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OLD MILLTHORPE RAILWAY OPENS ITS DOORS TO BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

A rare business opportunity is now open at the famous historic Millthorpe Railway Station for business owners. At the end of January, the two premises at the railway station are free for any future business tenant to open their doors in the centre of the retail district of Millthorpe.

Very few occasions become available for business locations in Millthorpe for entrepreneurial businesses. This is a perfect opportunity for a wine and tapas bar, café or a suitable retailer wishing to expand and enjoy the delights of Millthorpe.

This beautifully restored historic venue is the ultimate jewel in Millthorpe's crown historically dating back to 1886. Back then, the community fought to keep the railway to maintain the prosperity of the village. Today, Millthorpe's historic buildings form a beautiful backdrop to what is now recognised as a thriving hub and stands alone as a popular destination for tourism, retail, cafés, food and wine, restaurants, homewares and hotels.

History of the Millthorpe Railway:

The ultimate jewel in Millthorpe's crown was the coming of the railway line in 1877 and the construction of a station in 1886. Once more Millthorpe had to fight for recognition as the Commissioner for Railways initially declined the village's representation for a station as the Spring Hill station was so close. Again the community's determination succeeded and the station and siding became central to the success and prosperity of the village and its agricultural production. The Mill depended on the railway and the local farmers cutting chaff for a rapidly expanding Sydney. Millthorpe became one of the largest rail centres in the State shipping flour, chaff and later potatoes to Sydney and other markets.

The Millthorpe community invite businesses to set up premises in this ideal location and enjoy the wonders of Millthorpe.

Interested businesses may contact Cathryn Riddiford at John Holland, Bathurst on 02 4028 9495 to put in an expression of interest.

NBN CUT OFF DATE LOOMS FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

Many residents and businesses across the Central West risk losing their phone and internet access in 2017, with their home and business services cut off if they fail to switch to the National Broadband Network service available in their area.

Homes and businesses have 18 months to migrate to the NBN once it is available to them, after which traditional copper and cable services in the area are severed —cutting off fixed-line phone and internet access.

Between now and 1st June 2017, 348,627 premises will be disconnected - NSW will see the largest amount of disconnections with 102,885 premises, following Victoria with 71,266 and Queensland with 53,966 - 58% of Australians, equivalent to 10.5 million people, have no idea of the repercussions of being in an NBN-ready premises and not activating their connection. Across the Central West there is a great deal of confusion and frustration, especially with the lack of information from the Federal Government's intention to cut off other services.

Residents question the signing up process – some residents in a particular suburb or country town are able to sign up and others aren't.

Complaints of the slower than normal internet speed is often raised and the obvious question - why do residents and businesses need to sign up?

Ever since the NBN ventured into our conscious mind, it has been a political hot potato. The story of the NBN roll out is questionable and intertwined in many hyped political agendas. However, it is here to stay.

The government failed to communicate this in the most effective way and instead continued to push, change and reshape the NBN explains Alex Kidman, telco expert at finder.com.au.

"So it's no surprise that a third of us -- equivalent to 5.6 million Australians -- are either confused by it or tired of hearing about it," says Mr Kidman.

"Therefore the majority of people don't want to sign up or have no knowledge that they have to sign up for it."

Responding to the questions raised on the cut-off date, slow NBN service and the need to change, Mr Kidman states that it's feasible an NBN connection could be slower if you're on ADSL and very close to your local exchange; however that'll depend on the speed of the NBN plan you opt for.

"The change to the NBN is ultimately about providing better quality broadband while not paying the costs of maintaining the existing network.

"It's a bit like running two roads past one property, but one is breaking down and barely meeting needs.

That's the state of the copper network that most Australians connect to online, and it costs billions just to keep it up and running every year.

"The 18 month cut off has certainly been the talk of the technology media, and should certainly be something that's communicated better to consumers when their properties are declared NBN-ready.

"Sadly the political status of the NBN, combined with confusion over its benefits has led many to leave the decision late, or ignore the published advice, and ultimately, you can't keep both networks running indefinitely. If you're nearing the 18 month barrier, the time to act and choose a new plan is now."

Finder.com.au is the only service that shows an NBN tracker in your area.

To find out if you are now ready to sign up visit finder.com.au, look up NBN tracker and sign up to the proposed plans on this site.

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