



PREMIER LAUNCHES \$1 FARE FOR KIDS ON COUNTRYLINK

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Premier Nathan Rees today encouraged families to holiday in country NSW, with CountryLink offering \$1 fares for children over summer.

Mr Rees said from today CountryLink is offering a deal which allows up to four children under 16, accompanied by full-fare paying Adult family member, to travel anywhere on its network for just one dollar.

“This deal makes train travel very affordable for families in a time when everyone is trying to keep to a tight budget,” Mr Rees said.

“With fuel prices still hitting families hard in the hip pocket – this is a great alternative.

“There are many great places to visit in Country NSW but the deal also extends to CountryLink destinations in Queensland, the ACT and Victoria.

“These \$1 tickets will help families to get out there and have a great experience over the summer break.

“Families can take CountryLink services in NSW to areas such as Queanbeyan, Bathurst, Katoomba, Moree, Dubbo and Broken Hill.”

This summer deal offers substantial savings, for example:

- Sydney to Dubbo is normally \$39.20 for a child, the promotional fare is \$1
- Sydney to Coffs Harbour is normally \$47.30 for a child, the promotional fare is \$1

Transport Minister David Campbell and Member for Monaro Steve Whan joined the Premier for the announcement.

Mr Campbell said the deal would be available until the end of February on CountryLink which is the State’s country rail service.

“Up to four children under 16 will be able to travel to any of the 360 destinations in NSW, Queensland, the ACT and Victoria, for one dollar when they are accompanied by a full fare paying adult.”

“This is a good opportunity to promote the important service CountryLink offers to those who want to travel across NSW and interstate.”

Mr Whan said this is a fantastic opportunity for families to have an affordable holiday in regional and rural NSW.

““For many families, overseas travel just isn’t an option and it’s great see the NSW Government providing an affordable alternative.

“We have stunning beaches and the rugged natural beauty of regional NSW on our doorstep.

“I encourage all families to take this opportunity to see what regional and rural NSW has to offer.”

Premier Rees said the deal meant more families would be able to visit friends and relatives during the holidays at an affordable price.

“Many people spend time travelling over the Christmas holidays to see their loved ones and I would encourage them to consider taking advantage of this great deal and using the train to get to their destination,” Mr Rees said.

“Recent improvements to the iconic CountryLink XPT fleet make the deal even more attractive for families.

“NSW residents and interstate tourists are reaping the benefits of a \$42 million upgrade to the 60 carriages and 19 power cars in the XPT fleet.”

For more information visit the CountryLink website at www.countrylink.info/ or call 13 22 32.