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## NEXT G PHONE LESSONS FROM THE 'EXPERTS'

Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest acknowledges that the switching off of the CDMA network at midnight tonight will result in many ongoing challenges to many mobile phone users. Many of those forced to make the change to Next G are from rural and remote areas of the State and have had to choose handsets that are completely different to their old familiar CDMA handset.

However the news is not all bad as Wynyard High School is again offering an innovative program to assist those who may be struggling with learning to operate a new handset.

"As these new Next G phones have many different functions and operations compared to the familiar CDMA, this innovative and much needed educational opportunity provided by staff and students of Wynyard High School can assist mobile phone users to operate and understand how their new phone works" Ms Forrest said.

This program follows a successful program last year, with students providing the education to senior citizens in Wynyard.

"This provides an opportunity for any member of the community to learn more about their mobile phone from the 'experts', from turning the phone on and off to using some of the more complex functions", Ms Forrest said.

"An added advantage of this program is the opportunity for students to be educators and leaders, sharing their vast experience in new technologies with community members who are generally considered more knowledgeable in most areas" Ms Forrest stated.

The next 'course' will be offered at Wynyard High School on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1.45 - 3pm.

"This is also an opportunity for other regional schools to provide a similar program that will assist frustrated new phone owners, trying to master a new handset that they would have preferred not to have needed" Ms Forrest said.

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