

## **eVALBEC June 2009**

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### **1. AGM & Twilight Forum**

Victoria University, Flinders Street Campus

Thursday June 18th 2009, 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Members and friends of VALBEC are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Council that will be preceded by a Twilight Forum

Victoria University, City Flinders Campus, 300 Flinders Street, Level 9 Room C9.15

Map: <http://www.vu.edu.au/campuses/city-flinders>

A light supper will be provided

#### **Twilight Forum**

#### **"Community Wide Study Circle Programs - Dialogue to Change"**

Mark Brophy was awarded a Ph.D. from Victoria University for research into Swedish study circles, then under a Fulbright visited Everyday Democracy in the US who use study circles to address issues such as race, terrorism, educational reform and interfaith tensions; often with hundreds and even thousands of participants. Mark consequently founded the Australian Study Circles Network which builds upon Swedish and US models.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

Reports on the 2008 VALBEC year will be presented and the new Executive committee will be elected.

The VALBEC committee is a dynamic and collaborative group who meet once a month to discuss, plan and take action on behalf of members and the ALBE field.

New members are welcome.

Nomination forms <http://www.valbec.org.au/05/docs/AGMnomforms.pdf>

**RSVP by June 14th 2009** [info@valbec.org.au](mailto:info@valbec.org.au)

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### **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>

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### **3. Fine Print 2009 Teachers' and Students' Writing Issue**

Thanks to those who have sent us their work – imaginative and inspiring!

#### **Deadline: June 19th, 2009**

The Fine Print editorial committee wants to celebrate the learning and insights of ALBE students and to celebrate the work of teachers through publishing their writing.

Students, we ask that you use the broad theme of 'memory', as an inspiration. This theme could include memories of people, places, life turning points, precious objects, holidays, emotions, or any significant event that you want to write about. Both poetry and prose are welcome.

Teachers, we ask you to write about how you help your students with not only the processes and mechanics of writing but also how you inspire, build confidence, and help your students find a voice.

#### **Electronic texts only**

Word limit for students 250 words

Word limit for teachers: between 250 and 500 words

Please include a title for the piece, your name, learning institution, and place where you live.

The editorial committee will select pieces that best fit the guidelines and represent a diversity of learners and teachers.

Please email all contributions to VALBEC at [info@valbec.org.au](mailto:info@valbec.org.au)

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#### **4. Vocational Graduate Certificate and Vocational Graduate Diploma in LL&N**

See VALBEC's response at <http://www.valbec.org.au>

Two new qualifications- a Vocational Graduate Certificate and Vocational Graduate Diploma in LL&N are being developed by the Innovation and Business Skills Australia (IBSA) for LLN practitioners delivering to adults in and beyond the VET sector. The qualifications will be additions to the Training and Assessment Training Package (TAA). The Vocational Graduate Certificate has a teaching design and delivery focus and the Vocational Graduate Diploma a policy and research focus.

For a full explanation of Vocational Graduate Certificate and Vocational Graduate Diplomas in the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) please visit [http://www.agf.edu.au/vgc\\_vgd.htm](http://www.agf.edu.au/vgc_vgd.htm)

IBSA is keen to gather feedback on the qualification structures and unit content which are now available for viewing at [http://www.ibsa.org.au/content/currentprojects/Voc\\_Grad\\_LLN.html](http://www.ibsa.org.au/content/currentprojects/Voc_Grad_LLN.html) until **May 30 2009**.

To provide feedback on the IBSA feedback register please select *Review & Feedback Register* on the IBSA page listed above.

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#### **5. 'Navigating Laneways' 2009 VALBEC Conference**

Our thanks to those wonderful presenters who challenge, charmed and informed us. Some presentations and pics are on the VALBEC website.

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#### **6. Policy forum, Young people: Finding their way in a new era**

10 November 2009, Melbourne Park Function Centre

Drawing on findings from a range of research using data from the Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth (LSAY), the event will seek to inform policy makers on how they can improve education outcomes for young people.

Those with an interest in youth transitions policy will not want to miss this event.

Details [events@ncver.edu.au](mailto:events@ncver.edu.au)

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#### **7. Informal learning: At a glance**

This 'at a glance' considers the learning that goes on everyday: from the workplace to the home, and through technology and the mass media. This type of learning offers a bridge to formal learning for a variety of groups, including older workers, migrant groups, refugees and people who are disengaged from learning. To download this publication visit NCVER's website: <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2140.html>

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#### **8. CGEA Assessment PD Day**

A date for your diaries - Monday 7 September 2009

The CMM General Studies and Further Education will be conducting a one day PD on the CGEA and Assessment on Monday 7 September 2009 at Rydges on Swanston, 701 Swanston Street Carlton. The day is intended for classroom teachers and practitioners involved in the development of assessment tools for the CGEA.

More details Liz Davidson and Nadia Casarotto, CMM General Studies & Further Education, Victoria University

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