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MILLTHORPE MUSEUM GOES SOLAR

In a proud moment, members of the Millthorpe and District Historical Society received a grant of \$5,500 through the Community Building Partnership Program to install a solar system on the Spring Grove Pavilion at the Museum in Millthorpe.

Upon handing over the grant, Member for Bathurst, The Hon. Paul Toole congratulated the members and volunteers of the society for their commitment and dedication in supporting this valuable Museum in Millthorpe.

“The Historical Society is made up of some of the most hard working local members of the community,” said Mr Toole.

“For many years the volunteers have worked tirelessly to build the Museum which has become an iconic attraction in Millthorpe.

“By installing this solar system, it will assist in reducing some of the major costs associated with running the Museum.”

The Museum is home to many artefacts and a variety of collections from local families and businesses, inventions, technology, machinery and an Aboriginal collection.

The NSW Community Building Partnership program offers many opportunities for the wider community to gain access to funding that supports many community projects, buildings and events.



BOWLO WELCOMES JAPANESE RESTAURANT

The iconic Millthorpe Bowling Club restaurant - home to keen bowlers and Sunday revellers in music - is now home to a mixed Japanese restaurant. From community reports - the restaurant is a great success.

For those who fancy a little Japanese while having a local wine or beer from the bar, this is a great way to spend an evening.

A LITTLE PEPPERTREE

Every week a new little business opens its doors to the fanfare of retail premises and cafes in Millthorpe.

Little Peppertree – formally Peppertree – is residing with the other cafes, wineries and homewares along the famous Victoria Street. Full of unique gifts and homewares, Little Peppertree is already known for its selection of fine things.

“This is a great move for Little Peppertree - I am very excited,” said Mr Roger Ellis.

“Little Peppertree will open on weekends.”

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 six 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.

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.

Some residents in country towns 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.

"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.

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

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