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## **eVALBEC March 2010**

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### 1. ACFE- Peak bodies workshop

On Thursday 11 February ACFE hosted a workshop for the various peak bodies in the sector to meet and share information and discuss potential relationships. It was a successful and productive day and we anticipate more coordinated communication and collaboration in how we work with and represent our members and the wider ACE sector. VALBEC committee members will continue to liaise with ACFE and peak bodies representatives.

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### 2. The Fine Print Editorial Committee announces the 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.

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

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### 3. VALBEC membership fees are now due

Invoices were sent to members on February 1 and five Individual members will be drawn to win a copy of Reading The Fine Print' - if they've paid by March 1!!

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### 4. National VET research priorities: 2010 and beyond

NCVER held a public forum on Friday, 5 February 2010 at the Victoria University and a webinar on Tuesday, 9 February 2010 to give stakeholders the opportunity to discuss the future national VET research priorities. A member of the VALBEC committee attended and found it to be a most interesting day.

For more information about the National VET research priorities visit

<http://www.ncver.edu.au/research/priorities2010beyond.html>.

You may also wish to contribute to a blog at <http://futureresearch.pbworks.com/>.

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### 5. 'Understanding and Applying the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF)'

At this workshop the presenter, Philippa McLean, offered some additional resources.

- Detailed units of work, funded by DEEWR and developed by Katrina Lyle, Dave Tout and Philippa McLean are available at <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Skills/Programs/LLNP/Pages/Resources.aspx>

- You can join an adult literacy interactive wiki <http://adulteracy.acfe.vic.edu.au>

- The ACSF concise summary can be downloaded at

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Skills/Programs/ACSF/Pages/download.aspx> or contact [adulitlit@deewr.gov.au](mailto:adulitlit@deewr.gov.au)

- The full ACSF document (180 pages) can be downloaded at the above address or call 133 873 to order a copy.

- Industry specific tasks are currently being trialled and are available from

<http://www.precisionconsultancy.com.au>

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### 6. 'I learn... YOU learn... WE learn' - the VALBEC Annual Conference

The Call for Presentations closes on March 24

Submit a proposal online or download a form

More conference details at <http://www.valbec.org.au/conf2010/callforpapers.htm>

Conference dates - Friday, June 4 with a pre-conference afternoon on Thursday June 3

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### 7. 'Hands up ... Hands on ...'

Australian Council of Adult Literacy 33rd annual conference

Darwin, September 10-11

Call for presentations has just opened at <http://www.acal.edu.au/2010conf/call.htm>

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

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### 8. RaPAL Conference 2010

London, July 15-17

Multiliteracies: Changing literacies, changing worlds

Papers are invited

More information or to submit your workshop outline, please contact

Vera Hutchinson: [v.hutchinson@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:v.hutchinson@ioe.ac.uk) or Irene Schwab: [i.schwab@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:i.schwab@ioe.ac.uk) by 31st March 2010.

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### 9. Resources and Support for ESL and CGEA Teachers from the CMM General Studies and

## Further Education

### ESL Assessment Tools

A new resource is available on the Training Support Network (TSN) to support the implementation of the ESL Framework.

To access this resource:

Go to the TSN website: <http://trainingsupport.skills.vic.gov.au>

Click on 'Victorian purchasing guides and resources' in left hand menu

Click on TAA04 Training and Assessment: the resource is listed under 'Teacher/trainer resources'

### CGEA Assessment tools

The CMM has produced some sample assessment tools for the CGEA based on workshop materials from the 2009 CGEA Assessment Day. They will be available soon on the ACFE website in the Curriculum Resources section under 'Publications and Resources'

<http://www.acfe.vic.gov.au/web11/acfemain.nsf/headingpagesdisplay/publications+and+resources>.

### 'NEW' - ESL ACE Teacher network

This teacher network has been set up to support ESL teachers in ACE delivering the ESL Framework certificates. Any ACE teacher delivering the ESL certificates in the Framework is welcome to join the group.

The next meeting of the ESL ACE Teachers Network will be held on Friday 16 April from 10 – 2pm, lunch provided. Room 10.48, level 10, 300 Flinders Street, Melbourne

For more information contact the Convenor Pam Gates, Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre - [dvnc@satlink.com.au](mailto:dvnc@satlink.com.au)

### ESL PD Day

A one day ESL Framework PD session has been funded by ACFE in 2010. More information on date and venue will be available soon.

### CGEA Champions

This group will meet again on Monday 15th March (10am – 3pm)

Venue: Building 94, level 3, room 18 RMIT University

23-27 Cardigan St (near corner of Victoria St) Carlton.

The group meets to discuss and share ideas on teaching and assessment of the CGEA. The group will be involved in planning the 2 ACFE funded CMM PD sessions planned for the CGEA in 2010.

For more information about the group contact Stephanie Goetze-Thies [education@dnc.com.au](mailto:education@dnc.com.au) or Tim Morris [tim.morris@rmit.edu.au](mailto:tim.morris@rmit.edu.au)

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### 10. 35th ACEVic Conference

EmbrAC(E)ing the Challenge

Thursday 6th May 2010

Rendezvous Hotel, Melbourne

<http://acevic.org.au/Content/category/2010-conference/>

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### 11. ANHLC Conference 2010

Surviving and thriving in changing times

17 - 19 March 2010

Princeton Motor Lodge & Sale Baptist Centre

SALE VIC 3850

<http://www.anhlc.asn.au/anhlc-conference-2010>

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### 12. Radio literacy and numeracy

AT the ACAL conference in Fremantle, Tony Ryan, Producer/Presenter at Learning Works

<http://www.learningworksradio.com/>, a weekly radio program broadcast in Adelaide on PBA FM 89.7, recorded some interviews with conference presenters and participants.

An interview on The Bilingual Everyday Australian English Picture Dictionary has just been added.

You can hear these at <http://www.waalc.org.au/09conf/presentations.htm>

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