

Activ8me Unlocks High Speed Internet for Previous DSL Users

The IPSTAR broadband Internet has opened up a whole new world for the couple, Rob and Meg, who are currently living in the rural town of Clare in southern Australia.

The Situation

Previously, they were facing the problem of having no Internet connection after moving from Adelaide to their new house in Clare. "We had limited broadband access since we gave up the BigPond DSL in Adelaide. For the last 10 months, we had been using the Internet at my friend's place. Although it is great to catch up with them, it will be more convenient to check little things from home", said Rob.

Broadband Internet Access via IPSTAR

The major breakthrough came to Rob when one of his clients introduced and explained to him the government's Australian Broadband Guarantee (ABG) program, which offers incentives for broadband subscribers living in difficult-to-reach and remote areas. "After spending considerable amount of time reading and researching information on ABG, I applied for the APN's Activ8me broadband Internet service", he informed.

The Australian Private Networks (APN), a leading rural broadband provider in Australia, is offering Activ8me broadband Internet service for as low as AUD 29.95* a month. The service provides Internet connection anywhere in the country via IPSTAR. In a large country like Australia – which is mostly surrounded with mountain ranges, semi-arid deserts and vast farmlands – Activ8me opens up opportunities to rural locations that lack access to high speed Internet.

"Brett, the installation guy, called me to arrange the time, but I had little idea where we were – so I agreed to meet him in a pub and to bring him up here. It was surprisingly cold in that day, but the weather didn't dampen my spirit. We would have IPSTAR Internet access at home very soon without installing a phone line – which we don't need", said Rob while narrating his story.

"After unpacking the equipment, the IPSTAR antenna was mounted on the roof and was aligned in the right spot. Few moments later, my new laptop found the network and I was immediately got connected online", he added.

For Rob and Meg, having IPSTAR broadband access at home has helped them in their daily activities. They are now able to access high speed online services – such as banking, shopping and news – like never before. "With broadband Internet, we can now consistently communicate with our family and friends online, and keep more involved in blogging", added Meg.

IPSTAR is a satellite designed for high speed communications over an IP technology. Designed to push satellite Internet into the mainstream of broadband access, IPSTAR offers affordable bandwidth and rapidly deployable user terminals – anywhere, anytime under its extensive footprint. In addition, the IPSTAR satellite solution provides interoperability between networks, broadcasting services, last mile connectivity, mobile trunking and disaster recovery communications whenever terrestrial infrastructure is unavailable.

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About ABG

The Australian Broadband Guarantee (ABG) is a universal service obligation program that grants incentives to Internet subscribers living in difficult-to-reach areas and remote parts of the country. The Australian government has allocated more than AUD 270 million over the next 4 years to fund the ABG.

About APN

The Australian Private Networks (APN) is a service partner of the ABG program, and a major provider of IPSTAR broadband Internet and voice services in Australia. APN is currently delivering high speed Internet via satellite to over 20,000 Australian households – making it one of the biggest and fastest-growing IPSTAR service providers in the country.