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MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT

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CHEAPER BUS FARES FOR SENIORS, PENSIONERS, CHILDREN AND STUDENTS

Transport Minister Dr Chris Burns today announced a significant simplification of the bus fare structure which will reduce the cost of travel for many Territory bus passengers.

“Concession fares which are available to students, pensioners, children, Health Care Card holders and for the first time Seniors Card holders, will now cost 50c and entitle the ticket holder to three hours of unlimited travel,” Dr Burns said.

“The old zone system, with many different fares depending on distance travelled, will be replaced with a simple two fare structure of 50c and \$2,” Dr Burns said.

“All non-concession passengers will pay a flat \$2 fare and will also be entitled to three hours of unlimited travel.

“The introduction of three-hour tickets will enable passengers to make return trips, whether to the doctor or to do some shopping, without having to pay for two tickets.

“In addition, the new weekly “Show & Go” tickets will entitle the ticket holder to unlimited travel on any scheduled public bus service, including Saturdays and Sundays, for only \$15.

“Free travel will continue to apply to holders of a Veterans’ Affairs Gold Card and holders of Vision Impaired travel cards.

“Those passengers with partially used Multi Ride Cards, Cash Cards and Tour Cards will be able to exchange these for the new bus tickets.

“The simplification of the Territory’s public bus fare structure will continue to ensure an efficient and reliable service for Territorians.

“We want to encourage as many Territorians as possible to use our public transport. These changes ensure that catching a bus in the Territory remains great value for money,.

“The Martin Government has managed to decrease fares in most cases and minimise increases in the remainder, even in an environment of rising fuel cost.

“The new fare structure ensures our fares remain amongst the lowest in Australia,” Dr Burns said.

The new fare structure is expected to come into effect by the end of October.

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Example 1

Travel from Palmerston, through the Palmerston interchange, to Darwin or Casuarina.

Previous Fare: \$2.20

New Fare: \$2.00 (Ticket is now valid for all travel for a period of three hours)

Example 2

Travel from Northern Suburbs via Casuarina interchange to the city.

Previous Fare: \$2.20

New Fare: \$2.00 (Ticket is now valid for all travel for a period of three hours)

Example 3

Travel from Northern Suburbs to Casuarina interchange.

Previous Fare: \$1.40

New Fare: \$2.00 (Ticket is now valid for all travel for a period of three hours)

Example 4

Pensioner travels return trip within three hours from and to any destination.

Previous Fare: \$1.20 (2 x 60c)

New Fare: 50c (Ticket is now valid for all travel for a period of 3 hours)

Example 5

Seniors' Card holder travels from Northern Suburbs to Casuarina Interchange then to the City.

Previous Fare: \$2.20

New Fare: 50c (Ticket is now valid for all travel for a period of 3 hours)

Example 6

Student travels return trip within three hours from and to any destination.

Previous Fare: \$1.40 (2 x 70c)

New Fare: 50c (Ticket is now valid for all travel for a period of 3 hours)