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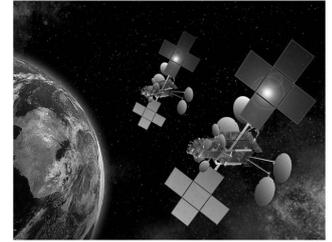
FREE BUSINESS ADVICE
1 pm-3pm
Tuesday 3 March 2015
at Northcliffe CRC

Stephanie De Vaney, the new face of our local Warren Blackwood Small Business Centre, is now available to meet with people at the Northcliffe Community Resource Centre. You are welcome to make an appointment in advance or take your chances and show up on the day. The sessions will be every two months.

Stephanie can provide you advice on improving the profitability of your business, addressing legal issues, dealing with staffing, wages, accounting issues, how to start up a business, how to expand an existing business, and how to address business operating issues. Stephanie is a local business owner with small business management experience and is keen to assist in growing and developing businesses across the region. To prebook an appointment phone 0401 448 811 or email info@sbcwb.net.au

Satellite Internet Services to Improve Throughout Australia

Right: An Image of the new NBN satellites provided by NBN Co.



Planned improvements in Australian Satellite Broadband services are now scheduled to roll out in 2016. The launch of two new dedicated NBN satellites (NBN=National Broadband Network) will occur in 2015 and will provide for 25Mbps download speeds and much larger download limits for up to 400,000 homes. Ten new satellite base stations have recently been completed and activation of the whole system will be in 2016.

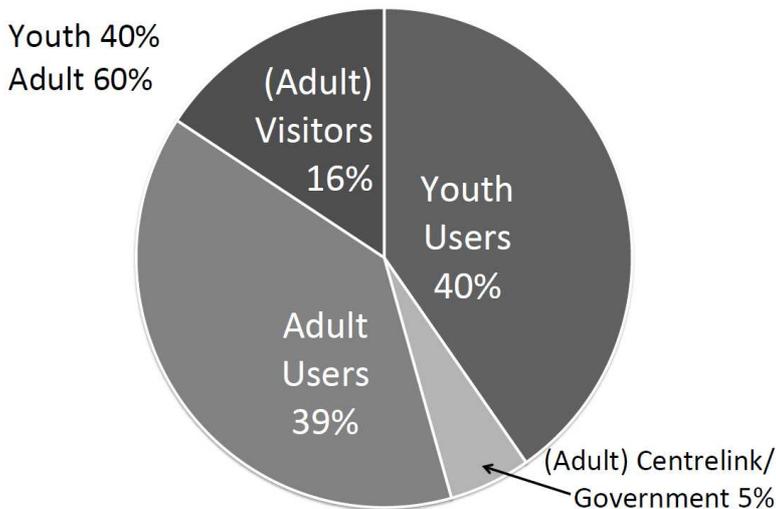
If you think you are already on the 'NBN Satellite Service', that's not quite true. You are actually on a service called 'NBN Interim Satellite'. It utilises an overloaded Optus satellite which also provides Foxtel and a range of other services. For many customers this 'interim' service has been limited and patchy.

Interim NBN customers will be automatically transitioned to the new satellites when they become active with a new dish to be installed on the roof (yes – another one) and a new satellite modem provided.

Since the new satellites are dedicated solely to providing broadband in Australia there is every sign the service will be a huge improvement. Roll on 2016!

Who Uses the Northcliffe Community Resource Centre?

Average CRC Visits: 136 per week.



In July 2014 the Northcliffe CRC started collecting statistics with a new system, to reflect our new funding model. We thought we'd share some of the results of the first 8 months of data collection.

We don't 'fluff-up' these numbers in any way. In fact most of these stats do not get reported to our main funders, the Department of Regional Development. If you walk through to the library or just pop your head in the door to pick up your child we don't record you. If you visit more than once in a day you will still only be recorded as one visit.

We're pretty happy with the amount of usage our Community Resource Centre gets and I think many of our users agree that a lack of space at the CRC is becoming a problem. It will be a big challenge to address this one but that is the plan and we'll see where it goes. In the mean time we expect the 'cosiness' of our current digs to continue for at least a few more years.

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