

Dear member,

Welcome to this month's Current.

Website of the month

The Skills.net Roadshow <<http://www.skills.net.au/roadf.html>> travels Victoria with a van full of laptops. The dynamic content of its site centres on the calendar of planned visits, the Swaggie Cam which tracks roadshow's progress, and more importantly the diary and photos of visits mounted by Sandie on her travels. You can also join the bushtelegraph mailing list and discussion list. The site provides communities visited by the Roadshow with a record of the visit, and the chance to interact with Sandie and other communities that have hosted the Roadshow – thereby demonstrating the potential of the internet to new learners.

Paulo Freire

Wednesday 3 May will be the third anniversary of Paulo Freire's death. Two recent articles in the journal *Adult Education and Development* by Jorge Vargas (no 52, 1999) and Rosa Maria Torres (No 53, 1999) provide a timely reassessment of Freire's ideas and continuing relevance. You can also visit the online Institute de Paulo Freire at <www.paulofreire.org/>.

Community Learning Leaders

Do you know someone who is a potential community learning leader? If so please encourage them to apply for a place on ALA's Community Learning Leader Program. The Program, designed to develop a new generation of community learning leaders will commence in June/July this year and conclude in December. Nomination forms will be circulated soon and will be available on the ALA website soon.

Do you want to be President of ALA?

If you do, or if you know someone who you think should be, why not nominate for this important position? Nominations for President and Executive vacancies will open in the second half of this year and elections will be held prior to the 2000 conference in Canberra.

ANTA Learning Communities

ANTA's Lifelong Learning site is reporting some interesting findings. Those interested in Learning Cities may like to look at the Community Research Venues Phase 1 Report. To be kept up to date with developments you can join a mailing list at <www.anta.gov.au/lifelong/NEWS/Default.asp>. If you want to know who is on the Reference Group for the Strategy you can visit <www.anta.gov.au/lifelong/contacts/Default.asp>.

ALA Annual Awards

Hundreds of innovative and important adult learning programs are conducted each year in Australia. Why not seek national recognition of this effort by nominating for one of ALA's annual awards? The awards will be presented at the annual conference in November. Details, criteria and nomination forms will be available on the ALA website soon.

Commentaries online

The weekly adult learning commentaries, and the responses they have generated, have been archived in an interactive forum on the ALA website at <www.ala.asn.au/commentaries>.

Professional development opportunity

LearnScope <<http://www.learnscope.anta.gov.au>> is a national professional development project focusing on the application of new learning technologies to achieve more flexible learning in VET in the transition to the information economy. LearnScope provides funding to work-based learning teams within Registered Training Organisations to develop their skills and capabilities. To apply for a LearnScope project visit the LearnScope website for the Guidelines and Application forms. You've got until 12 May 2000.

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