



## **Koolewong, Point Clare and Tascott**

### **Progress Association Inc**

## **General Meeting minutes: 7:30pm Thursday 10/7/2014**

### **Guest Speaker : Lucy Wicks MP, federal member for Robertson, Liberal Party**

Lucy Wicks began her talk with appreciative comments about the Association and its work, and explained that she grew up in Wendy Drive Point Clare and still loves the local area she knows so well.

As to NBN, she indicated that the roll-out to 2800 premises in our area will be expedited and that Fibre-to-the-Premises will be the local option. She acknowledged the strength of community support for the latter, having heard from those who attended the morning tea at Tascott some months ago.

She said the challenges met by the early roll-out in the Gosford-East Gosford-Springfield areas have been largely overcome and should not be an issue here. When asked about timing of the introduction she said that 12 months from "build commenced" could generally be assumed. In our area the start has been listed as April 2014, and that work is now progressing to schedule.

Lucy explained that the "mixed technology" option is being trialled at Umina and elsewhere and has achieved upload speeds averaging 40 to 45 megabits per second and will be 25 times faster than what is available through current technologies.

A question was asked as to whether the copper remaining in the fibre-to-the-node system could be replaced over time. Lucy said the technology allowed for this. One questioner was concerned that the change to NBN would result in two accounts, one for the land-line and one for the NBN. This would not happen, said Lucy, as a commercial deal had been struck between NBN, Telstra and other providers.

After advising her listeners to contact Tim at the local Robertson office for detailed and technological information about the roll-out, Lucy concluded with statements and responses to questions about other Federal government initiative relating to the growth plan for the Central Coast. Included were the Centre of Excellence (local jobs), the North Connex (commuters), and there were further comments about youth unemployment

### **NBN**

- Last 10 months, they have been working hard to deliver for the Central Coast.
- Tripled the take-up rate of people connecting to NBN – including CC.
- Build currently underway in Koolewong, Point Clare, Tascott.
- Fibre to the premises.
- Malcom Turnbull has said to Lucy how important it was to serve areas that are under-served first.
- Cannot give an exact completion date.
- NBNco website will have further information. You can put your address in and will tell you

when work actually started in your area.

- Challenges – issues with the rollout (not able to connect approx 80% [7000 premises])
- NBN uses multiports – these weren't considered at first, so they had to go back and fix them.
- 2800 premises in KPCT.
- Commitment to mix of technologies – fibre to the node, when you connect to the pillar back to the Telstra exchange. Trial conducted in Umina, tested Telstra's copper network utilised. Will not be used in all areas. These trials have had download speeds of 105mBs, uploads of 45mBs. (25 x faster than average speeds)

### Coalition Growth plan for Central Coast

- NBN
- 9km tunnel underneath Pennant Hills Rd (NorthConnex), beginning 2015, 2000 jobs. Save the average commuter 1/2hr a day (10hrs a week).
- Local jobs. 250-300 new jobs, 600 new jobs for the Central Coast. Highly paid, high skilled jobs in Gosford. Multiplier effect – 3 to 5 jobs can be created for each new job, eg. Child care, cafes, dry-cleaning, etc.
- 28% Youth unemployment.
- 30,000-40,000 commuters.
- Woy Woy Oval – state of the art piece of Civic Infrastructure.
- \$7m for Kibbleplex, University Research Hub, Regional Library, Cafe, Child Care Centre.

### Questions

*What is the proposed ready for service date?*

Can't tell you.

*Will we get it by the end of this year?*

Probably – months away rather than years.

*The area we are in (NBN)?*

The whole of KPCT

*Is there a reason why they can't use fibre all the way as copper will break down?*

Best practice around the world is fibre to the node – world's best practice and cost. If the copper is not suitable they will replace it with fibre.

25-100mBs was the commitment

*Confirm this area is getting fibre to the premises?*

Yes

*The people of Australia want NBN to the home, everytime we build a piece of major infrastructure, we have had to make it better (more lanes etc). I don't think the government is listening to that.*

We were listening and we have made a commitment. We are borrowing \$1b a month to pay the interest accrued by previous government.

*Supplementary question: what is the cost structure for people who have the NBN component with copper?*

It is upgradable and it's a commercial deal done by NBN – there will not be 2 line rentals. Saving the average consumer \$43 per month.

*Some months ago there was a change, a box with a router and back-up battery, if you lose power in your home the entire network goes off. The new NBN policy is not to supply a backup battery?*

Answer from the floor: the battery/socket to the premises is owned by NBN. Darren Rudd to contact questioner on technical issues.

