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Take the journey and change your lives

"Each of you will take your own learning journey. Some may start late, some may already be mentors to other learners. Some may think they've missed the boat, but, believe me, that's not so. Some of you may not know where to start. Whatever your age, whatever your passions, wherever you live, learning greases our wheels, locks our world and fuels our lives. I congratulate you all for taking the journey".

This was Maggie Beer's inspirational message to current and future adult learners across Australia during the launch of Adult Learners Week 2024.

Maggie told attendees that she couldn't think of a "more important theme in my life than learning". "It is my passion and my joy. Everything I do and I know I have learnt. None of my learning happened at a university and most of it didn't happen when I was young".

Maggie said when she set up her Maggie Beer Foundation (<https://maggiebeerfoundation.org.au/>) in 2014, she knew learning would be "part of all we did and it is". The Foundation was set up when Maggie found there were limited opportunities for cooks and chefs in aged care to access skills and training "despite these being one of the most important and complex

roles in aged care".

"We're determined to change that through learning, through training and mentoring. We have a long way to go but the journey has started".

The transformative nature of adult and community education was woven throughout the launch of Adult Learners Week 2024, with speakers and learning ambassadors discussing the many ways that lives can be changed by gaining new knowledge, skills and confidence.

This year's launch was held at the Tauondi Aboriginal College in Port Adelaide. Since 1973, Tauondi – an independent college governed by the Aboriginal Community - has been a leader in Aboriginal vocational education and training, and adult and community education

The College grounds provided a beautiful setting for the Smoking Ceremony, which preceded a traditional Welcome to Country performed by Tauondi staff members, Kamellia Forbes and Mark Catanzariti, both of whom belong to the Kurna Miyurna people of the Kurna Yarta Nation.

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Message from the CEO



Adult Learners Week 2024 once again showed the breadth and diversity of adult and community education across the country, with over 450 exciting and interactive events being held under the inspiring #takethejourney theme.

The Measuring What Matters Wellbeing Framework, first released by the Australian Government in 2023, was recently updated by Treasury, with the ABS now managing the data.

ALA's response highlighted that education, especially adult community education, is vital for progress across all of the five domains: healthy, secure, sustainable, cohesive, and prosperous. Policy discussions must prioritise interconnected strategies to avoid isolated measures and unintended consequences.

I would urge all adult educators to also take the time to read the recommendations arising from the Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training's Inquiry into the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) in the Australian education system.

These recommendations have implications for lifelong learning, particularly as the Committee recommends that the Australian Government consider making the use of GenAI in education a national priority.

As always there are pros and cons. But, the use of GenAI and the work needed to mitigate risks around its use will be something that adult education providers are going to need to grapple with.

Adult and community education centres, libraries, neighbourhood houses and centres, community colleges, TAFES and other organisations embraced this year's Adult Learners week theme and its encouragement that anyone can take a journey through adult education. And, in doing so, transform their lives.

Many events provided advice and information around digital skills, recognising the need for people, younger or older, to be able to use technology to remain connected and carry out day to day activities such as applying for jobs and banking. Other events welcomed people to explore learning centres and courses to see what might work best for them.

Our 2024 launch was held at Tauondi Aboriginal College in Port Adelaide and was attended by both the recently appointed federal Minister for Skills and Training, Andrew Giles, and Minister for Education, Training and Skills, Blair Boyer.

Minister Giles said that "the benefits of adult learning go beyond skills acquisition" and that an adult learning journey can help "adapt to today's challenges, particularly with the changing nature of work and rapidly changing technology".

Minister Blair said funding of adult and community education was "just about the best bang for buck" of anything governments can fund.

Thank you to both Ministers for attending the launch, and a special thanks to Tauondi for hosting. We deeply appreciate the Australian government's support for ALW and also thank Skills SA | Department of State Development for helping bring the launch to South Australia.

Thank you to all our incredible learning ambassadors and to the many organisations that nominated their learners for scholarships this year.

And huge appreciation to all of you who celebrated adult learning with so many wonderful events. We look forward to next year, when we will celebrate 30 years of Adult Learners Week with you all.

Jenny Macaffer
CEO



The launch's smoking ceremony was lead by Kamellia Forbes and Mark Catanzariti

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Tauondi Chair, Brenz Saunders, welcomed everyone to Tauondi, saying that it is a “very special space for our community and it is something that has been sustained for 50 years”. The College, he said, strives to make students “feel safe in a space that is going to nurture their abilities to develop their skills and make them great people”.

