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1. 2009 ACAL Conference

More sessions continue to be added to the Conference website at <http://www.waalc.org.au/O9conf/presentations.htm>

Our thanks to the presenters who have taken time and effort to prepare their sessions for the web giving us PowerPoints, PDFs, movies and even radio interviews.

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2. ACAL in Darwin 2010

What else will you do when you go to the ACAL conference in September 2010. Get some ideas here <http://en.travelnt.com/>

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3. Communities of Practice scholarships

Ten NCVET Communities of Practice scholarships are available for novice researchers working in the VET sector. Successful applicants will receive \$4,000 to help them participate in a community of practice where they will receive peer support as well as the assistance of a mentor to guide them through a research project.

If you have a problem in your workplace that research could help you solve then we want to hear from you!

Applications close **Wednesday, 17 February 2010**. For more information visit http://www.ncver.edu.au/research/opportunities.html#Community_of_practice_scholarships_for_VET_practitioners or

contact Bridget Wibrow on 08 8230 8450.

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4. New issue of *Literacy and Numeracy Studies*

A new issue of *Literacy & Numeracy Studies* is available online at <http://epress.lib.uts.edu.au/journals/index.php/lnj/index>

This issue is a special issue featuring an article by Leslie Limage, an adult literacy policy activist in UNESCO. In the article, she presents an account of her personal involvement in UNESCO's work. The issue is introduced by Rosie Wickert and includes a commentary by Jo Lo Bianco of Limage's paper.

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5. Applications for LLN and Adult Education at UTS

If you are interested in upgrading your formal education qualifications, the University of Technology Sydney is still taking applications for 2010 into their adult education/ literacy and numeracy courses:

Bachelor of Education in Adult Education (Language, Literacy & Numeracy major): direct applications to UTS by completing the form that can be downloaded from http://www.education.uts.edu.au/courses/bed_aded.html – inquiries to keiko.yasukawa@uts.edu.au

Bachelor of Education in Adult Education (Aboriginal Studies & Language, Literacy & Numeracy major): available only to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students, by direct applications to UTS by completing the form that can be downloaded from http://www.education.uts.edu.au/courses/bed_aded.html – inquiries

to Jennifer.Newman@uts.edu.au or keiko.yasukawa@uts.edu.au

Graduate Diploma in Literacy and Numeracy: applications through <http://www.uac.edu.au> - inquiries to keiko.yasukawa@uts.edu.au

Graduate Diploma in TESOL: applications through <http://www.uac.edu.au/> – inquiries to sue.hood@uts.edu.au

Masters of Education in Adult Education: applications through <http://www.uac.edu.au/> – inquiries to tony.brown@uts.edu.au

Masters of Arts in TESOL/ Applied Linguistics: applications through <http://www.uac.edu.au/> – inquiries to sue.hood@uts.edu.au

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6. Bachelor of Adult Learning & Development Information Evening (Monash)

Tuesday 15 December 2009 at 6.30pm

Location: Building 6, Room G23, Clayton Campus, Monash University

The Bachelor of Adult Learning and Development offers a contemporary approach to workplace and community education and development. This course is designed for people without an existing university qualification who are working and leading in the adult education field in areas such as TAFE, private or ACE providers, or industry/corporate sector training and development programs. The course is a three-year degree that can be completed in two years, with recognition of prior learning (RPL) taking the place of the first year. It is delivered flexibly, allowing participants to better manage the demands of work, family and study.

Dr Anita Devos a senior lecturer and course advisor of the program we will be available to discuss program content, career prospects, recognition of prior learning, program flexibility and the benefits you will achieve from studying this program on the night.

Registration and details <http://www.education.monash.edu.au/students/events/bald->

[infosession.html](#)

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7. QCAL State Conference 2009

The QCAL State Conference at the Queensland State Library on Thursday 5 November and Friday 6 November was a great success. What a wonderful space our library is and it provided a perfect context for the subject of literacy and numeracy. Here is just a 'snapshot' of one of the main streams of the conference which was the provision of literacy and numeracy in prisons. Ron Cox, Director, Adult Education Vocational Education and Training, Queensland Corrective Services in the Queensland Department of Corrective Services outlined the history of education in Queensland prisons and confirmed his department's commitment to literacy and numeracy provision in the rehabilitation process. Sessions concerning literacy delivery in prisons included a presentation of a QUT research project conducted by Dr Rod Nason and Dr Andy Yeh called the *Enhancing Literacy in Prisons Program*. This project supported literacy and numeracy practitioners in prisons to build their skills in facilitating students' learning of numeracy concepts, particularly through computer use. Helping female inmates to move away from the cycle of poverty and government benefits, The Financial Literacy Project, presented by Robyn Ernst was trialled at the Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre and Helena Jones Centre in response to an indentified need. This project was the result of a collaborative effort between Soroptomists International Brisbane Inc. and Career Employment Australia. The conference ended with a Plenary Forum on VET/ACE policy developments and implications for adult literacy. The result of VET/ACE policy is a focus on programs that support literacy for employment outcomes.

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8. Seasons greetings

Whatever your season and whatever your greetings, enjoy them and have a relaxing time. We'll be back in 2010.

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