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Get Online Week returns to reduce the digital divide in Australia

More than 2.5 million Australians are currently not online, with a further 4 million having limited digital skills.

On Monday October 14, Get Online Week 2019 launches in Australia kicking off a week of more than 1000 events taking place around the country to provide support for people wishing to improve their digital skills.

Local organisation, My Geek Mate is getting involved in the digital inclusion campaign by hosting a Get Online Week event Monday to Friday 9:30am to 11am for 14th – 18th October 2019

Organised by Good Things Foundation, Get Online Week aims to help Australians improve their digital skill set, and reduce the digital divide. Taking place from October 14-20, 2019, the week will provide opportunities at a local level for people seeking support, whether they've never been online before, or can do a little but wish to do more.

“As Government and corporate services are increasingly moving online, whether you want to pay a bill, access customer support or book an appointment, you need digital skills. Digital literacy is also essential for our country's economic prosperity, for people seeking employment, or staying connected to loved ones overseas,” said Jess Wilson, National Director, Good Things Foundation. “Get Online Week helps to ensure that no one gets left behind in our digital world.”

My Geek Mate is hosting morning tea “We're opening our doors to show that everyone can learn and that we're here to help,” said Mark Law at My Geek Mate

My Geek Mate, 1/53 Tamar St, Ballina

nbn is the primary supporting partner of the campaign. nbn Local Head of Stakeholder Relations, Sam Dimarco, said: “We're very pleased to be supporting Get Online Week 2019 to help ensure even more Australians are given the best opportunity to get the most out of the nbn™ access network. We want to lift the digital capability of the nation to allow all Australians to take full advantage of the benefits of improved broadband.”



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If you are unable to get to this event, you can find digital skills support at a Get Online Week event near you by visiting www.getonlineweek.com or calling Good Things Foundation on 1300 795 897.

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Information for editors:

- Get Online Week is taking place in Australia from October 14-20, 2019. You can find local events at aus.getonlineweek.com/map.
- Get Online Week is managed by Good Things Foundation - a social change charity with the vision of a world where everyone can benefit from digital. Find out more at www.goodthingsfoundation.org.au.
- Read more Get Online Week stories of Australians learning new digital skills here <https://aus.getonlineweek.com/stories>
- NBN Co is the primary supporting partner for the Get Online Week campaign
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- Get Online Week is also supported by organisations including our Be Connected partners at the Department of Social Services and the Office of the eSafety Commissioner; the Australian Digital Inclusion Alliance and Telstra.
- Good Things Foundation coordinates the [Be Connected Network](#) of over 2500 community organisations, and manages the \$20,000,000 Be Connected Grants program
- My Geek Mate is a member of the Be Connected Network.



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