South Australian Minister for Education, Training and Skills, Blair Boyer, told the audience that one of the first things he had been pleased to do when he became Minister was to restore \$1 million of funding to the adult and community education sector in 2022.

Minister Blair said he believed that funding put into adult and community education “just about has the best bang for buck of anything you could do”.

“When you look at the outcomes that we actually get from adult and community education, it’s actually money that is really, really well spent because it has real tangible, long lasting outcomes for the people who get to undertake it”.

Recently appointed federal Minister for Skills and Training, Andrew Giles, said that the Australian Government recognises that lifelong learning is a “fundamental right”.

“And we are with you every step of the way,” he said.

“This year’s theme - ‘Take the journey’ - emphasises the journey anyone can take through adult education, regardless of age or life stage. Anyone can start or restart a learning journey.” - Minister Giles

“We know the benefits of adult learning go beyond skills acquisition, including meeting new people, feeling a sense of belonging and achievement, and discovering new self-confidence.

Going on a learning journey as an adult can help adapt to today’s challenges, particularly with the changing nature of work and rapidly changing technology,” Minister Giles told the audience.

Adult Learners Week Scholarships

Minister Giles said he was honoured to also be announcing two winners of \$1000 Adult Learners Week scholarships and two recipients of \$500 awards.

“These scholarships are awarded to outstanding adult learners to enable them to continue their learning journey. Today’s scholarship winners are learners whose commitment and motivation make them stand out, and whose learning journey has made a big difference in their lives. They have overcome significant barriers to get started or faced challenges in continuing to learn.”

In 2024, there was a record 26 scholarship applications from across Australia, with the \$1000 scholarships awarded to Kirsty Marshall (Brotherhood of St Laurence SEED program, Victoria) and John Lindsay (Tauondi Aboriginal College, SA).

Tahnee Baker (Tamworth Community College, NSW) and Jypsey-Lee Banfield-Paterson (Batchelor Institute, NT) were awarded \$500 scholarships. Read more about the Scholarship winners on page 5.



L to R; MC Troy Sincock, The Hon Andrew Giles, Isabel Osuna-Gatty, Mathew Bishop, Christiana Davies, Farah Naz, John Lindsay, Haydon Grigg, and Brenz Saunders

2024 Learning Ambassadors

Each year, providers nominate learners who have inspiring stories to tell of their adult education journey.

In total 10 learners from across each State and Territory were chosen to be ambassadors.

The four SA-based ambassadors spoke at the launch with MC Troy Sincock.

Haydon Grigg, 28, left school in Year 11 due to difficulties with reading, writing, and socialising with others.

In 2023, Haydon began a cooking course at Eastwood Community Centre. One year later, he now has skills to “step forward into an actual job”.

Equally as important, he said, is the boost in confidence the course has given him. After not feeling comfortable speaking to other people, Haydon has now taken up a teacher’s suggestion that he also take part in a podcasting course because he has “such a good presenting voice”.

John Lindsay, a River Ngarrindjeri man, now studying at Tauondi, always really liked school but “could never concentrate on anything”.

John worked for 30 years and became a leader within his community. It was this responsibility – and his daughter’s urging – that led him to the Tauondi’s Skill Up program.

John is now studying a Certificate I in Access to Vocational Pathways. As a respected Aboriginal mentor, John is also supporting others while they study at Tauondi and showing them that you can learn at any age.

Farah Naz’s pride and enthusiasm while talking about her learning journey were clear to everyone in the launch audience. “Sometimes I feel like a superhero”, she said laughing.

After arriving from Pakistan in 2013 and finding that her qualifications weren’t recognised, Farah spent the next decade raising her three children.

In 2021, she connected with the Morella Community Centre where she found “amazing staff, lovely, supportive people” who encouraged her to enrol in the Pathways to Children’s Services course.

In March 2022, Farah followed this up with a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, before starting in 2023 as a Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) tutor.

Christiana Davies spent six years in a refugee camp in Ghana after fleeing Sierra Leone. Coming to Australia 19 years ago with a seven-month old daughter, Christiana undertook a Foundation Studies course in the hope that she could then study for a nursing degree.

During her studies, Christiana faced several challenges but she persisted and is now finishing a postgraduate degree in mental health nursing. “I am not a quitter. I always like to keep moving things forward”.

