Inside Mawul Rom

The Mawul Rom project of education, law, healing and spirituality has drawn to a close for another year.

Despite this being the second year the project has been held in Wagait Beach some comments show there remains little understanding of what goes on behind the black plastic.

To shed some light, Mawul Rom graduate Gillian Harrison has been a part of the program for six years and shares her experiences.

“I jumped at the opportunity and joined the course in 2008, well before Charles Darwin University accreditation was an option.”

Teaching is lead by cultural leaders who ask their students to meet, talk and listen to instruction and information which is not that different from what is done in the classroom.

Teaching uses two ways of learning: western conflict resolution and traditional systems of exploring clan leader responsibilities for managing disputes and resolution.

“Westemers are dependent on reading and note taking for knowledge acquisition and retention,” Gillian said.

“We are encouraged to demand answers to questions.”

*True cross-cultural mediation and decision-making can only take place when all cultures involved are equal participants.*

Mawul Rom focuses on the development of the skills of observation, listening, mimicking appropriate behaviour and memory.

An outstanding feature is the sophistication and complexity that exists in traditional management of conflict.

“There are any number of ways to manage community or family disputes,” she said.

“I think we can all learn from these processes, no matter what cultural background.”

“After six years I still find the cultural exchange stimulating.

“The exploration of the differences in language, conceptual imagery and world views is so interesting”.

It is also important to note Belyuen people were also involved with Larrakia landowners also part of the ceremony to welcome Mawul Rom students to Wagait Beach.
Volunteers collected more than 100 kg of rubbish from Cox Peninsula beaches during this year’s annual Darwin Harbour Clean Up.

According to organiser Lyn Lambeth from Northern Territory Seafood Council, the number of rubbish collectors was down this year.

Despite a sharp drop in the number of rubbish collectors, those that did commit, did a fantastic job.

“Last year we had 20 army guys cleaning up the mangroves behind the pub and that site wasn’t done this year,” she said.

“All together they collected 14 large bags containing 102 kg of rubbish.

“The most collected things are cans, bottles, fireworks, plastic containers and packaging and plastic drink bottles.”

In Wagait Beach there were four teams of rubbish collectors that worked the beach from the pub all the way to Imaluk Beach.

Chris Tyzack and Jack Ellis were one team who worked the beach from Wagait Tower Road to West Point.

“There were a less plastic bottles this year compared to last year,” explained Chris.

“This year we collected three quarters of a bag compared to three bags last year.”

Mitchell Murphy was working the Wagait Tower Road beach access to Imaluk beach and managed to collect a whole bag of rubbish on his own.

Once the rubbish had been collected, it was sorted.

“It was important to know where the rubbish was coming from” said head rubbish sorter Heidi Taylor.

Heidi works for Tangaro Blue which cleans up more than 850 sites around Australia.

Heidi said it looks like about 50 per cent was local rubbish and about 50 per cent was rubbish that had washed up from Darwin or further afield.

The cans and the bottles were most likely local.

Wagait Beach co-ordinator Anthony Kerr looked after the local effort.

“If people see piles of rubbish lying around they might think what is one more can,” he said.

“If the beach is clean to start with people are more likely to keep it that way.

“Some people seem to be not so aware about the rubbish they leave and other people are just lazy.”

Rubbish was sorted and taken to the Wagait Beach tip.
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Strong support for council rates increase

It’s definite – Wagait Shire rates this year will be $500 a block.

A motion confirming the budget and a $56 rate increase was passed 5-0 at the July council meeting with Matt Prouse and Shenagh Gamble absent.

Shire president Trish McIntyre praised the way the budget had been presented.

“A lot of work has gone into it,” she said, acknowledging the leading role played by the chief executive of just three months, Michael Campaign.

Lisa-Marie Stones was concerned there was no provision in the Michael Campaign's rates.

Councillors grappled with the problems posed by the lack of a land use plan for the Cox Peninsula in the event of the federal government signing off the Kenbi land claim before the election expected in September.

