



*An open letter from one island people to another.*

To the people of Australia,

You've probably never heard of us, but we are writing to you from the remote island of Arranmore (Árainn Mhór in Gaelic), off the west coast of Ireland.

Over the last 150 years, since the famine first hit Ireland, hundreds of our natives have made their way down under, in search of new opportunities.

This mass exodus continued year after year. Traditional industries such as fishing and farming just aren't enough of a draw to keep young people here anymore. It's been a challenge for people to work here. Until now that is.

You see last month we got highspeed broadband for the first time – robust, secure, connectivity that is as good as any office in Sydney or Melbourne. And we wanted Aussies to be the first to know that Arranmore Island is now online and officially open for business.

We're online right now if you'd like to chat about a project. In fact, we're online 24/7 these days. We've a lot of catching up to do.

We've a whole host of multi-talented people here, ready to collaborate. There's Jessie, a graphic designer. Neil, a mobile games developer. Matt, an app developer. And Elaine, a photographer. Plus, we've a wealth of skilled craftspeople who can manufacturer to order.

Or if you're looking for a change of pace. Why not come work here. Your commute, no matter where you are, will only ever be 5 minutes. Swap brown snakes and Great Whites for acres of open (and safe!) space. Fed up of overpacked beaches? On Arranmore you'll have secluded beaches all to yourself. The little pubs here don't have schooners, but they do have Guinness on tap that will blow them out of the water.

Check us out online and come say hello.

*The people of Arranmore.*