

eVALBEC August 2009

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Yes, eVALBEC is a couple of days early this month. We hope you still find the information valuable!

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1. 'From Strength to Strength' - ACAL 32nd Annual Conference

October 1 to 3, 2009 in Fremantle, Western Australia.

Register and program details at <http://www.waalc.org.au/09conf/>

2. Changes to Adult Learners' Week

For a number of years the Commonwealth Government provided specifically allocated funds to support the national co-ordination of Adult Learners' Week activity and some local activities in each State or Territory. Changes to funding arrangements mean that the statewide advertising and grants program will not be undertaken this year. ACE organisations will continue to be able to advertise Adult Learners' Week activity being conducted through the national events calendar on the Adult Learners' Week website (<http://www.adultlearnersweek.org/>). Posters and flyers will not be produced for distribution to ACE organisations, however print-ready electronic files will be available for download.

Questions to Jane Dewildt, Manager, Board Support and Policy on jane.dewildt@dpcd.vic.gov.au.

3. The next Fine Print student writing edition

The popular student writing edition of Fine print is in production now

Student Writing – with teacher reflections

- Section One - Remember When

Stories describing those special times, the pivotal moments that shape our lives forever.

- Section Two - I'll Never Forget

Stories of the people, the places and the things that add colour and depth to our view of the world.

- Section Three - Down Memory Lane

Stories describing larger tracts of time, life stories, tales made up of many memorable moments.

- Section Four – Every picture tells a story

Words and pictures come together to describe some poignant memories.

4. VALA Education Officer

VALA (Victorian Applied Learning Association) is extending its professional development program by appointing an Education Officer, supplementing the role of Jan Hagston, Project Manager.

The Education Officer will have a role in existing events as well as targeted full and half day events in metropolitan and regional areas, undertake resource development and work with teachers to publish their materials on the VALA website.

Applications close on Friday, August 14.

More at <http://www.vala.asn.au/EdOffPosition.htm>

5. 'Reading The Fine Print'

'Reading the Fine Print: A history of the Victorian Adult Literacy and Basic Education Council (VALBEC) 1978 – 2008' by Beverley Campbell is now on sale.

Cost: \$30 plus \$10 postage and handling (in Australia)

Overseas and bulk purchase - email us for a price

Purchase and payment options <http://www.valbec.org.au/RTFP/purchaseoptionsRTFP.htm>

6. QCAL 2009 State Conference

'New literacies, new contexts, new learners'

Call for presentations

5-6 November 2009

State Library of Queensland, South Bank, Brisbane

QCAL invites expressions of interest for presentations of lectures and workshop presentations for this conference.

All presentations should address the conference theme.

Closing date for abstracts: 1 September 2009

Details <http://www.acal.edu.au/QCAL2009.htm>

7. e-Work Online Workshops

e-Works has a new series of e-Works online workshops aimed at building your skills in e-learning. Register at

<http://www.tafevc.com.au/tafevc3/workshops.asp> .

Coming Soon!

e-Works is finalizing a professional development program that will take participants through a detailed exploration of educational and technical design principles when building e-learning courses. The professional development program will be based on action learning principles and all participants will work towards the development of an e-learning unit of study. Negotiation towards statements of competence in e-learning design can also be discussed. More information Debbie.soccio@eworks.edu.au

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