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## go ready and driver safety session for Ipswich seniors

Member for Ipswich and Transport Minister, Rachel Nolan MP and Member for Ipswich West, Wayne Wendt MP today announced that they would host an Ipswich go ready education campaign for local seniors to ensure all Ipswich seniors are comfortable using the new technology.

Ms Nolan said the **go ready** education campaign and morning tea would be held at the **Ipswich Civic Centre on Friday 19 March 2010 at 10.00am and is open to all Ipswich seniors.**

Ms Nolan and Mr Wendt will be joined by TransLink staff to provide instructions and answer questions on the go card technology and will also provide **free senior go cards to those attending the session.**

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

"Many seniors are requesting information regarding how to transfer between services, how to touch on and off, registering their cards, auto top-up and senior concession discounts," Ms Nolan said.

"This morning tea is the perfect opportunity for seniors to have their questions answered and become confident with using a go card and to update their driver knowledge and skills."

Mr Wendt said go cards made it easier for seniors to use public transport and encouraged local seniors to come along to the information session and learn about the new technology.

"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," Mr Wendt said.

"Furthermore, having a go card means that you no longer have to carry around money for your ticket. Plus your balance is protected if the card is lost or stolen.

"These are just a few examples of the benefits of having a go card. I encourage all local seniors to come along to this information session and morning tea and find out how simple it is to use the go card."

As a special bonus for attendees, Ms Nolan has arranged for a free senior go card with a \$10 travel balance to seniors who hold a current Seniors Card issued by any Australian state or territory (not a senior's business card). Seniors must present their Seniors Card at the morning tea to receive the free go card.

A guest speaker from Older People Speak Out (OPSO) will also be at the morning tea to talk about driver safety for seniors.

OPSO is an independent, free-spirited group with the experience, knowledge and qualifications to speak out on older people's issues without fear or favour. OPSO will be presenting the RACQ Years Ahead Program.

To **RSVP** please contact either the Ipswich Electorate Office on 3202 3452 or Ipswich West Electorate Office on 3813 0074 by close of business Thursday 18 March 2010.

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