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FREE ANZAC DAY PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR DIGGERS

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Victor Dominello today announced free public transport to and from Anzac Day commemorations this Friday for diggers and their families.

"Current and former Australian Defence Force personnel wearing their uniform or medals will be entitled to free travel to and from Anzac Day events on Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink Intercity services, Sydney Ferries, regular bus services across Sydney and light rail," Mr Dominello said.

"Spouses, children or grandchildren can also travel free by displaying their medals.

"Widows, widowers, their children and grandchildren carrying a letter from their local RSL branch or other ex-services organisation or the War Widow's Gold Card will be able to travel free on these services as well," he said.

Mr Dominello said the NSW Government provides free travel in recognition of the contribution of servicemen and servicewomen to our national identity and the significance of Anzac Day.

"Few can be as proud on Anzac Day as a digger or their family member displaying medals earned in the defence of Australia and its values and freedoms we hold dear.

"Providing free public transport travel to and from Anzac Day commemorations makes it as easy as possible for diggers and their families to attend," Mr Dominello said.

Mr Dominello also said major roads will be closed in the Sydney CBD on Anzac Day, making public transport the best way to travel to commemorations, especially with plenty of extra services operating. Roads start closing at 2am and all roads will not reopen until 3pm.

"Special early morning bus and train services will run on Anzac Day so people can attend the Dawn Service at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, which starts at 4:30am.

"While we strongly recommend catching public transport, for those with no option but to drive, motorists will not pay tolls on the Sydney Harbour Bridge or Sydney Harbour Tunnel from just after midnight until noon on Anzac Day," he said.

NSW TrainLink Intercity services are train services bounded by Bomaderry, Goulburn, Bathurst and Dungog stations.

Those eligible for free Anzac Day public transport on Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink Intercity services can also travel return on NSW TrainLink Regional services for the price of a single ticket, between 23 and 29 April, if they are travelling to Sydney by train from further than Bomaderry, Goulburn, Bathurst or Dungog.

For information about extra trains and buses on Anzac Day or to plan your public transport journey visit transportnsw.info, call the Transport Info Line on 131 500, or use a public transport app from the App Store or Google Play.

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