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Committee News

1. Update

The main item for our April meeting was the proposed changes to the VALBEC constitution to be put as a special resolution at the AGM. The proposed version of the constitution uses the Consumer Affairs Model Rules with some variations to meet our organisation's needs. Members will have received the Notice of meeting for the 2013 Annual General Meeting and the documents are available on the website. Nomination forms are also available on the website if you are thinking of standing for the committee.

We also discussed the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) with updated information thanks to Jan Hagston and now available on the website.

Members (and only members) will receive Fine Print in their mailboxes over the next few days. Another bumper edition with excellent feature articles, practical advice for teaching and learning and reviews of resources.

Fine Print provides a very good reason to make sure you renew your membership or become a VALBEC member today!

Next committee meeting: Wednesday 8 May (teleconference)

2. 2013 International Year of Statistics

Numbers, Numbers, Everywhere –

This month Pauline O'Maley, sets her statistical sights on literature and in particular, Jane Austen, with some beguiling facts and figures.

Numbers, Numbers, Everywhere –

Counting on Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* – you do the math!!

1 truth universally acknowledged

+

2 single men in possession of a good fortune

+

3 balls to attend

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4 weddings (no funeral)

+

5 daughters

+

10 thousand a year

+

A plethora of ins and outs, and a regiment or two

+

23 years of marriage (oh Mr Bennett you saint!)

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A delightful read, a timeless wry eye (and Colin Firth smouldering in my mind as Mr Darcy - bliss!)

Regards

Pauline

Fine Print

3. Watch your letter box

Fine Print out this week. Join VALBEC to get your copy of news, teaching ideas, theory and research, opinion and more.

Fine writing, fine reading, Fine Print.

Professional Development

4. 2013 VALBEC conference 'Literacies in a diverse world'

Friday 17 May at William Angliss Conference Centre.

Watch a youtube clip sent to us by Bob Boughton that is related to his conference presentation.

[Full conference information.](#)

5. ACAL conference 'Local practices, global contexts'

Sydney Sep 30-Oct 2, 2013

ACAL invites submissions of abstracts for consideration for inclusion in the 2013 ACAL conference programme. This year ACAL is inviting proposals for presentations in two categories

- the usual type of presentations, which may be a workshop, activity or non-refereed paper presentations, and
- peer reviewed academic paper presentations for which additional requirements apply.

[More](#)

6. ACFE funded sessions

Some remaining free ACFE funded PD sessions available. Please note these sessions are very popular and fill quickly so book early!

- Thursday 02/05 RLP (Recognition of prior learning) with AQTF/SNR requirements
- Thursday 09/05 Super skills for supervisors. Management and supervisory skills for a high-performing workplace.
- Friday 17/05 Defining teaching and learning activities for blended delivery.
- Friday 07/06 Getting it right for Generation Z and beyond. How to get it right with this younger learner cohort
- Wednesday 12/06 Managing Assessment – Quality assuring your assessment. Validation and Compliance requirements.
- Friday 14/06 Developing Assessment Tools. For practising assessors and those responsible for the quality of assessment practice.

For a complete list of the professional learning program, visit [The VET Centre](#)

7. 2013 Victorian Learn Local Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2013 Victorian Learn Local Awards – proudly brought to you by the Adult, Community and Further Education Board.

The Awards are a great way to gain recognition for the hard work and achievements made by individuals, programs and organisations within the *Learn Local* education and training sector.

This year the ACFE Board has revised the Award Categories and in 2013, \$35,000 in prize money will be awarded across five categories.

- Outstanding Pre-accredited Learner (\$5,000)
- Outstanding Practitioner (\$5,000)
- Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Provision (\$5,000)
- Outstanding Pathway Program (\$10,000)
- Excellence in Creating Local Solutions (\$10,000)

For the first time there will be an acknowledgement award for businesses - *Learn Local for Business*. You can nominate a business you work with for their commitment to training their employees. The eight ACFE Regional Councils will each nominate a Learn Local Legend to be recognised for their outstanding contribution to the sector. Nominations close on June 14.

[More from ACFE](#)

Resources

8. PRACE PageTurners Series 6

Ten new stories for adults learning to read. Topics include learning to swim, a dance class, a fortune teller, a teenager with a passion for drums, the work of a seeing eye dog stud, a true historical tale of a woman who lived as a man all her life in order to be a doctor, a first ever plane trip, and a bucket list for before you turn forty. These are stories for all ages and interests, fun to read, entertainingly illustrated and good for a class discussion afterward.

[More](#)

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