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BRIGHT LIGHTS

SYDNEY 27 MAY 2010

Sydney's harbour skyline was bathed in a breathtaking colour light show at the Vivid Sydney festival launch this week. NSW Premier **Kristina Keneally** turned on the lights watched by Australia's Next Top Model host **Sarah Murdoch**, Sydney Opera House boss **Richard Evans**, NSW Events chair **John Conde** and CEO **Geoff Parmenter**.

- 1 GEOFF PARMENTER, SARAH MURDOCH, KRISTINA KENEALLY AND JOHN CONDE
- 2 JOHN CONDE AND KRISTINA KENEALLY
- 3 ANDREW PENFOLD, MARIE BASHIR AND ANN SHERRY
- 4 KEVIN RUDD AND FRANK LOWY
- 5 CARLA ZAMPATTI
- 6 JEFF KENNETT AND JAMES AND ERICA PACKER
- 7 NOVA PERIS KNEEBONE, MICHAEL HARTE AND ANTHONY MUNDINE
- 8 GREG CARROLL, SAMANTHA HARRIS AND IAN THORPE



STUDENT POWER

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NSW Governor **Marie Bashir** happily mingled with 80 indigenous students and 100 business leaders at the Australian Indigenous Education launch held at the Commonwealth Bank headquarters. Westpac executive **Rob Coombe**, NAB director **Danny Gilbert**, Schroders Investment boss **Greg Cooper**, AIEF head **Andrew Penfold** and Carnival Australia boss **Ann Sherry** attended the event.

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LOG ON

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About 200 well heeled business leaders turned up to support One Laptop per Child Australia at a black-tie dinner held at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Circular Quay. Prime Minister **Kevin Rudd** was guest of honour. OLPCA provides remote indigenous children with a purpose-built, rugged XO laptop. Hewlett-Packard vice president **David Caspari**, Oracle managing director **Ian White**, SAS managing director **Gordon Clubb**, Frame Group CEO **Brad Ferguson**, Northern Land Council CEO **Kim Hill**, Commonwealth Bank's **Michael Harte** and Accenture executive **Greg Carroll** were there.

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BIRTHDAY BASH

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The country's richest man, **Frank Lowy**, threw a dinner party for 500 prominent business and political leaders to celebrate Westfield's 50th anniversary. Prime Minister **Kevin Rudd** headed the guest list that included gaming tycoon **James Packer** and wife **Erica**, ANZ chief **Mike Smith**, Commonwealth Bank chief **Ralph Norris**, Reserve Bank of Australia's **Glenn Stevens**, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's **Graeme Samuel**, Meriton boss **Harry Triguboff** and fashion designer **Carla Zampatti**.