

## eVALBEC June 2011

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### Committee News

#### 1. VALBEC AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 20 May and the Annual report was tabled and is available to members. See it at <http://www.valbec.org.au/05/govern.htm>  
We would like to thank and recognise the contributions of retiring committee members Dianne Parslow and Corrina Ridley.

#### The new committee for 2011 – 2012

**Co-presidents** John Radalj and Kerrin Pryor

**Secretary** Lynne Matheson

**Treasurer** Ann Haynes

**General committee members:**

Pauline O'Maley, Yvonne Russell, Marie Bonne, Sandra Wolfe, Natasha McCormick, Linno Rhodes, Paul Rawlinson.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 15 June

### Professional Development

#### 2. Sharing Good Practice Day

Sharing Good Practice was held on Friday May 20 at the William Angliss Conference Centre, Melbourne. The day went well and we would like to acknowledge and thank the presenters and all who attended and contributed on the day. Sue Ollerhead gave an interesting address and we were all moved by the images of World Soccer in South Africa.

Once again the catering and venue were excellent thanks to Manny and Andrew and their team.

Daniel Nistico provided lovely classical guitar and can be contacted at [niticdan@hotmail.com](mailto:niticdan@hotmail.com)

Resources from the day will be added to the website as they become available.

#### 3. 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 [VALBEC](http://www.valbec.org.au).

#### 4. ACAL Conference Literacy on the Map: Common Visions, Different Paths

**Registrations now open**

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 at <http://www.valbec.org.au/2011conf/>

Register now - get the Early Bird rate and spend next year's money this year!

**Program details**

Sessions are being finalised with presenters right now and sessions will be added to the website as they are confirmed with speakers.

## **5. Forum speakers announced**

### **'Transitions and Transformations', Sep 26, 2011**

A full day of activity will precede the main conference. More than a dozen speakers will discuss issues about the literacies that learners encounter when making the transition from one sector to another. The needs of changing cohorts of students moving between sectors are becoming more critical for the development of educational pathways. The forum will share emerging understandings and practices for engaging with this challenge.

Speaker and session details at <http://www.valbec.org.au/2011conf/forum-speakers.htm>

## **Fine Print**

### **6. 'Celebrate Numeracy' edition**

Deadline June 24, 2011

In this edition we will solicit contributions from teachers, students, theorists, policy makers and researchers. We want to reflect on the challenges and successes of the field, with a cross section of articles which will, we hope, celebrate the place of Numeracy in our field.

See more at <http://www.valbec.org.au/studentwriting2011.htm>

## **Other information**

### **7. 'Looking Back, Looking Forward: Developing VUC Pedagogies'**

Dr Rob McCormack is delivering this Victoria University College seminar to which the public is welcome.

In the seminar Rob will look at a long-term program of pedagogical inquiry & development in adult basic education and academic literacy that has influenced key curriculum areas including Liberal Arts and the CGEA, as well as contributing significantly to the professional development of practitioners. In the seminar he will sketch some key moments in the history of this approach, set out some principles underpinning it, and explore what it offers the future

Friday 3 June, 2.00-3.30 pm, Victoria University, Footscray Nicholson Campus, Room N112-N113

Bookings: [Natalie.Meagher@vu.edu.au](mailto:Natalie.Meagher@vu.edu.au)

### **8. '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 TAEELN701A - 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**

### **9. Job ads**

ACFE, ACE, RTO and TAFE managers can post adult literacy, language and numeracy practitioner job ads in eVALBEC. Send your request (50 words limit) to [info@valbec.org.au](mailto:info@valbec.org.au) by the 26th of the month.

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