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1. From the President

I was fortunate enough to attend the ACAL conference and was inspired by the many amazing presentations and workshops on offer. The venue was UTS, which is where I completed my undergrad so it was like old home-week for me in some ways, although the venue was a shiny new facility that wasn't there in 1992. The pre-

conference day was a focused discussion led by Joe Lo Bianco from Melbourne University and facilitated by Keiko Yasakawa from ACAL /UTS. Small groups discussed assigned readings, theory and practice in adult LLN(D) and from there formulated policy suggestions for collation.

The following 2 days offered a diverse range of workshops and keynotes to choose from – the overall flavour of the conference was of a ‘call to arms’ – that we must do something about the continued aging workforce in adult literacy and numeracy, that the increasing closure of adult literacy classes must be addressed, and why are there no longer any government subsidised adult literacy recognised teaching courses on offer in Australia? (If you know differently please let us know).

I am already looking forward to the 2020 ACAL conference in the ACT – perhaps we will storm parliament!!

Linno Rhodes, President

2. Conferences

VALBEC CONFERENCE - 15 May 2020



As teachers and providers across diverse delivery environments, we find ways for all learners to feel welcome and capable of acquiring the skills they need.

There are so many ways of identifying learners: cultural – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, migrant, English-background; by their socio-economic status – lower socio-economic; by their past history of education or employment – disengaged youth, adult returning to study, unemployed, retrenched. Individuals get ‘lumped’ into their cultural/economic box. It’s convenient but perhaps the individual’s journey can get a bit forgotten.

In 2020 we would like learners AND teachers to tell us about the journey.

[Find out more here](#)

NHV Conference

<https://www.nhvic.org.au/whats-on/nhvic-conference-2020>

Community Colleges Australia

The Community Colleges Australia (CCA) Annual Conference travels to Brisbane this November, promising an informative, inventive and invigorating two days of international speakers, expert presenters and community education provider specialists.

[Details](#)

World Literacy Summit

The World Literacy Summit will be held in Oxford University in 2020

[Details](#)

3. Resources

Victorian Legal Aid

Victorian Legal Aid have many resources available – one that works well with Literacy and EAL classes is “What’s The Law”

[Details](#)

Further Education (FE) Sector Research

This research aims to understand and provide evidence of how the further education (FE) sector is vital in transforming lives and communities in 21st century Britain. To provide a frame of reference, which is underpinned and driven by excellence in the sector, the study will provide learners and teachers with the opportunity to tell their stories, linking the distinctness of FE to the impact it has on individuals, society and the economy, and strongly

drawing out the role of the teacher in making a difference to quality teaching and learning.

[Details](#)

EAL Based Reader - Living Well With Hepatitis B

Hepatitis Victoria in collaboration with AMEP, has recently developed an EAL based reader for adults, [Living Well with Hepatitis B](#), which addresses 4 common themes of living with Hepatitis B.

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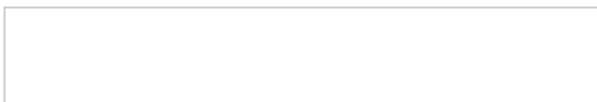
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ACAL Annual General Meeting & Webinar: VALBEC Report



Report back to VALBEC committee by VALBEC representative Elizabeth Gunn

Roughly 20 participants joined the meeting and webinar on Wednesday afternoon. The executive committee nominations matched available spaces and now consists of:

President: Jo Medlin, TAFE, NSW

Vice-President: Meg Cotter, Wyndham Community & Education Centre, VIC

Secretary: Sue James, TAFE, SA

Treasurer: Lorraine Sushames, Charles Darwin University, NT

There is a good spread of representation across different states which is great. We wish outgoing Co-President Daniella Mayer a great 2020, travelling and spending time with family.

[Details and to watch the webinar](#)

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Navigating the Digital World with Shruti Malavde - 25 November

This session is presented by Shruti Malavde who has been passionately working in the Adult Education Sector for the past 12 years. During her career she has successfully completed projects like Virtual Staffroom. Experienced Information Communication Technology professional with a demonstrated history of working in the information technology and services industry. Skilled in E-Learning, Learning Management, Educational Technology, virtual classroom and Instructional Design, Shruti is a compassionate trainer helping bridge the gap between CALD learners and digital natives technology.



In this workshop, we will explore a variety of topics, such as device security, managing privacy settings, managing digital assets, preventing and responding to identity theft, and reporting scams. Teachers will also explore a variety of resources for online safety.

[Details](#)

Get the TAEASS502 in one week during January Term Break!

Upgrade your TAE credentials with TAEASS502, Design & develop assessment tools

LWA is offering the TAEASS502 in Richmond, VIC. When: 6 – 10

January 2020

Face-to-face Delivery: Monday – 6 January and Tuesday -7 January

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Where: 13 William Street Richmond, Vic 3121

Online Delivery: Online access for learning and tutorials

Cost: \$350 Training over one week via a combination of face-to-face and online. Participants work at their own pace to submit materials within the month of January.

Registration / queries: www.lwa.net.au or email info@lwa.net.au

6. Fine Print: *call-out for contributors*

We want to hear from literacy educators about your experiences and opinions regarding Climate Change literacy.

If you've got something to say or have seen/heard/read something you would like to explore further, please contact us:

fineprintvalbec@gmail.com.

Meanwhile ... members and subscribers will receive your copies of Fine Print Vol.42 #3 later in November. Read Rob McCormack on Freire, Jodie Whitehurst on the benefits of drama for EAL learners, a thank-you note from Kirke Olson and an update on the Literacy 4.0 Project. And that's just for starters. Make sure your membership is up to date, so you don't miss out.

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