

Media release

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NBN lights up in Glenning Valley and Berkeley Vale

The National Broadband Network is now up and running in Wyong Shire.

The network runs past around 2,500 homes and businesses in parts of Glenning Valley and Berkeley Vale in an area bordered by Glenning Rd, Anderson Rd, Lakedge Ave and Berkeley Rd (shown in map below).

The vast majority are able to order a service over the NBN today so they can start experiencing the benefits of fast broadband.

Wyong Shire Mayor Doug Eaton today welcomed the news the NBN has arrived in Long Jetty and the potential benefits that it will bring.

“The availability of the NBN will unlock new opportunities for our Shire’s businesses and could help stimulate much needed local employment opportunities,” said Mayor Eaton.

“We will continue to watch the rollout across the Shire with interest particularly for important employment growth areas like the Tuggerah Business Park.”

Eligible residents can sign up to a range of competitively-priced NBN packages from phone and internet service providers.

They have until May 2015 to make the move. That’s when existing landline phone, ADSL internet and Telstra cable internet services will be switched off in the area and no longer work. Special equipment, such as medical and security alarms which operate over the landline, may also need to be replaced or upgraded.

According to NBN Co spokesperson Darren Rudd:

“People in Wyong Shire join the growing number of families and businesses across Australia that are already enjoying the benefits better broadband can bring, including having all the family online at once, high-quality video calls and fast movie downloads and streaming TV.**

“With the countdown underway, now is the perfect time for eligible residents to make the switch to the NBN.

“Even residents who don’t use the internet will still need to switch to the NBN if they want to keep using their landline home phone. Simply call your preferred phone or internet provider,” Mr Rudd said.

In addition to the area where the NBN is newly available, contracts have been issued for physical construction of the NBN to a further 9700 premises in Berkeley Vale, Chittaway Bay, Killarney Vale and Tumby Umbi as well as the wider Central Coast .

The fixed-line NBN passes about 110,000 NSW premises in both established areas and new developments.

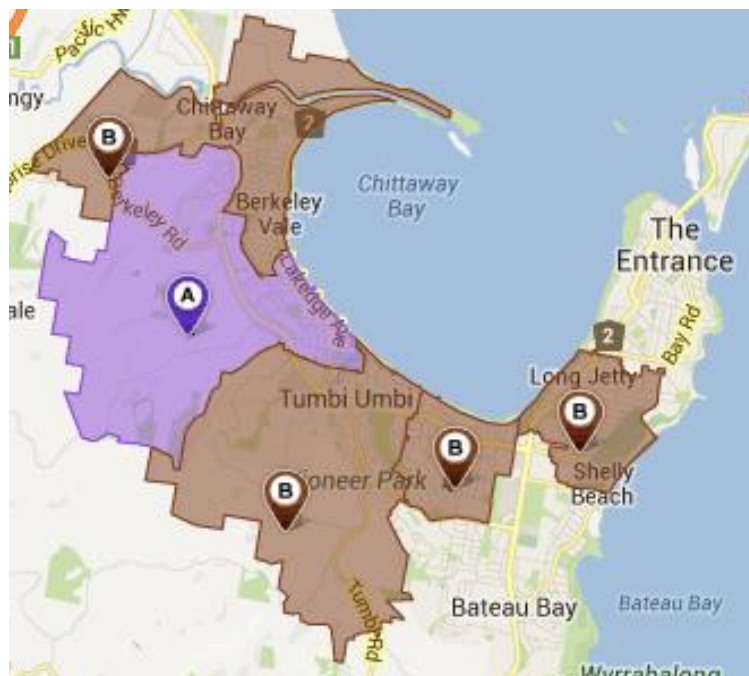
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Wyong Shire NBN footprint

- Ready for Service
- Build instructions issued



Notes to editors

- The National Broadband Network is a nationwide upgrade to Australia's fixed-line telecommunications infrastructure. It is the job of NBN Co to ensure every family and business can have access to fast broadband as soon, cost-effectively and affordably as possible.
- For Long Jetty residents, living or working in the area (shown in the attached map) the 18 month countdown to disconnection of existing landline phone and internet services started on 8 November 2013. Other areas across the Central Coast will have different disconnection dates depending on when the NBN becomes available in each area.
- Eligible residents should search 'getting connected' on the nbnco.com.au website.
- Home and business owners in areas with scheduled disconnection dates will receive letters from NBN Co with details about how to switch to the NBN.
- Homes and businesses that have an existing medical or security alarm systems should contact their alarm device provider and service provider to enquire about how their device will work over the NBN.

* Services not replaced by the NBN include TransACT, OptiComm, some Telstra Velocity services and others. For a full list please visit www.nbnco.com.au/switchoff or call us on 1800 687 626. Optus cable internet services may also be switched off on a different date and existing customers will be advised separately.

** Your experience including the speeds actually achieved over the NBN depends on some factors outside our control like your equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how your service provider designs its network.