

Lifelong Learning Expert Honoured

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Adult Learning Australia Visiting Research Fellow Mr Peter Barry Kearns has received a civic honour in this year's Queens' Birthday honours.

Mr Kearns, an expert in the field of lifelong learning has been awarded the Order of Australia for his contribution to adult learning in Australia. His contributions include the "Achieving Australia as an Inclusive Learning Society" report which outlines future directions for lifelong learning in Australia.

Peter said that he was honoured by this recognition, and particularly pleased that the citation had focused on his work for adult and community education (ACE) and vocational and technical education (VTE).

Peter is currently finalising a paper on Equity in Adult Learning for Adult Learning Australia which should be released shortly. It is hoped that the paper will encourage discussion of how equity and social justice in participation in adult learning can be progressed in innovative ways. Options discussed in this paper include local community strategies, personalised learning, a 'phases of life approach', and harnessing information and communication technology.

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