



Central

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- The Barossa
- Barunga West
- Clare & Gilbert Valleys
- Copper Coast
- Flinders Ranges
- Goyder
- Light Regional
- Mallala
- Mount Remarkable
- Northern Areas
- Orroroo/Carrieton
- Peterborough
- Port Pirie Regional
- Wakefield Regional
- Yorke Peninsula

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Broadband Facilitator Funding Secured

The Central Region Local Government Association has secured funding of \$200,000 under the Federal Government's 'Clever Networks' program to help facilitate better access to, and use of, broadband technology.

The funding will be used to engage a Regional Broadband Development Facilitator for a two year period, complementing similar new positions in the Murray/Mallee and Adelaide Hills regions.

Executive Officer of the Central Region Anita Crisp says the funding is welcome and very timely.

"The Councils right across the Adelaide Plains, Yorke Peninsula, Flinders Ranges Lower and Mid North have been actively pursuing opportunities for better access to broadband services for the community for a number of years now", said Ms Crisp.

"Having someone now dedicated to this role will mean a much greater ability to focus our efforts and work more intensively with other regional partners such as the Regional Development boards, the community, industry groups, internet service providers and Government agencies, particularly given the recent changes to the Australian Government broadband programs and the pending rollout of the new OPEL network", she adds.

The project will involve identifying priority areas of demand and opportunities for improved delivery of services through broadband, supporting the deployment of broadband infrastructure and services across the Region, liaison with service providers, local authorities and service utilities, leveraging investment in broadband services and building better understanding and awareness of the benefits and applications of broadband.

Ms Crisp says the Central Region is now looking for someone to fulfill this important role.

"The position will require strong communication, facilitation and project management skills, empathy and understanding of rural communities and an excellent understanding of the internet, information technology and telecommunications sector," she explains.

Information on the project is available on the Central Region's website: www.centralregion.sa.gov.au. Applications close 12th November 2007.

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