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New network service opened

After three years in the making, a new multi-million dollar, telecommunications network providing unsurpassed wireless and broadband services for the Sunshine Coast region was officially declared complete and open for business by mayor Bob Abbot and Queensland Senator Mark Furner.

The launch was held at the Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Buderim, as the school is one of the first in the region to use the new technology.

Speaking at the launch, Cr Abbot said the end of the Connecting the Coast project was an incredibly important step forward for telecommunications and business on the Sunshine Coast.

“This is the result of a successful public and private partnership between council, the University of the Sunshine Coast, Allegro Networks and the Commonwealth,” he said.

“It has been an outstanding effort from all involved.”

Approximately \$2.9 million in funding was raised by the three Sunshine Coast-based entities with the Federal Government also contributing \$2.9 million to the project.

Matthew Flinders Anglican College and the Reed Property Group are in-kind project partners and have provided practical demonstration case sites for the technology.

The new 29.5km, optical fibre link and wireless base station network provides high quality, ultra high speed, business grade broadband access to more than 50% of Sunshine Coast businesses, educational facilities and health sector service providers.

The network spans a connectivity area of 800km².

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