*Explain the challenges?*

The government is working through the challenges. They were'nt sorted out as the fibre was being rolled out.

*Gosford Digital City, my business in Erina is excluded from the rollout, but is the major business centre in the city. \$3500 per month rental, NBN \$90 per month. Small business held to ransom.*

The communication Minister has said it makes good sense to support small business. If it was done again, perhaps it could have been done differently. We are lobbying to get more ADSL2 ports in Erina.

*What has happened in Gosford rolled out to apartment and can't connect?*

Those issues are being worked out. Please call my office if there are any issues and we can follow it up.

*Rollout for poor smucks getting the other rollout – will they be offered the upgrade?*

Upload speed is 45mbs.

*Any idea of the costs?*

NBN working with retails service providers to come up with customer offerings.

Rumbala Youth Hostel Closure? – talk to Chris Holstein about as it is a State problem.

Youth Connections Funding – only has funding to get them to the end of the year. The liberal government and now looking proposals from youth connections which has been forwarded to the minister who is now looking into it.

600 commonwealth jobs for ATO – they are new jobs and the jobs created to build the building and 300 for other agencies.

Meeting opened at 8:30pm

1. **Apologies** Deidre, Val, and Graham and Helen, Lola and Len
2. **Acceptance of Minutes from previous General Meeting: May 2014** Moved by Jon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jill
3. **Treasures Report** \$5543.28 in the bank. Advertising payments came into for the newsletter. Moved by John and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patricia Macdonald
4. **Correspondence Out:**
  - a. **All members – NBN update for local residents**
  - b. **All members – Weed control Goodaywang reserve**
  - c. **Point Clare School Committee – Forwarding of Information provided by Police re: Suspicious behaviour around child in Point Clare**
5. **Correspondence in:**
  - a. **Resident of Glenrock parade – NBN update for Local residents**
  - b. **Craig Newbury, Gosford Council – Funding for further weed control Goodaywang Reserve**
  - c. **Hillary Morris Councillor – Stake Park for local area**
  - d. **Ann Hagen – local resident- Squealing Freight train**
  - e. **Corina Hassett, Nsw Police – Suspicious behaviour around child in Point Clare**  
Correspondence in and out Moved by Lisa and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorriane
6. **General Business**
  - a. **Parliamentary inquiry into the EPA – Fred Beringer –** freight train noise, there is an enquiry into the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). The enquiry is to report how we feel about how they have done in dealing with the train noise problem. Fred feels that they have leaning more to big businesses such as the freight operators rather than the people who live along the train lines. Fred would like the progress assoc to put a submission into the enquiry on how we feel how our complaints have been received as well as all the documentation that we have previously sent to them and the responses that we have received back. The motion was carried. Fred to draft the submission.
  - b. **Craig Newbury's proposal re Goodaywang bushcare – Jon Fearon** - Craig Newbury of Gosford council is now in charge of this area and funding has come up. He would like to know if people are interested in learning in bush care, weed identification. Jon would like to know if anyone is interested.
  - c. **Skate Park – Lisa Hagarty** The association received a letter from councillor Hillary Morris re: our proposal for a skate park, she said there is some grants available for recreation facilities from federal and state governments. She suggested that we put together a proposal so we can apply for some of these grants. She also said currently there is nothing on the councils agenda for installing the

skate park so we need to make some “noise” to get something going. Lisa is to draft the proposal

- d. **Membership fees – John Rossi** – The associations funding comes from membership fees. To encourage more members john has proposed that if people join the assoc half way through the year, that they pay half the membership fee which is \$7.50. The committee has also suggested for a donation box as such to help cover the costs in hiring the hall, a gold coin donation would be optional. Both of these suggestions were accepted well by the association. John also said that we can get someone else to audit the books by someone else who may be cheaper.
- e. **No parking zones during rubbish collections – Ren Wagner** – Ren lives in Fiona street at Point Clare. All the residents received a letter from council to say they will make the street no parking on garbage collection days due to the trucks getting stuck at the end of the street, as the cars were making it hard for the truck to navigate the sharp turn. The residents are not happy as they are they have made the majority of the street no parking when the issue is only at one end of the street. Also council did not even consult the residents on this situation. We were also made aware that some other streets have also been affected by the no parking zones during Garbage collection days.
- f. **Hall Renovations – Ren Wagner** the hall committee has gone to the designers, and they are coming back to them with a few designs and ideas. They have been given a must have list and considering what they can add on extra. It is going to take 5 months to do the renovations.

Meeting closed at 9:09

**Next General Meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014**