

eVALBEC May 2007

This is the electronic newsletter of VALBEC, the Victorian Adult Literacy and Basic Education Council, and is sent to about 800 practitioners on the first of each month (other than January). It is also available in the 'News' section of our web site <http://www.valbec.org.au>

Disclaimer: The activities, goods and services mentioned in eVALBEC are not endorsed by VALBEC in any way. People should make their own judgment about the suitability of each item.

IN THIS ISSUE OF e-VALBEC:

1. Living Literacies - 2007 VALBEC Conference,
2. VALBEC Annual General Meeting and Twilight Forum - Thursday June 21, 2007
3. The Last Straw membership
4. ACAL's Literacy Live Forums
5. Fine Print – Autumn
6. Past issues of Fine Print
7. ACAL Conference in New Zealand – 'The Power of And'
8. DIY Housing CGEA Literacy Resource now available
9. WAALC State Conference
10. Subscribe to eVALBEC?
11. Unsubscribe?
12. Contact VALBEC

1. Living Literacies - 2007 VALBEC Conference,

Friday, May 4 at the William Angliss College, LaTrobe Street, Melbourne.

The conference and pre-conference workshop have been heavily subscribed. Thanks to those who got their registrations in so promptly. The program looks exciting but if you can't make to hear our guest speaker Margaret Somerville (<http://www.valbec.org.au/05/conf07/07workshops.htm>) you can join in a letter event via the ACAL literacy Live Forum (see below).

2. VALBEC Annual General Meeting and Twilight Forum - Thursday June 21, 2007

Kew Neighbourhood House, 2-12 Derby St, Kew. Melways 46 D5

7 pm – 8.30pm

A light supper will be provided

Members and friends of VALBEC are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Council that will be preceded by a Twilight Forum

RSVP by June 16th 2007 to info@valbec.org.au

Twilight Forum: Speaker to be announced in next eVALBEC

Annual General Meeting

Members are invited to attend and hear reports on the 2006 VALBEC year and elect their representatives for the coming year. The agenda for the AGM is to receive reports and elect new office bearers. Members will have received a notification in the mail.

VALBEC Committee nominations <http://www.valbec.org.au/> then 'Governance'

Consider what you can do for VALBEC and what VALBEC does for you!

Are you a committed, active and informed practitioner? Do you enjoy engaging in dialogue with colleagues over a meal and a glass of wine? Do you have strong ideas about how the adult literacy, basic education and numeracy fields have evolved and should continue to develop? Then consider "stepping up" to join the VALBEC committee at the AGM. The VALBEC committee is a dynamic and collaborative group who meet once a month to discuss, plan and take action on behalf of members and the ALBE field.

VALBEC is always open to new members on the committee so consider nominating yourself or a colleague to join this energetic and hard working group.

Call one of the committee to discuss what is involved in being on the VALBEC committee:

Lynne Matheson 0409 592 164

Ann Haynes 03 9269 8381

John Radalj 03 5225 0788

Pauline O'Maley 93720675

Jeannie Turnbull 03 5434 1432

Teresa Cusack 03 9269 8381

Debbie Soccio 03 9919 8545

Yvonne Russell 03 9217 8459

Corinna Ridley 99198741

3. The Last Straw membership

Haven't renewed your membership yet? You're about to get your last Fine Print and lose benefits. Watch for a harsh reminder shortly. Alternatively, renew and you'll continue to get everything!

4. ACAL's Literacy Live Forums

The Literacy Live Forums take place online in a virtual meeting room. Participants log-in and join in discussions or listen to speakers. Michael Coghlan has been facilitating these and most have been filled to our room limit of 20.

The next forum is on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 8.00 pm AEST at your place.

Margaret Somerville, Professor of Education (Learning and Development) at Monash University Gippsland, is the key note speaker at the VALBEC state conference on May 4. In this online forum she will continue her conversation about **"New literacies, new selves."**

More details about how to join in at <http://www.acal.edu.au> then 'Literacy Live Forum' Registration is required and preference is given to ACAL members.

