

PRESS RELEASE

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Fibre has arrived in Sunninghill and Barbeque Downs

Metrofibre Networkx is pleased to announce that residents of Sunninghill and Barbeque Downs are of the first residential areas in South Africa to be able to experience the superior Internet connectivity offered up by its Fibre to the Home (FTTH) services. This follows the announcement that the company has been selected as the preferred fibre supplier for the area.

Working with the local Sunninghill ratepayers association, Metrofibre was selected as the area's preferred FTTH supplier, enabling residents access to high-speed fibre and data services right to the home. The first estate in Sunninghill went live in June 2015, subsequently a further six have been completed, with 14 more to follow suit, and further construction happening in excess of 10 additional estates.

All in all, the over 6000 residential properties within the area will all be able to tap into the Metrofibre fibre network by the middle of 2016. As a consequence of the agreement reached with Sunninghill, the company has also extended network access to include Barbeque Downs.

“Until recently high-speed data has been an expensive luxury only afforded to a select few who could shoulder the costs of uncapped DSL and LTE services, but fibre changes all of this,” states Jacques de Villiers at Metrofibre Networkx. “With fibre consumers and businesses can now ensure that their browsing is never slowed down, making services such as live streaming television, music and even gaming a qualified option for South African customers. It is fast and cost effective – truly levelling the Internet connectivity playing fields for local businesses and consumers.”

Working hand in glove with the Sunninghill Ratepayers Association, Metrofibre will also be providing fibre access for the security cameras in Sunninghill, at no cost to the residents.

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“After extensive research into the various FTTH suppliers in a process that extended almost a year, we at the Sunninghill Community Ratepayers Association elected to appoint Metrofibre Networkx as our preferred supplier of fibre to homes and businesses within the Sunninghill area,” states Linda Gildenhuys, chairman of the Sunninghill Ratepayers Association.

Of the reasons initially listed by the selection team as to why they selected Metrofibre as their partner included the fact that when dealing with the company they were provided with a single point of contact to address questions and assist with service delivery. The company’s ability to deliver symmetrical broadband speeds, as well as uncapped and unshaped Internet, and the fact that its network had stood the test of independent user testing and came out with flying colours, also ranked highly on the selection criteria.

Another attractive offering to customers who elect to make use of Metrofibre for their fibre needs in the area is that the company does not hold the association to any contract terms. In fact, once the network is installed, individual customers can freely contact Metrofibre of their own accord at any stage.

The project encompasses two forms of fibre, namely trenched fibre, which is fibre that is laid underground, and aerial fibre for already established and built up areas where trenching could pose a problem. To this end the company recently ran a highly successful aerial project in the Glenferness area, proving the robustness and accessibility of its aerial offering.

According to de Villiers, this ensures that customers are afforded the option to select what they prefer with as little disruption to the existing environment as possible.

Established in 2010, Metrofibre owns and manages South Africa’s first globally compliant Carrier Ethernet 2.0 (CE 2.0) open access fibre network and connects in excess of 60 cloud, application, voice and Internet service providers with their customers. Its network has been built in line with the highest global standards, making use of only superior networking

products, providing customers with a carrier class open access fibre network that offers ultra-high speed and low latency connections.

New estates and new businesses in the area are urged to contact Metrofibre, while they are in the development phase of the project should they wish to elect to partner with the company on their fibre needs.

“The quality of our network speaks for itself. Our customers who are residents in these areas, and sign up for access to the Metrofibre network, can now leverage key benefits such as symmetrical broadband speeds as well as real open access where customers can either make use of Metrofibre or a service provider of their choice to access the network. Fibre is, and will, continue to change how businesses and consumers the world over connect with each other,” ends de Villiers.

To check if there is fibre in your area or if you qualify for this service visit www.sunninghillfibre.co.za or www.bbqdownsfibre.co.za or contact Caryl on 087 151 4000. Should you have a general query about fibre in your area please visit www.iwantfibre.co.za.

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About FTTH

Fibre to the Home (FTTH) is the most advanced broadband technology available today. What it enables is high bandwidth speeds that allows superior interaction with new generation applications and services, on any and all connected devices. So whether you are on your laptop, your tablet, phone, playing games on your game console or watching streaming video on your Smart TV, fibre makes this all possible.

To find out more on Metrofibre and its full list of products and solutions visit www.metrofibre.co.za.

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