



Welcome to this month's Current.

Website of the Month

June adult learning website award goes to KooriNet at <http://www.koori.usyd.edu.au>, a thriving network of indigenous resources.

GST helpline

ALA Help Desk Service for ACE will operate from 22 May to 30 June. You can email Karla Eldridge at <mailto:karlaala@bigpond.com> or freecall 1800 888 923. If you are calling from Melbourne, use 03 9899 9650 or fax 03 9899 7342. Replies within 24 hours, if not immediately. Other up-to-date GST information can be found at <http://www.ala.asn.au/gst.html>.

ACE GST Ruling

Following discussions between the ATO, ALA, DETYA, ANTA and some state ACE units the ATO expects to release a final ruling on 14 June on how ACE courses will be treated under the GST. Once the ruling is released we will post it on ALA's GST page.

Learning Leaders Program

Applications close 14 June! Notices detailing ALA's Community Learning Leaders Program were distributed last week. If you missed out you can download the forms from <http://www.ala.asn.au/pages/leadership.htm> or ring 02 6251 7933. Encourage others to apply.

World Education Forum – Dakar

The first major international education conference of the century was held in Dakar in late April. The Conference Declaration is at <http://www.ala.asn.au/pages/WEFDakar0400.htm>.

Adult Learners Week online

The ALW2000 website is now up. You can find out about international guests, the friends and faces of ALW, downloads, competitions and awards, and advertise your ALW events on the calendar. Go to <http://alw.ala.asn.au>.

Victorian Learning Towns network

Nine Victorian towns will be funded by the Victorian government to become Learning Towns:

Kyabram; Horsham; Geelong; Leongatha; Wycheproof; Wangaratta/Benalla; Albury/Wodonga; Ballarat; and Bendigo. For more information subscribe to the ALA Learning Towns interest group at <http://www.ala.asn.au/interests>.

Flexible Learning & ACE

Flexible Learning for the Information Economy – a new ANTA report at <http://www.otfe.vic.gov.au/antafd/cfp.htm> may be of interest. Unfortunately ACE is only mentioned once: "As a major consumer of new technologies, VET must work more closely with the other education and training sectors – schools, higher education and adult and community education."

Meanwhile in Victoria, Ballarat East Community House is offering Online Ace Professional Development for providers in Victoria. Online ACE will be conducted online in Term 3. Applications close on Friday 16 June. For more visit <http://www.ala.asn.au/pages/PDinVic.htm>.

Older People and Adult Learning – OPAL

New to the ALA website is information about older people and adult learning. OPAL was established by ASPBAE towards the end of 1997. It aims to improve adult learning opportunities available to older people and thereby enhance their ability to participate in, and contribute to, society. For more visit <http://www.ala.asn.au/opal/>.

Lifelong Learning discussion paper

ALA's discussion paper *Lifelong Learning: Making it Work* arose from the 1999 National Seminar on Lifelong Learning Policy. It contains an introduction, papers delivered at the Seminar, and background papers from around the world. ALA seeks to maintain the dialogue on lifelong learning policy, and to that end encourages you to read the paper and send feedback to the National Office or to <mailto:tony.brown@ala.asn.au>. Your feedback may contribute to a subsequent publication. The discussion paper is \$12 plus postage and handling or free as a PDF file from <http://www.ala.asn.au/lll/MakingItWork.pdf>.

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