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Committee News

1. New VALBEC Committee

The AGM was held at the conclusion of the conference and saw some members retire, some people change roles and a new person join.

The new committee for 2014 is

Co-presidents: Sandra Wolfe and Linno Rhodes

Secretary and public officer: John Radlaj

Minute Secretary: Digna Libera

Treasurer: Ann Haynes

General members: Lindee Conway, Meg Cotter (welcome Meg), Lynne Matheson, Shanta Nazareth, Rhonda Pelletier, Barb van Leest.

Next committee meeting: Wednesday 18 June

2. The 2014 VALBEC Annual Conference *'and the Learning goes on....'*

The conference was a great success and flowed smoothly. Abe Nouk provided a wonderful opening and Michelle Circelli gave a great keynote address and summary at the end of the day. The singers who teamed up with Sharon Duff and Carmel Davies provided a fitting finale to the day.

Some speakers have provided their [session notes](#).

3. 2014 Victorian Learn Local Awards

A reminder that nominations are open for the 2014 Victorian Learn Local Awards so make sure you get your forms in before 6 June. [More](#)

4. ACFE regional council nominations

ACFE are inviting nominations for the eight Regional Councils of CFE. They are looking for people who can be a voice for their community in a regional forum that aims to ensure that the region's adult education needs are known and addressed

Some vacancies are due by June 20 but others occur until June 2015.

[More](#)

Fine Print

Edition #2 for 2014 is in preparation. Do you have any feedback from Edition#1?

Contact the Fine Print editor info@valbec.org.au

Professional Development

5. ACAL Conference 'Literacy: a learning spiral for life'

October 2-4, 2014, Gold Coast

Just a day or two left to [submit a proposal](#) - due June 2, 2014

Speaker, Member and Early Bird [discounts](#) are available.

ACAL is offering [scholarships](#) for a limited number of people residing in Australia and for one person from a developing country, Asia/Pacific.

6. LLN in Australia LinkedIn Group

[Join this open LinkedIn group](#) and discuss LLN issues.

This is an ACAL and ALA joint initiative and gives you an opportunity to be informed or discuss current research, forums, or issues.

[Try it](#) (no cost, no commitment).

7. 2014 National VET Research 'No Frills' Conference

9-11 July in Melbourne.

Highlights of the program include keynote addresses by Steve Sargent (President and CEO of GE Australia and New Zealand, and chair of the B20 Human Capital Taskforce) and Mark Burford (Executive Director, Mitchell Institute for Health and Education Policy, Victoria University). Both speakers are uniquely positioned to share their insights on issues critical to the VET sector.

Co-hosted by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) and Holmesglen, the conference will be held at Hemisphere Conference Centre at Holmesglen's Moorabbin campus.

[Register online](#)

8. Dili Institute of Technology

Seeking assistance in introducing English as a medium of instruction in 2015

Dili Institute of Technology is seeking an experienced person to assist us in setting up and implementing a year-long intensive English course for all new students in certain faculties, so that we can move to English as a medium of instruction in those faculties. We are starting with a pilot program for some 130 tourism students in 2015. To our knowledge, this is the first such program in Timor Leste, and there are as yet no national teachers with sufficient experience to take on the task.

For this reason, we are seeking candidates from overseas. As a local non-profit tertiary education institute, we are sadly unable to offer competitive rates to attract suitable full-time staff. Hence we are looking for a capable passionate person who can supplement their DIT salary from other sources.

For more information please contact Dr Catharina Williams-van Klinken, director of the Centre for Language Studies at Dili Institute of Technology on cwvk@livethedream.tl or (+670) 7724 8459.

Resources

9. New Learn Local website

The website makes it easy to learn more about the 316 diverse Learn Local not-for-profit providers that deliver government subsidized training on behalf of the Victorian Government.

www.learnlocal.org.au

10. Lesson ideas

VALBEC is observing 2014 as the International Year of Family Farming, as well as celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family and offering some related lesson materials and ideas.

In the fifth of the series, committee member Lynne Matheson provides a range of materials sourced from the internet, that relate to stories of people growing their own food, comparing groceries around the world and some stimulus for discussion from goodreads quotes about farming.

See [Lynne's ideas and those from previous months](#).

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