NBN - Does Pyramid Hill Have an Inferior Service?

Recently I started investigating the options for NBN wireless service to our property, (the cherry farm at Mincha). I was astonished when I realized that large areas of our district appear to be ineligible for wireless NBN service. Large areas north and south of the town according to the map and the database will get no wireless service. As yet NBN has not given me a reasonable explanation for why the map appears as it does, as much of the area has no hills to block coverage and significant areas are well within the radius of the tower and would have good line of sight to the antennae. If the map is true, then it would seem that Pyramid Hill has had an inferior antennae array installed. Although I was told by two service providers and the NBN map that Sky Muster satellite was available I was dissatisfied with that. Satellite is a significantly more expensive monthly expense for an inferior service, when compared to wireless. For instance, a 50 GB medium speed plan will cost about $60/month on wireless with national calls included. On a Sky Muster service, a roughly equivalent 50 GB plan will cost at least $100/month and telephony is usually not available. My understanding is that telephony on satellite is not a good experience, with delays, such as experienced with overseas calls. I have talked to NBNco, who are now investigating my case further, with the probability that they will do a signal test at our property. My expectation is that the techies will get a clear signal and we will be able to enjoy a wireless NBN service, which is cheaper and more reliable than satellite.

I urge people of Pyramid Hill district, who want NBN service to carefully question whether the wireless service is not available to your property. DO NOT necessarily believe the map or the providers. Talk to NBNco and don’t take no for an answer!

Tara Hammet

Lions Market
Saturday, 11th June
9.00—1.00 Memorial Hall
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Lions Citizen of the Year
The Lions Club is calling for nominations for our Citizen of the Year 2016.

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Nomination forms can be collected from the Newsagency.
NVQHA Update

Rain! Rain like we haven’t had for a long time but just what would the arena be like, and would we get bogged in the car park? No! The day was lovely and sunny and the good sand base of the arena was solid underneath the big puddles.

Last Saturday was Freshman Jumping day at the club, where any riders are welcome to come along and school their horses over a full course of ten jumps, and of course everyone is welcome to come and watch as well. We start with poles on the ground and go up as high as riders like, gradually raising the height as the day goes on. Ten riders came along and had a fun day jumping the course on the surface that ex Olympian Guy Creighton has described as one of the best in Victoria.

The next Freshmans days are on June 25th & July 23rd. Contact Jess Lee on 0417 313 801, nvqhasecretary@gmail.com or Dorothy Kaye 0429 365 258 for more information.

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Seniors News

Only a couple seats left for the Catalina Museum trip on 20th June. Ring Peg of 5455 7191 to book. $10 entry to Museum, plus $12 lunch at Swan Hill RSL. No charge for bus. Certain to be a good day.

Mystery trip being organised for later on. Movie Day - “The Dressmaker”, coming soon. All welcome.

At our last luncheon, our guest speaker, Jo, gave us a very informative talk on the benefits of massage. A few had a relaxing demo on the neck and shoulder areas - the verdict - very good. Thank you Jo.

Our next luncheon on Friday, 10th June will have a CFA chap talking on fire safety, in particular around the home, now winter is with us. See you there.

Cards (500) - Trevor won 1, Peg 1 and Kate 3. Bad cards to Jeanette & Wanda, who both missed out.

Bingo - Peg had 3 lucky cards & 2 Bingos, Ken 3 lucky cards and 1 win, Wanda 1 lucky card & 3 Bingos. Lucky door went to Ray Leed.

The Club’s birthday coming up, so keep getting out and about, socialize and have a good laugh.

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Pyramid Hill & District Historical Society
Annual General Meeting
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At the RSL Hall at 10 am
All welcome

Monday Night Netball

In the first game Blue came out firing from the word go and by half time had a good lead. During the second half the game tightened up but Blue managed to maintain the margin and notch up their first win on the board with 43 goals to Red's 36 goals.

The second game had a real finals atmosphere and there wasn't a lot between the teams at each change. In the last quarter Purple flexed their muscle and snuck in a win with 51 goals to Pinks 46. Hope to see Matt back on the court soon.

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Dingee Men’s Dinner
The next Dingee Men’s Dinner will be held on June 9th 2016 at the Dingee Hotel 7pm for 7.30pm meal.
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**Pyramid Hill Football/Netball Club**

**Social News**

Following the match last Saturday, it was then onto the Annual Ball and what a night that was! Everyone was all glammed up and players and supporters rocked away to the very talented Tyler Hudson! Thanks to all who supported this very successful night.

A huge thank you to Rebecca Gunther and the Social Committee for the effort given in organising this fabulous event. An even bigger thank you to those social committee members, players, supporters and committee members who turned up on Sunday for the not so popular job of ‘clean up’ duty.

Our next social event is the Goods and Services Auction which will be held on July 2nd. This is an important night to ensure the longevity of our club; so it would be great to have everyone pitch in to make the auction a roaring success. Any donations for the night will be gratefully received by David James or Rob Moon or any committee member.

