

eVALBEC May 2005

VALBEC: Active, Informed Committed Practitioners

This is the electronic newsletter of the Victorian Adult Literacy and Basic Education Council sent on the first of each month to over 800 practitioners.

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1. Portraits and Visions: keeping the learner in sight – 2005 VALBEC Conference

May 20, 2005 at the William Angliss College, Melbourne

Registrations continue to roll in with interest from Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania and all over Victoria.

See the program at <http://www.valbec.org.au> and follow the links. You can also register online or download a registration form or click this link <mailto:conf@valbec.org.au?subject=Send_2005_Conference_RegForm> and we'll email you a registration form as an attachment.

Registrations received after May 13 cannot be guaranteed a place at the conference.

Program changes

Unfortunately Anne Paterson, TAFE NSW Access and General Education Curriculum Centre has had to withdraw her presentation "Capturing their lives - Captivating the learner"

It will be replaced by Daryl Evans "**Histories...and displays**"

A practical workshop on display and literacy with applications to the classroom and adult literacy organisations. More details at <http://www.valbec.org.au>

2. Creating Digital Stories in 1 hour or less - Still some vacancies

Friday 6 May from 1pm to 4 pm. at Lab 3000, Level 3, 257 Collins Street, Melbourne

There are still a small number of vacancies on this workshop. This is no charge for VALBEC members for this workshop but booking is essential and numbers are strictly limited.

Would you like to learn how to put together a digital story in 1 hour or less? Come along to this session and learn the fundamentals to get you going. You will walk away with a digital story. We will also discuss how you can use digital storytelling as part of your classroom teaching.

Participants need to bring some digital photos (these can be related to something you are doing in the classroom, or your own personal photos). You can also bring music on CD (if you wish, although we will have some for you to use) and a sense of enthusiasm to have a go! The Practical Matters session will be conducted by Debbie Soccio from Victoria University.

RSVP to Debbie Soccio at 9919 8762 or email debbie.soccio@vu.edu.au

3. VALBEC AGM and Twilight Forum – June 1

Wednesday 7 pm on June 1st, 2005 at Kew Neighbourhood House, 2-12 Derby St, Kew. Melways 46 D5

Light supper provided

Twilight Forum

Guest Speaker : Dr. Bev Campbell

AGM

Members are invited to attend and hear reports on the 2004 VALBEC year and elect their representatives for the coming year. Formal notice of meeting and nomination forms will be sent to all financial members in the next few days.

VALBEC Committee nominations

Thinking about taking a more active role in VALBEC?

We are keen to bring some new blood onto the committee. Are you a committed, active and informed practitioner? Do you enjoy engaging in dialogue with colleagues over a meal and a glass of wine? Do you have strong ideas about how the adult literacy, basic education and numeracy fields have evolved and should continue to develop?

Then consider "stepping up" to join the VALBEC committee at the AGM.

Call one of the committee to discuss what is involved in being on the VALBEC committee:

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4. NCVER Research project

TAFE NSW Access and General Education Curriculum Centre have been funded by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) to research "The current and future professional development needs of the language, literacy and numeracy workforce" and are currently sending surveys to various stakeholders in the field. The VALBEC committee response can be seen at <http://www.valbec.org.au>.

5. Language, Literacy and Numeracy Programme

Proposed Programme Changes for 2006 – 2008 Tender Consultation

VALBEC was represented by Lynne Matheson at the forum held in February and a response was sent and subsequently acknowledged by DEST. See our web site <http://www.valbec.org.au> for the VALBEC response.

6. Back copies of Fine Print - Free

A limited number of copies of Fine Print back to late 1999 are available to members. You can view most copies online via our web page <http://www.valbec.org.au> and then send us an email indicating precisely which issues you want. There is a limit of four issues per member at this stage.

7. Contacts database

Have you got someone on the phone asking for a literacy class for a friend who lives in Altona?

Has one of your students moved and wants to know what classes are available near Bendigo?

Remember the popular and much used VALBEC contacts list? This current online version is available and just two clicks away. Keep this link on your favourites / bookmark list or minimise it so that it is there on the desktop for quick access.

<http://valbec.org.au/contacts/index.html>

We continue to update this list so check that your provider details are correct. Use the online form to update your information.

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