

Tui Tuia

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Kia ora koutou e ngā taurira, ngā pouako, ngā kaiarahi katoa, tena koutou katoa.

Greetings to you all.

Ngā Poupu (Literacy Aotearoa member groups) are made up of many people, governing bodies, managers, coordinators, tutors and students. Sometimes there is a pivotal figure within a Poupu whose dedication and passion inspires those around them. They don't ask for personal recognition and are often reluctant to accept public acknowledgement of their individual efforts.

Last year Literacy Aotearoa nominated Robin Robb (Coordinator, Literacy Marlborough) in the Senior Citizens category for the New Zealander of the Year Awards and out of more than 500 nominees, Robin made the final group. Robin was presented with an award at a function officiated by Minister Tariana Turia at the Hyatt Kingsgate Hotel in Auckland on 3 Hui tanguru (February) 2010.

An abridged version of the nomination letter from Literacy Aotearoa follows.

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Literacy Waikato

Adult Learning Support, Nelson Motueka

Literacy Marlborough

Literacy Aotearoa Dunedin



New Zealander of the Year - semi finalist award: Robin Robb, Literacy Marlborough Adult Literacy

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Robin trained to become an adult literacy tutor ten years ago. Since then she has excelled as a one to one tutor with local adults experiencing literacy and numeracy difficulties. Key to the Literacy Aotearoa approach to adult literacy tuition is student-centred delivery, at no direct cost to the student. Robin has embraced this philosophy with enthusiasm, and her years as a volunteer tutor have been marked by strong and successful shared learning relationships with many adult students.

In addition to her volunteer tutoring, Robin also took on the task of coordinating the work of Literacy Marlborough, (initially operating out of the spare bedroom at Robin's home). In the past six years, Robin has (with the support of the Literacy Marlborough Board), built up the organisation to the point where they have independent premises in Marlborough House, their quality assurance is extremely robust, and they became a pilot group in providing literacy and numeracy support to Modern Apprentices.

For three years from 2004 Robin made a commitment to support an engineering apprentice through his qualifications – travelling to his workplace three times a week for 2 hour sessions. She did this in addition to her other tutor and coordinator responsibilities. In order to understand the engineering terms and mathematical processes her student was dealing with, she attended night school – the only woman in a group of young men. When the apprentice completed his qualification, his workplace organised a celebration at which they also presented Robin with an award in appreciation of her support and achievement.

Robin's other community contributions include seven years as a trained Family Visitor for Birthright Marlborough Inc. In this role she worked alongside and supported one-parent families, to help them achieve the goals they have set for themselves. In both roles, she has taken advantage of ongoing training and professional development opportunities in order to keep her knowledge and skills current.

Robin has provided skilled and effective supervision and mentoring to new tutors, helped to recruit new talent to build the tutor pool for Literacy Marlborough, and encouraged tutors to upskill by completing the National Certificate in Adult Literacy Education (Educator) – as well as doing so herself. Robin's support to students, tutors and community makes a significant contribution to improving social, environmental and economic outcomes for the people whose lives she touches.



Barbara Menzies, Robin Robb & Bronwyn Yates - Te Tumuaki at the New Zealander of the Year Awards, held in Auckland.





Ngā Poupou News



Adult Learning Support (ALS) Nelson Motueka

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from 'Between the Lines' Adult Learning Support Christmas newsletter 2009

Rough Justice: fast food for hungry minds

The book contains 25 short stories by authors around New Zealand. There are even some by students. The back cover reads:

"Hot wheels, dogged devotion and explosive toilets, there's no fear of boredom with this assortment of home-grown short stories."

Selected from entries in the second 'Books for Blokes' short story writing competition run by Adult Learning Support in Nelson, these stories are written with young men in mind. Quirky, amusing and occasionally politically incorrect, they are an entertaining snack whatever your age."

The book is on sale for \$20.

The launch:

We held a book launch on Sunday the 29th of November at the Granary in Founders Park. It was held in conjunction with professional development so there was a cross-section of tutors, authors, media and special guests.

Guests were welcomed by a fish and chip long lunch outside in the sunshine serenaded by the dulcet tones of the 'Ukes of hazard'.

The mayor of Tasman, Richard Kempthorne, presented the awards for the top three stories and then extracts from each winning story were read aloud. It was a great event and a lovely way to celebrate the efforts of everyone who contributed to this book.