Peter Clee said the Wagait Shire did not take in any of the areas identified for development when the claim was approved although the council had indicated to the Territory Government that it was keen to extend the boundaries westward to take in the land north of Charles Point Road.

“-but-our-planning-currently-is-based-on-(NT)-ministerial-ap-
approval-and-that’s-most-unsatisfactory,” he said.

“The Larrakia Development Corporation has significant planning in place that includes schools, shopping centre and light rail.”

Brad Irvine was keen to see a local start to a land use plan.

“If we have the elements of a plan and (guidelines for) land use we have a starting point,” he said.

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strategy.”

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Councillors noted the effort put in by sports and recreation officer Robyn Presley during the four-week school break, with some form of activity available almost every day.

It coincided with a visit to Wagait Beach from two Sports and Recreation Department officials who indicated to Michael that the funding for the part-time position would continue.

“They also indicated there were grants available for equipment such as a new tennis net, footballs and that sort of thing,” Michael told the meeting.

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Kokoda trail a challenge and oh so beautiful

Wagait Shire worker Pam Wanrooy and her sister and brother in law recently completed the Kokoda trail in PNG.

“They invited me about eight months ago to do the walk with them. “Without thinking I said yes, and before I knew it they had made payment and bookings so there was no backing out,” said Pam.

It a good thing Pam was committed to training because the Kokoda trail can take up to 10 days to complete.

“I did not realise that my sister had made a booking with a company that required walking of up to 10 hours per day.

“It was a physical and mental challenge and very difficult.

Pam and her walking group completed the trek in six days.

“The long days include river crossings, steep and gradual ascends and descends.

The 96km trek is predominately through rain forest.

“Conditions were wet and slippery. As it was raining most days while we were on the walk, temperatures dropped to really cold during the nights.”

When asked if Pam actually enjoys her adventure holiday she said she did, particularly the history.

Of the Kokoda trail Pam said: “It is a most beautiful walk, the scenery was stunning and we got to camp out and integrate with our guides working with us.

“When we stayed in the villages, we got to walk around the village and meet all the locals and children. We joined in with sing-a-longs at some of the villages.”

It seems that Pam’s children Jade and Charli are lined up for a life of adventuring as well.

“I have taken the children to China, Hong Kong, Bali, and Singapore in the last three years and made them travel backpacker style – something I really enjoy.

“My two sisters and I plan to take all of our children to Vietnam and Cambodia next Christmas and spend a few weeks to see the history of these places.”

Guy takes on Gran Fondo

In the early morning of Sunday August 11, Mandorah will be taken over by lycra clad cycling maniacs.

Well perhaps it won’t be quite so dramatic, but Gran Fondo will come to town again this year, the same it has for the last five years.

It’s estimated around 400 riders will participate in the 120km ride from Mandorah to Darwin.

A local rider, Guy Burgoine participates every year.

Last year Guy completed the ride in four hours and 34 minutes.

According to Guy he was sitting with a slow pack last year and that is why it took so long.

“You tend to ride at the speed of the pack and it was a slower pack, that is why it took me so long.” Said Guy.

“I joined up with a pack the other day and we finished the ride in under four hours”.

For Guy riding the Gran Fondo is a fun day out that he doesn’t take too seriously.

He said he sees Gran Fondo not as a race but more of an event, something like a fun run for runners.

He stopped riding professionally in 2005 and riding his bike these days is about staying fit.

Despite how fit Guy is, he did say he hopes the south easterly doesn’t blow a nasty head wind like it did last year.

“If it does blow again, I’ll be finding the largest pack and sticking to them.”

All the riders will take ferries from Darwin early on the Sunday morning.

If you want to catch a glimpse, be at the jetty at dawn.

Dogs barking at night is a common gripe for many Wagait Beach residents.

Locals have indicated however that barking at the moment is more than usual.

Veterinary nurse Kate Harris from the Parap Veterinary Hospital explained that dogs don’t really have a mating season.

The reproductive cycle of females dogs is dependent on each individual dog.

If dogs are barking more than usual at the moment, it will be because of other reasons.

Kate suggested there might be more dingoes around which will start dogs barking especially if the dingoes come near the property.

