

# OLPC Bulletin

A U S T R A L I A



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“I want to extend a warm thank you to all those who attended our recent event at Government House in Sydney. It was a wonderful evening, made better by the opportunity to meet so many of you who share our belief in the promise of remote Australia.”

Rangan Srikhanta, Executive Director, OLPC Australia



## Government House

On Wednesday July 22, OLPC Australia held a friend-raiser event at Government House in Sydney. Guests included executives from corporate Australia and local celebrities.

Keynote speaker Charles Kane, global President of OLPC, travelled from the US to attend. Other speakers included Michael West, who welcomed guests to Cadigal land on behalf of the Eora people, Rangan Srikhanta, Executive Director of OLPC Australia, and Michael Harte, Group Executive Enterprise Services and CIO of the Commonwealth Bank, and a Director of OLPC Australia.

During the evening guests heard about the plans for future XO deployments in Australia, and tried the educational devices for themselves, exploring the video, photography and learning applications.

To view photos from the Government House event please visit [http://wheelerstudios.com.au/OLPC\\_webgallery3/](http://wheelerstudios.com.au/OLPC_webgallery3/)

## Golf Day



OLPC Australia would like to thank its founding Partner, the Commonwealth Bank, for hosting a golf-day on June 25 to raise money for the charity, and acknowledge the generosity of all those who donated on the day.

If you would like to make a donation to OLPC Australia, please email [penny@laptop.org.au](mailto:penny@laptop.org.au) or call (02) 9312 7507.

## What's Happening

- This month OLPC Australia is launching its 1:1 initiative
- Workshops will be held at James Cook University, QLD to train academics. These academics will be responsible for coaching remote teachers to integrate the XO into their lesson plans
- OLPC Australia will deploy a further 250 laptops to remote schools across Alice Springs, NT
- Rangan Srikhanta and Barry Vercoe of OLPC Australia will demonstrate the XO laptops at the 11th Garma Festival, Australia's leading cultural exchange event, in Gulkula, North East Arnhem Land, NT, later in the month

## Rollout Progress



Schools

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Laptops

400

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