



## Website of the month

Our March award goes to Women's History Month at <http://www.trivium.net/womenshistorymonth>. WHM invites you to attend a series of face-to-face events and online chats and discussions. The site contains good grabs of information about prominent women (and check out the 'frivolous facts'), and encourages you to enquire at your local continuing education provider about their programs on women's history. Live chats with prominent Australian women are scheduled for many evenings during the month. And there are ongoing discussions on 11 topics.

## Learn to make a difference

Are you an active community learning leader? ALA seeks applicants for the 3rd Community Learning Leaders Program. This is a unique opportunity, and applications are due 28 March. For details about the program, see <http://www.ala.asn.au>. For a paper brochure or PDF, email [info@ala.asn.au](mailto:info@ala.asn.au).

## Excellent educator, provider and program for 2001

Adult Educator of the Year for 2001 is Sue Williamson, who has made a significant contribution to adult learning through her support for the development of learning circles. The WEA of South Australia, a longstanding innovative provider of lifelong learning, is 2001 Provider of the Year. There are two 2001 Programs of the Year: 'Filling the gaps', a collaborative project of the Koorda Learning Centre and the Koorda Telecentre that strengthened literacy and numeracy skills within the community; and U3A Online Resources, a novel internet-based program.

## ALW 2002 progress

The website at <http://www.adultlearnersweek.org> is regularly updated and provides all the information and resources you need to get involved. Start planning your events now. See the book *Making the Connection*, arriving with your Autumn newsletter, for inspiration. There will be

a planning meeting for Adult Learners Week this Friday, 8 March, with useful contacts from around Australia, focusing on the target group of older men.

## John Cross is going to Budapest

John Cross, the National Coordinator of Adult Learners Week, will be in Budapest in late March to attend a workshop that will lay the groundwork for an international advocacy guide. The workshop will also help plan the next 'most successful Adult Learners Week yet'.

## New learning circle kit to prevent crime in Parramatta

Through Learning Circles Australia, ALA has been funded to develop a kit that will reflect and support the recently announced Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan for the Parramatta City Council. Initially, the program will target young people in the Guilford, Harris Park and Granville neighbourhoods, with the rest of the Parramatta Local Government area to follow.

## Developing partnerships

ALA recently had a very productive meeting exploring the possibilities for developing existing and new partnerships. ALA also met recently with representatives of the Department of Education, Science and Training, to advise on implementing DEST's planned project on IT learning for older workers. Two other meetings have been arranged by invitation: one with representatives of the new Ministry of Ageing, to help implement their new strategy for an ageing Australia; and another with Family and Community Services, to discuss the potential for the two organisations to work together on a range of issues.

## Next National Executive meeting

ALA's National Executive has been making good use of teleconferences as a way of managing immediate issues, and has scheduled its next face-to-face meeting for early May.