She also said that if dogs that are allowed to wander, that will encourage other dogs to bark, particularly non castrated male dogs.

If there are females on heat, the male dogs will tend to wander more to find them.

It seems like the short if it is: to keep barking down, don’t let your dog wander.

The Parap Veterinary Hospital will be visiting again in September.

Dates to be posted on the notice board at the supermarket.

Are you in the market for a pool?

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Wagait Beach local David Collins was one of five artists to recently finish residency at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility, better known as the Tip Shop.

Dave’s residency was part of the Recycled Arts Festival funded by the City of Darwin Council. During Dave’s 10 hours as a resident, he created a mural out of discarded fridges and on July 18 hosted a workshop on how to turn junk into garden beds and decorate them using spray paint. It has been the mural that has attracted the most attention (see photo).

Perhaps this is because street art is something close to Dave’s heart. Dave has been a successful street artist for about 20 years and he was initially attracted to the idea of painting rubbish in order to recycle it.

“It is nice, you put paint on decaying objects and give them a new life.” Dave said.

Dave can relate to the temporary nature of a junk as a canvas.

Left: Some of David’s art on display at the Shoal Bay tip shop.

“Graffiti and street art is a temporary art form … in the cities it goes on the wall and it might be the best thing you have ever seen, or cost the artist $500 but it will more than likely be gone the next day.”

An interesting twist in the tale of painting junk started with Dave practising at the Wagait tip.

“I started painting at the Wagait Beach tip because of a lack of walls and legal spaces to paint.

“I thought no one will care if I am painting on rubbish.”

Dave was wrong about this however, there seems to be a group who do care about his work and have been visiting the Wagait tip to use the rubbish as a canvas for their own tip art.

Perhaps for all the bad things our tip represents, at least it offers artists a place to paint.

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Wagait creative talent unveiled

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Young people of Beluyen and Wagait Beach have been invited to join a graffiti art workshop.

The workshop will be held at the Wagait Beach sports-ground from 10 am to 12 pm on Saturday August 31.

David Collins and some of Darwin’s best graffiti artists will be working with to create a combined mural.

A free BBQ lunch will be on offer to keep the artists pepped.

Interested young people need to register by emailing sharingstories@yahoo.com

Sharing stories with a spraycan
Are we too slow to catch the NBN service?

Have you put in the time and effort to get faster internet speed through the NBN?

The majority of us have not.

Are we disinterested because we don’t care about internet speed, or has the whole NBN thing been thrown into the too hard basket?

Only a few locals have had NBN installed in their homes.

Paul Myatt has a good grasp of technology but he admits he has had some issues.

Paul explained that NBN connection has two parts to it.

One part involves the NBNCo and the other part involves the internet service provider or ISP.

The NBNCo brochure states that NBN is responsible for the equipment that picks up the signal – which in our case is a fixed wireless network and is installed on the roof facing the closest tower.

Paul explained that the Optus tower behind the supermarket is where the NBN signal is accessed.

He said fixed wireless network is a kind of stepping stone towards optic fibres, which is how Darwin access NBN.

Once the hardware has been installed, it is the responsibility of the ISP to manage your access to the signal.

Accordingly it is the ISP who you go to when there are issues with accessing the internet.

Paul said all of his issues have been with the ISP and perhaps his own computer and not with the hardware supplied by NBN.

Brett Stone also has NBN in his house.

He experienced trouble with accessing the internet which turned out to be an issue with equipment supplied by the ISP.

Both Paul and Brett agreed that NBN was good; it did what it said it was going to do.

Another local, who contacted her ISP said the person on the phone didn’t understand that fixed wireless connection does not require telephone line to the house.

Her ISP tried to set her up with an expensive phone and internet package which included telephone line installation.

It is not necessary for Wagait Beach residents to have a telephone line to their house to connect to a fixed wireless network.

II Net, iPrimus and recently Internode are the three ISP that service Wagait Beach.

Cox Club to market to market

Tables were out and eager sellers had their wares on show at the Cox Country Club market day in early July.

