

The purpose of this section of the Clocktower website is to provide a guide to members on the possible concessions available through the

- **Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card**
- **Health Care Card**
- **Commonwealth Seniors Health Card**
- **Taxi Service - Half Price Program**

Please Note : The following informationn is a guide only and Ringwood Clocktower Probus Club cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions. We strongly recommend that you use the links provided below to check with the relevant authorities' websites.

#### **Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card**

##### **FROM VIC ROADS**

- 50% Reduction registration fee
- 50% Reduction TAC fee

##### **FROM ENERGY RETAILERS**

- 5% Energy gas/electricity concessions
- Electricity Transfer Fee Waiver
- Excess Electricity Concession
- Excess Gas Concession
- Life Support Concession
- Medical Cooling Concession
- Non-Mains Energy Concession
- Service To Property Charge Concession
- Winter Gas Concession

##### **FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

- Municipal rates reduction
- Fire services levy discount
- Reduced cost desexing pets 50% discount
- Registration of pet 50% discount

##### **MEDICAL/DENTAL ETC**

- Free emergency ambulance/air ambulance or on recommendation of dr.
- Dental care - dental health services victoria - free/reduced fees
- Bulk billing by doctors
- Hearing aids
- Spectacles - Australian College of Optometry
- Hearing Aids - [hearingservices.gov.au](http://hearingservices.gov.au) or phone 1800 500 726.
- Reduced cost pharmaceuticals - local pharmacist

##### **FROM AUSTRALIA POST**

- 5 Free concession stamps - Australia Post
- Up to 50 concession stamps at 60c valid if postal increase - Australia Post
- Discount - mail redirection service - Australia Post

##### **FROM OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS**

- Water and sewerage concession – Service Provider

#### FROM TELSTRA

- Home telephone allowance (landline)

#### TRAVEL

- Concession fares on metropolitan trams, trains and buses
- Concession fares on v/line trains and coaches
- Two seniors off-peak free travel vouchers issued annually
- Free weekend travel in zones 1 and 2.

#### EDUCATION

- TAFE course fee concessions

#### MISCELLANEOUS CASH PAYMENTS

- Rent assistance – Centrelink
- Bereavement payment – Centrelink

#### OTHER DISCOUNTS

- Zoo, National Gallery of Victoria, State Galleries and Museum Victoria.

For more information on Pensioner Concession Cards, click this link to the [Australian Government website](#).

### **Health Care Card**

#### BENEFITS COULD INCLUDE:

- Bulk billing for doctor's appointments, decided by your doctor
- More refunds for medical expenses through the Medicare Safety Net
- Assistance with hearing services through the Office of Hearing Services
- Discounted mail redirection through Australia Post

#### STATE AND TERRITORY GOVERNMENTS AND LOCAL COUNCILS MAY OFFER CONCESSIONS, SUCH AS:

- Energy and electricity bills
- Health-care costs, including ambulance, dental and eye care
- Public-transport costs
- Rates

For more information on Health Care Cards click this link to the [Australian Government website](#).

### **Commonwealth Seniors Health Card**

#### MEDICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS

- The Commonwealth Seniors Health Card provides discounts on Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription medicines. You may also need to show your Medicare Card when lodging your prescription at the pharmacy.

#### YOU MAY ALSO GET A DISCOUNT OR CONCESSION ON:

- Bulk billed doctor appointments, at the discretion of the doctor
- Cheaper out of hospital medical expenses through the Medicare Safety Net
- Concessional rail travel on Great Southern Rail services, such as The Indian Pacific, The Ghan, and The Overland.
- In some instances, extra health, household, transport, education, and recreation concessions that are offered by state or territory and local governments and private businesses – these providers offer concessions at their own discretion, and the availability of these concessions may vary between states and territories.

For more information on Commonwealth Seniors Health Cards click this link to the [Australian Government website](#).

## **Taxi Service - Half Price Program**

### **Eligibility**

The Victorian Government wants to make sure that the Multi Purpose Taxi Program (MPTP) is helping the people who need it most. You can become an MPTP member if you meet the residential, medical and financial criteria.

#### **Residential criteria:**

- you must be a permanent Resident of Australia and live in Victoria.

#### **Medical criteria:**

- you must have a severe disability that prevents you from safely and independently using public transport.
- you must have a permanent disability
- you must have a disability that is not likely to improve with treatment.

#### **Financial criteria:**

- you must hold an applicable Centrelink or Department of Veterans Affairs pension card, or
- you must be able to show you have financial hardship by providing financial information.

For more information, see the application form under [how to apply](#) or click this link for contact details for [Taxi Services Commission](#).