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1. Annual VALBEC Planning Meeting

The VALBEC Committee will hold their annual VALBEC Planning Meeting on 15 January, 2010. We welcome feedback and ideas so please send to info@valbec.org.au by Dec 23

2. VALBEC Conference 2010 – 3 & 4 June 2010

William Angliss Conference Centre
Put in your diary now. Note it's a little later than usual.
More information will be available in mid December

3. CGEA mid-cycle review

The CMM General Studies & Further Education has asked for feedback as part of the mid-cycle review for the CGEA. Any changes suggested must include a rationale; changes could cover course structure, electives, new units, nominal hours, delivery and assessment strategies etc. Comments can be logged at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=l_2bMhSGtU0Lud50rIVjNAzQ_3d_3d until 22nd of December 2009.

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4. Enhance e-learning opportunities

conVerge09 will held at Frankston Arts Centre and Chisholm Institute of TAFE (Frankston) on December 3-4. This conference is designed to enhance e-learning opportunities and knowledge within VET, community and business. The theme for conVerge09 is Create Stimulate Integrate – with the following themes represented:

- * Collaborative Approaches
- * Web 2.0 Technologies
- * Partnering with Business
- * New Applications and Resources
- * Access, Equity and Diversity in e-learning

For all the latest information on conVerge09; including Program, Presenter Information and Registration go to <http://www.eworks.edu.au/converge>

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5. NCVER Online Resources

The National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) has developed an online resource which brings together all of its statistics and research on Indigenous Australians and vocational education and training (VET). There are a range of publications which have been organised into themes such as Indigenous participation in VET, identity and culture and community involvement at <http://www.indigenouset.edu.au>. This resource also contains data from NCVER's three major statistical collections; the National VET Provider Collection, the National Apprentice and Trainee Collection and the Student Outcomes Survey.

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6. Giving novice VET researchers a boost

Ten NCVER Communities of Practice scholarships are available for novice researchers working in the VET sector. Successful applicants will receive \$4,000 to help them participate in a community of practice where they will receive peer support as well as the assistance of a mentor to guide them through a research project.

Applications close **Wednesday, 17 February 2010**. For more information

http://www.ncver.edu.au/research/opportunities.html#Community_of_practice_scholarships_for_VET_practitioners or contact Bridget Wibrow on 08 8230 8450.

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7. Help shape the national VET research agenda

If you are interested in putting your ideas forward on the national VET research priorities, then the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) wants to hear from you.

Download the discussion paper, National VET Research Priorities 2010 and beyond

<http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2195.html> and then send us your written submissions or contribute to a blog.

Written submissions must be received by Friday, 18 December 2009 and can be sent by email to renee.lukeman@ncver.edu.au. The blog can be found at <http://futureresearch.pbworks.com>.

For further information about the consultation process contact Jo Hargreaves on 08 8230 8678 or joanne.hargreaves@ncver.edu.au.

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8. Twilight forum Nov 17 – Whose knowledge counts: a Canadian perspective

Tannis Atkinson provided an insightful personal narrative of the Canadian adult literacy field over three decades. Several of us were nodding our heads at the parallels to Victoria and Australia during the same period of time. The importance of recording such experiences is apparent and we are so fortunate to have Reading the Fine Print by Bev Campbell. Tannis has provided some web links for further information (see <http://www.valbec.org.au>) and we hope to hear more from her in the future.

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9. Fine Print

We hope you are enjoying reading the latest issue of Fine Print. Planning is already in place for 2010 and we welcome submissions of articles, reports or descriptions of successful teaching and learning activities. Over the summer break please consider writing for Fine Print. It may be an article about your teaching practice, a report on a project you have been involved in or something that you have thought about writing for some time! We are looking for reviewers of new resources and welcome new members to the Editorial committee. Let us know if you are interested info@valbec.org.au

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10. VALBEC Fees for 2010

Note that fees are due in March 2010 and you'll receive an invoice in February.

- Individual membership - Employed Full Time (or on a time fraction 0.6 or above) - \$90 (no change)
- Individual membership - Part time and Sessional - \$56 (no change)
- Full time tertiary student or unemployed teacher - \$40 (no change)
- Institutional membership - Small Organisation (less than 4 EFT staff, was 3) - \$140 (no change to fee, change to EFT number)
- Institutional membership - Base rate - \$200 (increase)
- Institutional membership - Multi-Campus (includes 6 copies of 'Fine Print', was 5 copies) - \$350 (increase, change to number of copies)

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11. Seasons greetings

The VALBEC committee wishes all our members and friends a wonderful, peaceful and relaxing Christmas. See you in 2010!

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