Club secretary Maureen Newman said the turnout was good and gave hope for the market to become a bi-annual event.

“We opened at 10 in the morning and there were about 12 stalls at the busiest time of the day.

“We are hoping to have a market twice yearly so the next one will be towards the end of the year, perhaps the end of October.”

There was a good variety of stalls for shoppers to choose from.

Michelle and Rob had a great looking stall selling home cooked food and produce out of their garden.

Karen Duncan had a book stand selling a huge range of books.

Other things for sale were clothes, shoes, accessories, plants, tools, food and camping gear.

As well as selling stall affair, Cox Club supporters were selling raffle tickets to raise money for a bus to help local seniors go shopping.

As promised, the membership draw saw life-time member Jill Brannelly win the Carlton United fridge.

Wagait Beach’s newest resident

Baby Mason Edward Anthony Gospers was born on June 29 to proud parents Caroline and Rick.

Mason was 3.6 kg and 51 cm long when born.

Caroline says that Mason is a relaxed little boy who is adored by his older brother Lachlan and older sister Tyra.

Congratulations Gosper’s!
Who does what at Wagait Beach

**Accommodation**
Wagait Beach Bush Retreat 8978 5123

**Airconditioner installation/maintenance**
Michael Vaughan (MJ Electrical) 0427 180 379
Colin Dunne 8978 5166

**Belly dancing**
Christhol Swanson (43 Cox Drive) 0413 199 928

**Block and home maintenance**
Mark 0427 029 966
Matelot (Phil) 0412 506 999 or 8978 5372
Warren 0407 546 275 or 8978 5175

**Builders**
Peninsula Bldg (Paul) 0428 890 108 or 8978 5488
Michael Collins (sheds, fencing) 0418 638 170

**Boilermaker**
Mark (Anything Steel) 0411 230 918 or 8978 5466

**Commissioners for Oaths**
Peter Clee 0418 894 404
Linda King 8978 5064

**Concreting**
Rick Gosper 0404 656 270

**Earthworks & installations:**
Mick & Donna 419 822 320 or 8978 5034

**Eating out**
Under the Banyan Tree (Cox Club) 0411 748 386

**Electrical contractor**
Michael Vaughan (MJ Electrical) 0427 180 379

**Flying lessons (gyrocopter)**
Max 0418 856 143

**Gas fitting**
Colin Dunne 8978 5166

**Jewellery**
Michelle 0428 852082

**Marine Services**
Irvine Marine – Brad Irvine 0417 871 082

**Meat supplies**
Matt & Lil (Meat Direct) 0416 942 519

**Minibus (Wagait Wagon)**
Bookings 0417 002 025

**Native plant nursery**
Chris and Jack 8978 5111

**Pest control**
Pest Off – Andi Russell 0488 520 029 8978 5141

**Plastering**
Michael Milton 8978 5126

**Property conveyancing**
Naomi Irvine 8981 1086
Trish McIntyre 8981 6733 or 8978 5237

**Supermarket & hardware**
Chris, Sue and the team 8978 5008

**Taxi truck and garden centre**
Mark 0427 029 966

**Water deliveries**
Mick & Donna 0419 822 320 or 8978 5034
Mark 0427 029 966

**Welding and metalwork**
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**Windows, louvres, doors and fly-screens**
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On the hook

with JAMES ARRATTA

G’day to all the fishing lovers out there.

As we all saw, the moon was at its fullest around the middle of July which meant the tides were quiet large as well.

With the large tides it was beneficial to fish in creeks and estuaries.

When the fishing was at its best, a group of wanna be fishermen were giving the local boys a hard time at the jetty over a mistaken incident about a pair of sunnies.

Within a couple of minutes the locals rectified the situation with a little Wagait humour.

July has seen a few hot spots in the area such as the jetty which produced plenty of macks and trevally.

Two Fella had plenty of jacks and the occasional barra and off the rocks there has been plenty of queenie action.

Although it has been windy in the last month it appears the fish are still biting.

Who knows? As they say, it rains in July and August, which may give the barra a bit of a stir.

