



NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Well Autumn has arrived along with the end of daylight savings. Hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather and the brighter mornings.

EATING IN CARS

Drivers are reminded that there is to be no eating in the car, a bottle of water is all that is acceptable.

All drivers are required to stop for a rest break every 2 hours giving ample opportunity for food or snacks to be consumed outside of the car.

If drivers could adhere to this policy for all clients so that there is consistency across the board that would be appreciated.

Drivers have the right to insist that passenger don't eat in the car.



FUNDING AGREEMENT

The Department for Communities and Social Inclusion have advised the funding agreement is progressing.

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps

What is 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.

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

"LEST WE FORGET"

FIGURES—FEBRUARY

Trips:	53
Kilometres:	14,512
Hours:	302

FIRST AID TRAINING

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Northern Passenger Transport are looking at holding First Aid Training later in the year.

Anyone willing to participate and receive a 3 year certificate on completion, can please advise Ros or Lyn if you are interested.

Lunch will be provided.

Will need 15 people to run the course

More information will be available once numbers are confirmed.



Another issue is animal hair attracted to clients clothing and sticking to car seats .

Could all DRIVERS please vacuum any unsightly mess before returning the car.
Thank you



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VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

Orroroo - 9am
15 April

Peterborough - 10:40am
15 April

Jamestown - 1pm
15 April

Gladstone - 2:40pm
15 April

Quorn - There will be no
April Meeting

Melrose - There will be no
April Meeting

DRIVER DISTRACTION & INATTENTION

Inattention or distraction are reported to be a contributing factor for nearly a third of fatal crashes and 44% of serious crashes per year in South Australia.



Driving is a complex task requiring coordination of a wide range of skills. To anticipate and avoid hazards on the road, drivers must give their full attention at all times. Any lapse in concentration (inattention), or distraction away from driving, increases the risk of a crash.

Too often, drivers engage in activities that distract them from the driving task. These include using mobile phones, smoking, conversing with passengers, using audio equipment, and responding to distractions caused by passengers. There are also distractions outside the vehicle, such as roadside

advertising that can take the drivers' attention away from the road.

Distraction is an issue in both country and metropolitan areas, for all age ranges and for both males and females. Research shows that distractions can cause:

- drivers straddling or overlapping lanes on a multi-lane road, or veering across the road
- drivers driving inconsistently, speeding up or slowing down without apparent reason
- difficulty in maintaining appropriate following distances from vehicles in front (tailgating)
- lower awareness of safe gaps in traffic
- slower reaction times and hence heightened crash risk impairment of the driver's judgement.

BAD BODY ODOUR

One of the most difficult issues, is client body odour. Due to numerous people being allergic to car deodorisers and sprays these cannot be used. The best and only solution is not use the air conditioner, instead put the windows down and when the trip is completed leave the windows down for as long as possible.

Report the incident to the office. This is a delicate problem and the office will endeavour to make contact with client, carer or outreach worker before next request for transport and try to eliminate this problem.

If all else fails then the client can be refused transport until the problem is fixed.

ITS OK TO SAY NO

Some clients may ask for extra stops to different locations that have not been organised, like shopping to various stores etc. Please say no! This makes it harder for the next driver who may not have time for any extra running around and feel the pressure to do so. You can let clients know that if they need to go to other shops or locations that this is allowed, they just need to advise the office at the time of the booking.

SUPPORTING BODIES

Thank you to the following Councils and Government departments for the work and assistance throughout each year. We appreciate your support.



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