

Media Release

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FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR GIPPSLAND LINE PASSENGERS

The Allan Labor Government is saying thank you to passengers along the Gippsland Line with free travel throughout November – celebrating the completion of the Gippsland Line Upgrade.

Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams today visited Traralgon Station to announce that public transport will be free for passengers starting their journey at any station on the Gippsland Line between Nar Nar Goon and Bairnsdale.

Passengers travelling from stations between Nar Nar Goon and Traralgon will be able to collect a Gippsland free travel voucher from station staff, or a Conductor onboard the train instead of tapping on with their myki.

Passengers boarding between Rosedale and Bairnsdale can collect a free V/Line ticket from station staff when boarding or book over the phone.

Passengers starting or finishing their trip on a coach or local bus will also travel for free across the network – with connecting services included as part of the Gippsland free travel offer.

The voucher will give passengers free travel all day across the whole of Victoria’s public transport network, including onward journeys on trains, trams, buses and V/Line coaches.

Passengers are already enjoying more services, better reliability and upgraded stations thanks to the Gippsland Line Upgrade – which was jointly funded by the Albanese and Allan Labor Governments.

The Gippsland Line Upgrade delivered major improvements to the Traralgon and Bairnsdale lines, including new train control systems, rebuilt and expanded platforms at Morwell and Traralgon, upgraded stations at Bunyip and Longwarry – enabling more than 80 extra weekly services with a more frequent timetable across Gippsland.

This includes 14 on Saturdays and 18 on Sundays, and more than 1,100 extra weekly bus services across 13 routes connecting to stations, giving Gippsland locals more choice, flexibility and frequency than ever before.

The Labor Government’s regional fare cap has already transformed the way Victorians travel, with more than 62 million train trips taken and more than \$162 million saved since it was introduced.

The Labor Government is also making every tram, train and bus across Victoria free every weekend from early December until 1 February 2026 to celebrate the opening of the Metro Tunnel – and from 1 January 2026, public transport will be free for every child under 18, saving families up to \$755 a year per child.

For more info on free travel for Gippsland residents in November, visit transport.vic.gov.au/free-travel-gippsland.

Quote attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

“Free travel on the Gippsland Line in November is our way of saying thank you for your patience while we delivered this major upgrade.”

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Quote attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

“We’ve significantly upgraded the Gippsland Line – improving two stations, delivering smoother journeys and more services. And now passengers can travel for free this November.”

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing

“We thank the Gippsland community for their patience during the works, allowing us to deliver important station upgrades – and more than 80 additional weekly services for passengers.”

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh

“This is fantastic news for local families, students and workers who rely on the Gippsland Line every day. Free travel will make a real difference to household budgets and give even more people a reason to jump on board.”