

Ms Mary-Anne Thomas MP Minister for Regional Development Minister for Agriculture



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HELPING MORE SENIORS EXPLORE VICTORIA

Having a holiday just got easier for older Victorians with a further 10,000 vouchers awarded as part of the popular Seniors Travel Voucher scheme.

The vouchers will be distributed to eligible seniors who have previously applied through the ballot – creating more opportunities to travel and enjoy all Victoria has to offer.

The Victorian and Seniors Travel Voucher Scheme provides vouchers to encourage people to travel around Victoria. The eligible travel period for the vouchers commenced on Friday, 8 April, and will run through until Friday, 27 May. Vouchers can be used for accommodation, tours and experiences across the state.

Previous rounds of the Travel Voucher Scheme generated significant economic benefits, with more than \$159 million already spent on travel and activities in Victoria.

The \$60 million Victorian Dining and Entertainment Program allows Victorians to claim 25 per cent rebates when they spend at least \$40 on entertainment any day of the week, anywhere in the state. The rebate can also be claimed for meals from Monday to Thursday anywhere in Victoria except the City of Melbourne municipality.

Since the program launched, there have been more than 83,000 successful claims for dining and 47,000 successful claims for entertainment.

For more information on the Dining and Entertainment Program and Travel Voucher Schemes, go to vic.gov.au/business-stimulus-package.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas

"Victorians have embraced the travel vouchers and the dining and entertainment programs, demonstrating that people are ready to get back to experiencing the best our state has to offer."

"It's terrific that more Victorians have been able to access more travel vouchers – with plenty of places in regional Victoria and the city to explore."

"The Travel Voucher Scheme has supported jobs in the tourism, hospitality and events sectors across Victoria by encouraging more people to travel."

Quote attributable to Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Anthony Carbines

"Even more Victorian seniors will benefit from exclusive access to travel vouchers, which will provide discounts to accommodation and attractions across the state."

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