



Cape York online with wireless Internet

Remote Cape York communities now have WiFi wireless Internet thanks to a Far North Queensland Indigenous economic development corporation.

Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation has funded the introduction of WiFi technology to 14 Cape communities, through an arrangement with the Queensland Government Chief Information Office and Optus.

The Cape York Digital Network (CYDN) installed the WiFi and CYDN's Director Philip Dutchak said the reaction to finding this technology in such remote places has been amazing.

'Business visitors and tourists come here expecting nothing,' Philip said.

'The possibility of contacting the world from the bush only adds to their experience, so tourists may stay a bit longer and spend a bit more money, while business visitors aren't cut off from their offices and can be more effective.'

In a five-year agreement, from 2004 to 2009, the Queensland Government agreed to spend an average of \$42 million per year on Optus products and services. In return, Optus has diverted one per cent of this revenue to the Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation.

The CYDN installed WiFi within a 200 metre radius around its centres located in Cooktown, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal, Laura, Pormpuraaw, Napranum, Mapoon, New Mapoon, Weipa, Injinioo, Umagico, Lockhart River, Coen and Aurukun.

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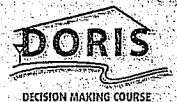
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