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**Social Leadership Australia
IMPACT Alumni Network newsletter
10 years of Leadership
Reflections...**

A warm welcome to the New Year. 2009 promises to be a significant year with a new US president about to be inaugurated in Washington, and the great global challenges of climate change, economic downturn and terrorism all very much on the agenda. 2008 was a very significant year for us, culminating in our name change to Social leadership Australia, and our end of year event celebrating 10 years of Sydney Leadership 'Voices of New Leadership'. We thank all of you who have supported our work over the years and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you. This year we commence the first Queensland Leadership program as well as undertake a number of new initiatives across all sectors of the community. Please take the time to have a read through this newsletter to get a feel of what's happening at SLA and how you can get involved. I hope you have a wonderful year ahead, and that you continue to have an strong and positive impact on the communities and organisations in which we live.

What's happening...

Voices of New Leadership on Friday 28th November was a great day and a fabulous reconnect for the SLA Alumni Network, read a wrap up of the event here... [Read more](#)

In 2008 we went out to the whole network to find out what resources and services you would be interested in seeing to further develop the alumni network. Read a summary of the findings here and details of how SLA plan to respond in 2009... [Read more](#)

Welcome to The Balcony – come and Check Out the View! SLA launches the prototype of the new Alumni Extranet site to better connect you with the SLA network... [Read more](#)

To mark ten years of the Sydney Leadership Program, SLA produced a short doco featuring some of our alumni... [Read more](#)

In brief

Staff changes at SLA - It's been a year of significant growth and change for SLA with more to come in the new year. As a result of the expansion in our program delivery we welcome some new people to the team... [Read more](#)

We have just completed Interviews for **Sydney Leadership Program 2009** and places have been offered. The 2009 participants directory will be available online from February.

SLA will be offering two opportunities for **ongoing learning to SLA Alumni in 2009** including a one day Sydney based workshop and a retreat, details to be launched in January 2009, to lodge your interest contact nicoleh@bensoc.org.au

Queensland Leadership Program will launch in 2009... [Read more](#)

The **Emerging Indigenous Leadership Dialogue** is an initiative of Social Leadership Australia in partnership with the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre (AILC)... [Read more](#)

Introduction to Adaptive Leadership – SLA will be offering two four-day programs in 2009 - one rural based program and one metropolitan based. Dates and details to be released in the new year.

National Australia Bank – In 2009, SLA will continue to deliver a suite of leadership development programs based on the adaptive leadership model, to senior executives and management of NAB. These include;

Accelerate – for top tier executives

Ignite – for senior managers

Adaptive Leadership – an open program

SLA will be working with the **Public Interest and Advocacy Centre (PIAC)** professional team in 2009 to increase their effectiveness as agents of social change to achieve PIAC's purpose – working for a fair, just & democratic society, empowering citizens, consumers & communities by taking strategic action on public interest issues. This partnership has come about through Robin Banks (SL06) and CEO of PIAC.

Given many of you visited **Holroyd High School** during the Sydney Leadership Program we thought you would be interested to know that through their 'Friends of Zainab' trust, the school is seeking donations to enable refugee students who completed their HSC in 2008 to go on to university. See the attached [letter and donation form](#) to for more details.

What's On

Based on your feedback, plans are underway to launch a new style of event for alumni in 2009 that is more reflective of the kind of learning spaces created during the Program. This event will be held on a regular basis in a central venue and will be designed to generate dialogue and connection amongst the network. In addition to this new style of event we will also hold a number of networking and speaker events throughout the year.

Stay tuned early next year for the launch of the 2009 program of events!

The International Issue

We put the call out there to those of you working internationally. Attached is a letter posted by April Pham (SL04) sharing her reflections on her work Vietnam as a gender specialist with UNIFEM... [Read more](#)

Our next issue of Impact will be released in March 2009 and will highlight alumni working around Indigenous Issues, to submit your article contact nicoleh@bensoc.org.au

Stay in touch!

Congratulations to Genevieve Nelson (SL06) on her appointment as CEO of the Kokoda Track Foundation. The Foundation aims to promote education, health and sporting initiatives designed to enhance the well-being, future and enjoyment of the local communities living along the Kokoda Track. Gen has sat on the Foundation Board since 2003 and has walked the Kokoda Trail six times in recent years whilst completing a PHD on education in rural and remote PNG. Gen will continue her role as Research Officer at The Benevolent Society one day a week and takes up her new position on 27th January.

Congratulations also go to Sally Treeby (SL02) on her appointment as General Manager of the St James Ethics Centre. Sally will take up this newly created role, working alongside Executive Director Simon Longstaff in January 2009.

Two of our alumni have featured in the media recently making comment relating to education , read Jane Caro's (SL00) comments on Julia Gillard's suggestion that parents unhappy with their child's education 'vote with their feet', published in the Sydney Morning Herald [Letting parents vote with their feet on school choice doesn't add up - Opinion](#) and Larissa Treskin's (SL02) recent reflections on a family who offered a bribe to gain entry into a selective school, also in the Herald [Parent who bribed teacher buckled under peer pressure](#) - National - smh.com.au

We'd love to hear your news! To update your information, stay connected or include something in the next Sydney Leadership Alumni email bulletin, contact [Nicole Hercus](#).