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Committee News

1. Update

The committee noted the Launch of the National Foundation Skills Strategy for Adults on Friday, 28 September and will be discussing the Strategy and its implications. It can be [viewed and downloaded](#) from the Standing Council on Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment (SCOTESE) website.

Digna Libera and Shanta Nazareth have been working with John Radalj to organise IBSA presentations on the FSTP at three forums during October and November.

John Radalj and Sandra Wolfe were part of the Learn Local 10 year plan teleconference consultation. The committee will provide further input on a number of areas of activity raised at this consultation.

The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 November.

We welcome feedback and ideas so please send to info@valbec.org.au

2. 2012 is the National Year of Reading

Avid followers of Pauline O'Maley's insights into reading theory and practice will not be disappointed this month.

See Pauline's [November reading](#)

See [previous readings](#) from Pauline.

Professional Development

3. 2013 VALBEC conference 'Literacy in a diverse world'

Friday 17 May, 2012 at William Angliss Conference Centre.

Call for papers and more details shortly.

4. FSTP forums

Successful forums were held at Geelong and Chadstone with Anita Roberts from IBSA facilitating. Thanks to The Gordon and Holmesglen Institute for co-hosting the events. As the cliché goes, by popular demand a third forum has been organised at a CBD location on Wednesday, November 21, 2012. However, please note it is already heavily subscribed. A waiting list will be created for those who subscribe after the limit of 40 has been reached.

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Fine Print

5. *Fine Print* – Summer reading coming your way soon.

Our 'Features': Geri Pancini demystifies the statement that 46% of Australians have poor literacy. Jacinta Agostinelli explores the environment of ACFE funded pre-accredited courses; Chris Moore's exemplary report from the *Responding to CALD Learners: Cultural Diversity in Action* project; Jan Hagston enlightens us with details about the writing of *My neighbourhood: literacy in context*; Lindee Conway peers into the future of ACE. 'Open Forum' has taken off and some fine teachers have written about what matters to them. It's terrific to get this reader input, which I think will assist in bringing some cohesion and collegiality to our sector. We have reviews coming in that will entice you to fatten up your library shelves. Make sure you're a paid up member to get your copy of *Fine Print*

Fine reading, fine writing, *Fine Print*

Resources

6. Member resources

Many of our members produce useful resources which are often previewed at conferences or reviewed in *Fine Print*.

See some of these on our new [Resources](#) page.

If you're a member of VALBEC (the first requirement) and you would like to have your product listed, contact [VALBEC](#).

Other information

7. 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 by the 26th of the month.

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