The two favourite lures this month are marabou jigs and big poppers.

The bait being used successfully is live bait, mullet and sardines.

Yet again the local fishermen have out done the townie tourists.

With their impressive catches of queen fish, trevally and BIG macks.

Until next time rods in hands

James Arratta

The Wagaitear is interested to hear about your fishing wins.

If you have a good story or a good photo you want to brag about, please forward it to Anna at wagaitear@gmail.com or have a chat with James, our resident fishing reporter.

Across

7 A period of brutal suppression (5,2,6)
8 The cheapest accommodations on a passenger ship (8)
9 Coquette (4)
10 Sodium chloride from a marine environment (3,4)
12 A disinclination to work (5)
14 Miserly (informal) (5)
16 Biennial Eurasian herb (7)
19 A small island (4)
20 The study of methods of improving genetic qualities by selective breeding (8)
22 Performing ostentatiously to impress the audience (13)

Down

1 Item of furniture designed for sitting on (4)
2 The reappearance of a celestial body after an eclipse (6)
3 Especially, in particular (7)
4 Devote (oneself) fully to (5)
5 Show submission or fear (6)
6 Serving an aesthetic rather than a useful purpose (8)

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11 Someone sent on a mission to represent the interests of someone else (8)
13 A thief who enters a dwelling with intent to steal (7)
15 A minor political party (at the moment) (6)
17 Remove or clear everything (6)
18 Full of news (informal) (5)
21 The nose (informal) (4)

In an emergency …

Life-threatening medical —
Duty Remote Medical Practitioner — 000 or 8922 8888
Wagait Beach Clinic Tues/Thurs — 5 pm to 8 pm
NT HealthDirect (medical advice) — 1800 022 222
Police — 000, 131 444
Fire — 89 785 176
Power and Water — 1800 245 090
NT Emergency Services Cox Peninsula — 000
Wagait Beach children strike gold

It doesn’t matter who you talk to around Wagait Beach, the feeling is unanimous.

Robyn Presley, the Wagait Shire’s sport and recreation officer is doing a great job.

Even though the sports ground was off limits for two weeks Robyn organised an interesting and varied school program that included talents quests, shopping in Darwin, gardening, local trivia, jetty fishing, sports and much more.

“Feedback from Sports and Recreation Department has been positive and they are hopeful there will funding next year for continuation of Robyn’s position” said Wagait Shire Council CEO Michael Campaign.

“Two representatives of the department came out during the school holidays and were extremely impressed with the work that Robyn is doing”.

“I think she did an excellent job with school holiday program.

“Having to work around Mawul Rom has given the children a chance to expand outside the sports centre atmosphere.

“I believe it means that Mawul Rom can operate without detriment to children of Wagait Beach,” said Michael.

Feedback from the parents has been positive, particularly regarding the variety of things offered to the children.

Lyn Lambeth, the organiser of the Darwin Harbour Clean-up day said the group of children involved with Robyn collected the most rubbish on the day.

To get the low down on what Robyn is organising, there is always a timetable at the supermarket notice board and also on the notice board on the ferry.

For those children who haven’t been a part of the activities, there is no better time than now to start!

Walking four A Breast

Four Wagait women have committed themselves to raising money for cancer in the Northern Territory.

Jenni Hibble, Aileen Blyth, Janelle Vaughan and Kaylene Hinchcliffe (see pics below) have been fundraising all year in the name of raising money for cancer research and support services.

“In March we had a fashion parade at Blue Illusion and we raised $700.

“While it was done in the city, it was well supported by Wagait people,” said Walking A Breast team member Jenni.

Since the fashion parade, there have been two Intimo parties which raised about $400.

“We have also had $300 of donations from Wagait Beach supporters” said Jenni.

The next and final fundraiser for the Walking A Breast team will be a $25 a head wine tasting, dinner and entertainment at the Mandorah Pub on Saturday September 14.

“There will be a raffle of a hot Pink esky and the theme for the night will be pink.

“Please come along and support the local team.”

