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Committee news

Lynne Matheson organised Stephen Reder's Forum 'Challenging assumptions: program participation influences on literacy and numeracy development.' on Wednesday, 15 October at Victoria University, Melbourne. Stephen Reder provided an interesting and relevant talk. Thanks to all who attended and to ACAL, Victoria University and ACER for their involvement in this event.

See [Stephen's presentation to the ACAL Conference](#).

Lynne Matheson and Lindee Conway thanked VALBEC Committee for supporting them to attend ACAL Conference. Lindee shared her notes with the committee members. Lynne is writing about it in the next edition of Fine Print.

Publications

1. Fine Print

Edition # 3 contains some great reading: Lynda Achren has canvassed 5 ingenious A-frame programs that illustrate engagement strategies; Rhonda Raisbeck provides insights into using higher order thinking skills to plan classroom activities; Jan Hagston and Jenny Penfold review a new resource designed around fish and leisure. Look out for your copy in the letterbox in November.

Do you have any feedback or suggestions for the Fine Print editorial group? send to info@valbec.org.au

2. How does Fine Print get to Thursday Island?

[See here](#)

3. Publication sought

AJA Nelson (ed) : On the importance of being literate (1981) ACAL publication.
If anyone has a copy and would be happy to lend it to Lynne Matheson please let us know.

Professional development

4. Study the Graduate Diploma in Adult Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice at Holmesglen!

The course is delivered as a graduate qualification and involves theoretical understanding and the implementation of practical teaching strategies and uses a blended delivery model (four hours of face-to-face classes on a Wednesday evening, individual online research and study as well as participation in online discussion forums and reflective journal writing).

Designed for

- LLN teachers wanting to gain a recognised qualification
- Vocational trainers wishing to gain an adult LLN specialisation
- Individuals with prior relevant training in education wishing to add an adult LLN specialisation.

Participants will be required to undertake teaching practicum including LLN support in a VET learning environment and the development of a pre-training assessment kit.

[More](#) or contact Carol Dixon on (03) 9564 1719.

Have you considered applying for the LLN Practitioner Scholarships Programme?

5. LLN Practitioner Scholarships Programme

The LLN Practitioner Scholarships Programme is a competitive initiative which can help you to achieve these goals. The Programme provides scholarships of up to \$5000 to individuals seeking to undertake approved study towards an adult LLN qualification. Up to 50 scholarships are awarded annually.

Applicants must successfully complete and submit their application on the Department's online application system by midnight Wednesday, 12 November 2014, AEDT

[More](#)

6. Learn Local (LLN) in the workplace forum (almost full)

Friday, 7th November 2014 - 10am to 1.00pm

Melbourne CBD

Cost: Free

This workshop reflects on the outcomes and learning from the project to date, drawing on the eight organisations undertaking the extensive action research program, who receive mentoring and coaching from an experienced workplace learning mentor. It is suitable for both managers and teachers and will share how Learn Local organisations are engaging with their local industry in a systematic, planned way. The workshop will address the following issues:

- Is your organisation ready to approach business?
- Where do I start (including leveraging existing relationships)?
- Examples of best practice

This workshop is limited to 30 participants so registration is essential.

[More](#)

7. A remote solution to strengthening workforce capacity in LLN

ACAL webinar - November 28, 2014

11.30 am ACST (NT), 1:00 pm AEDT [Check your time zone](#)

Ros Bauer was the 2013 Australian Training Awards Winner – Excellence in Adult Language Literacy Numeracy Practice. She is passionate about implementing programs to support people with the development of their language, literacy and numeracy skills. With a Masters of Education, specialising in literacy and teaching English to speakers of other languages, and with more than 17 years' experience in the field, Ros is currently working with Indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse learners in the remote Northern Territory community of Yuendumu.

Ros has collaborated with an RTO which has the Develop Foundation Skills in Vocational practice Skills Set on scope. She is delivering to 3 trainers in community, who work with Warlpiri adult learners and young people, in Community Services and Sport & Recreation. On this webinar Ros will introduce 3 people working in Yuendumu in the Northern Territory i.e. Rebecca Toll, trainer & careers pathways with the local school, Dave Bauer, community youth worker and Alexis Apfelbaum, community services tutor. Ros is supporting Rebecca, Dave and Alexis through the 'Develop Foundation Skills in Vocational Practice Skills Set' and they will talk about the benefit and challenges for them in their unique delivery context.

More details to come.

[Register interest](#)

8. 2015 VALBEC Conference - Friday, May 15

Get the date in your diary

9. 2014 Australian Training Awards

Friday 21 November 2014, Adelaide Convention Centre

The Australian Training Awards are the peak, national awards for the vocational education and training (VET) sector, recognising individuals, businesses and registered training organisations for their contribution to skilling Australia.

[View this year's finalisits.](#)

Employment opportunity

10. Community Development / Project Officer

A Community Development / Project Officer is required for the Jesuit Community College. EAL (English as an Additional Language) qualifications or experience teaching in the Adult Education Sector.

Experience working with CALD communities (newly arrived migrants, refugees and Asylum Seekers)

3 days a week, Working in the Brimbank and Moonee Valley LGA's

Please contact Carole Pondievie Lay: carole.pondevieLay@jss.org.au or phone 03 94158700

Survey

11. NCVER survey of practitioners involved in Foundation Skills delivery

NCVER is conducting a survey. Please support this initiative, and encourage your colleagues to participate. **Help us explore foundation skills**

Do you teach or help people develop their English language, literacy, numeracy or employability skills in Australia? As part of the National Foundation Skills Strategy Project we have been contracted to find out more about both paid and volunteer practitioners delivering foundation skills. Please help us find out more about the capacity of those delivering foundation skills. The survey takes 10 - 20 minutes and is open until 19 December 2014.

[Complete the survey now](#)

Resources

12. 2014 ACAL Conference 'Literacy: a learning spiral for life'

Presentations online

Thanks to presenters and participants for a very successful and inspirational conference.

Presentations are available online for our keynote speakers and many of our session presenters.

[More](#)

13. What Works for LLN

An online library of free language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) training and professional development videos. Ideas That Work has just released another 7 new LLN videos for the What Works for LLN training and professional development video library.

These new videos contain more practical LLN tips and good practice examples to help build vocational trainers and assessors' capacity to support learners with LLN needs.

There are now 25 What Works videos available to view or download for free from the **[What Works for LLN website](#)**.

14. Family farming

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.

This month, in the ninth of the series, committee member Meg Cotter gives us a pop quiz, takes out to the Temple of Heaven, reminds us of harvest rituals and tells us of people who might have a farm but no family.

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

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