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Miners back free internet service in Perth CBD
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Perth's biggest resources companies have teamed up to create a free, wireless internet service in the western end of the CBD, which they have dubbed the city's Resources Quarter.

The Chamber of Minerals & Energy said the initiative was designed to foster creativity and connectivity in the Perth CBD.

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The ResourcesNet service is sponsored by Rio Tinto, BHP Billiton and Woodside, which have their Perth headquarters in the western end of the CBD.

A CME statement is pasted below

FREE WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICE FOR PERTH'S "RESOURCES QUARTER"

In an Australian first, the resources sector is fostering creativity and connectivity in the Perth CBD by providing free access to the Internet, enabling speed-of-light access to the world's greatest communications tool and its vast stores of knowledge.

The Chamber of Minerals and Energy (CME) ResourcesNet project means anyone in the CBD for business or pleasure and needing short-term access to the Internet, including full time or short-term workers, overseas and

interstate visitors, shoppers and students, can now log on to the Internet at no cost to themselves, according to CME Chief Executive, Tim Shanahan.
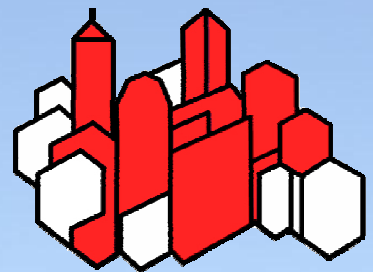
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The free Wi-Fi Internet service covers a district becoming known as the Resources Quarter because of the number of resources industry companies with offices ther. It includes St Georges Terrace and Hay and Murray Streets west from William Street, up to the Barracks Arch near Parliament House.

Using laptop or PDA, anyone in the Resources Quarter precinct can send and receive email, conduct research or browse the world wide web, download material, watch videos, take part in webcam, and even use Voice-Over-Internet Protocol (VOIP) to talk anywhere in the world.

"ResourcesNet will enable free Internet access, courtesy of the Western Australian resources sector, in a demonstration of the sector's support and commitment to applying the latest technology to benefit the community," said Mr Shanahan.
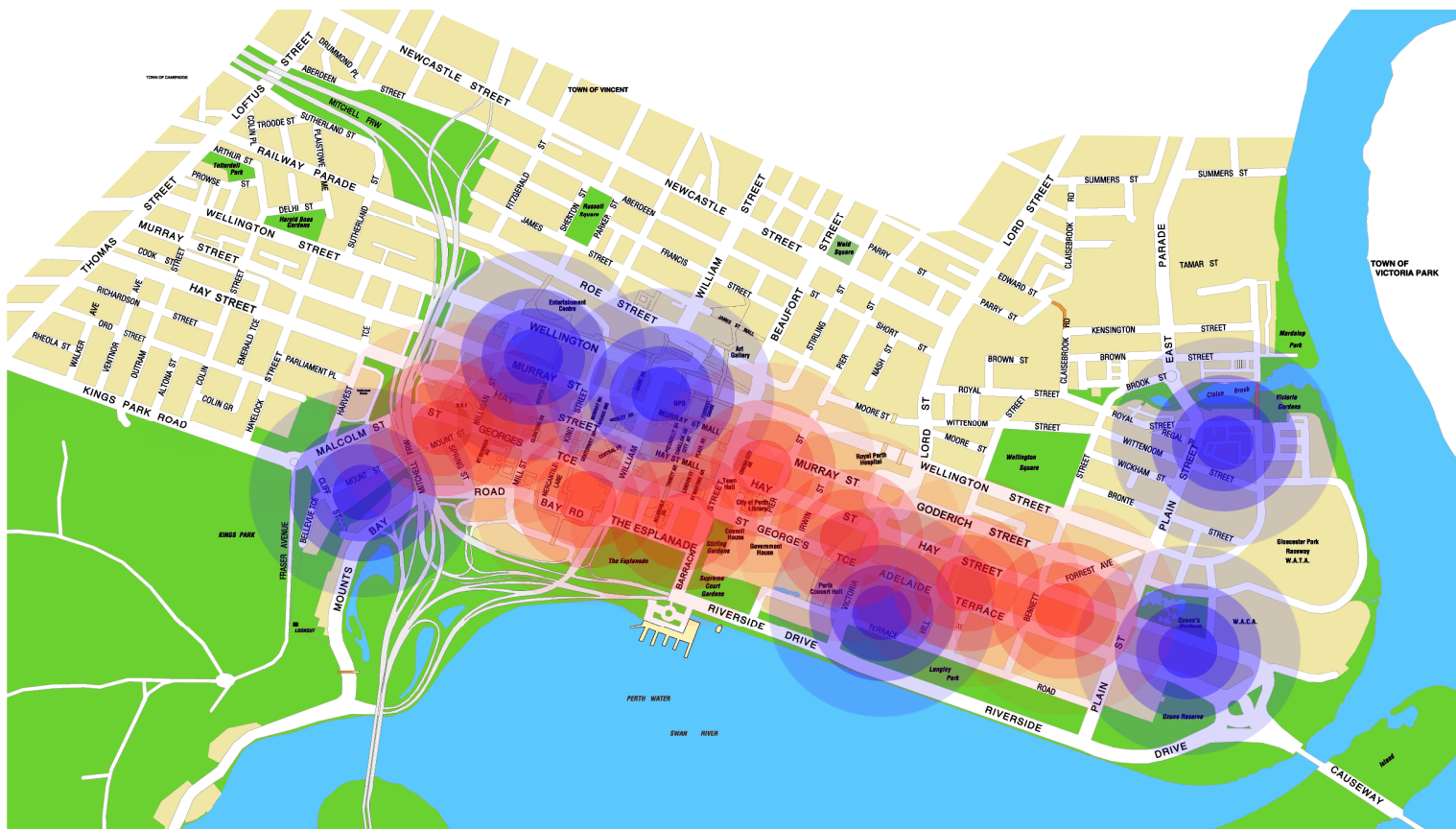
information pack

metromesh

"The roaming Internet network"

what is metromesh?

