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FUNDING FOR BROADBAND AT SENIORS' KIOSKS

Federal Member for Chisholm, Anna Burke MP today welcomed \$71,700 of Federal Budget funding for broadband at seniors' kiosks at numerous locations locally.

Ms Burke said the Federal Government was investing \$71,700 to ensure that kiosks funded under its *Broadband for Seniors* program continue to run over the next four years to 30 June 2015.

"These kiosks provide senior Australians with free broadband access, free computer training and up-to-date technology like web cameras, so they can better keep in touch with family and friends," Ms Burke said.

"The funding will be used to provide free broadband internet and cover the costs of ongoing maintenance of computer equipment.

"It will also ensure that local kiosks continue to run with the help of volunteer staff.

"As the National Broadband Network is rolled out, kiosks will be connected to it delivering high speed internet connection for seniors within our local community."

The following groups in Chisholm will receive grants for existing seniors' kiosks –

- \$8,000 for Anglicare Victoria – Dixon House;
- \$6,900 for Archangel Michael Senior Social Club of Oakleigh Inc, Archangel Michael and St Anthony's Church;
- \$8,000 for Aveo Fountain Court Services Apartments;
- \$7,100 for Bennettswood Neighbourhood House;
- \$6,800 for Box Hill South Neighbourhood House;
- \$4,900 for Burwood Neighbourhood House;
- \$8,000 for UAC – Kangerong Centre;
- \$8,000 for Oakleigh Rehabilitation Program;
- \$7,100 for Wavlink Inc and
- \$6,900 for Wesley St Marks' Adult Day Centre.

"This funding is essential to ensuring that local elderly citizens can benefit from the digital economy and are not left behind" Ms Burke said.

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