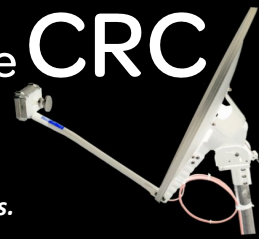




Winners & Losers

a little CRC



Starlink and Skymuster NBN are the two different ways of connecting to the internet via satellite in Northcliffe. They have different strengths and weaknesses.

Starlink

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Skymuster

Only one monthly plan available: \$139 / month.
Half price equipment, free postage until 31/12/2:
\$450 up front vs \$1029 normally.

PRICE:
Skymuster wins

Monthly plans available from \$35 to \$200 per month.
Install is free but generally \$200 optional hardware.
--Large streaming plans are prohibitively expensive.

+Reliable except very heavy weather.
+Speeds are the best on offer in Northcliffe.
+slightly broader range of sight lines to sky.

QUALITY:
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+Reliable except very heavy weather.
+Speeds are excellent.
--requires fairly clear lines of sight (no trees).

USA based corporation - SpaceX.
...revolutionising access to the internet and space.
Receives zero government subsidies.

CONTEXT:
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National Broadband Network.
Access via a choice of private companies.
Heavily subsidised by Government.

+Satellites being upgraded and replaced constantly.
-Customer pays for new hardware whenever it breaks.

FUTURE PROOF:
Starlink wins

-Satellites have est. 10 years left before obsolescence.
+Larger download allowances are on offer as total number of users is in decline.

++Unlimited download and fast pings.

GAMING:
Starlink wins

-Too laggy for online gaming.
+Downloads now unlimited on Skymuster Plus plans.

++Unlimited high speed.

STREAMING:
(Youtube, Netflix etc)
Starlink wins

--Need to limit usage between 4pm and midnight.

--Limited and slow support via online tickets only
12 months warranty on equipment.

WARRANTY & SUPPORT:
Skymuster wins

++Unlimited warranty (you don't own equipment).
+Wide range of Australian companies offering different support levels.

Northcliffe CRC Members - It's AGM time

NCRC AGM: 5pm Monday 12th December at the NCRC

A Special Resolution will be proposed to change the constitution. Please return your proxy forms or come along to vote in person. All details of the proposed constitutional changes are here:

northcliffe.org.au/ncrc.html#2022ruleschange

*Christmas / New Year
Closing dates at NCRC*

Last day open 2022: Friday 23 December 2022

First day open 2023: Tuesday 3 January 2023

Merry Christmas and Happy 2023!

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