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1. Enhancing VALBEC project

The participatory action research project is into the next phase of examining ways to increase the effectiveness of VALBEC as an organisation. Thanks to the 80 people who completed the online survey. A report will be presented to the committee on October 20. We plan to use the feedback results to explore ways to enhance VALBEC's profile and extend our reach while building stronger links with LLN practitioners across Melbourne and regional and rural Victoria.

2. Employment opportunities in eVALBEC

As requested by members we would like add a new feature to eVALBEC. We are offering ACFE, ACE, RTO and TAFE managers the opportunity to post adult literacy, language and numeracy practitioner job ads in eVALBEC. Send your request to post an ad (50 words limit) to info@valbec.org.au by the 26th of the month.

3. 2010 Victorian Adult Community Education Awards

Congratulations to the nominees and award winners.

<http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/communitydevelopment/news-and-events/news/community-news2>

4. Fine Print student writing issue and launch

We had a good response to our request for student writing on The Spice of Life, followed by a wonderful night launching the issue at the North Fitzroy Star Hotel. Students, teachers and supporters from two rural providers and one metropolitan TAFE come along. The students who read their work commented that the opportunity for 'real reading and writing' was an enormous boost to confidence and motivation to continue learning. Maybe next year we will have an even bigger response; topics for writing are brewing as you read!

5. Building the Foundations

Building the Foundations: NCVER language, literacy and numeracy search conference Monday Sept 20, Canberra

Victorian representatives from VALBEC, ACAL, ALA and ACER participated in the NCVER hosted discussions aimed at gathering input from a wide group of stakeholders to shape a future research agenda on adult literacy and inform consultations on a national adult literacy policy. NCVER will develop a discussion paper to put forward to the new minister.

6. ACE Peaks Collaboration Project

VALBEC has participated in this project hosted by ANHLC and conducted by Springboard Social Planning to explore ways of enhancing collaboration and partnerships with the peak bodies working in the ACE sector. A report will be available soon.

7. ACAL Annual Conference 'Hands Up... Hands On...' Highlights

ACAL have received great feedback about the Darwin conference which had to close to registrations. Over two hundred people attended listening to over fifty presentations. You can see some pics and sessions highlights at <http://acal.edu.au/2010conf/presentations.htm>

8. Adult Learning Australia's 50th National Conference

11 - 13 November 2010 Adelaide South Australia, the place of the first National Conference of the Association.

The theme of the Conference will be Looking Back –Moving Forward celebrating the association's achievements from the past, with a focus on present practice across the adult learning sector and a view to the role and challenges in the future for the adult learning and community education sectors.

More <http://www.ala.asn.au/>

9. NCVER Research Funding Round closing soon

NCVER is seeking the high quality researchers to undertake a three-year program of research aligned to the five new national research priorities.

Established research centres, or consortia formed in response to this request, are eligible to apply. A total budget in the order of AUD \$2.75

million is available. Proposals to be submitted by close of business 11 October 2010.

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

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