

## **eVALBEC March 2009**

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### **1. Navigating Laneways: Finding new ways to work in adult literacy, language and numeracy**

**Friday May 8, at William Angliss College, 9.00am - 4.30 pm**

**Pre-conference workshops will be conducted on Thursday May 7, 3.00 -5.30pm**

The conference program is being finalised and presenters will be notified this week.

Conference speakers include: Rebecca Lister, David Rose, Wendy Cowey, Kate Burridge. Check the website <http://www.valbec.org.au> for updates.

Registrations will open soon. Registration fees have not increased from 2008.

Early bird fees apply to members only so ensure that your membership is current.

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### **2. 'Celebrating Good Practice in e-learning in ACE' Showcase**

The ACE Board is sponsoring an e-learning Showcase entitled - Celebrating Good Practice in e-learning in ACE, on the 20th March at the William Angliss Conference Centre. It will provide an important opportunity to hear, see and learn more about e-learning practices that can be applied in the Adult Community Education (ACE) sector. It will provide practical solutions to issues confronting ACE teachers and managers. The showcase will highlight current and future e-learning technologies and methodologies you can implement in your ACE organisation. Keynote speakers Delia Bradshaw and Michael Coghlan, will reflect on the collective ACE e-learning journey to date, and explore some of the tools currently being used to create community

For more information visit <http://eshowcase.acfe.vic.edu.au>

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### **3. 2009 ACAL conference: From Strength to Strength - Call for Presentations now open**

**October 2-3 2009 Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Western Australia**

The sub-themes are:

- Language diversity, educational outcomes and literacy
- Building on our strengths
- Literacy, equity, justice and human rights

VALBEC members and friends are invited to pass on the news to potential presenters who can unpack the theme *From Strength to Strength* or any of the sub-themes.

Who do you want to hear from? Why not personally invite someone to respond to the Call for Presentations? For further information visit the website <http://www.waalc.org.au/09conf/>

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### **4. Gambling Education Program**

CAE is calling for Expressions of Interest from ACE Providers to participate in the rollout of a Gambling Education Program for students aged 16-24 years, enrolled in the VCAL/CGEA curricula. Phase 2 of the Big Deal Project involves the 'rollout' (to at least 20 ACE/TAFE Providers) of an Implementation Guide and Message Maps to enhance the Trainer Kit previously developed in Phase 1. This Kit includes a trainer guide, DVD with three problem-gambling scenarios, and a CD with a digital story telling project. These resources have been mapped against the CGEA and VCAL curricula. The enhanced Implementation Guide includes best practice examples for delivering the Big Deal Program as well as additional hands-on activities and numeracy resources.

There will be financial reimbursement for those teachers and centres/institutions involved in the Big Deal project. Involvement in the Phase 2 'rollout' involves:

- \* attendance at a full-day training session (Friday 24 April or Tuesday 5 May)
- \* delivery of the gambling education program during Term 2 or Term 3
- \* participation in evaluation surveys/sessions.

If you would like to be involved in the project, or would like more information, please contact Jean Evans, Project Co-ordinator, at [jeane@cae.edu.au](mailto:jeane@cae.edu.au) or ph 0422 163 450.

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### **5. Fine Print - Special Student Writing Edition 2008**

VALBEC members and Fine Print subscribers will have seen the recent edition of Fine Print with some inspiring examples of student writing. Copies have gone to as far afield as Western Australia as well as several TAFE colleges and ACE providers in Victoria.

Copies can be purchased for \$5 per copy, including postage and GST (within Australia).

Payment or purchase order is required in advance. Only available while stocks last.

Go to <http://www.valbec.org.au> and follow the links to see some extracts and get purchase details.

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### **6. VALBEC membership fees now due**

There will be no change to the membership fees which fall due on March 1.

Invoices have been sent to members and our thanks to those people who managed to find our address (someone! left it off the invoice!)

The fees are

Individual membership - Employed Full Time (or on a time fraction 0.6 or above) - \$90

Individual membership - Part time and Sessional - \$56

Full time tertiary student or unemployed teacher - \$40

Institutional membership - Small Organisation (less than 3 EFT staff) - \$140

Institutional membership - Base rate - \$180

Institutional membership - Multi-Campus (includes 5 copies of 'Fine Print') - \$335

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### **7. Additional Fine Print**

Members will now be able to subscribe for extra copies of Fine Print. Currently all categories, with the exception of Multi-campus, receive one copy of Fine Print as part of the membership fee. Renewal invoices going out soon will allow members to choose additional copies of Fine Print posted to the same address.

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### **8. Call for workshop proposals for the 2009 RaPAL**

'Sustainable Literacies' call for workshop proposals for the 2009 RaPAL (Research and Practice in Adult Literacy) conference.

University of Wales, Newport, UK. 25-27 June 2009

For more information and to download the call for workshop proposals, please visit the RaPAL website:

<http://www.literacy.lancs.ac.uk/rapal/>

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### **9. Celebrate International Women's Day (IWD) - 8 March 2009**

Order IWD Ribbons, host an event, and register your event on our community calendar. Women around the world will celebrate International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March 2009. In the spirit of women's participation and leadership, the Office of Women's Policy celebrations for this year's IWD will focus on women and men: united to end violence against women- the UN theme for 2009.

Join in IWD celebrations by getting involved in an event or activity, or by holding your own event on the day or week leading up to International Women's Day (2 March - 8 March).

To promote awareness of IWD, and its history, free IWD ribbons featuring the colours of violet, green and white are available from the Office of Women's Policy (OWP).

Visit the OWP website <http://www.women.vic.gov.au> to order IWD ribbons and download IWD poster to promote your own event.

If your event is open to the general public, OWP can also advertise it on its on-line calendar of IWD events.

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### **10. Update your course details**

One of the most visited parts of the VALBEC website lists the courses offered by organisations in the TAFE and ACE sector.

You can see your listing or update it at <http://www.valbec.org.au/05/contacts/contacts.htm>

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