Christiana is also a leader in her community, serving as the SA Chair of the African Women’s Foundation.

You can read all of the ambassador stories at: <https://adultlearnersweek.org/story-category/learning-ambassadors/>

ALW Scholarship Winners 2024

Meet the four outstanding adult learners who are this year's scholarship winners



Scholarship winner Tahnee Baker, above right.

John Lindsay, Tauondi Aboriginal College

61-year-old River Ngarrindjeri man, John Lindsay, really liked being at school but always struggled with learning. He stayed until it was time to “leave and go to work”.

John then spent 30 years working different jobs, including grave digging, house repairs, and council work. He also became a leader within his community and it was his responsibilities – and his daughter's urging – that led him to the Tauondi Aboriginal College.

Deciding to start the College's Skill Up program, John found that he loved learning and found a whole new world opening up through learning how to use a computer.

Now studying a Certificate I in Access to Vocational Pathways, John wants to continue learning and developing skills so that he can continue to contribute to the needs of his community. As a respected Aboriginal mentor, John is also supporting others while they study at Tauondi and showing them that you can learn at any age.



Kirsty Marshall, SEED program, Brotherhood of St Laurence

Kirsty Marshall says taking part in the Brotherhood of St Laurence's Sustaining Economic Empowerment and Dignity for Women (SEED) program is the “best thing I've ever done in my life”.

Joining the SEED program earlier this year, Kirsty worked conscientiously to find ways back into paid employment after a two decade break followed setbacks in her early learning and family life. Later, the relationship affected by family violence also prevented her from continuing a career in the support and care sector.

Kirsty's progress led to her graduating from the SEED leadership program, Change Makers. Through Change Makers, participants learn to write and are coached into presenting their Significant Change story publicly. She is now engaged in a six month certificate course which, she hopes, will help her return to being a personal care worker in aged care.



Having survived domestic abuse, Kirsty said the program, which provides financial coaching and access to educational programs, training opportunities and employment assistance, has “pulled me out of my shell and given me confidence again”.



John Lindsay accepts his scholarship from Minister Andrew Giles

Tahnee Baker, Tamworth Community College

When Tahnee Baker found out that she had won a scholarship, there was only one place she wanted to be to celebrate – the Tamworth Community College which, she says, has given her a renewed sense of purpose and confidence and the skills to pursue a new career.

Tahnee’s commitment to her adult education journey is exceptional. Just two weeks into starting a Certificate III in Business so that she could transition from a hands-on work background, Tahnee suffered a stroke.

This life-altering event would have caused many people to withdraw from their studies. However, Tahnee missed only one week and immediately arranged a catch-up session with her trainer, before completing the course at the same time as her classmates. She has since completed short courses in time management, effective communication, resumé writing and interview techniques.

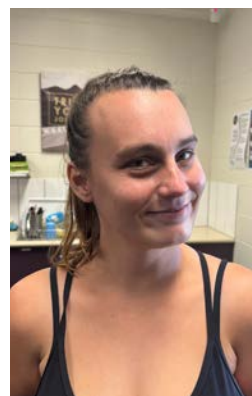
Finding that the flexibility of the course meant she could balance her responsibilities as a mother, Tahnee now feels empowered to strive for more for herself and as a role model for her daughter.



Jypsey-Lee Banfield-Patterson, Batchelor Institute

Finding out that she had won a scholarship was a very welcome boost for Jypsey-Lee, a young mum who is working hard to study so she can achieve her employment goals and build a future for her and her daughter.

Dyslexia and learning difficulties affected Jypsey-Lee’s enjoyment of school. However, since starting an adult learning journey as a young mum, she has come to understand that she learns differently from others, rather than not being able to learn.



Beginning her community services certificate course when her daughter was only two months old, Jypsey is now one of NT’s Batchelor Institute’s most reliable students.

While classes start at 9.30am two days per week, Jypsey arrives at 7.30am to set up the classroom – often after a 25 minute walk to get there.

With her daughter now in child care, Jypsey is currently thinking about professional jobs that she could get – particularly the type of jobs that will enable her to draw on her transferable skills and experience. At this stage, she is thinking of becoming a sexual health nurse or an alcohol and other drugs counsellor.

Learning Changes Lives Foundation prizes



Prize winner Ting Xu, Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre.

The Learning Changes Lives Foundation – ALA’s charitable organisation – supports people who need it most to gain access to the life-changing capacity of education.

