



VALBEC turns 30 ...

Despite the ebb and flow of government funding, policy shifts and curriculum change, VALBEC and the adult literacy and numeracy fields it represents, continues to support large numbers of learners on their education pathways.

'Still glides the stream' is a motif for endurance that typifies the spirit, commitment and passion of VALBEC in its 30th year and provides the theme for the annual conference to be held on May 16, 2008 in Melbourne.

The VALBEC conference will again facilitate practitioners to engage in professional conversations and to be inspired and re-energised in the spirit of collegiality. The VALBEC conference will provide practitioners with a forum to explore new ideas and effective approaches to deal with changing student cohorts, challenging workplace conditions, variations in curriculum and compliance requirements. Together we will spend time reflecting on achievements and milestones for VALBEC and the adult education and ACE sector, providing insights for the future.

Call for Presentations

Teachers, researchers, program managers, policy analysts, education and industry consultants working in the field of adult literacy and numeracy are invited to express an interest in presentation of

- a paper
- a workshop session
- a panel discussion

We are looking for presentations that

- reflect on VALBEC and ALBE experiences
- demonstrate partnerships and best practice in ACE
- showcase learner outcomes
- are interactive and encourage dialogue
- display innovation and flexibility in practice or research
- exemplify adult learning principles in effective practice
- stimulate thought and discussion on relevant issues, theories and practice
- critique changes in state and federal government policies and priorities

Sessions will be of 50 minutes duration

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The proposal form can be completed on the conference website www.valbec.org.au

Proposals to be submitted by **February 29, 2008**

Presenters will be notified by **March 8, 2008** of their inclusion in the Conference program.

For further information contact Don MacDowall, Conference Organiser

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VALBEC Conference 2008 *'still glides the stream ...'* Proposal for Presentation

First name	
Surname	
Organisation	
Postal address	
Town	
Postcode	
Phone	
Fax	
Email	
Title of proposed presentation	
Additional presenters (if any)	
Outline of workshop (100-150 words) for Conference brochure (May be edited to suit space requirements)	
Preferred seating arrangements	
Short biographical statement for the introduction of your workshop (May be included in Conference brochure and program and edited for space)	
AV requirements (If you need a datashow projector and laptop, bringing your own will minimise headaches and heartaches)	<input type="checkbox"/> Whiteboard
	<input type="checkbox"/> Overhead projector
	<input type="checkbox"/> Video player
	<input type="checkbox"/> Data projector and laptop (you should provide files prior to conference as well as on a CD or USB as a backup on the day)
Other information	

Post to VALBEC at Box 861, Springvale South VIC 3172 or fax to 03 9546 0421 (no cover sheet required)