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1. New VALBEC Life Members

It was with great pleasure that the VALBEC committee recognised the commitment to the Adult LLN field, and in particular, VALBEC, by awarding Lynne Matheson and Sarah Deasey Life Membership.

Lynne Matheson has been a member of VALBEC and the committee for many years – the driving force behind many conferences, forums, and other events. She is passionate and committed to the sector and has a strong sense of justice for Adult Learners and a vision for the future.

Sarah Deasey is the Further Education Coordinator at Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre and has led the Learn Local - RTO for 20+ years. Sarah has convened Fine Print, VALBEC's journal of Adult LLN for many years and has been instrumental in volunteer

committee with her knowledge of the sector, its history and people involved.

Both Lynne and Sarah are so well and highly regarded in the sector – professionally and personally. Congratulations Lynne and Sarah.



Sarah Deasey



Lynne Matheson

2. Spend this year's money on next year's event



Learning in Diverse Communities- STRENGTHS, REFLECTIONS, QUESTIONS

Spend this year's money on next year's event (talk to your boss about that!).

Got money stuck in an account that will disappear on June 30? Register now and we'll invoice you immediately.

Also you get discounts for Early Birds - better than worms!

And there's discounts for ACAL and VALBEC members too

[Full conference details](#)

3. VALBEC conference 2018 - Literacy 4.0



Literacy 4.0: preparing for new workplaces and literacy education practices

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VALBEC Conference • May 18, 2018 • William Angliss Centre

Thanks to all the presenters and those who attended this year's conference. It was a very successful day with some interesting discussions and positive feedback.

A key issue for success in Industry 4.0 is in understanding the nature of the literate practices of contemporary work that increasingly involves smart factories, robotics, and the gig economy. Keynote speakers from Melbourne Graduate School of Education, Prof. Lesley Farrell and Dr. Chris Corbel set the scene for the day with their research into 'The literacy 4.0 project'. You can [read more about their work here](#).

The afternoon followed with many practical workshops. Some of [these presentations can be found here](#).

For more photos and comments of the day see here

<http://valbec.org.au/conference-pics/>

<https://www.facebook.com/valbec.org.au/>

<https://tagboard.com/valbec2018/search>

We look forward to seeing you at the [ACAL conference in Melbourne in September](#).

4. New VALBEC logo

We are turning 40 years old this year and have decided to have a bit of a facelift!

This is our new logo.

This is still reminiscent of the old logo but hinting at the digital aspect of new literacies.

5. Resources

40 Stories of Adult Literacy Learners



Stories provide us a valuable insight into the minds and experiences of others so that we can learn, empathise and stretch our knowledge and imagination. When adult literacy learners share their stories it is not only a very empowering activity for them as individuals but also provides insightful understandings for the adult literacy practitioner.

As part of VALBEC's 40 year celebrations, we will collate 40 stories of adults literacy learners from around the country and world. So take time out this year to read and watch some adult literacy stories to remind you and inspire you in your practice. If you have a story you would like to share as part of this series please email the details and a link to info@valbec.org.au

Here are 8 stories from the USA - 'Literacy Changes Lives' Proliteracy blog.

Henry - [I couldn't spell green!](#)

Marty - [It's not how you start it's how you finish](#)

Jessica A - [From dropping out of school to becoming an interpreter for deaf students](#)

Amber - [A new Mom with new literacy aspirations](#)

Norman - [Career driven auto shop owner fulfills life with literacy](#)

Matthew - [From bullied to bravery and a GED](#)

Jessica F - [When life grew difficult, she didn't give up](#)

Ashlea - [She may have quit school but didn't quit life](#)

Many more stories can be found on the site.

[Proliteracy Adult Learner Stories](#)

Provided by Meg Cotter, Co-President

Everyday Numeracy: Street Maths

What Numeracy skills do our students need to survive and thrive at home, at the shops, at work?

Take a look at Laura Overdeck's TED Talk, **Street Math**.

[Street Math](#)

Laura talks about how our fear of numbers can trip us up daily and how we only really need to understand relatively simple Maths concepts – addition, multiplication, proportion, fractions, powers of 10.

Laura Bilodeau Overdeck is also the founder of **Bedtime Math**, a not for profit that helps kids love maths. You can sign up for Overdeck's wacky nightly math problems online.

[Bedtime Math](#)

If you are into the Flipped Classroom style of teaching and / or you have students with a range of numeracy needs, then the free tutorials on the **Khan Academy** website are another great resource.

[Khan Academy](#)

Provided by Rhonda Raisbeck, VALBEC Secretary

Building Strength with Numeracy

'Building Strength with Numeracy' – practical, tested resources for teachers to use in a range of settings and made accessible online. Each section of each topic is a PDF allowing immediate downloading, printing and use by teachers and students.

The first six topics are provided as a free download for all numeracy practitioners. The topics 'Decimals' and 'Measurement' are free to VALBEC members and available for a small charge for non-members.

[Free download of numeracy resources](#)

6. Australian Training Awards, Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy



The applications for the Australian Training Awards 2018 are closing soon. Applications for the Excellence in LLN Practice Award are direct entry and can be peer or self nominated. Consider all our achievements as Practitioners and put yourself out there. Watch the videos from previous winners and finalists

[More](#)

7. VALBEC Facebook page

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