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### TECH SAVVY SENIORS EMBRACE TRANSPORT APPS

Seniors are being taught how to plan public transport routes, check bus or train timetables in 'real' time and top up their Gold Opal cards online as part of the NSW Government's new *Tech Savvy Seniors* Transport App workshop.

Minister for Ageing Tanya Davies and Minister for Transport Andrew Constance today announced the new workshop will be available through the *Tech Savvy Seniors* program.

"Technology is moving at a fast pace and seniors are willing to get in on the action. We want to ensure they can utilise mobile phone apps to make their journey on public transport as smooth and convenient as possible," Mrs Davies said.

Mr Constance said participants in the new workshop will learn how to operate three of the most common Transport Apps used for navigating public transport in NSW.

"Websites and apps have changed the way we travel and I'm thrilled to see this important course now available to help seniors get familiar with our own Transport for NSW's Trip Planner app, the Opal Travel app and Moovit," Mr Constance said.

Member for Seven Hills Mark Taylor joined Mrs Davies at Blacktown's Max Webber Library today to launch the workshop and said *Tech Savvy Seniors* has already helped many seniors in Western Sydney learn how to use technology such as tablets and smartphones.

"This new workshop will empower seniors to navigate our public transport system with confidence, maintain face-to-face relationships and stay connected with local services."

Mrs Davies said the NSW Government's target to deliver skills-based technology training to older people had been exceeded.

"We made a \$2 million election commitment to increase the number of digital literacy training places for older people to 38,000 over four years. Through the *Tech Savvy Seniors* program, we achieved this in just over two years and see new graduates every week," Mrs Davies said.

Delivered in partnership with Telstra, the *Tech Savvy Seniors* program provides free or low cost training through a network of community colleges and libraries to help seniors learn to use computers, tablets and smartphones. More than 65,000 seniors have participated so far.

To find your nearest *Tech Savvy Seniors* Transport App workshop, visit [www.telstra.com.au/tech-savvy-seniors/register-for-training](http://www.telstra.com.au/tech-savvy-seniors/register-for-training).

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