

# OLPC Bulletin

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Friends, welcome to the 4th edition of the OLPC Australia Bulletin! There have been some major wins for us this month; we made serious head way into our next phase of XO deployments, held conversations with key decision makers in education and university departments and doubled the size of our staff. At OLPC Australia, we are steaming ahead at full speed!”

Rangan Srikhanta, Executive Director, OLPC Australia



## The Latest

- **Announcing 1:1**  
Unique to OLPC Australia, **1:1** is a teacher-training entity hosted at universities that is designed to ensure the smooth integration of XOs into the classroom and the curriculum. Both James Cook University and Edith Cowen University have held workshops to equip teacher-trainers who will be onsite at every XO deployment from now on.  
**1:1** is just one way OLPC Australia is providing a sustainable solution for remote education.
- Professor Barry Vercoe, Director of Education, OLPC Australia, gave an XO demonstration at the Garma Festival in August. The leading cultural exchange event was themed Creative Industries for 2009.
- OLPC Australia has appointed three new staff members

Judy Tanna has been appointed Director of Fundraising. Judy's career highlights include a 16 year stint with Harper Collins, where she held a variety of roles including International Sales Director for the company. Her most recent not-for-profit role was with The Breast Cancer Network, where she occupied a position on its advisory board.

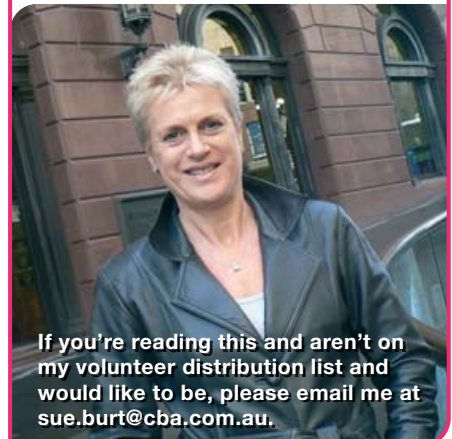
Kelly McJannett takes on the role of Communications Co-ordinator. Her responsibilities include the development of communications campaigns that support the growth of the organisation and raise awareness among publics and stakeholders. Kelly has experience in Public Relations and Communications in the IT and Finance sectors.

Crighton Nichols will be responsible for driving 1:1. He joins OLPC Australia in a part-time capacity as he completes a PhD in Indigenous Design and Education. Crighton has over 10 years design, development and project management experience in the IT, Telecommunications, Internet and Social Innovation industries, working with many of the world's largest technology companies.

## OLPC Australia's Volunteers

They say 'charity begins at home' and this is such a great opportunity to help young Australians in remote communities who simply don't get the educational opportunities which most of our city youngsters get. As ES Service Culture's representative for OLPC Australia, I have been delighted to help the charity promote awareness by seeking volunteers for fund-raising events, providing assistance in deploying laptops, and other such activities. The responses I get from volunteers show their enjoyment at giving time to something really worthwhile. That's a delight!

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## What's Happening

OLPC Australia has allocated a total of 1,185 laptops to 18 remote community schools. With Far North Queensland set to receive 500 XOs, Western Australia 435 and Alice Springs 250, the charity is currently laying the foundation to support their deployments later in the year.

To track the charity's deployment progress, visit google maps and type [OLPC Australia](#) into the search bar.

To support this initiative and help give Australia's Indigenous children a brighter future please call Kelly McJannett +61 2 9312 7507 or email [kelly@laptop.org.au](mailto:kelly@laptop.org.au).  
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