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\$33.4 Million In Rebates To Be Paid To WA Seniors

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton welcomed Robyn McSweeney, the Minister for Senior's announcement that WA Seniors Card holders will be receiving their Cost of Living Rebate directly in to their bank accounts from 18 July 2011.

"The Cost of Living Rebate is a Liberal State Government initiative to help WA seniors meet the rising costs of living. It has been increased from \$104 up to \$150 and for couples from \$157 up to \$225 in recognition of the important role that seniors play in our community and in acknowledgement of their outstanding service over their lifetime."

"Having Minister McSweeney come out to the electorate to let local seniors know about the many concessions and rebates that they are entitled to is an important part of ensuring that local seniors tap in to the full benefits that are funded by the WA Government."

"This is especially important given that the State Government has recently improved and expanded the eligibility of the WA Seniors Card so that many more seniors can now qualify for it."

"Seniors who reside in WA and who hold an Australian Government 410 or 405 Retirement Visa can now apply. In addition, the number of hours that a senior can work each week has been increased from 20 hours to 25 hours and those hours can now be averaged over a 12-month period."

"As a result of these changes, an additional 4,500 WA seniors will join the existing 312,000 card holders to enjoy the benefits of a WA Seniors Card, which provides up to \$1,200 worth of Government concessions and up to \$550 worth of rebates each year."

"These changes have been made because more seniors are choosing to remain in paid employment or are working part-time in their transition to retirement."

Application forms for the WA Seniors Card are available from Dr Mike Nahan's electorate office at Shop P05 Stockland Riverton Shopping Centre or by telephoning 9457 1282.

New applications for the WA Seniors Card and to register for the Cost of Living Rebate must be processed before 31 July in order to receive their first Cost of Living Rebate by the end of September 2011.

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