



Website of the month

The Independent Living Centre (ILC) of WA Inc. provides advice for people with disabilities, their advocates, carers and service providers. The site is simple, elegant, fast to load and functional. There is obviously a whole world of information out there relating to people with disabilities. This site presents it clearly, as well as indicating the broad relevance of such information. For example, a brochure is available on Wheelchair Etiquette; and the workshop Access for All is "designed for Regulatory Authorities, Architects, Designers, Planners, Building Surveyors and Managers".

Cath Styles has been seconded to the National Archives, and we are yet to find a new web manager, so please help us keep the web wheels turning: tell us about any good sites you discover. Send nominations to info@ala.asn.au.

New Executive Director for ALA

Francesca Beddie is our new Executive Director. Francesca begins her three-year appointment today, Monday 8 April. She has extensive experience in the government and tertiary sectors, and has been working as a private consultant in history and media. She will be on a steep learning curve in the next few months and seeks contact with as many members as possible. Email her at f.beddie@ala.asn.au.

Revision of national ACE policy

MCEETYA (the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs) has directed its ACE Taskforce to develop a revised national ACE policy. The Taskforce has engaged Mr Peter Noonan to assist with this process. ALA will have a key role in briefing the Taskforce. Members will be able to provide input around late May. Specific advice on how you can contribute to this process will appear in next month's bulletin, and on the website.

ALA conference in Hobart, 9–11 August

The conference will explore current issues facing lifelong learning: how it should be defined; who is learning and

who is not; what is best practice; and how to promote lifelong learning to the whole community. Submissions for presentations on these topics are now invited. Each presentation or workshop should be 45 minutes long, including time for questions and discussion. We seek innovative presentations, which allow for maximum interaction with the audience and that place the specific topic in the broader context of contemporary lifelong learning. The deadline for submissions for papers is 8 May 2002. For further details see <http://www.ala.asn.au/conf>.

EdNA's aim gets truer

EdNA's e-news services are now catering specifically for VET and ACE. Subscribe to the new monthly bulletin by sending a blank email to join-vetenews@edna.edu.au.

Eureka! (Entries close soon)

The Australian Museum's Eureka Prizes reward excellence in science and raise the profile of science in the community. See <http://amonline.net.au/eureka>. Categories include environmental education program; critical thinking; and (new this year) lateral thinking. Entries close 17 May.

Researchers wanted

The National Centre for Vocational Education and Research (NCVER) invites project proposals from researchers to provide an analysis of the adult community education sector (ACE). Proposals are due 15 April. See <http://www.ncver.edu.au/acetenders.htm> or phone Carole Peters on 08 8333 8646 or email carolep@ncver.edu.au.

Registered Training Orgs look here

RTOs can discover the many Australian Flexible Learning (AFL) Framework Products and Services available to assist in the implementation of flexible learning at <http://flexiblelearning.net.au/discover>. Users are also able to find out when the RTO Discover:e Tour will be visiting a conference or other event in their area.