



Broadband for the Bush Forum
7 – 8 June 2018
Charles Darwin University, Darwin

Digital Connectivity: What Next?

The seventh annual Broadband for the Bush Forum will be held at Charles Darwin University in Darwin on the 7th and 8th June, 2018. It will be preceded by the Indigenous Focus Day on the 6th June, 2018.

After six years of vibrant discussion, it's time to take stock of the advances in connectivity and digital inclusion in regional, rural and remote Australia and ask the question, what comes next?

- What lessons have we learned?
- Which approaches are working?
- Where are challenges and opportunities?
- How can we achieve more?

We invite you to join us to consider the success stories and our shared digital evolution as we look to the future of digital technology and social inclusion in regional, rural and remote Australia.

Discussion Themes.

The Forum discussions will focus on four broad sub-themes:

- **Bridging the Gap**
 - Social and digital inclusion in the bush – building connections between culture, technology and community.
 - Developing digital literacy.
 - Digital Inclusion as a Closing the Gap measure.
- **Working Smarter**
 - Approaches to the digitisation of business systems and processes.
 - Regional case studies of digital innovation in areas such as agriculture, aquaculture and pastoralism, micro-manufacturing, retail, hospitality, tourism and the Arts.
 - Developing creative communities in the bush.
- **Living on the Edge**
 - Emerging technologies that will change the way people connect.
 - Innovative ways to leverage available telecommunications services.
 - Developing the business case for new telecommunications infrastructure.
- **Agile Government**
 - Policy and strategy in action.
 - Understanding government social service delivery with limited connectivity.
 - Managing communications in disaster situations.

Plus there'll be a World Café to explore the burning issues. Please tell us what you want "on the menu".

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