

Dear member,

## Website of the Month

This month's award goes to the UK Adult Learners' Week 2001 site.

<http://www.niace.org.uk/alw/2001/default.htm>

ALW in Britain is 12-18 May. The site, which is part of the British NIACE site, shows the range of themes, events, promotion, sponsors, celebrities and more that are part of one of the biggest and most successful ALWs on the international calendar. A national advice service is provided as a key part of ALW, via a national toll-free number and a national database of all adult learning courses, called learndirect. New pages on the ALW site this year are a Discussion Forum (very recently opened) and Evaluation. This site's strength lies in the real world innovation and activity that it reports and supports. It uses of the technology of the web in the service of this content.

## Two state ACE conferences in May

ACE Vic Annual Conference, Ballarat, 17-19 May. Topics will include Issues in ACE; ACE opportunities, challenges and future directions ; and the role of the volunteer. Minister, Lynne Kosky will be a key speaker. More on the ALA 'calendar' at

<http://www.ala.asn.au/calendar/index.html>.

NSW ACE Conference, Mudgee, 24-25 May. The theme is Attitude, Collaboration, Enterprise. For more details contact Glennis Brooking at Southern Adult Education Centre [saec@shoalhaven.net.au](mailto:saec@shoalhaven.net.au)

## ALA Branch pages

Check out your branch page if you are from SA, Tas or WA. Others are coming. Follow the links from 'about ala' at <http://www.ala.asn.au/about.html>

## Learning in museums

We are developing a network of people interested in learning in museums (and other cultural institutions). We have plenty of ideas -- an email list, collaborative projects, seminars, publications and so on. If you are interested, please let Cath Styles know -- [c.styles@ala.asn.au](mailto:c.styles@ala.asn.au).

## BAS returns GST Estimate Option.

If you elect this option for the March 2001 quarter it must be used for the whole of the 2001 financial year.

The option is only available where two quarterly BAS have been lodged and you were NOT in a net GST refund position (excluding sales tax credits) in Quarter 2 (ie, sorry charities etc.).

If you are taking up the option, you can vary the ATO estimate amount by estimating the actual annual liability and calculating a percentage of annual liability due at the relevant time ie. 25%Q1; 50%Q2; 75%Q3. A margin of error of up to 15% is available before a penalty applies.

If you wait until the first quarter of the 2001/02 financial year before taking up this option the GST instalment amount will be based on a GDP uplifted average of December, March and June 2000/01 instalments paid. The option must be elected when it first becomes available and used for the balance of the financial year.

If that's all too hard, just keep doing the monthly/quarterly BAS  
(Thanks to Anton Gaudry)

Win \$750! Hurry!

The *Australian Journal of Adult Learning* is looking to publish new research in the field. Students enter by submitting an article for refereeing before 30 June. The best article wins. For more details and to download a flier -

<http://www.ala.asn.au/pubs/AJAL/ajal.htm>

## Nominate to be a training winner

Training Award. Nominations for 2001 will be accepted by all States and Territories during the next four months. State/Territory winners become finalists in the Australian Training Awards. For information on how to nominate, call the awards organiser in your State or Territory - contact details are at

<http://www.anta.gov.au/EVENTS/ATA2000/contact.htm>

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