

eVALBEC October 2011

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Committee News

1. Literacy on the Map

Literacy on the Map: Common Visions, Different Paths, the 34th ACAL conference hosted by VALBEC, was a great success. Attendance over the two days was over 200, with people coming from across Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. The program provided a diverse range of sessions and people were fulsome in their words of appreciation. VALBEC committee member, Pauline O'Maley gave a splendid Arch Nelson address. Victoria University proved to be a fantastic venue and the catering was sensational. The conference started and ended with song which raised our spirits for the journey ahead.

Many thanks to all the presenters and the ACAL and VALBEC committee members who worked long and hard on planning and conducting the conference. Also special thanks to Don MacDowall who once again managed everything with skill and aplomb!

Information and resources from the various sessions will be loaded to the conference website in the next few days.

2. A Fuller Sense of Self

The member free copy will be posted shortly (offered closed Sept 16)

[Copies still available for purchase](#)

Professional Development

3. Australian Core Skills Framework Regional Forum

VALBEC Regional Forum 'Understanding and Applying the Australian Core Skills Framework, ACSF' with Philippa McLean Tuesday 25 October 2011 – 5pm to 8pm Library Seminar Room, (Building P) Bendigo TAFE City Campus 136 McCrae Street, Bendigo

[More details](#)

This workshop is limited to 25 participants and preference will be given to VALBEC members. Cost: Free but registration is required.

[Register](#) by Oct 18

Light refreshments will be provided.

Participants must bring along a copy of the ACSF. Free copies can be obtained from adultlit@deewr.gov.au

Other information

4. 2011 Learn Local award finalists and winners

Congratulations to all the winners and finalists of the 2011 Learn Local awards who reflect the diversity, innovation and achievement in the ACE sector across Victoria.

[See details](#)

5. Carlton Women's Singing Group

Jane Coker (who sang with us at the ACAL conference) will again be inspiring the Carlton Women's Singing Group on Wednesday nights (7.45pm - 8.45pm) starting 19 October through to 7 December.

Cost: \$105/\$65 Concession (8 Sessions). Come and learn to sing in a friendly and fun group atmosphere. No singing experience required, just an interest and love of song. Songs range from multicultural, jazz, contemporary and gospel. To enrol contact CNLC on 9347 2739

6. National Year of Reading 2012

"It's never too late ... to learn to read" the short story competition winners for unpublished, new, emerging and established Australian writer were announced in Adult Learners Week.

Special congratulations to Community West student, Faten Chendeb for her moving story *When English Made My Future Better*.

[See the list of winners and download their stories](#)

7. Foundation Skills Training Package Consultations

IBSA is scoping the development of a Foundation Skills Training Package to provide pathways into vocational qualifications and support for the foundation skills development needs of a range of learners. IBSA is conducting a series of public consultation workshops to gather input from stakeholders across Australia commencing in October.

[Details](#)

8. 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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