

**A Comment from Ron Anderson**

Ron Anderson was national CEO of Adult Learning Australia from 2004 to 2007 and then again throughout 2009-2010.

I've just listened online to the second of the items on the Broadband For Seniors initiative. Both interviews capture beautifully the essence of what this program is seeking to achieve, particularly in the way you have blended together the contributions of the Kiosk administrators, volunteer tutors and seniors as participants.

Tony, in the time I was Chief Executive Officer of Adult Learning Australia (2004-2007 and then again throughout 2009-10), I was pleased that we were able to support the Learning Works project through those years, and more recently in the lead-up to Adult Learners Week in 2009. I know the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations were very pleased with the interviews you did with the 2009 ALW winners, as were we at ALA. Always done by you very professionally and as a consequence material we were able to use confidently to promote our work at ALA on a national level.

In looking at the Learning Works website today, I still remain convinced that this is a unique and invaluable resource for the Adult Community Education sector across Australia and a resource that must be supported and maintained into the future. What you have here is, I believe, unique in its wide coverage of life-wide and life-long adult learning stories in this country and possibly internationally.

So just a brief note to acknowledge the value of your ongoing work in adult education and in broadcasting over many years, reaching back, if memory serves me correctly, to the late 1980's when you were Executive Producer of the ABC's Adult Education Radio, on Radio National. Tony, they were the days when the sector really started to grow around the country. I can only express my personal gratitude to you for your enduring commitment to lifelong learning over so many years.

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