Fundraiser for Cancer

Walking A Breast will host wine-tasting, dinner and music from Capriconia

6.30-9.30pm
Mandorah pub
September 14.

Tickets $25
All proceeds will go to NT Cancer Council
Theme: Pink

Buy tickets from the Walking A Breast Team or call

Jenni 0423 063 461
Eagle-eyed deckie Brett came across the world’s most woeful ferry ticket scam last month.

A multi-ride ticket had all the little star-shaped punch pieces carefully glued back in place.

The scam came to light when the superglueing tourist presented the ticket not just for one, but for three mates as well.

Speaking of Brett, he often hits the Cullen Bay pontoon in the wee hours before the first ferry to toss a line at some big barra that regard the lock gates as a buffet.

He scored a good one a month or so ago but landed an 82 cm beauty late last month that he left in a bucket near the gangway for early morning commuters to drool over.

Jill Brannely was the draw winner of the Carlton United can fridge that Chris and Sue at the Wagait Beach supermarket passed on to the Cox Club for an early bird financial members raffle prize.

When the winning number was drawn on market day, the fridge almost did a boomerang.

The second name drawn was Chris Chaplin’s. Like the first name out of the bucket, Chris had not renewed his membership by June 30 so it was third time lucky for Jill.

Local wine lover recently contacted a Clare Valley winery to order a few of a favourite tipple.

After some discussion about new vintages and what was available, six bottles each of two red old vine varieties were ordered.

Somewhere the order was translated from bottles to boxes and six cartons of the one variety arrived.

Luckily the other variety had not been sent but there’s a rather large surplus of a very nice Clare Valley Shiraz in the cellar at present.

School holiday cuteness was experienced by a little boy who lost his teddy over the jetty and into the water.

When asked if two teenage local boys who were doing a spot of fishing on their school holidays could help, they were only too happy to oblige.

With definite skill and good will, teddy was quickly caught and returned to the boy.

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Darwin Harbour tide times August - sponsored by Fast Ferries

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The Jetty

What a magnificent creature. So elegant. So graceful. Just sitting up there all day riding the thermals...

...That’d be the life. Fly Tren, free as a bird, without a care in the world. I wonder what he’s thinking.

TOURIST season.
Congratulations on choosing to join the National Broadband Network

Your new fixed wireless connection will give you access to world-class high speed broadband.
This booklet explains more about your fixed wireless equipment and what happens next.

3 steps to connecting to the NBN

Step 1: Order your service

All you need to do to get started is call a participating internet service provider and make an appointment for the installation of your equipment, which will be both on the outside and inside of your premises. Don’t forget to get permission from the landlord if you are not the property owner.

Step 2: Installation

On the day we will conduct a radio signal survey to ensure that your premises is able to receive a good quality fixed wireless service.

We then mount an Outdoor Antenna on the roof of your premises and an internal Network Termination Device to an interior wall, with a cable running between them.

Step 3: Connecting to the internet

Once your service has been installed and tested you may connect up any equipment that you use to access the internet. For instructions on the best way to connect to the internet once your NBN Co fixed wireless service has been installed, contact your internet service provider. Please note that your existing DSL and cable modems may not be compatible with the NBN, so check your equipment with your internet service provider.

Appointment time

Why not make a note of your appointment date and time here:

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Once you have read through this brochure

Complete the checklist on page 6 to make sure you are prepared for your new NBN service. If you still have questions after reading this brochure you can visit the NBN Co website, or call your internet service provider.
Who will I deal with during my installation?

**Internet service provider:** Your internet service provider will help you select your plan and arrange a time and date for your installation. They will liaise with NBN Co’s installers and should be your main point of contact.

**NBN Co:** NBN Co are responsible for rolling out the National Broadband Network across Australia. You shouldn’t need to contact them directly, but if you have any questions that your internet service provider is unable to assist with, you can call NBN Co on 1800 881 816.

**NBN Co installer:** This is the official representative of NBN Co who will complete the installation of equipment on your property and make sure it is working correctly. They will be in contact before your installation to introduce themselves and confirm your appointment time.

