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## go ready info sessions for seniors

Member for Ipswich and Minister for Transport, Rachel Nolan MP, today announced that TransLink's **go ready** education campaign was making it even easier for Ipswich seniors to get information about using the **go card**.

Ms Nolan said that TransLink representatives were visiting seniors' groups to answer questions and give away free senior **go cards**.

Ms Nolan said TransLink had visited community events and seniors' groups last year and gave away almost 500 free **go cards** to eligible seniors.

"One of the Bligh Government's biggest priorities is to help ensure all seniors are able to enjoy the safety and convenience of **go card**," Ms Nolan said.

"I encourage seniors' community groups to phone TransLink on 13 12 30, or my Electorate Office on 3202 3452 if they would like a representative to visit and provide information about **go card**."

"There are many advantages to using a **go card** over purchasing paper tickets, like not having to know what zones you will use or what time you will make your return journey," Ms Nolan said.

"Under the new fare structure which began on January 4, 2010, a **go card** is at least 30 per cent better value than a paper ticket and a senior **go card** continues to provide a 50 per cent discount off the full **go card** adult fare.

"On January 4, TransLink also introduced an off-peak fare for **go cards**, offering a 10 per cent discount, increasing five per cent each year until it reaches 20 per cent in 2012.

"An off-peak fare applies if you touch on with a **go card** between 9am and 3.30pm and after 7pm on weekdays, and all day on weekends or gazetted public holidays.

"In addition, passengers who use their **go card** to travel more than 10 journeys in the week (Monday–Sunday) qualify for a 50 per cent discount on every additional trip during the rest of that week."

Ms Nolan said that TransLink was working with the Department of Communities to provide seniors with the option of a combined Seniors Card and **go card**.

"With the new integrated card, seniors will only need to carry one card to travel on the TransLink network," Ms Nolan said.

"Also, if you have a registered **go card** and your card is lost or stolen, your balance is protected from the moment you report your card missing."

TransLink customers are entitled to a senior **go card** if they have a valid Seniors Card (from any Australian state or territory). If they don't have a Seniors Card, they may still be eligible for a concession **go card** if they hold a Pensioner Concession Card or a Queensland Repatriation Health Care Card (Gold card).

To purchase a **go card**, simply visit selected newsagents, 7-Eleven stores, selected train stations, phone 13 12 30 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) or go online at [www.translink.com.au](http://www.translink.com.au).

TransLink complies with the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport and most of the bus, train and ferry fleet are accessible by wheelchair. Customers can check accessibility of individual stops, stations and services by calling 13 12 30 and asking for help with planning a journey.

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