

Introducing Jindi-Net:

UTILISING ADVANCES in technology to make life and work easier has been a theme of life at the Jindibah community in Fowlers Lane, Bangalow.

Jindibah resident Christopher Sanderson, has a special knack of discerning how advances in technology could help us all in our daily lives. Over the last 12 months, his most satisfying project was the establishment of Jindi-Net.

Jindi-Net pioneers the concept of a small non-profit community-owned and cooperatively operated **wireless broadband network**.

It brings fast internet access at about two-thirds of normal commercial rates to any interested residents of Jindibah and the Possum Creek, Sleepy Creek and Coorabell catchment area, particularly those unable to connect to Telstra.

Following a mention in **Bangalow's Heartbeat** of the intention to establish a broadband network, Chris received a phone call from Newrybar resident, Leon Cornwell, who runs a company called **Advatel**, and works closely with Lennox Head resident Dainen Keogh, of **World Without Wires**. And the show was - just about - on the road.

After a trial period in 2004, there are now satisfied users on Coolamon Scenic Drive, along Fowlers Lane, over to Possum Creek and Friday Hut roads, and now down to the Byron Industrial Estate for residents with offices there.

Users are able to access much faster download times 24-hours a day, keeping costs way down by working together as a small, non-profit collective.

Fowlers Lane teenager and computer student, **Kynan Dwyer**, helps with user technical support, while **Ted King** (at King's Coffee up the lane) keeps an (online) eagle eye on the finances.

With Jindi-Net in place, residents are now able to use **Voice over IP (VoIP)** which allows phone use via the internet, reducing phone call costs by 50%.

Providing low-cost wireless broadband connections over the Possum, Sleepy Creek and Coorabell catchment area



World Without Wires' Dainen Keogh (above) briefs Jindi-Net subscribers in the nuts and bolts of how the wireless broadband network works.



Rooftop aerials (above) connect subscribers to broadband via the wireless network.



The Man from Advatel, Leon Cornwell (left) with Chris Sanderson, systems planner, from the Jindibah Community in Fowlers Lane.

Want to know if you can
access **Jindi-Net**?
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