Preparing for your installation

**Before the day**

You will receive a phone call from an NBN Co representative both one week in advance and on the day prior to confirm your installation appointment time.

In that time, it would be a good idea to think about where you would prefer the internal equipment to be installed. This is what your NBN equipment will look like and it’s approximate dimensions:

**Positioning considerations**

The best place for your indoor Network Termination Device is one that is:

- Near your existing phone or network cabling or devices that you will use the most
- Within 1.5 metres of a dedicated 240V power point (a mandatory requirement)
- In a cool, dry, ventilated area
- Away from busy areas where it may be knocked and damaged
- Where it will be easy for you to check the indicator lights if there is a problem

**PLEASE NOTE**

Your data cables cannot extend outside or between buildings.
On the day

You will receive a third phone call approximately one hour prior to the installer arriving at your premises. When the installer arrives at your premises at the allocated time, ensure you check their ID before giving them access to your premises.

The installer will work with you on the best location for the NBN equipment. Currently at least one installation option will be available at no charge for your premises. However, if you would like your installation done in a particular way, please discuss this with your installer as in some circumstances (e.g. for particularly complex or difficult installations), there may be charges associated with this. If your Outdoor Antenna installation is not going to be on your roof or eaves, it may require a custom installation and an appointment for a follow up visit by the NBN Co installer.

External installation

The Outdoor Antenna will be installed on your premises in a location that has direct line-of-sight to an NBN Co fixed wireless base station.

Generally, NBN Co will look at installing the antenna either with a mounting from under the eaves of your roof or on the roof itself. If neither of these locations provide direct line-of-sight to the base station, NBN Co’s installer may look for another suitable location on your premises.

The installer will then conduct a radio signal survey to ensure that your premises is able to receive a good quality fixed wireless service. If that survey does not confirm that you can receive a service of the right strength, we will not be able to proceed with the installation and you will be directed to contact your internet service provider to investigate other connection opportunities.

The installer will have ladders and other equipment to enable both the radio survey and the installation to be completed.

The Outdoor Antenna will be attached to your premises in one of these ways:
Internal installation

The indoor Network Termination Device is wall-mounted and has four Ethernet ports that deliver your internet data.

The installation will require a cable to be run between the Outdoor Antenna and the internal Network Termination Device. This will generally require the drilling of a small hole in your external wall to enable the cable to pass through.

It might be necessary to move furniture around inside your house a little to get to the location you want the internal equipment installed. We’ll need to drill a hole through your wall, as well as some other holes to wall-mount the equipment, so be prepared for a small amount of drilling noise and dust - but we’ll clean up afterwards.

Installations normally take 2 to 4 hours. If you would like your installation done in a particular way please discuss this with your installer as this may take longer.

Connecting your equipment

The next step will involve connecting any equipment that you use to access the internet. Your fixed wireless Network Termination Device has four ‘ports’ on the bottom where Ethernet cables can be connected to provide the broadband connection to your computer or other equipment.

Each Network Termination Device can provide services from up to four internet service providers, each using one of the four separate ports. Each internet service provider can also provide several services through the same port. Please don’t plug devices into ports except for the one your internet service provider advises, as the other ports will be inactive, so your devices will not be able to use them.

For instructions on the best way to connect to the internet once your NBN Co fixed wireless service has been installed, and options for in-premises networking (not included in the standard installation) such as connecting your modem, Wi-Fi router and computer, talk to your internet service provider.

Installation approval

Your installer will take before and after photographs of the installation, and ask you to sign a form indicating your approval so you can be assured it will be done to your satisfaction before they leave.
Your questions answered

**Do I need to be there for the installation?**

You, or an authorised representative (someone you trust who is over 18), needs to be there for the whole appointment, to let the installer in, and agree where the equipment should be located.

**How much will the installation cost?**

Currently at least one installation option will be free for you. If you would like your installation done in a particular way please discuss this with your installer as there may be charges associated with this.

**Can the weather affect my installation?**

Yes adverse weather conditions may make installation unsafe for the NBN Co installer. If weather prevents us from being able to connect your equipment safely, we’ll arrange to reschedule your installation for another day.

