

eVALBEC May 2006

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1. 2006 VALBEC Conference

• RiThRe RiTNow, Friday May 5, William Angliss Conference Centre, La Trobe Street Melbourne

- A few places are still available - register online at <http://www.valbec.org.au>
- Full details of the 21 sessions are available online and you can choose your workshop too.

• Pre-conference Digital Story Workshop, 3-6 pm, Thursday, May 4

If you've registered for the pre-conference workshop, visit <http://www.valbec.org.au> for a list of items to bring.

• Dinner

Join us for dinner after the Pre-Conference workshop at The Plough Hotel, 333 Barkly Street, Footscray at 6:30pm (cnr of Geelong Road and Barkly Street). RSVP to info@valbec.org.au

- All details at <http://www.valbec.org.au>

2. VALBEC Membership

Membership reminders might still be floating around on your desk. Can you move the coffee cup, file the Commonwealth Games volunteering form, put away the dates for term breaks for 2006 and complete it promptly? Thanks.

3. CGEA Reaccreditation

Participate by going to <http://tls.vu.edu.au/cf/sitntalk/main.cfm>. Click on Certificates in General Education for Adults. Contact Lynne Fitzpatrick & Liz Davidson sicmm.generalstudies@vu.edu.au

4. ACAL eNews

ACAL (Australian Council for Adult Literacy) our national body produces a quarterly electronic newsletter and the new one is just out. To get it you need to subscribe - no fee, but you must subscribe. VALBEC did distribute it in the past but many people were getting it twice or even three times.

To subscribe to ACAL eNews send an email to acal@pacific.net.au with the words "Subscribe ACAL eNews" in the subject line.

You can see ACAL eNews at <http://www.acal.edu.au/enews.shtml>

5. Literacy Live

Online meetings in Literacy Live <http://www.groups.edna.edu.au/course/view.php?id=221> have begun again and the May 25 session will walk you through the use of PhotoStory3 to create a digital story. PS3 is the easiest of the software options for digital storytelling and a great place to start both for teachers new to the concept and ICT, and students.

6. Apply To Learn - 2006 VALA Conference

VALA - (Victorian Applied Learning Association) and VCAA (Victorian Curriculum & Assessment Authority) present this VCAL Professional Development Event and for all who use applied learning strategies, CGEA, VCE, Middle years and VELS applications!

Wednesday May 24,, 9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. at CAE 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

Takeaway Great Ideas! Network! All workshops will be hands on, practical and applied.

Lesson ideas and curriculum directions to takeaway!

COST : \$40 VALA members \$100 non-members

Details: <http://www.vala.asn.au>

7. Literacy: It's Everyone's Business: the 2006 National ACAL Conference

The South Australian Council for Adult Literacy (SACAL) is hosting the 2006 National ACAL Conference in Adelaide on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th October 2006. For information and 'Call for Papers' go to <http://www.sacal.sa.edu.au/>

8. NCVER's adult literacy breakfast briefings - Register now

(see April eVALBEC)

Are you interested in the current picture of adult literacy and numeracy provision in Australia? If so, register now for NCVER's upcoming breakfast briefings: 'Reading between the lines: Summing up adult literacy and numeracy research'.

Further information and access to the online registration form is available from NCVER's website

<http://www.ncver.edu.au/newsevents/events/adultliteracy/breakfast.html>.

9. Bendigo Twilight Forum April 11, 2006

See youse later: teaching English literacy to Australians

Speaker Rosie McKenry

For a brief summary of this event go to http://www.valbec.org.au/05/bendigo_twilight_forum.htm

10. Coming up in the Autumn 2006 edition of Fine Print

Fine Print should be in your letter box about now!

- Contradicting Stereotypes: reflecting on case studies of success by Peter Waterhouse and Crina Virgona
- Policy-in-Practice: Practitioner Perspectives on ALBE in the Top End by Margaret Palmers

- Building on the best: the A-Frame for non-accredited learning by Karen Dymke
- ACE Connects with learners: findings from a longitudinal study by Anne Walstab

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