



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Amanda Rishworth MP Federal Member for Kingston**

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#### **Gillard Government supporting high-speed digital Willunga**

Federal Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP today announced that the City of Onkaparinga Council is a successful round one applicant under the Gillard Government's Digital Hubs and Digital Enterprise programs, which will enable the Willunga community to take advantage of the National Broadband Network (NBN).

Ms Rishworth said "I congratulate the City of Onkaparinga Council as the successful round one applicant to both the Digital Hubs and Enterprise programs and I also commend its progress in developing a project business case for funding under round one of the Digital Local Government program.

"The opportunities that come with high-speed broadband are many and varied and the National Broadband Network is opening exciting new doors in the Willunga community for local businesses and residents alike. I am very excited that funding provided under these important programs will help the South to get the most out of this cutting edge technology."

Mayor of the City of Onkaparinga Council, Lorraine Rosenberg said "Through the Digital Enterprise program the City of Onkaparinga will project manage the delivery of structured workshops, mentoring and support services to small businesses and not for profits in the local area.

"Through the Digital Hubs program the City of Onkaparinga Council will be delivering digital and literacy training for individuals in the community. Training sessions will run in both large and small groups to cater for all involved."

Ms Rishworth said the Hub will be located at two locations, the old Willunga council chambers and the Willunga library at the Willunga Hub and will also enable local residents to experience the NBN-enabled applications and services.

These three Gillard Government initiatives are targeting the first 40 communities to benefit from the NBN, with funding being made available to these communities in line with the NBN rollout schedule.

For further details on the three programs visit [www.dbcde.gov.au/digitalhubs](http://www.dbcde.gov.au/digitalhubs), [www.dbcde.gov.au/digitalenterprise](http://www.dbcde.gov.au/digitalenterprise) and [www.dbcde.gov.au/digitallocalgov](http://www.dbcde.gov.au/digitallocalgov)