

Little Ears — Australia's first children's storytelling magazine

Little Ears is a new bimonthly magazine with illustrated stories, poetry and plays by Australian authors, which hopes to inspire busy, modern parents to revive the lost art storytelling with their children while fostering a love of reading.



The new children's magazine is also launching its subscription fundraising program for local pre-schools, kindergartens, playgroups, child care centres, family day care schemes and other childcare services. The program is aimed at helping local organisations to raise money for educational resources. Organisations wishing to participate need to visit <<http://www.littleears.com.au>> for more information.

Little Ears magazine has an academic advisory board which includes some of Australia's top early childhood educators, children's storytellers and authors — Professor Jane Torr, Associate Professor, Institute of Early Childhood, Macquarie University; and Helen Evans, Early Childhood Educator, author and storyteller and Jane Turbill, President of the National Council of Australian Literacy educators' Association to ensure that the content of every issue reflects the literacy requirements of *Little Ears* readership.

According to the magazine's editor and well-known children's writer Di Bates, 'Little Ears magazine is the best thing to come out of Australia for young children since the Wiggles, and I'm honoured and delighted to be a part of it'.

For subscription details, see <<http://www.littleears.com.au/subscriptions.html>>.

Philanthropy

Philanthropy courses

The Graduate Certificate in Business (Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies) is offered at the **Centre of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies, Queensland University of Technology**. See <<http://www.bus.qut.edu.au/research/cpns/whatweteach/courses.jsp#gradcert>>.

The Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Philanthropy and Social Investment is offered at the **Asia-Pacific Centre for Philanthropy and Social Investment**. See <<http://www.swinburne.edu.au/business/philanthropy/>>. Swinburne now offers courses from Graduate Certificate to PhD level.

Curtin University offers research opportunities in the Corporate Governance and Social Responsibility Research Unit. See <<http://www.cbs.curtin.edu.au/business/research/areas-of-research-focus>> and from the left-hand side menu click on 'Governance & Corporate Social Responsibility'.

The State Library of South Australia has become a partner in introducing TAFE Certificate II in Tourism (tour guiding) accredited training for volunteers as a step towards a measurable benchmark in the standard of tours provided to Library visitors.

The Australian Institute of Community Practice and Governance (AICPG) is an Australian peak professional training organisation for staff and board/committee members of community organisations — solely devoted to the specialist area of community practice and governance. It provides accredited training; free information and resources through its Community Practice Knowledge Bank; and as part of its membership service, the *Board Builder* newsletter.

Training opportunities include: seminars, workshops and conferences; Certificate IV in Business (Governance) — the new qualification for all Australian non-profit and community committee members. The following training courses are offered: Grants and Fundraising ; Boards, Governance Leadership; Finance, Insurance and Risk Management; People Management; Strategic Planning, Review and Revitalisation; Information Technology; Community Engagement and

Advocacy; Marketing and Media. AICPG also offers tailored training services. Contact <patrickm@ourcommunity.com.au> if you have a group of people with the same needs.

Volunteering Australia: the National Volunteer Skills Centre is a project funded by the Commonwealth Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and managed by Volunteering Australia. As part of this, Volunteering Australia has developed a number of resources and provides a range of services, including nationally recognised qualifications. It has three new accredited qualifications for managers of volunteers. Volunteering Australia is currently finalising a licensing policy for registered training organisation to deliver the courses. Some courses available include Diploma of Fundraising Management; Certificates I, II and III in Active Volunteering are nationally recognised qualifications, and there are online fora and short courses such as a one-day Occupational Health and Safety for Volunteers course. For more information see <<http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/>> and from the left-hand side menu, click on 'Skills and Training'.

You should also check your state/territory volunteering peak body from the list below for training opportunities and look in your local phone book for regional and rural volunteering bodies.

Volunteering ACT —

<http://www.volunteeract.com.au>

Volunteering NSW —

<http://www.volunteering.com.au>

Volunteering NT —

Email: volunteering_nt@yahoo.com

Volunteering Queensland —

<http://www.volunteeringqueensland.org.au>

Volunteering South Australia —

<http://www.volunteeringsa.org.au>

Volunteering Tasmania —

<http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/tasmania>

Volunteering Victoria —

<http://www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au>

Volunteering Western Australia —

<http://www.volunteeringwa.org.au>