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TELSTRA CONNECTS THE GAMES

Telstra Country Wide has been announced as a Proud Supporter of the 2004 Commonwealth Youth Games with only 40 days to go until the Games!

Steve Tinker, Acting General Manager, said he was excited to support such a major event for Bendigo and today passed over a handful of mobile phones to prove it!

"Telstra Country Wide are committed to community partnership and we believe the Games are a wonderful event for Bendigo and the region."

"Communications are a vital component of running large events and with the size of this event every piece of IT structure and support will be needed."

"We are pleased to provide mobile phones, extensive use of Telstra's Digital Mobile Network, provision of infrastructure land lines, broadband internet and our new Mobile Data technology (1XRTT) allowing wireless internet access to the Games," said Mr Tinker.

Michelle Pryde, Director of the 2004 Commonwealth Youth Games, said she was extremely happy to have Telstra Country Wide as the official supplier of telecommunications for the Games.

"Telsra Country Wide will be providing essential communication links for us at the Games Village with a facility for athletes called the Telstra Internet/Phone Home Centre. This will keep our participants in touch with overseas families and friends."

"At each of the nine sporting venues Telstra Country Wide has enabled our operations staff to keep in contact with each other throughout all events and to update results directly onto the website."

"We are confident with Telstra Country Wide's support that our Games communication will run smoothly!" said Ms Pryde.

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