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EIGHT DAYS OF FREE TRAVEL FOR VICTORIAN SENIORS

The Allan Labor Government is delivering eight days of free public transport to Victorian Seniors Card holders to explore thousands of Seniors Festival events this October – ahead of introducing extended free public transport on weekends across the state for more than 650,000 seniors from next year.

Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams today announced seniors from across the state can take advantage of free public transport travel from Sunday, 5 October until Sunday, 12 October.

The free travel applies for all forms of public transport, including trains, trams, buses and coach services across metro and regional areas.

Seniors Card holders will need to carry their card while travelling, and touch on and off with their seniors myki as usual – but no fare will be charged. On non-myki services, seniors can simply show their Seniors Card to the conductor or bus driver.

This initiative is in addition to the Labor Government extending free weekend travel to be statewide for more than 650,000 Victorian Seniors Card holders from 1 January 2026 – allowing them to catch a train, tram or bus statewide at no cost and making it easier to stay connected with family, friends and the community.

Now in its 43rd year, the Victorian Seniors Festival runs in the month of October and will feature more than 3,000 free or low-cost events and activities across the state.

This year's theme – 'Connect, Create, Celebrate' – encourages older Victorians to build social connections, discover new interests and embrace positive ageing.

From Country Concerts and Songs of Judy Garland to ACMI Seniors Film Festival, abseiling in Mount Buffalo and an 1800s themed walking tour – this year's festival offers something for everyone.

Seniors Card holders are also encouraged to utilise the free transport to attend the annual Celebration Day at Federation Square on Sunday, 5 October which will see the precinct come to life with a variety of entertainment including line dancing, a mass ukulele play along and tai chi.

For more information on the eight days of free public transport and the Victorian Seniors Festival events, visit seniorsonline.vic.gov.au.

Quote attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

"With free trains, trams, bus and coach services – we are making it simple for Seniors to get on board and enjoy both the sights and festivities our state has to offer over the course of the Seniors Festival."

"And from next year, free travel on weekends will mean Victorian Seniors Card holders can head out and about wherever they like – at no cost."

Quotes attributable to Acting Minister for Ageing Mary-Anne Thomas

"Eight days of free public transport makes it easier than ever for older Victorians to get out, connect with others and make the most of everything the Victorian Seniors Festival has to offer this October."

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