



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Change of Address

You must notify the Registrar of Motor Vehicles within 14 days if you have changed your residential or postal address.

You can do this by :

- Writing to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles
GPO Box 1533, Adelaide SA 5001
- Telephoning 131084
- Going to www.ezyreg.sa.gov.au
- Visit Services SA Customer Service Centres

Please notify NPTN of new address. An up-to-date Copy of your drivers licence is required at all times.

Yearly Client Surveys

Starting the 1st February all current car clients were sent the yearly client surveys.

At present we have received over 62% returned.

NPTN will publish the results in the May volunteer newsletter.



All very positive comments received, with many comments regarding the volunteer drivers and the appreciation of the service for those who have no other form of transport.

Head-on Crashes

Head-on crashes on country roads can have devastating results. To reduce the risk of a crash, it is better to choose larger gaps in the on-coming traffic or wait until an overtaking lane becomes available, or, not overtake at all. Arriving 10 minutes late is better than not arriving at all.

Before attempting to overtake on a country road, ask yourself whether it is really necessary as you may not be saving much in travel time. Always check your mirrors and over your right shoulder for vehicles behind you, before signalling and then overtaking, but hold back if you cannot clearly see if there is enough space ahead. Marked overtaking lanes on country highways provide safe ways to overtake.

When using these lanes, you must always drive in the left lane unless you are overtaking.



Never overtake on a solid white line or double white lines. These have been specially designed to indicate there is a problem and visibility is limited. It could be either a bend in the road, approaching a crest, or dip in the road.

Beside putting yourself and others at risk, breaking the speed limit while overtaking is a finable offence and will cost you demerit points and money.

FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY CAR TRIPS

Trips 244 with 72 carers Total 316
Total Kilometres: 15,721
Total Volunteer Hours: 305.30

FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY BUS TRIPS

Medical bus 70 with 21 carers Total 91
Social bus 141
Total bus bookings taken 160

MEETING DATES FOR APRIL

20th April

Orroroo	Cancelled
Peterborough	Cancelled
Jamestown	Cancelled
Gladstone	Cancelled

23rd April

Quorn	10.30am
Melrose	1.00pm

Supporting Bodies



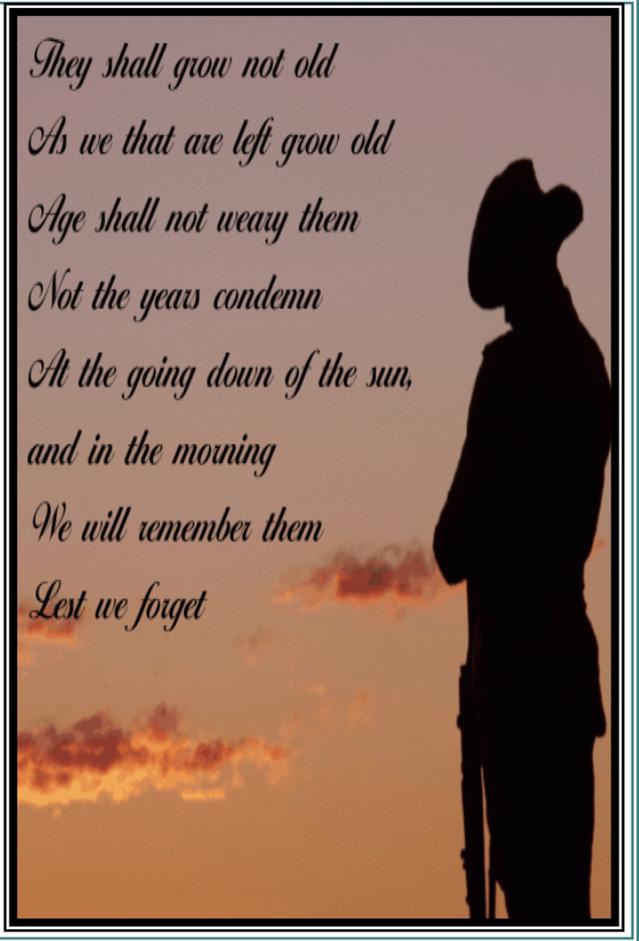
ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations, and the contribution and suffering of all those who have served.

Observed on 25 April each year, Anzac Day was originally devised to honour the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) who fought at Gallipoli against the Ottoman Empire during World War I.

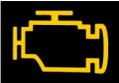


LESS WE FORGET



*They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them
Not the years condemn
At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning
We will remember them
Lest we forget*

Car Warning Lights

	Oil Pressure
	Battery
	Brake Light
	Engine Light
	Temperature
	Car Service now due

Dash board warning lights, which is usually accompanied by a persistent beeping sound. By taking notice of the warning devices, this can keep you safe on the road and help to avoid long delayed breakdowns.

If you can, find a safe place to pull over – off the road or in the emergency breakdown lane. Try to keep off the central median strip. Park as far left as possible to maximize the space between your car and the traffic. Turn you hazard lights on.

Parking lights are also a good idea if it's dark or there is poor visibility.

Call the NPTN office as soon as possible and wait for instructions.

All cars are registered with RAA .

Have Your Eyes Checked

Poor vision makes you respond slowly to signals, signs and traffic events. Decline in the ability to see details comes naturally with age. This makes night driving especially difficult. Older drivers do not recover from glare as quickly as younger drivers. 85-95% of all sensing information in driving come through your eyes.



Have your eyes checked regularly.

Protection of Roads

If you cause any damage to a road surface, bridge or traffic control device, you are required, as soon as practicable, to advise the Police or the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure of the damage.