Thanks to Michael Chalk, recordings of previous Literacy Live forums can be heard via <http://www.acal.edu.au/literacylive/>

5. Fine Print – Autumn

Fine Print will be in member mailboxes about now. Fine Print is only sent to members.

The Editorial Group meeting Wednesday May 30th 6.00- 7.00 pm at Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre; 20 Princes St Carlton North.

Are you interested in joining this group that meets to plan and oversee the production of each edition? The consistently high standard and relevant content of Fine Print is maintained through the input of members. Contact Sarah Deasey 03 9347 7072 or Debbie Soccio 03 9919 8545 for more information.

6. Past issues of Fine Print

We have been gradually accumulating a full set of back copies of Fine Print and we're seeking the following issues

1981 No.15

1982 No.20

1983 Vol.5, No.6

1984 Vol.6, No.2

1987 Vol.9, No.3

Can anyone help? You might have to dig into that box behind the cupboard at the back of the shed where the cobwebs are nearly as thick as tree trunks. Let us know if you'd like to donate them to our archive.

Investigate our Fine Print archive at <http://www.valbec.org.au/05/finep.html>

7. ACAL Conference in New Zealand – 'The Power of And' The Langham Hotel, Auckland, New Zealand, 28-29 September 2007

Readers are encouraged to submit proposals for presentations to the ACAL conference being held in New Zealand in September. Visit the ACAL web site <http://www.acal.edu.au> for a link to the conference web site. A 'call for papers' section of the web site will be available shortly.

Papers should

- * Provoke critical thinking and discussion
- * Highlight effective teaching and learning
- * Reflect on innovation and risk taking
- * Encourage dialogue between different sectors and groups
- * Engage participants in interactive learning experiences
- * Examine social change and adult literacy
- * Link research, evaluation and practice.

After the conference, presentations or a synopsis may be published in Literacy Link or loaded on to the ACAL web site. Some may also be published in Fine Print, journal of the Victorian Adult Literacy and Basic Education Council (VALBEC).

Note that all accepted presenters must register to attend the conference.

Further information will be made available through the Workbase website, <http://www.workbase.org.nz> or you can email conference@workbase.org.nz

8. DIY Housing CGEA Literacy Resource now available

Winner of the Innovation in ACE Learning Award for 2006 *DIY Housing* is now available.

The resource, details presented at 2006 VALBEC Conference, is a teacher friendly resource relevant to the new Certificates in General Education for Adults.

DIY Housing provides ten specific sections of work. Included are sample lesson plans and worksheets for lower and upper levels, plus a myriad of further activities that can be developed in the topics linking work levels to the CGE A.

The worksheets are easily photocopiable (spiral bound) providing a very user friendly resource for teachers.

The resource is the first of a series of three the other two DIY Gardening and DIY Cooking available later this year and early next year.

Enquiries or to order phone Southern Grampians Adult Education 03 5571 9900

SGAE have made a copy available for a member offer (you just be a financial member!). If you'd like to go into the draw for this member offer, go to the VALBEC web site <http://www.valbec.org.au> and follow the links to 'Member Offer'.

9. WAALC State Conference

Expanding Literacy: Exploring Outcomes Content and Practice in 2007

Thursday July 12 2007

Central TAFE, Perth

Call for Presentations and workshops by 15 May 2007 to

Information: cjennings@centacarewa.com.au

10. Subscribe to eVALBEC?

Click this link <mailto:info@valbec.org.au?subject=eVALBEC_Subscribe> and we'll put you on the list to receive this monthly newsletter.

11. Unsubscribe?

Just click this link <mailto:info@valbec.org.au?subject=eVALBEC_Unsubscribe> (no typing required!) and hit Send or, send an e-mail with the word Unsubscribe in the subject.

12. Contact VALBEC

eVALBEC is the monthly electronic newsletter of (VALBEC) the Victorian Adult Literacy and Basic Education Council.

E-mail: info@valbec.org.au

Web: <http://www.valbec.org.au>

Postal: Box 861 Springvale South VIC 3172

Ph: 03 9546 6892

Fax: 03 9546 0421