

eVALBEC July 2011

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Committee News

1. New committee meet

The new 2011 - 2012 VALBEC committee met for the first time on 15 June. Co-president John Radalj welcomed new members Linno Rhodes and Paul Rawlinson who work in the Learn Local sector at Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre and Glenroy Neighbourhood Learning Centre, respectively. The committee aims to represent the diverse range of settings and aspects of the LLN field, both metropolitan and regional. We welcome input from members to issues and concerns that VALBEC can assist with or provide advice.

Please contact the committee at info@valbec.org.au

Professional Development

2. PD coming up for Central Victorian ALBE teachers and others

There will be a Twilight Forum late in Term 3 to be held in Bendigo - venue and topic to be announced in the next eVALBEC. It is proposed the start time will be 5pm with food during the forum and finishing at 7 to allow for travel time. Those who are interested can contact the organisers Sandra Wolfe and Marie Bonne through info@valbec.org.au with topic requests and suitable days and dates. One request is a repeat of the Working with Australian Core Skills Framework workshop.

3. Sharing Good Practice

Feedback was very positive with some good suggestions. Thanks to all those who took the time to write their comments on the day.

SGP Resources

[Resources from the day](#) have been added to the website.

ACSF Forum

As an outcome of the Sharing Good Practice day there is now an ACSF Forum which summarised some of the questions/issues that arose from the CGEA moderation sessions. Check out our Panel Response and post your own questions and comments. This is a great opportunity to shape the direction of future workshops.

See this at <http://valbec.org.au/forum/>

Numeracy Teacher's Network

Similarly, there will be details in the next eVALBEC of the formation of a Numeracy Teacher's Network facilitated by John Radalj.

4. Sharing Good Practice Road Show

We plan to take some of the workshops to regional centres in the Spring. If you are interested in hosting a workshop in your town or regional city contact info@valbec.org.au

We are hoping to offer the ACSF and a Numeracy workshop.

5. ACAL Conference September in Melbourne

Registrations now open

Registrations are now open for the ACAL Conference 'Literacy on the Map: Common Visions, Different Paths', 34th ACAL Conference hosted by VALBEC (Conference Tue 27 to Wed 28 Sept 2011, Pre-conference forum Mon 26 Sept

2011) at Victoria University City Flinders Campus.

[More details](#)

Presenters and program announced

Peruse the [Program](#).

Abstracts for key note sessions, individual sessions and the pre-conference Forum are now available on the VALBEC website too. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience an International Conference, to hear the leaders in research in our field of Adult Literacy and Basic Education, speaking locally. For an overview of previous ACAL conferences go to <http://www.acal.edu.au/events.htm>

Early bird discount July 29

Early bird discount closes at 5.00pm AEST on Friday 29 July 2011 so sign up promptly.

Fine Print

6. Numeracy edition

Do the numbers stack up? In our feature *Teaching adult numeracy: navigating a dynamic and messy terrain*, Keiko Yasukawa from the University of Technology Sydney maintains that while the creation of a more equitable VET system may go some way (for some stakeholders) towards achieving the government's social inclusion and equity targets, research shows that only a change in pedagogy and numeracy teaching practices will lead to real equity.

Keiko Yasukawa writes 'Thus factored into the emerging numeracy, literacy and language strategy is an equity agenda, as well as a human capital agenda to increase the qualification levels in the community. It may be easy to be lured into believing that a more equitable VET system equals ... greater prosperity for all. But is it this simple? And where does numeracy (and literacy and language) come into this equation? What does it mean for pedagogy?'

[Read more](#) of Keiko's thought provoking discussion.

Make sure you receive the next edition of Fine Print to see what other leading numeracy practitioners - Ruth Goddard, Dave Tout, Beth Marr, Rob McCormack - and numeracy students and student teachers have to say about this and other issues for LLN teachers.

Read some of Ruth Goddard's numeracy activities and Sharon Donohue's brilliant Sudoku with colours. Be inspired by stories from students and teachers alike.

Fine Print is only available to financial members.

Other information

7. 'Teaching Literacy Skills to Adults'.

These workshops are designed especially for tutors and trainers to develop the skills and resources needed to engage students and make teaching more effective. They are for anyone who:

- wants to learn more about teaching literacy to adults
- has learners on their VET course who need literacy skills to succeed is working towards the Vocational Graduate Certificate in Language Literacy and Numeracy Practice

Participants can attend each workshop separately or as a combined programme.

For those working towards the Graduate Certificate, the workshops help build your portfolio of evidence for TAELLN701A - Analyse and apply adult literacy teaching practices.

Course materials are practical and provide tools and resources that can be used straight away in teaching.

More at <http://www.workbase.org.nz/Resource.aspx?ID=1013> or call 1800 108735

Employment opportunities

8. NMIT seeks Head of Department AMEP

The Head of Department will provide educational leadership and operational management of the AMEP Department.

Full Time Contract until 15/08/2014.

Salary: \$93,273 pa with a bonus of up to \$4000 pa.

Applications Close: Wednesday, 13th July 2011

[Details and Position Description](#)

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