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1. 2010 Conference I learn ...YOU learn ... WE learn

VALBEC Conference – Friday June 4
Pre-conference workshops – Thursday June3
William Angliss Conference Centre

The conference will be followed by the Annual General Meeting at 3.50pm.

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

2. Fine Print Student Writing Edition 2010

Theme : The Spice of Life – food and cooking

Deadline: Friday June 11th

Students

Ideas for writing could be: food traditions and culture; food abundance or privation; food issues such as food security and sustainability; flavour and smell; growing food including community gardens; food jobs; evocative food; learning to cook; what food or meal is the 'spice of life' for you and why.....

Teachers

We want you to use your students' writing as inspiration for writing about your teaching practice and the ways in which you develop learning activities that enable integration of curriculum to achieve learning outcomes.

More information <http://www.valbec.org.au/studentwriting2010.htm>

3. Hands Up .. Hands On ... Keynote Speakers

ACAL Conference
Friday 10 and Saturday 11 September
Charles Darwin University, Darwin, NT

HE. Kirsty Sword Gusmão, Chairwoman of the Alola Foundation and Goodwill Ambassador for Education, Timor- Leste

Professor Joe Lo Bianco, Chair of Language and Literacy Education and Associate Dean (Global Engagement). The University of Melbourne

Bill Atweh, Associate Professor of Mathematics Education at the Science and Mathematics Education Centre at Curtin University of Technology

More at <http://www.acal.edu.au/2010conf/keynotes.htm>

4. Adult literacy in the news!

The Sunday Age report on adult literacy in Australia and a success story.

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/you-wouldnt-read-about-it-20100508-ul30.html>

The Australian report on the AiG research looking at workplace literacy.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/business-education/forging-new-strategies-to-tackle-workplace-illiteracy/story-e6frgcp6-1225871251382>

5. Page Turners!

Greetings Adult ESL and Literacy Teachers. You probably already know there are 3 series of Page Turners! the low-level reading texts suitable for ESL and adult literacy.

But did you know: Page Turners SERIES 4 is now available with 10 New Titles!
And Also: Free Audio for Series 4 is available at <http://pageturners.prace.vic.edu.au>

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6. NCVER update

The user of NCVER information is at the heart of the research and statistical information they produce. With this in mind, they're implementing changes to their website. The first phase of these changes is the new look homepage, redesigned to make it easier for users to find and access the range of information available from NCVER's website. The introduction of a new email alert service for publications, events and other information that is 'hot off the press', will mark the second phase of the changes to the website. Subscribers will receive 'day of release' alerts on all NCVER releases. This second phase will be implemented in the coming months. If you have comments or feedback you wish to share with us on our new look homepage, we would love to hear from you. Simply visit <http://www.ncver.edu.au/feedback.html>

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7. NCVER Guide to resources

Getting to know NCVER: A guide to NCVER's information resources is available to download at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2240.html>
This guide provides a concise summary of NCVER's research and statistical products: what they are and how to access them and would be of interest to anyone who uses the NCVER website.

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8. Don't skip breakfast, have Research on Toast!

Registrations are now open for the NCVER Research on Toast breakfast presentation, *Training the VET workforce: Are we succeeding or failing?* on Wednesday 23 June 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Adelaide. Hugh Guthrie, NCVER and Berwyn Clayton, Victoria University, will share findings from their work and other research on VET teacher training and discuss what is required to build the VET workforce now and in the future.

Web: <http://www.ncver.edu.au/>

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9. NCVER 2010 Webinar series

NCVER will host a webinar on Tuesday 15 June 2010; *Do wages matter, or the value of completing an apprenticeship or traineeship?*
Presented by Tom Karmel, Managing Director, NCVER, this webinar will focus on wages and the impact they have on the decision not to continue with an apprenticeship or traineeship.
To register to attend this free webinar visit <http://www.ncver.edu.au/newsevents/webinar/2010.html>

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