

## **eVALBEC September 2009**

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### **1. Celebrating Adult Learners' Week with the Launch of the 2009 Fine Print Student and Teacher Writing issue**

**Tuesday 8 September, 2009 at the North Fitzroy Star Hotel, The Garden Room**

32-36 St Georges Road, Fitzroy North (near the corner of Newry Street)

5.00 - 7.00 pm

**'The Language of Memory and Emotion' Kerry Cue**

Kerry Cue, well-known writer, humourist and newspaper columnist will launch the 2009 Fine Print Student and Teacher Writing issue after reflecting on her journey as a writer, her passion for writing of all sorts and her recently unearthed love of poetry embracing 'online pigs'. More <http://www.valbec.org.au/TwForumSep09.htm>

**Cost: Free** but booking is essential

**RSVP** [info@valbec.org.au](mailto:info@valbec.org.au) by September 3

### **2. VALBEC Spring Forum • 'LLN and mental health'**

**Monday, 21 September, 2009 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.**

NMIT, Epping Campus • Corner of Cooper Street and Dalton Road, Epping

Details <http://www.valbec.org.au/09SprForum/09SpForum.htm>

#### **Mental Health First Aid**

The Mental Health First Aid Training and Research Program has been developed to help people provide initial support for someone with a mental health problem.

MHFA website: <http://www.mhfa.com.au>

Dr Claire Kelly is the co-ordinator of the Youth Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) program at Orygen Youth Health and Research Centre, at the University of Melbourne.

#### **Working with the mix: a holistic approach to mental health issues and community connection**

The Young Adult Migrant Education Program (YAMEC) began over 20 years ago at NMIT in response to the educational and support needs of young migrants and refugees. The program has developed and responded to the specific needs of the various groups of young people coming to Australia, accommodating their educational, settlement and mental health issues.

Fran MacMahon Sers has had over 10 years experience in the YAMEC program and will discuss some of the strategies and elements used in the program.

There is no charge for the Spring Forum, preference will be given to VALBEC members.

**RSVP is essential by September 16 to [info@valbec.org.au](mailto:info@valbec.org.au)**

### **3. 2009 Victorian Adult Community Education (ACE) Awards**

VALBEC congratulates the finalists and winners in each of the categories for the 2009 Victorian Adult Community Education (ACE) Awards. Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation, Jacinta Allan announced the winners at a gala luncheon on 19 August. The event was well attended by representatives of ACE, local government, stakeholders and ACFE regions and board. Once again the awards reflect and reaffirm the excellent programs, teaching and learning and commitment of all those involved.

Read about this year's Victorian ACE Award Winners.

<http://www.acfe.vic.gov.au/> then follow the links

### **4. IBSA consultations continue**

The fourth and final draft for Developing a Vocational Graduate Certificate and a Vocational Graduate Diploma in Language, Literacy and Numeracy is now available for review and can be accessed through the IBSA Review and Feedback Register <http://www.ibsa.org.au/review-and-feedback-register.aspx> (login required)

The deadline for feedback is COB Friday 4 September 2009.

<http://www.ibsa.org.au/NewsProjects/News/tabid/112/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/17/Developing-a->

**Advance notice**

**5. VALBEC Twilight forum 'Family Literacy – success stories from South Africa and beyond'**

Tuesday 13 October, 5.00 – 7.00pm

North Fitzroy Star Hotel, 32-36 St Georges Road, Fitzroy North (near the corner of Newry Street)

VALBEC is delighted to be hosting the visit to Australia of Snoeks Desmond, early childhood development and family literacy specialist who has worked in the early childhood development and family literacy sector in South Africa over many years. She founded, and for seven years directed a non-governmental project aimed at strengthening the love of reading and books in families in rural KwaZulu Natal. She is joint editor of "Family Literacy: Experiences from Africa and around the world" published by UNESCO and reviewed recently in Fine Print. Snoeks will share the story of the South African-based Family Literacy Project highlighting the challenges and successes of supporting adults to develop their own literacy skills and to be role models for their young children. This project will have resonance for adult educators and practitioners in early childhood and family support programs across Victoria.

Refreshments provided, purchase own drinks

Cost: Free but booking is essential; RSVP [info@valbec.org.au](mailto:info@valbec.org.au) by October 3

**6. Making maths add up: Applying numeracy and maths to real life**

**A VALA professional development event**

Friday 16th October 2009

Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre Cnr Bell Street & St Georges Road, Preston

Keynote speaker Dave Baker, London Institute of Education

**'What counts, who counts; developing understandings of numeracy teaching from international and cross cultural experiences'**

Dave Baker is based at the London Institute of Education in the UK where he is a Reader in Adult Numeracy and post-16 Mathematics. Dave's keynote will draw on his research over many years and in many countries, including South Asia and Africa. His findings have led him to argue that theoretical models arising from viewing numeracy as social practice lead to a more inclusive and equitable approach to the teaching of mathematics.

Plus nine maths workshops

More details <http://www.vala.asn.au/makingmaths/>

**7. NCVER wiki**

<http://www.adultliteracyresource.edu.au>

**8. Our Stories, OurSelves: The EmBODYment of Women's Learning**

Call for Proposals

Mev Miller, Ed.D. & Kathleen P. King, Ed.D., Editors

How do women's bodies matter in adult literacy and basic education? Our Volume 1 (Empowering Women through Literacy: Views from Experience) focused on empowering women in the classroom and primarily addressed intellectual and personal barriers to and growth for women's literacy learning.

The editors seek to gather writings about the many dimensions of womanhood, specifically related to em-body-ment, as they are experienced in literacy and basic/developmental educational settings. We encourage a variety of genres including stories, creative writing, poetry, articles, drawings, and research.

More details <http://www.litwomen.org/publications/embody/>

Proposal Deadline: September 30, 2009

**9. 'Reading The Fine Print'**

'Reading the Fine Print: A history of the Victorian Adult Literacy and Basic Education Council (VALBEC) 1978 – 2008' by Beverley Campbell is now on sale.

Cost: \$30 plus \$10 postage and handling (in Australia)

Overseas and bulk purchase - email us for a price

Purchase and payment options <http://www.valbec.org.au/RTFP/purchaseoptionsRTFP.htm>

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