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Dear member,

Welcome to this month's Current. All items referred to on the ALA site can be found by following links on the ALA front page.

Website of the Month

WEA Illawarra wins November 2000 website of the month. What most impressed us is the section for WEA Clubs which says 'Most of our learning is done when we are adults and in company of others with a common interest. We then call it 'fun'. That is why WEAClubs are so valuable'. Top marks to the Ramblers Club, which has added its own page, with email and phone contacts, and an up to date calendar of events. Other pluses on this site are loads of email addresses, clear feedback form, explanation of physical location, and online enrolments. The tutors page is promising, but like some less important pages, appears to need updating

ALA Executive Elections

The results of the ballot for vacancies on ALA's Executive are:

President: Ned Dennis

Executive members - two year term

Garry Traynor

Ellyn Martin

Rachel Castles

Executive member - one year term

Roger Morris

A full Executive list can be found at

www.ala.asn.au

I would like to thank all candidates and voting members for participating in the first full-scale election for some years. An active membership makes for a healthy organisation.

Job

ALA is looking for a Business Manager. Details are at www.ala.asn.au/pages/jobs.htm

Learning Cities Conference outcomes

A new Learning Towns and Cities email discussion list has been set up. Join the list by sending a

message to majordomo@ala.asn.au with a blank subject line and a message 'subscribe ltc-list'. Address messages to the list 'ltc@ala.asn.au', they will be stored at

<http://www.ala.asn.au/learningcities/mailarchive/>.

David McNulty's presentation *The Learning City: international perspectives* is available at

<http://www.ala.asn.au/learningcities/Mcnultyresent/index.htm>.

A new ALA booklet *Learning around town* was produced for the Conference. Purchase details at <http://www.ala.asn.au/pubs.html>.

Conference & Workshops

You can still register for ALA's *Learning in Time* national conference. In addition there are the pre Conference tour (Learning Capital - \$70) and pre-Conference workshop *Adult learning essential concepts, principles and practices*. (\$245 Registration; \$85 ALA members)

Both on 23 November, Canberra. More detail at <http://conf2000.ala.asn.au/preconf.html>

Teachers and students!

Don't forget, research students can win \$750 by submitting articles for publication in the Australian Journal of Adult Learning. To find out more go to <http://www.ala.asn.au/pubs/AJAL/ajal.htm>

A flutter today

Last year *The Current* successfully tipped Rogan Josh to win the Cup. Was it just a fluke or inspired advice? Who knows, but why not try Diatribe today.

In tomorrow's other race *The Current* is tipping Bush with a strong surprise from Ralph Nader.

If these are right remember where you heard it first, if not forget everything.

Tony Brown

Director

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