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Free Public Transport Scheme A Huge Success

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton said the Liberal-National Government's introduction of free off-peak public transport for seniors and aged and disability pensioners has been a raging success with huge numbers of seniors using the service daily.

Free bus and train transport services are available to senior's weekdays between 9am and 3.30pm.

"Prior to the free senior's transport being introduced on 4 April, a Transperth survey showed that only 34,713 seniors undertook travel between 9am and 3.30pm. After the new free scheme was introduced, the survey was repeated and it showed that number had increased to 60,647," said Dr Nahan.

"The difference, of around 25,000 more people using the free bus and train services, is a very strong reflection of the popularity of this State Government policy."

"The free public transport scheme represents a significant social benefit and it is one way that the State Government can repay our seniors who have paid their taxes and contributed enormously to our society for so long."

Dr Nahan said the outstanding success of the policy has resulted in immeasurable benefits to both seniors and the general travelling public."

"The innovative free transport policy has also resulted in a win for other metropolitan commuters who, as a result of its success, now have access to a less-congested public transport system during peak periods," said Dr Nahan.

"I encourage all seniors to continue to use these wonderful free transport services that allow them to easily move around the metropolitan area and to continue to play an active and participatory role within our community."

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