Care

When in charge of a vehicle please remember our passengers reaction time is much slower than ours and their safety is your responsibility.

- Drive within the speed limit.
- Maintain a safe distance from other vehicle.
- Try to avoid braking suddenly.
- Do not move the vehicle until all passengers are safely seated and seatbelts are fastened.
- When organising your next transport trip, allow extra time for refreshment breaks.
- If you are running late for an appointment, please advise the office, who will notify the client.
- Under no circumstances should you speed to collect a client.
- Your safety and the clients safety is always your first priority.



First Aid Boxes

First Aid boxes are in all vehicles and have had the yearly inspection completed.

Thank you to those volunteers who had completed this arduous task, due to the difficulty when looking for the out of date items with the small print.

There is a note pad in the box to write down anything used, please advise the office when anything is used, so we can refresh with supplies as soon as possible.

Please contact the office for replacement of any sick bags.



Patient Assistance Transport Scheme

All residents living in South Australia traveling over 100km's to medical appointments are eligible to claim PATS for transport reimbursements.

Eligibility is based on distance travelled and seeing the closest specialist.

Forms are available for your local doctor.

For further information contact PATS on 1300 341 684 or

Volunteer Meeting

ORROROO
9am on Friday 21 July

PETERBOROUGH
10.40am on Friday 21 July

JAMESTOWN
1.00pm on Friday 21 July

GLADSTONE
2.40pm on Friday 21 July

QUORN
10.30am on Monday
24 July

MELROSE
1.00pm on Monday 24 July

Supporting Bodies



Twilight Time

As winter approaches and the daylight dims in the late afternoon, its easy to use the interior lights for completing the log sheets and leave them switched on.

When the vehicle is locked and you walk away the interior lights still shines. The locked vehicle will not turn the interior lights off, only dim them, continuing to drain the battery. The following morning, a flat battery.

A good tip when needing a light for filling out paperwork, is to open the door and the interior light will come on and go off when the door is closed.

Last week one of the volunteer drivers left the interior light on, after a clients long appointment, came out to find a flat battery. The RAA was called and due to the availability and time delay, it was an hour later before the vehicle was ready to leave.

Be vigilant when parking the car and keep in mind the next driver to use the vehicle and make sure the interior lights are OFF.

If a flat battery occurs, contact the office as soon as possible in-case clients appointments need rearranging.



No Parking

You must not park your vehicle in an area where a 'No Parking' sign applies. unless: You are dropping off or picking up a passenger.



Never leave the Vehicle unattended.

Cheap Overnight Accommodation

You may be eligible for cheap Adelaide overnight accommodation for medical clients. Enquiries though OASIS Care Works on (08) 8234 5802 with accommodation at Brighton, Colonel Light Gardens and Clearview. Cost is \$40.00 per person per night for those who claim PATS.

Sharing the Road

Nearly one in every ten road deaths in South Australia is a pedestrian. In addition to fatalities there are on average over 100 pedestrians seriously injured and 330 pedestrians who receive minor injuries each year.

Drivers must give way to pedestrians on the footpath when entering or leaving a driveway or other road related area. If a driver is turning left or right, the driver must give way to any pedestrians at or near the intersection on the road, or part of the road the driver is entering.



Under the law, mobility scooter users travelling under 10km/h are pedestrians.

Drivers should slow down where there is a high amount of pedestrian activity and remember that children, older pedestrians, and those with disabilities may need extra time to cross a road.

Figures for May

Car Bookings

Trips:

Total outputs:

by car

Kilometres:

Volunteer Hours:

Bus Bookings taken

Medical Bus:

69clients + 27carers

Social Bus:

185clients