

eVALBEC February 2007

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Welcome back to 2007 and a busy year it looks already. The VALBEC committee will meet on Thursday February 15 to plan the year ahead. If you would like to attend and have some input or just to see how things 'tick' come along to the Royal Standard Hotel, William St West Melbourne at 6.30pm. The fish and chips are pretty tasty!

Planning is well underway for the main event,

1. Living Literacies - 2007 VALBEC Conference, Friday, May 4 at the William Angliss College, LaTrobe Street, Melbourne.

We are delighted to announce the conference keynote speakers: Margaret Somerville, Professor of Education (Learning and Development) at Monash University Gippsland and Arnold Zable, award winning writer, storyteller, educator, and human rights advocate.

More information about each speaker is on our web site <http://www.valbec.org.au>

• Call for Papers

We are still seeking proposals for presentations. If you wish to submit a proposal for a presentation visit our web site

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

Proposals need to be received by **February 23rd 2007**.

Presenters will be notified by March 12th 2007 of their inclusion in the Conference program.

• Registration Fees

Early Bird VALBEC members \$140

VALBEC members \$155

Standard (non- members) \$170

The early bird date (April 10) falls in Victorian school holidays, so watch your email for reminders and further details.

• 'Home stay' Accommodation for the conference

As a 2007 initiative, VALBEC is proposing to set up a 'Home stay' register to assist members from country and regional areas with free accommodation in Melbourne member's homes. Can you offer a spare bed or couch in the Melbourne metro area for Thursday May 3 and/or Friday May 4? Contact info@valbec.org.au

Country or regional members are invited to request somewhere to stay and VALBEC will do the rest. Hopefully we will have enough matches to make this work and to make it a feature of conferences in the future. A registration form will be available on the website soon.

2. The new CGEA in focus

As an outcome of the successful CGEA forum held in November 2006, 4 Practical Matters workshops are planned as a pre-conference activity.

Thursday May 3, 3.00 - 6.00pm Venue: Victoria University, Footscray Campus

More information to follow.

3. Australia Day Award

Lynne Wannan, Chairperson and Member of the Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board, has been awarded the Member of the Order of Australia for "service in the areas of social policy development, education, and children's services through leadership and advisory roles with a range of government and community organisations."

VALBEC congratulates Lynne for this honour and recognition of many years of service.

4. Archives Project

VALBEC has commenced an Archive project to ensure relevant records and publications are properly stored, recorded and, where possible, made available to members or for research purposes. This is an important project for VALBEC to ensure that historical documents are securely kept and managed. If you have any VALBEC memorabilia that you would like to donate contact Don at info@valbec.org.au

5. Fine Print

Fine Print is the quarterly journal of VALBEC and is provided as part of the membership subscription. You can view Fine Print online as far back as 1998 in PDF documents by visiting http://www.valbec.org.au/05/fineprint/fp_arch.html

6. 2007 ACAL (Australian Council for Adult Literacy) Conference

ACAL is pleased to announce that the ACAL Conference for 2007 will be held in Auckland, New Zealand on 28 & 29 September. The Conference is being co-hosted by Workbase, NZ in collaboration with Literacy Aotearoa and the National

Association of ESOL Home Tutors. The next edition of Literacy Link (ACAL's newsletter see below) will have more details, and keep an eye on the ACAL website <http://www.acal.edu.au> for links to the conference organiser. VALBEC is interested in possible study tours and group bookings so register your interest at info@valbec.org.au

7. Do you get Literacy Link?

All VALBEC members are entitled to get a free copy of Literacy Link, the print newsletter of the national association, Australian Council for Adult Literacy. You can view recent issues online at <http://www.acal.edu.au> If you'd like to receive it, send your name and postal address to ACAL at info@acal.pacific.net.au

8. Literacy Live – online forum

The first *Literacy Live* forum for 2007 will take place on 22 February at 8.00 AEDST. Find us at <http://literacylive.ivocalize.net/> More details on topics and how to join in in ten days time.

9. Professional Development for practitioners who work with refugees

Foundation House (The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture) has a PD program that may suit some people who work with refugees <http://www.survivorsvic.org.au/professional.php>

10. Wanted workplace teachers/trainers

Wanted workplace English language, literacy and numeracy teachers/trainers. Swinburne University of Technology - TAFE is calling for expressions of interest from teachers/trainers interested in sessional or short term contract work. You should have a background or be interested in teaching in workplace English language, literacy and numeracy programs. Go to <http://www.swin.edu.au/jobs> for the position description and information about how to apply.

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