In 2024, six recipients received prizes funded by the Foundation during Adult Learners Week.

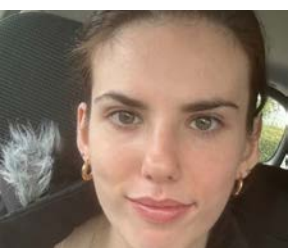
Mathew Bishop – PAE Libraries



Mathew began in the Adult Literacy Program at PAE Libraries in 2021, as one of the first participants in this Covid-19 recovery program. Prior to joining the program, Mathew relied on family members to help him with everyday reading and writing tasks.

Attending every week, Mathew proved to be a keen learner and quickly picked up skills he had set as his goals. As his confidence grew, Mathew started to read more independently and, more recently, he has been learning digital skills by using reading apps on iPads. As well as reinforcing his reading skills, this is assisting him to gain basic digital literacy understanding.

Melanie Cameron - Sunshine Coast Libraries



Since joining the Sunshine Coast Libraries’ Read and Write for Life program, Melanie has developed new communication skills which have led to her engaging more actively in class discussions, sharing her ideas with greater ease, and participating

in group activities without hesitation

Melanie is now keen to also extend her drawing skills by learning and producing digital art and media, with the goal of showcasing her creations on online platforms like Instagram and TikTok. She has a passion for creativity and technology, as well as her desire to connect with a broader audience.

Russell Constable - Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre

When Russell arrived at the Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre, he had never previously considered adult education. After working long hours in a physically demanding job for 15 years, and then experiencing a life changing injury, Russell was worried he might never work again. Realising he needed digital skills, Russell enrolled in a Basic Computers and Beyond course. After enjoying that so much, he then completed an Intermediate Computers course in 2023.



Russell is a shining example of how an adult education journey can change your life.

From working in a factory to gaining new skills and confidence, Russell is now employed as a disability support worker after also completing a Certificate IV in Disability Support.

Piyanut (Nuk) Clear - Here2Help

Nuk is determined to reach her goals despite significant challenges, and this has impressed



Nuk, Here2Help, celebrating her win.

everyone at Here 2 Help, a literacy and numeracy collaboration between TAFE NSW Bega and the Bega Valley Shire Library.

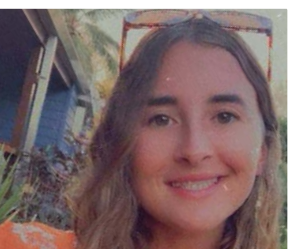


Nuk's family fled Myanmar when she was a child and, as a refugee living in Thailand, she received minimal education. Moving to Australia with her young son, Nuk studied English and, later, a Certificate II in Hospitality. With one on one support through Here

2 Help and hard work and determination, Nuk was able to obtain a driver's licence and achieve Australian citizenship.

Currently working as a kitchen hand, Nuk hopes to be able to combine her commitments as a single parent with more work and study so she can improve her written and spoken English and gain more skills and qualifications.

Ashleigh Bertram - Read Write Now



When Ashleigh was seeking information about Read Write Now's literacy program, she had some key requirements – the course needed to further improve the reading and spelling skills she had started to build in a previous literacy and numeracy course and it needed to be flexible

enough for her to access from her new home base on the remote Cocos Islands!

Ashleigh has been part of the Read Write Now program for eighteen months, meeting online each week with her WA based tutor.

As a lifelong learner, Ashleigh wants to keep

improving her reading and spelling skills so she can continue to advance her future employment opportunities.

Ashleigh has applied her improved literacy skills to update the marketing brochures and forms for her small business, Cocos Island Picnics, and she recently completed her Construction White card. Obtaining this qualification has enabled Ashleigh to gain employment cleaning a construction site on the island.

Ting Xu - Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre

Ting Xu connected with the Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre through the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP). Wanting to improve her English and then pursue other courses as she forged her new life in Australia, Ting has worked hard to also complete courses in employment and computer skills, Australian Studies and an Introduction to Early Childhood Education.



Ting sees education and applying it in her new home as a way to connect and explore her new identity in Australia. Ting's confidence has improved and she is now navigating life in Australia with direction and purpose. Her English has improved too, and this has given her the courage to join community groups, initiate conversations with her neighbours and feel part of a wider community.

Ting is now exploring volunteer opportunities in the primary education sector and community services.

