

e-VALBEC September 2004

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1. Four Seasons In One Day & NCVER Research Forum

Bookings Closed

We've ceased to take bookings for both these events and have placed people on standby lists. We're delighted by the response and regret that our space and resources aren't unlimited.

Both the forum and the conference will make material available to those who have been placed on the standby lists.

Booked In?

If you've booked in – and paid – you'll receive confirmation of payment.

Selection

You'll also be invited to go to the web site and make some indicative selections to help presenters and organisers.

At the Conference

we'll see HIGH IMPACT, who specialise in presenting dramatic communication to a wide range of audiences, from community to corporate, to education. They can tailor presentations, workshops, launches or even whole events to meet your needs.

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- Tailored Performances and improvisation
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The leaves never know
Which leaf
Will be the first to fall ...
Does the wind know?

2. VALBEC PD

**** One-to-one tutor development with Jan Phillips, Shepparton ACE**

Making the most of volunteer tutors, hints on teaching, developing skills, getting good resources, watching health and safety, making the role rewarding for everyone.

Thursday 2 September, 1.15 pm (confirm time) part of the Regional Conference at Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE, Docker Street, Wangaratta

RSVP: Pat Grosse on 03 5762 4655 or grosse.patricia.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

**** Adult Learning and the Arts – Music**

This session will be "a hands" on session exploring music making through speaking, singing, moving and playing. Group activity such as this allows for individuals to feel safe by participating at their own level whilst not detracting from the overall product. It allows participants to explore their own sense of risk taking, cooperativeness and leadership. It also challenges their problem solving ability, sense of balance and rhythm and demands that they interact with others.

In these sort of activities there is no place to hide but there is plenty of acceptance and support.

During the course of the session participants will be taken through activities such as social dance, drumming, improvised singing, speech rhyme ensembles, instrument making and more playing on home made marimbas. Participants should wear comfortable and sensible clothing (flat shoes a must).

Wednesday 20 October 1pm - 4pm

Victoria University, Room D409 4th Floor, Hoadley Building

Footscray Nicholson Campus, Buckley Street Footscray

Presenter: Jeff Mifsud, who in twenty five years as a teacher has worked in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary education settings, mostly in the area of Arts education and more recently in the area of drama and the "Theatre of the Oppressed" focussing on community engagement through the drama and the arts. He's a member of the Orff Schulwerk Music Education Association and presents workshops for teachers in the areas of arranging, composition and the use of percussion instruments in the classroom. His more recent work has been in the area of community music – engaging people through music and the arts. Choirs, drum therapy, instrumental music and collecting and performing of French regional Folk dance as well as hosting a weekly acoustic music program on Sunbury community radio 3NRG are all part of the scheme to bring music and the arts into a more accessible community

setting.

3. **Multiple literacies**

Has technology become crucial to your understanding of multiple literacies? Have you been hunting out new resources, looking for support, or wanting to discuss the practical issues?

Teachers & researchers of adult literacy & numeracy are becoming more and more involved with technology these days, aren't they! You may have heard about the new mailing list - the AL-T: to enable teachers to share ideas, ask for help, and collaborate through networking around the place.

If your work has you integrating technology into teaching and learning experiences, then Come and join our group!

Guest speakers, live sessions, regular discussion topics

To subscribe to this email list, point your browser at <<http://lists.vu.edu.au/info/adultliteracy-t/>>

(This was already mentioned on the Adult Literacy List earlier in the year, but not yet to valbec members. More than 70 subscribers so far, from all over the continent.)

4. **Unsubscribe?**

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