Competition winners: 1st: A. Swan 'Night Riders'; 2nd: Adam Mills 'Rough Justice' & Jeanette Goode 'Grounded'.

To order a copy, go to: <http://www.adultlearning.co.nz/>



Adult Learning Support's second book: Rough Justice

New Managers / Coordinators Ngā Poupou 2010

-  Adult Learning Support (ALS)
Nelson Motueka
– Cameron Forbes
-  Literacy Aotearoa Porirua
– Suzanne Apanui
(previously a shared position)
-  Literacy Aotearoa Wellington
– Mike Styles
-  Literacy Turangi
– Mary Smallman
-  Literacy Waikato
– Louise Gastra
-  Te Roroa (Dargaville)
– Julian Johns



Dunedin / Nelson / Waikato / Eastbay – ACE Newsletter feature

The 'ACE Aotearoa – Adult and Community Education – Summer newsletter 2009' featured three Poupou and NCALE training delivery.

- **Literacy Aotearoa (Dunedin)** – 'Engaging literacy learners' with a variety of courses: scrapbooking, 'Op Shop Queens' and 'living with style on a shoestring'.
- **Adult Learning Support Nelson (ALS)** – 'Blended Learning' the pick and mix approach.
- **Literacy Waikato** – 'Creating a learning environment for Tongans' making mosaic table mats; reading the newspaper, sewing patterns and vegetable seed packets (to grow their own food) and reading with children from books written in both Tongan and English.
- Eastbay REAP – Literacy Aotearoa delivers NCALE training.

Click on the link to read the stories:

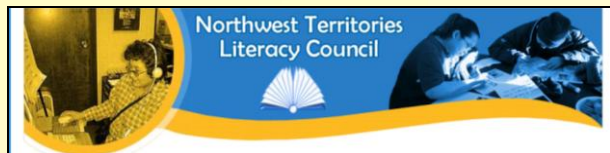
http://www.aceaotearoa.org.nz/users/Image/ACE/Documents/Ace_Summer_Newsletter.pdf



Online Resources (continued):

Northwest Territories Literacy Council – Australia

<http://www.nwt.literacy.ca/whatsnew.htm>

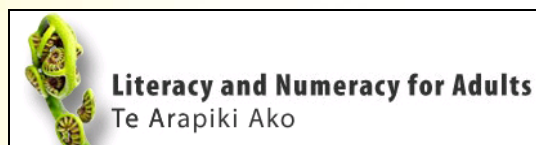


This website has a number of everyday math skills workbooks available for downloading in pdf format which can be adapted for work with students who have a goal of improving their numeracy at home, in the kitchen, or with money.

The site also has some family literacy tips for parents.

Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Tool – Due out in Poutu te rangi (March) 2010

<http://literacyandnumeracyforadults.com/>



"The Literacy and Numeracy for Adults Assessment Tool is an online adaptive tool primarily designed to provide robust and reliable information on the reading, writing and numeracy skills of adults. This information will inform the development of learning interventions that match learners' needs and strengthen their literacy and numeracy skills. The assessment tool will also allow learners to track their progress over time and enable educators and organisations to report on the progress made by groups or cohorts of learners.

In summary the tool provides:

- *Reading, writing and numeracy assessments linked to the learning progressions.*
- *Hundreds of assessment questions, using New Zealand adult contexts.*
- *Adaptive (where the computer alters the difficulty of questions in response to the learner's answer) and non-adaptive assessments (online and printed).*
- *Reports for learners, educators, organisations and the TEC.*
- *A reliable infrastructure built and tested to IT industry standards."*

For more details go to :

<http://literacyandnumeracyforadults.com/Assessment-for-learning2/Literacy-and-Numeracy-Assessment-tool>

Embedded Literacy – UK Research

**from Literacy Works newsletter*

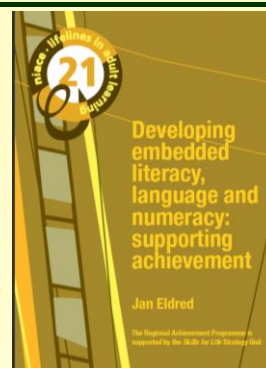
Jan Eldred's publication:
"Developing embedded literacy,
language and numeracy:
supporting achievement" (UK)

Jan Eldred wrote a publication for
NIACE about embedded literacy.

