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Ground patrol shows off Sky Muster™

nbn's broadband vehicle – a touring wifi hotspot – is on its way

A highly sophisticated purpose-built truck will be touring the Northern Territory in the week beginning September 5 to demonstrate the full capabilities of **nbn's** Sky Muster satellite and fixed wireless services.

Road Muster is a converted four-wheel drive vehicle that features a carbon-fibre satellite dish capable of finding and transmitting broadband from a Sky Muster signal anywhere in Australia.

It is equipped with two large touch-screen television/computers, carries its own power source and is designed to reach the most remotes parts of the country in the most rugged terrain.

"If they can't come to us – we'll go to them," said Jill Bottrall, **nbn** State Corporate Affairs manager for SA & NT.

"Now that the Sky Muster satellite is switched on and is taking orders, the best way we can demonstrate its speed and effectiveness as a fast, reliable broadband service is to bring it to the people.

"The truck itself is a wifi hotspot, so if people want to bring their laptops or tablets they can join in the fun."

Ms Bottrall says there are thousands of people living in regional and remote areas that have either very bad or no internet services at all.

"Sky Muster is about to bridge the digital divide and transform the lives and business practices of remote Australians, so the Road Muster truck is an important tool that allows us to show exactly what online experience people can get from a satellite connection."

Ms Bottrall says **nbn** is well aware that while only three per cent of all premises in Australia will have a Sky Muster connection, that nonetheless represents more than 11,000 homes and businesses in the NT.

"We understand that everyone needs fast, reliable telecommunications to stay ahead of the game and compete at the national and international level – and especially so in regional and remote areas.

"Whether people work remotely in education, health, tourism, agriculture, transport or fisheries, the introduction of fast reliable phone and internet services is going to have a transformative impact on the way they do business.

"The Sky Muster is the most sophisticated and fastest broadband satellite in the world – and provides greater speeds and data allowances than any other satellite in orbit.

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"**Road Muster** is capable of setting up in the middle of nowhere and live-streaming television or skyping someone from across the world while checking emails and uploading photos to the cloud, simultaneously."

A second satellite, Sky Muster II, is due to launch in early October this year.

People can check whether they are able to get a Sky Muster or fixed wireless connection by typing their address into the Check Your Address tab on the home page of the **nbn** website at www.nbnco.com.au

Road Muster schedule for Northern Territory

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| September 5 | NT Farmers event, Coolalinga |
| September 6 | Douglas Daly (Community Hall) |
| September 7 | Katherine |
| September 8 | Tennant Creek |
| September 9 - 12 | Alice Springs |
| September 13 | Yulara |

* **NT Road Muster poster with venues and times is attached to email**

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