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## 500 Seniors flock to GoCard Information Session

Around 500 seniors have flocked to this morning's GoReady information session hosted by Ipswich MPs Rachel Nolan and Wayne Wendt.

The MPs said they were thrilled with the strong response, indicating as it did that older people were keen to get a goCard and learn how to use it.

The GoReady information session was organised by the MPs to make it easy for older people to make the shift from the old paper tickets to the new smart card system.

The morning tea featured presentations from TransLink on the goCard and from Older People Speak Out's Ray deBruyn on smart tips for older drivers.

Ms Nolan spoke about recent improvements in local public transport services such as the 2008 refurbishment of Ipswich Station, the five new train services rolled out on the Ipswich line in the last two years, the 10% patronage increased and service improvements on Westside buses and current park and ride projects including the upgrade now underway at Dinmore.

"I have been using public transport in Ipswich for 20 years and there's no doubt that the level of service is improving all the time," Ms Nolan said.

"The Bligh Government has doubled its investment in SEQ public transport over the last five years and is rolling out better services all the time."

Mr Wendt said that the strong showing was proof that older people were interested in the new technology and were just keen to be shown how to use it.

Questions from the community included how to get a goCard and top it up and how the goCard calculates fares when people shift between buses and trains on the same journey.

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