**If I get poor mobile reception won’t I get a poor fixed wireless connection?**

No, we are building a completely separate fixed wireless network. Poor quality mobile reception is not an indication of what you will experience on NBN Co’s fixed wireless service.

**Do I need to get a separate supplier for the internal wiring?**

The NBN installer will not undertake internal wiring tasks, and permanent cabling through wall, floor or ceiling cavities must be done by a registered cable installer. Your internet service provider may be able to recommend a registered cable installer in your area.

**Will there be any interruption to my existing phone and internet service?**

No. Your existing copper line or equivalent service will not be altered or changed by the NBN Co fixed wireless installation at your premises. However the fixed wireless service does enable new telephone connections to be made via the data port and your internet service provider may offer that telephone service as well as broadband, so if you find you no longer require your existing copper service please contact your internet service provider to discuss cancellation of your contract.

**I have a monitored home or premises security system. Will it work on the NBN?**

If you would like to use an existing security system, you should check with your security system provider to ensure that your particular equipment and service is NBN-compatible, and check with your internet service provider that they can support this function with your connection. Existing monitored systems will not work over the fixed wireless without a change of equipment in the premises.

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### Checklist for connection

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<td>I have checked with the relevant manufacturers that any alarm systems and medical alert systems I rely on will work on the new NBN connection.</td>
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Once on the NBN, will I be able to use the phone if my power fails?
In the fixed wireless area, NBN Co will not alter or affect your copper line phone connection.

IMPORTANT: The internet and phone services that use the internet will not work during power outages.

Can I run everything on a wireless network?
Yes, it is possible to run most services over a wireless network but should you find wireless limiting for any reason there are other options. You should talk to the installer, your internet service provider or a registered cable installer about the best way to connect other services inside your premises.

Do I need to install any cables and outlets?
It is possible to run most services over a Wi-Fi network, but you may prefer to have cabled connections for data and/or phone outlets. You can arrange for a cable installer to install points now or you can wait until you and the installer have agreed on the location of your Network Termination Device. You can arrange to have as many internal home network points as you like.

The cable installer you choose to undertake this work must be registered with an Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) accredited industry registrar.

What if the installer damages my property?
The installer will take appropriate care on your premises during the installation however in the unlikely event that we cause any damage you can contact us on 1800 881 816.

What do I do if I can’t attend the appointment?
If you can’t be there on the day of your appointment, you can either reschedule it with your internet service provider, or ask someone you trust who is over 18 to give access to all areas of your premises and make decisions about the installation for the installer.

Remember that if you authorise someone else to be present on your behalf for your appointment they will need to make decisions including where the Outdoor Antenna and the internal Network Termination Device should be installed. If you decide later to change the location of the equipment, additional charges may apply.

Are the radiation levels emitted from the Outdoor Antenna safe?
The fixed wireless Outdoor Antenna uses radio waves and operates within levels that comply with Australian standards. When working in the vicinity of the Outdoor Antenna the radio waves can be disabled by turning off the internal Network Termination Device.

What is the difference between fixed wireless and mobile wireless?

NBN’s fixed wireless network, which uses advanced technology commonly referred to as LTE or 4G, is engineered to deliver services to a fixed number of premises within each coverage area.

This means that the bandwidth per household is designed to be more consistent than mobile wireless, even in peak times of use.

Unlike a mobile wireless service where speeds can be affected by the number of people moving into and out of the area, the speed available in a fixed wireless network is designed to remain relatively steady.

Mobile Wireless
Variable numbers and types of devices, operating at variable cell boundaries

Fixed Wireless
Single type of device with a fixed number of connections operating at a fixed cell boundary

Mobile Wireless
Variable numbers and types of devices, operating at variable cell boundaries
CONNECTED SERVICES
You may like to keep a record of which services have been activated through which ports in your Network Termination Device in the diagram below.

CONTACT NUMBERS
Your internet service provider(s) can help you if you have any other questions about your new NBN service. You may like to write down the names and numbers of your internet service provider(s) below for future reference.

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