The future of the netball club has again been bolstered with the early arrival of “Quinn Ivy”. Congratulations to Jessica and Matt Holdstock on the safe arrival of their precious little girl.

Finally PHFNC would like to sincerely thank Mick and Dee from the Pyramid Bakery Café for their generous donation of ‘Pies, Pasties and Sausage Rolls’ for the training tea that we had a few weeks back.

So when you are in town, do drop into the Pyramid Bakery Café and grab a bite to eat!

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**Thought for the Week:**

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* Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Pyramid Hill

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Pyramid Bowls

It’s almost time to close up the shutters for the winter at the Bowling Club, but there is one more thing to do first. We need to solve a mystery! It’s called the “Mystery of the Missing Jack”. Now that could send players into panic mode, but let me allay your fears. This is not the jack, or kitty, that we form such a close alliance to – the one we all want to get close to. No, this is a jack of a different kind – the kind that props up a ute when it has a flat tyre. This jack was mistakenly left on the roadside just outside the Bowling Club House last Saturday morning. Poor “jack” had done his job in assisting with the required repair work, but then was left forlorn and forgotten. When jack’s owner realised the error and returned for the pick-up, jack was gone! If anyone found “jack”, the type suited for a ute tyre repair, and has him in safe keeping, could you please call Fred on 0448 794 747. Fred and ‘jack’ would dearly love to be reunited.

The Annual General Meeting
The AGM will be held on Wednesday, 15th June with a 7:30 start. Everyone welcome.

Board members with particular responsibilities are asked to have their reports, preferably written reports, ready for presentation to the meeting. Please make sure that your nominations for positions on the new Board are posted one week prior to the meeting date.

Lions Garage Sale
This Saturday, 4th June
At Pyramid Hill Railway Station
Between 10 and 12
Clearing out some items from the shed.

Thank You
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Any other items of interest would be very much appreciated.

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Pyramid Hill Netball & Football Club
Round 7 B/L Serpentine vs Pyramid

A GRADE
On a fresh day at Pyramid Hill both teams started well with Pyramid leading by 2 at the first break. Pyramid’s defence held strong and gained 5 more goals going in to half time. Serp’s determination during the third quarter saw them play some good periods, but Pyramid continued to extend their lead to 18 at the final whistle.
Pyramid Hill 52 d. BL/Serpentine 34
Best – Megan Gunther

B GRADE
With a bit of a slow scrappy start by both sides at quarter time there was an even score. Pyramid picked up the pace up in the second quarter with great defence by Emily Stewart and Chelsea Emmerson which saw them take the lead at the half time break. A couple of changes in the mid court had BJ picking a lot of passes off in WD and put Pyramid well in front.

Accurate shooting by Bianca enabled turnovers to be converted to goals and enable a great win by Pyramid.
Pyramid Hill 43 d. BL/Serpentine 22
Best – Chelsea Emmerson

C GRADE
Another windy day in Pyramid Hill against BL/Serpentine. After the first quarter the girls were only 5 goals down. The second quarter was more competitive with Serp only holding a 7 goal lead at the half time break.
Everyone continued to try hard with the defence pushed but still getting some good intercepts, however Pyramid just couldn’t convert in the goals.
BL/Serpentine 42 d. Pyramid Hill 22
Best – Jade Gunther

C RESERVE
Once again there were a few new faces playing, with the inclusion of our coach Deb Forster playing her first FULL game in three years and she did not disappoint. With a tall defence and quick movement in attack we were able to shoot a few more goals this week to come off with the first win of the season. Well done girls.

Pyramid Hill 36 d. BL/Serpentine 25
Best – Chelsea Emmerson

17 & UNDER
It was a cold day but the girls took to the court determined and hopeful to have our first win. The first quarter saw our defensive side start off well with some good intercepts. Encouragement was good throughout the game and we continuously worked great as a team. Although we didn’t win it was a great match.
Pyramid Hill 45 d. BL/Serpentine 20
Best – Tess Hampson

15 & UNDER
On a chilly day the girls took to the court feeling confident in their ability to win. It was a slow start with some poor footwork and passes. But the second half showed the girls finding their rhythm again, with some great intercepts and accurate shooting. This allowed them to take a comfortable win.
Pyramid Hill 44 d. BL/Serpentine 36
Best – Jordann Broad

MINIS
It was a sunny morning with a fresh wind and the girls took a few minutes to warm up. Lots of strong passes along the court, the girls played well with terrific moral support throughout the game. We also want to welcome Kaitlyn to the team and wish Ally well in the Under 15s.
Best – Imogen Broad

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Pyramid Hill Footy Results
Pyramid Hill v B/L Serpentine

The clubrooms kept pumping out the team song as the Pyramid boys managed to come home with three convincing wins against BL/Serpentine. The Ressies’ match was the ‘Game of the Day’ as the boys came away with their first points for the season. Almost felt like Grand Final day! The three wins certainly set the scene for the social event of the year with the PHFNC Annual Ball on Saturday night.

