

## eVALBEC March 2012

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## Committee News

### 1. National Year of Reading Launch

John Radalj and Paul Rawlinson attended the state NYR launch at the State Library on Feb 14, along with the Hon Joan Kirner (VALBEC patron), Hon John Cain (NYR patron), Ted Baillieu and Steve Bracks, among many others. It was an event mirrored in Canberra on the same day with the Prime Minister, politicians and luminaries adding their support to the project initiatives that will promote the value of reading for both children and adults. VALBEC will integrate Reading as a theme in our professional development activities and Fine Print journal throughout 2012.

Check the website for more information and links [www.love2read.org.au](http://www.love2read.org.au)

### 2. 2012 is the Year of Reading • March reading

Pauline O'Maley, VALBEC committee member and avid reader will be posting articles about reading each month.

*Good news; from my point of view any excuse! I have just started reading a novel by Katie Ward called Girl Reading, a Christmas gift from my son, apt I reckon (he does too)! But it is also an excuse to pause and think about the ways in which we approach reading with our students. My observation is, it is easy for reading to get lost to the writing imperative.*

*But this year, the Year of Reading, join me in taking up VALBEC's encouragement to read, the word and the world. Freire urges us to develop a critical understanding of the act of reading. This is our opportunity to read about, think about and talk about reading; reading theory, methodology and practice. Much hangs on our efforts and we can be part of wider efforts of each education sector and public libraries to make us a reading nation.*

This month's reading is by Paulo Freire '[The Importance of the Act of Reading](#)'.

"To read is to fly: it is to soar to a point of vantage which gives a view over wide terrains of history, human variety, ideas, shared experience and the fruits of many inquiries."

- A C Grayling, Financial Times (in a review of A History of Reading by Alberto Manguel)

### 3. Do you have volunteer literacy tutors?

In recent times we have had several enquiries regarding volunteer literacy tutor training.

We would like to hear from providers who have training courses or would like to be listed as providing opportunities and support for volunteer literacy tutors We will add the information to our FAQ section. Send details to [info@valbec.org.au](mailto:info@valbec.org.au)

### 4. The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 March.

We welcome feedback and ideas so please send to [info@valbec.org.au](mailto:info@valbec.org.au)

### 5. VALBEC Fees for 2012 - on your desk now

Stay connected with the LLN field, access professional development, receive Fine Print and be informed about the issues that affect learners and practitioners in Victoria through being a VALBEC member.

Membership and Fine Print subscriptions fees at current schedule with no increases for 2012.

**Membership invoices were posted a few days ago and should be on your desk now.**

## Fine Print

### 6. Get Fine Print

If you attended the conference, you got a copy of the current Fine Print in your bag and then we sent you a subsequent issue. Now, if you want to continue to receive Fine Print, you can [subscribe](#) or [join VALBEC](#)

## Professional Development

### 7. Read the word, Read the world • VALBEC 2012 conference

William Angliss Conference Centre

**May 24 – pre conference workshop – 3-5pm**

**May 25 – whole day program of workshops and presentations**

The call for papers has just closed and we will be putting the program together in the coming weeks.

**Keynote speakers**

We are delighted to announce that [Rowena Allen, ACFE chairperson](#), will be giving the keynote address at the conference.

## Other events

### 8. 'Freire Reloaded - Learning & Teaching to Change the World'

[Popular Education Network Australia](#)

Victoria University

April 27, 2012 Evening Public Lecture , April 28, 2012: All day Popular Dialogue

## Employment opportunities

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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