

## **eVALBEC November 2007**

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### **1. VALBEC Practical Matters Workshops**

*The next step - implementing the CGEA*

#### **●● Moe on Friday November 16, 1.00 - 3.30pm.**

The venue and further details will be sent out in a separate flyer.

Contact Luanna Brock at Moe Life Skills Community Centre 51277999 or [info@valbec.org.au](mailto:info@valbec.org.au)

The session will be facilitated by Dianne Parslow, Literacy & Numeracy Coordinator at the Centre for Adult Education. Dianne has been responsible for implementing the new CGEA at the CAE in 2007. She has been involved in running numerous workshops on the new CGEA for staff at the CAE and other institutions.

Participants will be involved in

- designing a course
- selecting units
- clustering units
- designing an integrated task
- understanding the project unit
- understanding the four social contexts: personal, learning, community, employment.

#### **●● Footscray on Thursday, November 22, 2007 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm**

Victoria University, Footscray Nicholson Campus Nicholson Street, Footscray

Room D401 (Hoadley Building)

The Practical Matters Workshops are free thanks to the support of ACFE and the hosting institutes but booking is essential.

**RSVP (by November 20) to [info@valbec.org.au](mailto:info@valbec.org.au)**

#### **Presenters:**

The session will be facilitated by Venny Smolich and Lisa Bartels. Venny has taught adult numeracy and maths for 19 years and has been overseeing the implementation and delivery of adult literacy, numeracy, ESL, computing and work preparation courses for 15 years. Lisa is a teacher and coordinator of CGEA courses at Victoria University with 13 years experience in the field of adult literacy.

#### **Implementing the new CGEA**

Participants will be involved in

- designing a course
- unpacking the literacy and numeracy units
- unpacking and planning for delivery of the core units, conduct a project and develop an individual learning plan
- developing learning and assessment strategies for the employability skills.

More details [http://www.valbec.org.au/CGEA\\_PM/CGEAPrMt.htm](http://www.valbec.org.au/CGEA_PM/CGEAPrMt.htm)

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### **2. VALBEC Annual Conference 2008**

*\*Still Glides The Stream ..... Celebrating 30 years of VALBEC\**

The conference will be held in mid-May over one and a half days with a dinner to mark this historic milestone. We will keep you informed through eVALBEC and the call for papers will be launched soon.

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### **3. More on PD**

After the successful workshop conducted by Dianne Parslow in Geelong last week, a similar session will be conducted in Moe and Footscray (see item 1)

The CGEA Practical Matters Workshops bring the 2007 VALBEC program of Professional Development to a close in

November.

Thank you to all members and non members who have supported the Twilight Forums, Annual conference, Spring Forum and Practical Matters workshops we have conducted throughout the year. Thanks again to all our presenters and the VALBEC committee members who work behind the scenes to stage these events.

We are always on the lookout for suggestions for content and venues so send your ideas to [info@valbec.org.au](mailto:info@valbec.org.au) to assist us with planning for 2008.

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#### **4. Adult Literacy and Lifeskills Survey (ALLS)**

At the end of November, the results of the Adult Literacy and Lifeskills Survey (ALLS) will be released in Australia. A similar survey was carried out in 1996 and the results showed that approximately 6.2 million adult Australians had inadequate literacy skills to cope with the demands of everyday life and work. We now have the chance to compare the situation ten years later. If Canada is any indication, the results will be similar to 1996. We have an opportunity to remind the community and the government of the levels of funding required to provide access to quality programs for all adult learners. We need to get our message out in the public arena. We know the importance of adequate literacy and numeracy skills for a healthy, productive society. We need to tell others how important it is.

In the lead up to the federal election, ACAL, VALBEC and other state organizations will be lobbying politicians to raise awareness across governments and in the wider community of the need to expand funding and provision. Check the ACAL website and Literacy Link for more information and how you can become involved. The ALLS is available at <http://www.acal.edu.au/>

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#### **5. Bachelor of Adult Learning and Development**

This degree course is designed to support staff in training organisations to make complex judgements, develop customised training for industry clients, and meet the needs of learners with diverse learning styles and expectations. Delivered by experienced staff in the Faculty of Education at Monash University, the Bachelor of Adult Learning and Development course builds on teaching professionals' existing qualifications through recognition of prior learning (RPL), and helps position your organisation for future challenges and opportunities with forward-thinking practitioners. The course is a three-year degree that can be completed in two with RPL. It is delivered through flexible mode with course content and assessment programmed to add value to participant's work-based activities. Please contact Anita Devos on 03 9905 9143 or visit <http://www.education.monash.edu.au/students/prospective/howtoapply/undergraduate.html#direct>

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#### **6. Looking Forward to 2008 - The CAE CGEA & VCAL 2007 Summer School**

3rd & 4th December, 9.30 am till 3.30 pm  
CAE, Level 4, 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne  
\$330.00 including lunch

Choose from a wide range of practical workshops and forums that will enable them to gain practical lesson ideas, insight and understanding of current issues and strategies and an excellent opportunity to build those important networks.

Workshops include

- Difficult kids, tricky situations: tools for conversation building
- New to VCAL? Where and how to start
- New CGEA Units. Learning Plans/Projects
- Connecting maths with reality - teaching VCAL & CGEA numeracy
- Hi, I'm a learning object and I'm free. RU2?
- New to CGEA

For further information and enrolment at <http://www.saalt.com.au/>

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#### **7. VALA Project Officer**

VALA (Victorian Applied Learning Association) are seeking a part-time project officer. Details and position description at <http://www.vala.asn.au/>

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#### **8. Update Your Course Contacts**

A popular page on our web site is the one that lists courses run by RTOs, TAFEs and community learning centres. You can add your information via <http://www.valbec.org.au/05/contacts/contacts.htm>

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#### **9. New NCVET Title**

Vocational education and training for adult prisoners and offenders in Australia: Research readings

Edited by Susan Dawe

Release date: 15 October 2007

Web: <http://www.ncvet.edu.au/publications/1789.html>

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#### **10. Recycling**

As part of their ongoing Reuse Program, GreenCollect have items available to community groups and low income individuals. New items include office desks, large volume printers, computer monitors

Items can be viewed and claimed online at our website <http://greencollect.org/reuse/>

All need to go. Collection is by appointment from our Tottenham warehouse.

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