UNDER 18’s
James Ryan had the ball on a string early in our clash with the Bears as he kicked 4 goals in the first ten minutes and we took a 47 point lead into quarter time. The boys were fantastic and were continually winning the centre clearances, giving our forwards multiple opportunities to score. Whilst we were wasteful in front of goal, including both Bailey Goodwin and Xavier Ryan missing from within 7 metres we took out a comfortable 110 point victory and regained our spot in the Top 5. Jimmy finished with 6 snaps but the effort and intensity from all the boys was superb and our momentum needs to be taken into our next encounter with Calivil.

Final Score: Pyramid Hill 18.17.125 def B/L Serpentine 2.3.15

Goal Kickers: J Ryan 6, X Ryan 3, B Goodwin 3, M Gunther 2, J Francis 1, A Friedberger 1, J Moon 1, B Pickersgill 1

Best Players: Brad Peters Award: Jack Francis, Millers Ag Supplies Award: X Ryan, Coffee Bank Award: A Friedberger, Pyramid Bakery Cafe Award: J Ryan, Bruce McCanhon Award: B O’Toole, Special Award: M Gunther
Others: G James, B Moon, J Moon

Under 18 Player of the Week – Jack Francis
New to the club this season, Jack has been fantastic winning the ball out of the middle for us and also providing plenty of run off the half back flank. After getting a rocket from the coach about his defensive pressure, Jack has also shown how good he can be without the ball; tackling, blocking and having a great impact in contests. A very valuable player for the side, when he fires the team is much better off.

RESERVES
It was a BIG day for the Ressies boys as both Pyramid and Serp were coming into the game without a win for the season. Although a slow start in the first quarter was not an ideal way to go in to the break, some inspirational coaching words at the first break obviously motivated the boys as the second quarter saw us playing as a team. We pegged the score back to level by half time. Into the ‘Premiership Quarter’ we were kicking against the wind and managed to outscore our opposition thanks to the reliable hands of Nato Moon. We then ran away with the game in the last quarter. A lot of quick entries in the fifty saw us stitch up the game coming away with our first WIN for the year. A great team effort boys!

Final Score: Pyramid Hill 11.15.81 def B/L Serpentine 4.5.29

Goal Kickers: N Moon 2, J Amos 1, N Forbes 1, B Keath 1, C Leerson 1, D Mann 1, M Scott 1, L Southern 1, T Wagner 1, T Woolhouse 1

Senior Player of the Week – Nathan Fitzpatrick
‘Fitzy’ came to the club in 2013 as a Junior player, won a premiership that year and has quickly become one of our much loved ‘adopted’ local lads. As a footballer, Fitzy is a hugely talented forward who can take a strong mark, kick a bag full and strongly influence all players around him. This year Fitzy has taken on the role of Under 18’s Coach and is a great mentor to all our younger players. Fitzy is a terrific club person and gives 120% both on and off the field. There is nothing that Fitzy can ‘not’ do! Thanks for your outstanding contribution to the PHFNC Nathan! You’re a champion!

This week we take a short drive to take on our neighbours Mitiamo! Let’s come home with three out three! Go Bulldogs!
Bali Nines

Well the passports have been updated, the final cycle of peptides have been injected and the stubby holders have been adapted to take Indonesian beer: the Pyramid Hill Waratahs are ready for the Bali Nines Masters Football Tournament.

As well as a host of current Pyramid Hill players, the team has recruited far and wide signing some big names with big egos including Linc Withers (ex-Carlton reserves); Stuart Cooper (ex-North Melbourne reserves); David Johns, seven times premiership full forward Horsham Demons; Rick Nolan, son of North Melbourne legend Mick; Jayson Carroll, son of Pyramid Hill premiership player John; David Round, son of South Melbourne legend Barry; dual QAFL league best and fairest, Tim Weatherald ex-Glenelg and SAFL league best and fairest and Rod Sewell, Dalesford reserves coach.

Whoever performs the best on the football field receives the Trout Harrison mug award and whoever performs best off the football field gets the Trout Harrison mugged award. We wish the team all the best as they battle tropical heat, terrorism, bad umpiring decisions, jet lag and 28 other teams from Australasia, to try and claim the championship.

The Event

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Pyramid Hill Golf Club
Sunday Results - 29th May
19 players enjoyed golf on Sunday

1st Round Championship & Medal Round - Men’s Event
A Grade: James Ritchie 78-12-66
B Grade: Ron Ritchie 93-20-75
Medal Round Winner - James Ritchie NTP 16 - Steve Marshall

Ladies Event
Winner: Kate Bartels 91-13-78
Leaders so far
A Grade - Don Stewart 76
James Ritchie 78
B Grade - Tony Mullins 91
=Second - Ron Ritchie Robbie Ervin 93

Ladies Golf
Wednesday, 1st June

Stroke Event -
Winner - Sue Amos 98-17-81
NTP 16 - Joan James

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