Inspiring others to take the journey



Minister Blair Boyer and Ambassador, Haydon Grigg

Every Adult Learners Week, a small group of inspiring learners are chosen as Adult Learners Week Ambassadors. The stories of these learners – nominated by their learning providers – illustrate the many benefits of taking an adult education journey.

Prior to Adult Learners Week, these learners are supported to feel confident in speaking on radio and to journalists.

This year's South-Australian ambassadors – Christiana Davies, John Lindsay, Farah Naz and Haydon Griggs – also spoke at the ALW launch (see Cover Story). Afterwards, an attendee said she “felt very privileged to hear all their stories and felt nothing but admiration for the hurdles they’ve overcome to develop their ‘super powers’ and achieve such success”.

These are the other 2024 Ambassadors:

Emma Griggs – New South Wales

Emma, a proud Wiradjuri woman, overcame homelessness and educational challenges to transform her life. After working in the NSW Police Force, she pursued further education, earning diplomas in Counselling and Mental Health. Now 45, Emma teaches Community Services and Applied Aboriginal Studies, empowering others in her community through her own journey.

Melanie Cameron – Queensland

Melanie, a 22-year-old is dedicated to self-improvement despite facing intellectual impairment. With help from her support worker, she has engaged in adult literacy classes at Kawana Library, enhancing her reading and social skills. Melanie's commitment to learning extends to volunteering, as she aims to seize more opportunities in the future.

Kerry Hume – Victoria

Kerry Hume, a 40-year-old mother of three, began her farming career two years ago and has since pursued various agricultural courses. Her dedication has led to her role as Assistant Manager at Aurora Dairies and recognition in the Great South West Dairy Awards. Kerry appreciates the supportive adult learning environment where her enhanced skills are leading to new opportunities.

Tim Royle – Western Australia

Tim, 37, has struggled with literacy due to dyslexia but has pursued improvement through a mature-age apprenticeship and work as a prison officer. After seeking help from Read Write Now, he is dedicated to enhancing his reading and writing skills. Tim's journey reflects his resilience and commitment to lifelong learning and he hopes his story inspires others to do the same.

Mick Curtis – Tasmania

Mick Curtis, originally from South Australia, began his working life in abattoirs and faced challenges with literacy. At 48, he accepted an opportunity from his employer to improve his skills through classes at the Geeveston Community Centre. With support from 26Ten, Mick has made significant progress.

Ornina Ekhtiar, NSW

When Ornina and her family were granted refugee status and came to Australia, she was determined to learn English. She successfully completed a Certificate I in Language and is now working towards her Certificate II in Workplace Skills at MTC Australia.

Celebrating learners and learning

Adult Learners Week 2024
Event Winners



Read Write Now tutor workshop

Every year, hundreds of events are held across Australia to celebrate Adult Learners Week. These are held in adult and community education centres, libraries, neighbourhood houses and community centres, TAFEs and community colleges and local councils. All showcase the benefits and joys of lifelong learning and invite people at any age or life stage to “take the journey”.

The three awards for Best Adult Learners Week events this year were given to Hackham West Community Centre (SA), Read Write Now (WA) and MTC Australia (NSW).

WA’s **Read Write Now** took the opportunity of Adult Learners Week to provide their much-appreciated tutors with training on online tutoring and video conversations. Topics covered included how to present online lessons and tips and tricks for using videoconferencing apps and software.

Attendees said afterwards that the workshops were valuable in providing “ideas about how to present a lesson remotely” and making them “more confident about learning zoom options”.

RWN also shared stories of some of their learners to encourage others to begin their own journeys. These included Colin who, at 63, has finally overcome his early negative schooling experiences and difficulty with reading through gaining help with literacy and IT. Colin has now gained the confidence to undertake a Certificate IV in Horticulture. On ABC Radio Perth, RWN student Deborah Tudisco discussed how RWN had helped her to relearn reading and writing after having a stroke.

Staff, volunteers and visitors to the **Hackham West Community Centre** in South Australia were able to celebrate Adult Learners Week through the skills and enthusiastic efforts of students.

Delicious fresh scones were backed by the Centre’s fantastic Kitchen Skills students and tasty hot coffees made by their talented Barista Skills students.

Hackham West Community Centre has been providing a range of adult education and community programs south of Adelaide since 1982.

MTC Australia welcomed Minister for Skills and Training, Andrew Giles, and the Member for Werriwa, Anne Stanley MP, to its Liverpool training centre as part of Adult Learners Week 2024.

