



# RICK WILSON MP

## Federal Member for O'Connor



### MEDIA RELEASE

#### Broadband for Seniors

**3 June 2014:** Have you ever wondered what the Internet is?

Broadband for Seniors is funded by the Australian Government to provide senior Australians, aged 50 years and over, with free access to computers, Internet and basic training to help build their confidence in using new technology.

The Member for O'Connor Rick Wilson said the Australian Government had committed to the continuation of Broadband for Seniors for a further three years until 30 June 2017.

"This will enable the kiosks which are in 30 centres in the O'Connor electorate, to continue to provide seniors with the high quality training and support they have come to expect," he said.

"Since it was announced in 2008, around 2,000 Broadband for Seniors kiosks had opened across Australia with over 315,000 seniors enjoying the benefits."

Mr Wilson said Broadband for Seniors was aimed at people who never had the opportunity to learn how to operate a computer or explore the Internet and who felt threatened by technology or believed it was too late to learn.

"People in this group who have a desire to learn can freely do so with help from their peers in a familiar environment," he said.

"They will learn how to use a computer, how to explore information on the World Wide Web and how to stay in touch with friends and family online."

Broadband for Seniors benefits community clubs and organisations that provide senior services and activities and want to encourage greater participation by seniors.

Volunteers are on hand to help guide inexperienced people through the process.

Broadband for Seniors is delivered by NEC Australia in partnership with Adult Learning Australia, Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association and the University of the Third Age Online. Visit [www.necseniors.net.au](http://www.necseniors.net.au) to find a kiosk near you.

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