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METRO KEEPS FARE INCREASES TO A MINIMUM

From Monday 5 January 2015, most Metro urban bus fares will rise by 10 cents.

Adult fares will increase between 10 and 30 cents a trip, depending on the length of the bus journey, while most student and concession fares will go up by 10 cents a trip.

Metro's Chief Executive Officer Stuart Wiggins said the Metro Tasmania Board had decided to continue Metro's policy of keeping fare increases as low as possible to assist commuters and encourage patronage.

"It is important that we balance our need for revenue to provide services against our goal to increase bus patronage. It is also important that we take into account our passengers' ability to pay," he said.

Mr Wiggins said it was important to emphasise that all passengers could save 20 per cent on fares by using Greencard instead of cash to help reduce their cost of travel.

From 5 January 2015, adult fares for short trips will increase by 10 cents, medium trips will increase by 20 cents, and long journeys will increase by 30 cents per trip.

Student and concession fares will increase by 10 cents with the exception of the Greencard daily peak cap, which will increase by 20 cents.

Fare increases for the Channel are 10 cents for zones 1 and 2, and 30 cents for zone 3 while fares for South Arm, Wynyard and Ulverstone will go up by 20 cents for the local zone, 10 cents for zone 1, 40 cents for zone 2 and 80 cents for zone 3.

For the past two years, there has been no increase in concession and student fares in urban areas, while fare increases for Metro services in non-urban areas had been kept to a minimum.

Details of the new bus fares that will apply from 5 January 2015 can be found at www.metrotas.com.au or by contacting the Metro Information Line on 13 22 01.

For further information please call Michael Lester at M&M Communications 0425 235 157.

NB: Please find new fare schedule attached.