



## Website of the month

Learning City Bendigo situates the bureaucracy of learning cities in the context of more personal and engaging ideas and features that will involve both community organisations and learners. Navigation and orientation is good for the main pages. This is an attractive and excellent resource for Bendigo people and an inspiration for others wanting to develop their town as a learning town: <http://www.learningcitybendigo.com>

## First New Zealand Learning City

Papakura was declared a Learning City on 6 June by the Minister for Education and Mayor. Its declaration is at <http://www.ala.asn.au/learningcities/maillarchive>. The Council's Lifelong Learning Centre proposal is at <http://pdc.govt.nz/facilities>.

## Knowledge nation taskforce reports

The ALP has just released a report from its Knowledge Nation Taskforce. See <http://www.alp.org.au/kn>.

## International Adult Education Assembly

ALA is the national member of the ICAE. The sixth world Assembly in Jamaica in August will consider a number of constitutional changes. You can read the documents and make comment in ALA's members section at <http://www.ala.asn.au/members>.

## Nominate, nominate, nominate

Do you know someone who should be on ALA's Executive? Nominations close 4 July.

And do you know a person, program or provider who deserves an ALA Award?. Nominations close 27 July.

For both awards and elections email Margaret at [m.bates@ala.asn.au](mailto:m.bates@ala.asn.au) or phone 6251 7673.

Adult Learners Week awards and competitions close 31 July. For more prizes and recognition, enter via <http://www.adultlearnersweek.org>.

## A hairnet for lifelong learning?

What might be contained in a lifelong learning initiative? In the UK's Hairnet program, you can get IT training one-to-one at home, or tailored for your workplace. See <http://www.hairnet.org/home>.

## New framework for quality training

Higher standards for training and greater accountability for training providers are features of the revised Australian Recognition Framework. Ministers renamed the ARF the Australian Quality Training Framework in June and it will be fully implemented by 1 July 2002. Get details from Julie Graham at [grahamj@anta.gov.au](mailto:grahamj@anta.gov.au) or 07 3246 2478. Or for email alerts see <http://www.anta.gov.au/arf/email.htm>.

## Stronger families and communities strategy

Funding from FACS for community-based projects is available from January 2001 within five initiatives: The Stronger Families Fund; Early Intervention, Parenting and Family Relationship Support; Potential Leaders in Local Communities; Local Solutions to Local Problems; and 'Can Do' Community initiative. For forms see <http://www.facs.gov.au/> or free call 1800 300 125.

## Treaty - Let's get it right

NAIDOC Week, 8-15 July, is an event of national importance for all Australians. It is a celebration by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of their survival and their unique traditions and cultures, and a recognition of the ongoing fight for justice. To find out more visit <http://www.atsic.gov.au/culture/naidoc>.

## Place and the ecology of learning

Our conference this year will be in spectacular Kakadu. You won't attend many other conferences like this. But don't delay, book your accommodation and flights soon so as not to miss out! 27-30 September at Gagadju Crocodile Hotel, Jabiru, NT, <http://www.ala.asn.au/conf>.