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Additional Benefits for Seniors Card Holders

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton said significant new benefits were now available to local seniors through the WA Senior's Card.

"Eligible Seniors Card holders can now claim a rebate of up to \$200 per household towards home security devices and when they travel interstate, they can now tap into public transport concessions and other senior's discounts, such as accommodation, shopping discounts and entry to tourist attractions across Australia," said Dr Nahan.

"These new benefits are in addition to the State Government's very popular annual Cost of Living Rebate for seniors and the free transport on buses and trains between 9am and 3.30pm weekdays, all day Saturday and Sunday, and on public holidays."

Dr Nahan said the new security rebate of up to \$200 per household towards buying or installing home security devices, such as deadlocks, door and window security screens, security sensor lights and alarms fulfilled a State Government election promise to seniors.

"Being able to improve their personal safety through this \$10 million State Government initiative will enhance the wellbeing of seniors and give them a far better sense of security in their own homes."

"The \$200 per household rebate for any security purchases or installation work made after the 1 July is available to seniors whether they own or rent their principle place of residence. Seniors will need to keep receipts for lodgment as part of the rebate claim process and payments will commence in October."

"Similarly, WA seniors can now benefit from a \$50 million, Australia-wide National Seniors Transport Scheme that allows them to access public transport concessions in all states."

"This has been a stumbling block in the past where WA seniors have visited other states and discovered that the benefits they have enjoyed here were not available to them in other states. But those problems are now long gone."

Dr Nahan said the security rebate claim forms are available from his office on 9457 1282, through Australia Post outlets or they can be downloaded from www.seniorcard.wa.gov.au.

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