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## Red Chief linking in community with technology

The local Aboriginal community will now have access to the free use of computers and reliable fast internet with thanks to a State government grant.

The Connect with Culture – RCLALC Community Connectivity Hub, has been made possible through the Covid 19 Aboriginal Community Organisations Grant (Aboriginal Affairs NSW, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet) and will enable the community to access free computers and technology and help them connect with culture, in particular through times of Covid and travel restrictions.

"This grant will make a big difference to our members and the community", said Mitchum Neave, Interim Chair of RCLALC.

"Covid has had an impact on our community and our ability to gather together, and this project aims to correct that and provide an alternative method for our community to reconnect with family and friends by linking them with online platforms, such as Zoom, until they are comfortable to return to our traditional practices.  It can even link them online with doctors that are out of town.

"Red Chief is here to help.  A large majority of our members do not have access to computers, nor know how to use one, and this program can help remedy that. With a dedicated computer room and staff onsite to help, these computers will help bridge the gap and enable access to regular services that most people take for granted," he said.

These computers allow members to access MyGov, internet banking and even Covid requirements such as My Service NSW.  Members can use the computers for research and even type up their Resumes or apply for jobs online.  There is also a dedicated private office set aside with a camera and zoom software for members to link in with medical appointments or even have job interviews.

With most services and tasks these days being done online, this project is certain to help a lot of people.

Use of the computers is free.  For bookings or enquiries on accessing the computers, or to register your interest for future computer classes, contact the Red Chief LALC on 6742 3602.

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