

NSW Gold Senior/Pensioner Opal Card: Your Ticket to Big Savings on Travel

The \$2.50 daily fare is one of the primary concessions provided by the NSW Government to help reduce cost of living for seniors and pensioners. This longstanding fare allows eligible persons to enjoy unlimited travel for no more than \$2.50 per day on public transport services within NSW.

In Sydney and outer metropolitan areas of NSW, such as Newcastle, Wollongong and the Blue Mountains, the \$2.50 daily fare is available for travel on Sydney and intercity trains, ferries, buses, metro and light rail services.

In regional and country NSW, the \$2.50 daily fare is available for travel on regional local bus services using the Regional Excursion Daily ticket, as well as travel on NSW TrainLink Regional train and coach services using the Country Pensioner Excursion ticket.

The NSW Gold Senior/Pensioner Opal card was introduced so that seniors and pensioners could continue to access the \$2.50 daily fare. This card now benefits over 800,000 users with affordable and convenient travel throughout the Opal network.

Joan Hughes, Chair of the NSW Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing, praised the NSW Government stating, "this is a such an important and significant concession for older people. It's more than just saving money – the Gold Opal Card empowers seniors to stay mobile and independent at a reduced cost. For just \$2.50, seniors can visit family and friends or attend medical appointments in larger cities."

The NSW Gold Senior/Pensioner Opal card goes beyond saving money — it empowers seniors to stay mobile and independent without the burden of high travel costs. By offering accessible and affordable travel options, it helps them stay connected to their families, friends and communities and enjoy their retirement to the fullest.

To check your eligibility or to apply for a NSW Gold Senior/Pensioner Opal card, visit <u>Service NSW</u> or call 13 67 25. For more information, visit Transport Info.

Article is also available at the Council on the Ageing (COTA) NSW <u>Newsletter</u>.



Joan Hughes at Kiama train station