

Media release

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National Broadband Network (NBN) lights up in Applecross area, Western Australia

The first homes and businesses around Applecross, WA can now connect to the National Broadband Network (NBN).

Nearly 2,100 homes and businesses in and around the areas bordered by Davy Street, Bedford St, Sweetman St and the Swan River (shown in map) now have access to the NBN.

City of Melville Mayor Russell Aubrey said it was exciting to see the National Broadband Network being switched on in the City.

“We welcome and look forward to the new opportunities the NBN will bring and hope that both residents and businesses of Melville will take advantage of the fast speed that are available. I encourage everyone to visit NBN Co’s website to find out when the service will be available at your address,” said Cr Aubrey.

While making today’s announcement, NBN Co also urged local residents to sign up before existing landline phone, ADSL internet and Telstra cable internet services are switched off in the area.*

For Booragoon, Ardross, Applecross and Mount Pleasant residents living or working in the area (shown in the map below), the 18 month countdown started on 17 January 2014. Other areas across Western Australia will have different disconnection dates depending on when the NBN becomes available in each area.

“Today’s announcement means Applecross is the next area across the country leading the way when it comes to fast broadband, with more than 2,100 homes and businesses now able to connect via a fixed line service,” NBN Co spokesperson Peter Gurney said today.

“The feedback from people who’ve already made the switch is that they enjoy having all the family online at once, making high-quality video calls with fewer drop outs, downloading movies in minutes and streaming TV.**

“It’s important that residents make the switch if they’re currently using a landline phone, ADSL internet or Telstra cable internet services, as these services will no longer work after July 2015.

“All you need to do is simply call your preferred phone or internet company to choose from a great range of competitively-priced packages over the NBN,” Mr Gurney said.

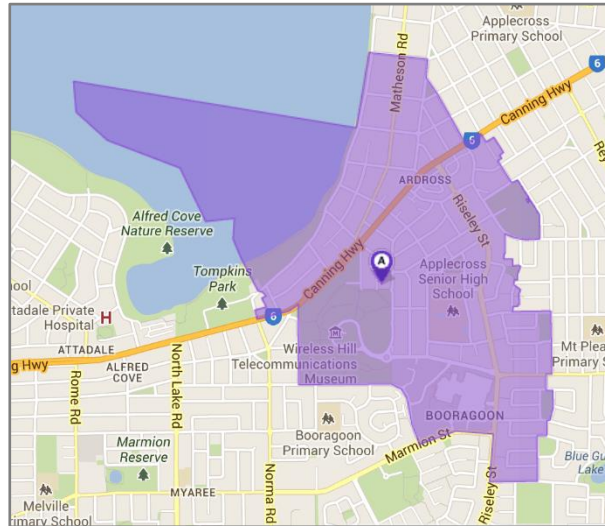
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Applecross NBN footprint

- Ready for Service
- Build instructions issued



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Notes to editors

- People who can order a service and want to make the switch to the NBN should search 'getting connected' on the nbnco.com.au website.
- Areas within suburbs will have different switch off dates depending on when the NBN becomes available.
- Home and business owners who will have their landline phone, ADSL internet and Telstra cable internet services disconnected 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 provider and phone company to enquire about their current system and how it will work on the NBN.
- NBN Co has committed to finding a solution to connect complex premises, such as office and apartment blocks. A trial will commence in early 2014.
- For more information please visit www.nbnco.com.au.

* 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.