MTC Australia is a NSW-based social enterprise which works with people from all walks of life to discover and achieve what they want to do through training and mentoring programs.

Minister Giles and Ms Stanley toured the centre to find out what it is offering through the Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) Program, Self-Employment Assistance, and vocational courses. They spent time speaking with participants about the programs and heard about the innovative ways MTC trainers support the development of LLND and employability skills.

During the visit, Boris, a participant, said for him it is “not only about the skills I’ve learned. It’s also about the social side and the community I’ve gained”.



Hackham West Community Centre morning tea

Member round-up



Mike Keating, Batchelor Institute

The Literacy for Life Foundation has featured in an ABC news program entitled Indigenous adults show it's never too late to learn how to read and write. The program features graduates from the Foundation's six month course which covers basic reading and writing skills for adult Indigenous participants. More than 460 students have graduated from the program: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcvwyFCMz0s>

The Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre is one of ten organisations receiving funding through the Inner North Community Foundation's Pathways to Employment Program (<https://www.innernorthfoundation.org.au/grants/community-grants/pathways-to-employment/>). The CNLC will receive \$20,000 for the Make it Work program which provides wraparound support for 40 participants, which include assistance with housing, financial counselling and supported education pathways.

In October, **Sunshine Coast Libraries** will provide local organisations and residents with sessions to assist them to be prepared for natural disasters. Participants will find out which steps to take to protect what's most important and learn how to develop emergency plans and kits. Find out more here: <https://library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/whats-on/at-the-library/natural-disaster-planning>

NT's **Batchelor Institute** was thrilled to be named runner-up in the Large Training Provider of the Year at the 2024 NT Training Awards (<https://www.batchelor.edu.au/news/article/bachelor-institute-shines-at-the-2024-nt-training-awards/>). Mike Keating, Director of VET Business Operations, said the recognition highlights the Institute's commitment to delivering culturally appropriate and accessible

education, tailored to the unique needs of First Nations communities across the Northern Territory. The 2024 Australian Training Awards presentation event will be held in Canberra on Friday 6 December 2024. Tickets will go on sale soon. In the lead up to the event, State awards are now being presented. Check here for your State detail: <https://www.australiantrainingawards.gov.au/state-and-territory-training-awards>.

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www.ala.asn.au/join-now

ACE Update

26Ten has again given grants to Tasmanian employers to improve the literacy, numeracy, digital, and communication skills of their employees and volunteers. NOSS Bluegum Grounds Maintenance has received its second grant, which will be used to further improve literacy and communication skills within their workforce, enabling employees to take on different roles, feel more confident completing tasks, and work more independently.

26ten.tas.gov.au/2024/07/26ten-workplace-grants-awarded-for-2023-24/

Sharan Burrow, former ACTU President and Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) has been named chair of the Bendigo Kangan Institute in Victoria. Ms Burrow joined the board last December and has taken over as chair after the retirement of Margaret O'Rourke.



The Australian Council for Adult Literacy (ACAL) is inviting people to register for an online update of adult literacy and numeracy in Australia, recent changes, and potential future directions. This webinar will begin at 5pm (AEDT) on Wednesday, 16 October, with the ACAL AGM to follow. [us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvfu2uqzluGdOwbrHpzy4Xg8559PFSFaL#?registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8559PFSFaL#?registration=tZUvfu2uqzluGdOwbrHpzy4Xg8559PFSFaL#?registration)

Registrations are open for the 2024 Community Colleges Australia (CCA) 2024 conference in Sydney from 21 to 23 October. The conference will explore how community education providers can adapt and innovate to current national and international uncertainty and challenges. cca.edu.au/what-we-do/2024-cca-annual-conference/

On 31 October and 1 November, Brisbane will host the 2024 National VET Conference – find out more about the wide range of plenary and elective sessions: velgtraining.com/nvc

Neighbourhood Houses across Victoria can apply until 21 October for the annual SDGs-linked awards program. Details: <https://www.nhvic.org.au/awards>

ALA News

Farewell Georgia

ALA is sorry to be farewelling Project and Membership Officer, Georgia Firth, after six years. Georgia has taken up a great new opportunity at Melbourne University and we know you will join us in wishing her all the very best.

Apology

In our June edition, we inadvertently named ALA Secretary, Kirrily Loveday as Vice President, so we need to pass on our apologies to our wonderful Vice-President Professor Annett Foley. Correction has been made to our online copy edition.

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