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Australia's First Optic Fibre Suburb is here!

Residents in Australia's first optic fibre suburb are enjoying internet connection 10 times faster than cable, discounted phone calls, and the latest in home office technology years before the proposed Telstra Optic fibre rollout.

Sandhurst Club south of Melbourne is antenna free as Australia's first privately funded and built optical fibre residential communication network, which has 100 times the capacity of the existing Telstra infrastructure.

Golfers living on the estate can tune into Sandhurst Club's Channel 6 on their television set and view the first tee to see how busy the course is or access news from the Club.

Mr Mark Brayshaw CEO of ClubCom, the providers of the communications network said, "Residents are benefiting from the installation of an advanced optical fibre network to their homes with optical fibres delivering vastly larger amounts of information than the standard copper wire telephone line".

"The Sandhurst Club system is like having office block technology for your own home. A cable modem can normally handle a maximum of five megabits of data per second. The network at Sandhurst Club delivers one hundred megabits per second."

The host of services being delivered over the network includes distribution of free to air television, high speed internet access, IP Telephony and security monitoring services.

This is a big advantage to the many people who run a home office or businesses from home.

The system broadcasts Foxtel services and in the future home owners will be able to have movies screened direct to their homes as part of the Sandhurst Club services which will be similar to ordering a movie in a hotel.

"It is standard practice for all homes at Sandhurst Club to be wired to the twenty-four hour security system which is monitored by ClubCom staff and delivers a range of services including personal emergency alert security, fire and burglary."

ClubCom as bulk purchaser of broadband and other telephone services has been able to gain competitive prices for residents with up to 30 minute phone calls capped at 60 cents to any capital city in Australia.

These communication services provide Sandhurst residents with a major advantage and should prove to be a popular feature when re-selling the home in the future.

For the home office the system will allow for networking of home, work computers and phone systems in a seamless manner, Mr Brayshaw said.

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