

*Friday 11 March*

## ***Tennis Townsville hosts FREE Broadband for Seniors Kiosk***

Following a comprehensive assessment, Tennis Townsville has been selected as host venue for a FREE Broadband for Seniors Kiosks to service the local seniors' community.

Broadband for seniors is part of a \$15m Australian Government initiative to increase the skills of older Australians using computers and the internet. The Government is employing the skills of NEC Australia to manage and deliver the project, along with its consortium partners; Adult Learning Australia, Australian Seniors Computers Clubs Association and U3A Online.

The aim 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.

According to David Cooke, Group Manager, NEC Australia: "The Broadband for Seniors initiative not only provides free access to computers and broadband, but offers training in order to increase the confidence and skills of older Australians in using computers and the internet. This can help to build their community participation and levels of social inclusion and will address the issue of older Australians feeling isolated and 'left behind' in a technological age.

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 will offer training and support to those who are new to computers and the internet. Vic Bayer, Former President of Tennis Townsville who organized the kiosks said "We're happy to be able to give something back to the community. The new kiosk will be very beneficial to the older community and we're glad we are able to help. These days, most people stay in touch via emails so we're pleased we can help out members of the older community connect with family and friends who do not live local."

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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