

Melrose gets ready for satellite television

Melrose /Wilmington

Melrose residents were able to see a demonstration of the Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service. On 15 December 2010, areas of regional South Australia will switch from analog television to digital television. This means that free-to-air television will be broadcast in digital-only from that date. The Australian Government is funding the VAST service, which for the first time will provide people living in regional and remote areas of Australia in signal blackspots with access to the same number of free-to-air television channels that are available in metropolitan areas. The analog self-help towers providing television services to Wilmington and Melrose are not being converted to digital. However, if you live in these communities you may be eligible to apply for the Satellite Subsidy Scheme. The scheme will assist eligible households in these areas to convert to the new VAST service due to the closure of these towers. The scheme will involve an installer providing a Government-subsidised installation of a satellite dish and set top box.



GOING DIGITAL...Pictured are District Council of Mount Remarkable's digital switchover liaison officer Louise Sladdin and chief executive officer Sean Cheriton.