metromesh is a wireless network deployed in the Perth CBD, Western Australia. The creation of this Wi-Fi "HotZone" provides flexible indoor and outdoor Internet access for browsing the Web, downloading your data or checking and sending email cost effectively.

metromesh coverage

metromesh is currently available in the red shaded areas. Check the webpage for the most recent information as the network is growing quickly.

Below is a list of some of our **metromesh** enabled locations:

Category: Office buildings

40 St Georges Tce (Dwyer Durak)
44 St Georges Tce (St Martins Tower)
45 St Georges Tce (Reserve Bank)
77 St Georges Tce (Allendale Square)
240 St Georges Tce (Woodside Plaza)
220 St Georges Tce
221 St Georges Terrace (Forest Centre)
225 St Georges Terrace (BHP)
251 St Georges Terrace (Clough)
250 St Georges Terrace (QV1)
2 The Esplanade (Exchange Plaza)
28 The Esplanade (BGC Building)
731 Hay Street (HBF Building)
362 Wellington St (Western Power)

Category: Public Venues

Hay Street Mall West End
Murray Street Mall East End
Stirling Gardens
London Court

Category: Hotels

Sheraton Hotel
Novotel Hotel
Good Earth Hotel
Ambassador Hotel

Use your laptop, PC or PDA with any standard wireless device to:

+ Browse the Internet
+ Download your data
+ Access your email
+ Capitalise on VOIP
+ Zero setup time

Coming soon:

Duxton Hotel
Mecure Hotel
And many more

Interested in becoming part of metromesh?

metromesh can connect your site (Hotspot) or entire location (Hot zone) to our next generation wireless network.

Visit www.metromesh.com.au and visit the coverage section or call us at +61 8 9201 9151

■ metromesh plans and services

metromesh provides users with a number of wireless plans. Speed of connection and download charges are the key distinguishing factors of **metro**mesh plans. The following metromesh plans are available:

■ Connecting to metromesh

1 **REGISTER**

Use 'register now' to register a username, password and initial plan.

2 **CONNECT**

Using 'account logon', enter your registered username and password and select the 'Login' button anywhere within the 'hotzone'.

3 **RECHARGE**

Recharging allows you to make a credit card payment, change plans or update your user account details.

All **metro**mesh plans provide:

- **No monthly fees**
- **No connection or setup fees**
- **Unlimited login ability**
- **No time limit or credit expiry**
- **Extremely competitive rates compared to other providers**

WiFLY - 256k service

Basic access to the Internet from a wireless connection at 256k broadband speed.

Includes a small credit to receive free access to trial the system.

$0.15 deducted per megabyte downloaded from your prepaid amount.

Minimum payment **$14.95.** You can charge any desired amount to your account at any time. There is no time limit or credit expiry with any **metro**mesh account.
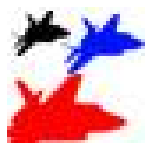
WiFLEX - 512k service

Moderate access to the Internet from a wireless connection at 512k broadband speed.

$0.12 deducted per megabyte downloaded from your prepaid amount.

Minimum payment **$49.95**. You can charge any desired amount to your account at any time. There is no time limit or credit expiry with any **metro**mesh account.
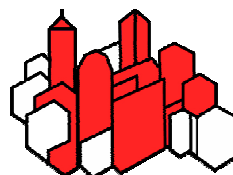
WiFAST - 1024k service

Fast access to the Internet from a wireless connection at 1024k broadband speed.

$0.10 deducted per megabyte downloaded from your prepaid amount.

Minimum payment **$99.95**. You can charge any desired amount to your account at any time. There is no time limit or credit expiry with any **metro**mesh account.
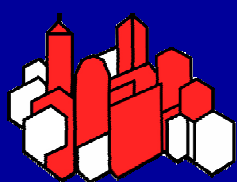
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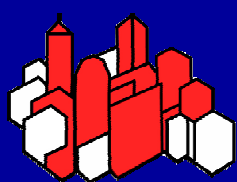Phone: +61 8 9201 9151
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photos

A radio covering buildings on St Georges Tce

metromesh photos

Pictures clockwise

A) INN equipment
B) metromesh radio
C) INN equipment
D) metromesh radio

"Internet download speed will be fast enough to make using ResourcesNet a pleasurable experience, and users will be able to download a reasonable amount of web and email material to your laptop computer or PDA."

"We believe ResourcesNet will contribute to invigorating the Perth CBD, enriching the lives of the people who work and visit here."

ResourcesNet is sponsored by Rio Tinto, BHP Billiton and Woodside and managed by the Chamber of Minerals and Energy on behalf of the resources industry of Western Australia.