

eVALBEC November 2006

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1. ACE in Tasmania Dare to be different - innovations in ACE

Wednesday 15 November 2006 9.30 am - 4.30 pm

University of Tasmania, Launceston

With a focus on innovation, this year's conference is set to be an exciting exchange of information and inspiration for everyone involved in ACE in Tasmania, including staff and volunteers: tutors, trainers, teachers, coaches, mentors, leaders, coordinators, administrators, policy makers and academics.

An action-packed day of interactive learning, socialising in a high quality meeting facility

Registration information and forms, and program updates: <http://www.education.tas.gov.au/>

Enquiries to the Department of Education

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General ph. 03) 6233 7091, email ace.conference@education.tas.gov.au

2. VALBEC Practical Matters Workshop - A walk around the new CGEA

Tuesday 28th November, 5pm - 7pm Room 304 at CAE, 253 Flinders Lane

This session will provide practitioners with an overview of the changes to the CGEA and then an opportunity to discuss with colleagues some of the detailed understandings and processes that will be required for implementation.

RSVP to info@valbec.org.au by Friday 24th November

This session is separate, but complementary to the CMM session on November 10th and we welcome the input of members who will have attended that session.

It will be the last VALBEC Professional Development activity for 2006. We are keen to hear suggestions from members for planning for 2007. If you are unable to attend the Practical Matters workshop please send your suggestions for professional development activities to info@valbec.org.au

3. Literacy Face to Face - resource for volunteer adult literacy tutors

A resource for volunteer adult literacy tutors and others who want to help someone improve their literacy. Also useful to support the delivery of adult literacy tutor training programs and to support new teachers of adult basic education.

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At the time of writing it was not available (but expected soon) from <http://www.lg.tafensw.edu.au/facetoface/> or Access and General Education Curriculum Centre, 68 South Street Granville NSW 2142 Ph 02 9846 8101

4. Delightful Diary Date with Destiny

Mark May 4, 2007 - the VALBEC Annual Conference - for inspiration, networking, developments, changes - at the William Angliss Centre. More information soon.

5. Literacy: It's everybody's business - ACAL conference report

Adelaide turned on some delightful Spring weather but delegates did not get to enjoy much of it once they were ensconced in the sumptuous Hilton. The program was stimulating and varied and too hard to cover in this space. Papers will be available on the website in due course.

A highlight was the dinner with guest speaker Jeff McMullen talking about indigenous literacy (to be printed in the next edition of Literacy Link).

The Saturday Keynote Address by Margaret Somerville was inspiring and the image of the Scottish moors accompanied by a haunting Celtic song were resonant as she referred to the power of place and oral traditions of story telling in our indigenous communities.

VALBEC executive members Pauline O'Maley (ACAL past president), Yvonne Russell (2006 ACAL Victorian State rep), Lynne Matheson (outgoing ACAL Victorian State rep) attended the ACAL conference in Adelaide, October 6 and 7 and the full executive meeting on Sunday Oct 8.

Karen Manwaring, Fine Print commissioning editor was part sponsored by ACAL and VALBEC to attend.

Debbie Soccio has been elected as the ACAL Secretary. The next edition of Literacy Link will have contact details and further information about ACAL membership and other national activities.

6. Monash University - Adult Learning and Development

The Bachelor of Adult Learning and Development is a course designed to support those working in adult education to make complex judgments, customise training, meet needs of learners with diverse learning styles and those of workplace learners and industry clients.

Applications close on November 3, 2006. Details <http://www.education.monash.edu.au/students/prospective/howtoapply>

7. Course Contacts Update (public information about local courses)

Thanks to those who have contributed updated information - nearly thirty changes will be uploaded in the next week. This is one of the most popular pages on our web site - <http://www.valbec.org.au/> then 'Course Contacts'.

Go to that address and follow the link to the online updating page or get a pdf form for completion and faxing.

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