



Dear members,

## Website of the month

Australians Against Racism at

<http://www.australiansagainstracism.org> was set up by a few people concerned at MPs' treatment of asylum seekers. A central feature is a downloadable television commercial depicting a crowd of people, and a child's voice wondering where they came from and under what circumstances. The site lists all those who contributed funds to produce the commercial, as well all the feedback it has attracted: there are two columns, one each for positive and negative. The site is worth a look for this 'conversation' alone. Australians Against Racism demonstrates that a few individuals can make a big impact.

## Start your day with ALA

Keep up to date with news and views on adult learning by making the ALA website your home page. How do you do that? For this and other handy web hints, see <http://www.ala.asn.au/pages/hints.html>.

## New Executive Director sought

ALA is looking for someone with vision and energy to lead the organisation. This is a vital national position at a time when lifelong learning is increasingly important. Members: please use your networks to distribute this notice as widely as possible. Details of the position are at <http://www.ala.asn.au/jobs.html>.

## Learning to make a difference

ALA seeks applicants for the 3rd annual program to develop a network of Community Learning Leaders. This is a program with a difference, aimed at developing new networks, community capacity building and social action. The program will be delivered by ALA, UTS Centre for Popular Education and leaders in the field. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in a unique program. Details will be at <http://www.ala.asn.au> soon.

## LearnScope

Do you have LearnScope proposal for 2002? LearnScope is a professional development program helping teams of VET practitioners within registered training organisations (RTOs)

develop the skills to apply new learning technologies to teaching and learning. Between \$4000–\$25 000 (to be matched by the RTO) is provided to support work based learning projects. Funding information and application forms are now available at <http://www.learnscope.anta.gov.au/>.

## A Flexible Learning Leader?

Do you think you have what it takes to be a Flexible Learning Leader? Applications are open till 25 February for the 2002 To download an application form visit <http://flexiblelearning.net.au/leaders>, or contact Jenny Dodd on 02 62074955 or at [jenny.dodd@cit.act.edu.au](mailto:jenny.dodd@cit.act.edu.au).

## The truth hurts

Want to know more about 'boat people' and asylum seekers? The Centre for Refugee Research has published a 26-page booklet answering current popular myths interspersed with some asylum seekers stories. At only \$3 each this is an ideal resource for a study group. Email [cenrefre@unsw.edu.au](mailto:cenrefre@unsw.edu.au).

## AVETRA conference

The Australian VET Research Association (AVETRA) will be holding their annual conference – Making a world of difference? Innovation, internationalisation, new technologies and VET. At Caulfield Race Course, from 20–22 March 2002. Details are at <http://www.avetra.org.au/2002%20conference.htm>

## Adult Education around the globe

The ICAE website now lists details of regional and national adult education associations from all over the world. Plus it has news/events, reports, profiles and other useful information: <http://www.web.net/icae>.

## Goodbye

This is my final *Current* and I'd like to say farewell to ALA members. I've appreciated the warm welcome I've received in adult education centres around Australia over the past three years. Thank you for your support and best wishes for your futures.

Tony Brown, Director  
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