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## **FREE Broadband for Seniors Kiosk continues at Tennis Townsville!**

Great News! The Australian Government has recently announced continued funding of the Broadband for Seniors Initiative. In December 2010, Tennis Townsville was selected as host venue for a FREE Broadband for Seniors Kiosks to service the local seniors' community and is now very pleased to announce that the program will continue at Tennis Townsville.

The aim of the initiative is to get seniors in our community better connected, enabling them to discover a whole new social experience on the web and to help stay in touch online with friends and family, along with offering access to the wealth of information available online.

The FREE Broadband for Seniors Kiosk at Tennis Townsville comprises of two computers with broadband access for use by older members of our local community and offers training and support to those who are new to computers and the internet. Tennis Townsville's Marketing Manager, Karolien Selen has been undertaking the training sessions, she says "We've had people come to us that had never used a computer before, now they're set up with an email address and regularly in contact with their family in other States. We're happy to be able to give something back to the community and the kiosks have been very beneficial to the older community."

Here are what some of our current users have to say about the kiosk:



"My computer lessons have been very rewarding for me. To learn about the computer has opened up a whole new world for me! I can converse with people I've never meet , put my photos on facebook, email lots of friends & especially family, it's very interesting new technology, and also with the help of Karolien Selen I am very grateful to her, without Karolien's patience i would not have succeeded so fast to learn all these new things. Thank you and also thank you to Tennis Townsville" Margie Goodall, Pimlico.



"The Broadband for Seniors Kiosk has been extremely helpful, I walked in unable to type and now I've learned so much. I've purchased a computer through the Broadband for Seniors and I'm getting it installed this week. I've been taught how to resize photos; I've also set up my own Gmail account which means I can now send through photos to my family." Nell Cooke, Kirwan



"I would just like to say many thanks for the excellent tuition I have received through the Broadband for Seniors program. Now I can load pictures from my camera onto the computer, then save them to a hard drive or memory stick etc. Also I can now use a spread sheet in Excel and can navigate my way around Google and Skype. The computer is now fun. Most of all I would like to thank you for your patience. The one on one training with Karolien is really great." Marie Buckley, Rosslea.

The Kiosk which is FREE for seniors (50+ years of age) is located at Tennis Townsville, 32 Burke Street, North Ward. Information on kiosk hours, training and session bookings can be obtained from either Robyn or Karolien from Tennis Townsville on 4721 5129.

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