

eVALBEC July 2009

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1. Community Wide Study Circle Program Organisational Clinic

The goals of this one day workshop are:

- To provide a basic understanding of community wide study circle programs
- To explain your role as an organiser of a community wide study circle program
- To give information and materials on how to organise a community wide study circle program

To begin the process for organising your own community wide study circle program

31 July 2009, Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL), Stirling ACT

Facilitated by Dr Mark Brophy and Mary Brennan

Friday 24th July, 2009, Centre for Adult Education, Melbourne

Facilitated by Dr Mark Brophy and Sally Thompson

Details for each at http://www.studycircles.net.au/latest_news

2. 'Reading The Fine Print' now available

'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>

3. Fine Print - Back issues

A limited number of back issues of Fine Print are available - not all issues and limited quantity.

Just \$6 for any three

<http://www.valbec.org.au/05/fineprint/purchaseformbackissues.htm>

4. VALBEC Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on Thursday 18 June at Victoria University.

The co-presidents report reflected on the achievements of 2008 as VALBEC celebrated 30 years as a professional organisation. It was noted that the activities of VALBEC continue to reinforce its importance as an organisation and stakeholder in policy development and good practice in the adult literacy and numeracy fields. The committee was active throughout 2008 in a range of consultations, advocacy, professional development and provision of support to members across Victoria. The Professional Development, Fine Print, ACAL and Financial reports were tabled at the meeting. Special thanks were expressed to retiring committee members, Jeannie Turnbull, Gail Pratley and Teresa Cusack. Also acknowledgement was given to the work of the Editorial committee in producing Fine Print and Don MacDowall in providing admin, finances and web support and services.

The Committee members elected for 2009 – 2010

Co-presidents : Lynne Matheson, Ann Haynes

Secretary: Dianne Parslow

Treasurer John Radalj

General committee members:

Kerrin Pryor, Pauline O'Maley, Yvonne Russell, Corinna Ridley, Debbie Soccio, Marie Bonne, Sandra Wolfe.

You can view the Annual Report at <http://www.valbec.org.au/05/govern.htm>

5. ACAL Conference 'From Strength to Strength'

Keynote speakers confirmed

Details at <http://www.waalc.org.au/09conf/>

Dave Baker from the London Institute of Education will speak about models that are more likely to allow a more nuanced understandings of relationships, contrasts and tensions between adults' everyday numeracy practices and formal educational mathematics.

Dr Rob McCormack, from Victoria University, believes adulthood is an ethical responsibility, not just an age demographic and this calls for a more adult curriculum. Rob will sketch the long history of an almost forgotten form of 'education for adulthood' and suggest a number of practical strategies including public speaking, peer mentoring, and using web 2.0.

Dr Peter Waterhouse is from Workplace Learning Initiatives, a specialist RTO and research company he established in the 1990s. He will speak on why literacy and numeracy still matters and stories of strength and inspiration.

6. Pre-Conference Forum • 1 October 2009

ACAL is developing an Aboriginal Education theme for the forum, focusing on the link between language variation and educational and other life outcomes. The Forum will showcase the bi-dialectal approach to literacy education used in WA and bring together a range of researchers, policy-makers, practitioners and community members.

More details on the conference website soon <http://www.waalc.org.au/09conf/>

7. Conference fees

Remember there are discounts for ACAL and WAALC members

Early bird closing date is August 19.

See the fees at <http://www.waalc.org.au/09conf/fees.htm>

8. Security4Women position

Security4Women (S4W) is a Women's Alliance. We are looking for an Alliance Co-ordinator on a part-time basis until 31 December 2009, with the possibility of extending this contract. The location for this position is flexible and can be negotiated with the right candidate.

For more information please refer to <http://www.security4women.com/> Applications to kategunn@larkfield.com.au by Friday 3 July 2009. Job and salary details Kate Gunn on 0411 466080

9. VET position

The Textile Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia, Victorian Branch seeks an experienced VET education coordinator and English as a second language teacher and curriculum developer to join our high energy, passionate and progressive Education Unit.

Part-time 3 days a week. 9 month contract.

Details from Helena Spyrou on 9639 2955 or 0419 339 259 or hspyrou@tcfvic.org.au

Applications close: Friday 3 July 5.00pm

10. ACFE Regional Councils – members sought

Interested in serving on an ACF Regional Council?

Eight regional councils are seeking people who represent the diversity of interests and users and providers of adult community education.

Details at <http://www.acfe.vic.gov.au>

Application close July 22, 2009

11. Young people: Finding their way in a new era - Policy Forum

Melbourne Park Function Centre

10 November 2009

How well do young people make the transition between school to further study or work? This policy forum aims to explore how best to prepare young Australians aged 15 to 24 years for the road ahead.

The keynote presentation will be given by Adam Smith, CEO of the Foundation for Young Australians.

Registrations <http://www.ncver.edu.au/newsevents/policy/forum.html>

12. Cheap printers

Greencollect <http://www.greencollect.org/> have 4 large volume printers available for sale to the right organisation.

HP Laserjet 9000dn, measuring (103cm high X 66cm X 79 cm each). All work well. One, the oldest, purchased June 2004, has done approx 1.2 million prints. The other three were purchased April 2005 and two of them have printed around 400,000 and the other 550,000. This model retails on e-bay for \$850. We are asking **\$550 per unit**. Happy to negotiate. We can deliver to your location if in Melbourne's CBD at no charge.

Please contact Greencollect nick.ray@greencollect.org

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