

Good News for NBN Satellite users

We have good news for NBN satellite internet users, whether they use Skymesh, Ant, Ipstar, Westnet or someone else as their provider. From October this year the NBN is doubling data allowances (the amount you can download per month). It is hoped that providers will pass on this extra data to customers without cost although that remains to be seen. There is plenty of competition so it should work out to the customer's benefit.

In terms of 'peak usage' allowance, these are expected to increase by about 25%. This may make it viable for us rural users to access ABC iview, Netflix, Stan and other streaming video services, within reason. It will also make it easier for families who have to share a single internet connection. Let's hope the satellites are up to the job of providing this extra data over the long term, as more users arrive.

Other promising news for rural internet users is the introduction of 100GB Telstra Mobile Broadband plans for \$99. "...for customers in selected remote areas, with a specific focus on customers who are unable to access a fixed line internet connection." At this stage these are invitation only trial plans. Let's hope the trial is a success and these sorts of data allowances become more widely available. If anyone in Northcliffe receives an offer of this sort please let us know at Northcliffe CRC. We are gathering as much information as possible about Northcliffe internet connections, in preparation for our project 'better internet for Northcliffe', to start later this year.



The NCRC screening of LEGO BATMAN is **booked out**. For the lucky seat holders, don't forget to come along on the day.
Doors will open 4:30pm Saturday 9th September.

Arrive on time to join in the Lego competition, cake and craziness!
Dress up for free popcorn. Theme: Superheroes and supervillains

The People Have Spoken

The *Inside* Photo Exhibition People's Choice Results were a three way draw:

Cheryl Macaulay: Inside the
Crevise



Shashi Richards: A Look Inside Oblivion
(pictured above)

Val Roche: Inside the Holden

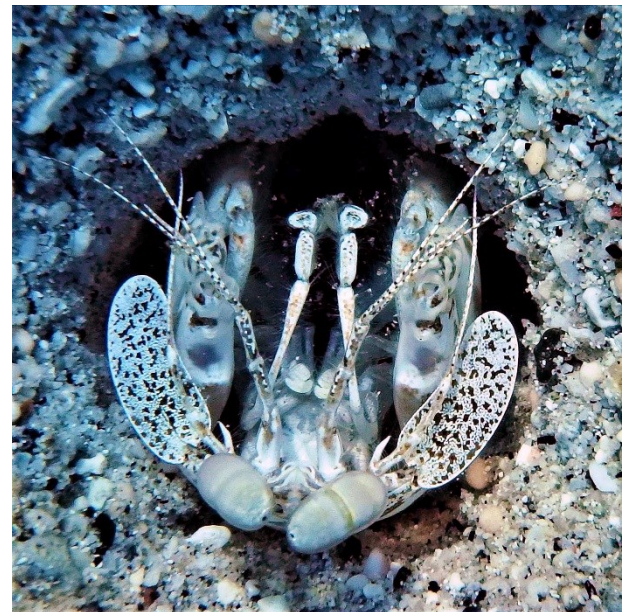
Well done to all our winners. Each People's Choice Winner will receive a \$50 photo printing voucher for use at the Northcliffe CRC.

Val was also a prize winner in the judged section of the competition.

Entrants to *Inside* who had photos featured in the exhibition can pick up their mounted photos from Wednesday 6th September onward.

Thanks to all who entered our competition, who voted in the People's Choice award and who paid a visit to *Inside*.

The overall winner of *Inside*, as judged by local photographer Wendy Eiby, was Damon Ormsby with his photo "I'm in Here" of a Mantis Shrimp, taken by him on holiday at Gili Trawangan in the Gili Islands Indonesia.



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 am to 5pm • Thursday 10 am to 6pm • Friday 9 am to 6pm