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Welcome to this month's Current.

Website of the month

Macquarie Community College

<http://www.macquariecc.nsw.edu.au/>

The shop metaphor is used by this site, and its most striking innovation is placing course information in the 'online shop'. Telstra ecommerce is used to process online payments. Well-labelled pulldown menus, and button icons enable the visitor to select courses and complete enrolment. The site layout is clear and bold, emphasising simplicity over detail.

Adult Learners Week 2000

<<http://alw.ala.asn.au>>

The Learning Age - read all about it, in Bob Fryer's ALW presentations on the site.

The winners of competitions and awards have been announced on the ALW site, competitions and awards sections.

Kirby Review

Victoria Ministerial review of post-compulsory education and training pathways can be downloaded from the ALA site in smaller files, than the one big pdf elsewhere.

Malcolm Fraser's Vincent Lingari lecture on 24 August on the ALA site at

www.ala.asn.au/pages/fraser_lingari.html

Learning Cities

Dr David McNulty, chair of the UK Learning City Network will address the inaugural Australian Learning Cities Conference (see below). You can also hear him on The role of Learning Cities in strategies for Neighbourhood Renewal

Parramatta 5.30 - 7.30pm Monday 23 October.

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University of Canberra 4.30 - 6.30pm

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Three conferences

27-29 October, Albury-Wodonga. The learning city: from concept to reality. Australia's first conference on Learning Cities. Follow links from ALA front page for details.

24-26 November, Canberra. Learning in Time, ALA's 40th Annual Conference, Canberra. Speakers include Evelyn Scott, Michael Raper, Mike Newman, Richard Eckersley. Ring 02 6251 7933 or register online at <http://conf2000.ala.asn.au>.

30 November - 2 December, UTS, Sydney Education and Social Action Conference. Details from the Centre for Popular Education at cpe@uts.edu.au or ring 02-9514 3843.

ecommerce on ALA site

At the 'for members' section you can renew your membership and update your details. Use your membership number from your ALA address label to login. At the 'publications' section, you can place orders online.

Research

NCVER is calling for proposals for two projects - Consolidation study: indicators of quality for the VET system and Size and scope of on-line learning in the VET sector. Guidelines at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/2000tenders2.htm>. Applications close 12 October. Contact Shelley Rundle, NCVER. Ph: (08) 8333 8448, fax: (08) 8333 8472, email: shelley@ncver.edu.au

New GST info on the ALA homepage

- Help with BAS
- Inquiry into charities Prime Minister's Press Release (18 September 2000), responses and more about the inquiry

Win \$750

Research students can win \$750 by submitting articles for publication Australian Journal of Adult Learning.

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