The introduction, explaining why
embedded literacy and numeracy is important, is online.

See:

http://slcresources4adultlearning.net/documents/policydrivers/skills_extract.pdf



Digital storytelling - USA

This website has a number of powerpoint presentations available for you to learn about Digital Storytelling - what is it, how do you do it, what's the point, how does it assist learners and learning.

"You may download this and other PowerPoint slide presentations that deal with Digital Storytelling and freely use and/or modify the materials for non-profit educational use."

<http://digitalstorytelling.coe.uh.edu/powerpoint.html>

Race Relations Day –Te Rā Whanaungatanga 21 Poutu te rangi (March) 2010

The theme for Race Relations Day 2010 is 'It's About Us-Whānau'.

[Check out the festivals and events happening close to you.](#) If you or your

organisation is planning an event to celebrate [email us.](#)

In the days around Race Relations Day community groups, councils, schools, workplaces, marae and places of worship are encouraged to host events and celebrations to acknowledge the value of cultural diversity and the need to support harmonious race relations.

For more information go to:

<http://www.hrc.co.nz/home/hrc/racerelations/racerelationsday/racerelationsday2010/racerelationsday2010.php>



Upcoming Events for 2010

Poutu te rangi (March)

Race Relations Day –Te Rā Whanaungatanga

21 Poutu te rangi (March) 2010



Literacy Aotearoa Hui for Coordinators & Managers

30-31 Poutu te rangi (March) 2010

Paenga whāwhā (April) - Haratua (May)



Literacy Aotearoa Training for Trainers

14-15 Paenga whāwhā (April) 2010



Literacy Aotearoa Te Hui Heke Tuarua (Region 2)

23-24 Paenga whāwhā (April) 2010

Hosts: Adult Literacy Aotearoa Kapiti /Arohamai Aotearoa
Literacy /Horowhenua ALS (Levin)



Literacy Aotearoa Te Hui Heke Tuatoru (Region 3)

30 Paenga whāwhā (April) - 1 Haratua (May) 2010

Host: Buller Adult Reading (Westport)



Literacy Aotearoa Te Hui Heke Tuatahi (Region 1)

Haratua (May) 2010

Host: Waitakere Adult Literacy inc. (Henderson, Akld)

Adult Literacy Practitioners Association (ALPA) Conference

Haratua (May) 2010

Pipiri (June)

VALBEC Conference 2010

4 Pipiri (June) 2010

Theme: I learn ...YOU learn ... WE learn

William Angliss Conference Centre, Melbourne, Australia

<http://www.valbec.org.au/conf2010/>

3rd Annual ACE Professional Development Hui/Fono for Māori and Pasifika ACE Practitioners

9-11 Pipiri (June) 2010, Wellington

<http://www.aceaotearoa.org.nz/>

ACE Sector Conference

11-13 Pipiri (June) 2010, Wellington

<http://www.aceaotearoa.org.nz/>

Matariki

14 Pipiri (June) 2010

http://www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/english/matariki_e/index.shtml



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Pipiri (June) continued

Volunteer Awareness Week

20-26 Pipiri (June) 2010

Theme: 'Volunteering across the generations'.

Volunteering NZ chose the theme to highlight how different forms of volunteering appeal to particular age groups, and to showcase different forms of intergenerational volunteering.

<http://www.ocvs.govt.nz/news-and-updates/volunteer-awareness-week.html>

Hōngongoi (July)



Literacy Aotearoa Te Hui ā Tau and National Planning Hui

Hōngongoi (July) 2010, Otautahi / Christchurch

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori - Māori Language Week

26 Hōngongoi (July) - 1 Here turi kōkā (August) 2010

<http://www.korero.maori.nz/news/mlw>

Here turi kōkā (August)



Literacy Aotearoa Training for Trainers

3-4 Here turi kōkā (August) 2010

Mahuru (September)

Adult Learners' Week/ He Tangata Mātauranga

6-12 Mahuru (September) 2010

<http://www.aceaotearoa.org.nz/>

Whiringa ā nuku (October)

ACAL Conference

10-11 Whiringa ā nuku (October) 2010

Darwin, Australia

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Whiringa ā rangi (November) - Hakihea (December)



Literacy Aotearoa Training for Trainers

30 Whiringa ā rangi (November) - 1 Hakihea (December) 2010