



# The current

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Dear member,

Welcome back to ALA's monthly e-news, 'The current'. If you're an ALA member reading someone else's copy, please notify the ALA Office so that you will receive these and the 'Adult Learning Commentaries'.

Website of the Month

The old Council of Adult Education (CAE) website at <http://www.cae.edu.au> had been looking tired and neglected. The new site is refreshing and stimulating. See the ALA home page for details of this award.

Adult Learning Commentaries

The weekly adult learning commentary series will run again in 2001. The first one will be distributed on 21 February. A collection of the 2000 Commentaries will be available in print and online later this month.

Learning Leaders

Following the success of last year's inaugural Community Learning Leaders program ALA will organise a second program this year. Details and nomination forms will be available very soon so please encourage anyone you know who might benefit from this program to start preparing an application.

Women in Small Business

A new qualification for Women in Small Business has been developed by the Business Service ITAB. The Certificates III and IV (Developing Your Own Business) are new qualifications with resources specially designed for women. For more info see [http://www.bsitab.org/WISB\\_Intro.htm](http://www.bsitab.org/WISB_Intro.htm).

FarmBis – education and learning

The Government's FarmBis program aims to enhance 'the business management skills of Australia's primary industries through education and training projects'. Grants of up to \$500 000 will be available. Round Two applications open this month. More detail is in ALA's Autumn newsletter or go to

[http://www.ffa.gov.au:80/docs/industry\\_develop/aaa/farmbis](http://www.ffa.gov.au:80/docs/industry_develop/aaa/farmbis).

National Regional & Rural Training Conference

*Pathways, Partnerships, Profitability* is the conference theme. To be held in Shepparton, Victoria from 9–11 May, the conference will highlight national training packages and opportunities available to assist in strengthening regional and rural communities through innovative learning and employment. More detail at <http://www.ala.asn.au/calendar>.

Charities Inquiry

Submissions to the inquiry into the definition of charitable institutions closed mid January.

ALA's submission is at <http://www.ala.asn.au/charities/submission.html>. All the public submissions are at <http://www.cdi.gov.au>.

Win!

We have two tickets to the premiere of Yolngu Boy followed by a reception on 12 February in Melbourne. If you send the first email to [info@ala.asn.au](mailto:info@ala.asn.au) mentioning Yolgnu Boy and providing a postal address, you win!

Vale Patricia Tsykalas

Pat Tsykalas, appointed the first woman Executive Officer of the WEA Sydney in 1983, passed away in December. Pat's contribution to education and ACE in NSW will be missed. An obituary will appear in ALA's Autumn newsletter.

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