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1. ACAL Conference 'From Strength to Strength'

Keynote speakers confirmed

Details at <http://www.waalc.org.au/09conf/>

Dave Baker from the London Institute of Education will speak about models that are more likely to allow a more nuanced understandings of relationships, contrasts and tensions between adults' everyday numeracy practices and formal educational mathematics.

Dr Rob McCormack, from Victoria University, believes adulthood is an ethical responsibility, not just an age demographic and this calls for a more adult curriculum. Rob will sketch the long history of an almost forgotten form of 'education for adulthood' and suggest a number of practical strategies including public speaking, peer mentoring, and using web 2.0.

Dr Peter Waterhouse is from Workplace Learning Initiatives, a specialist RTO and research company he established in the 1990s. He will speak on why literacy and numeracy still matters and stories of strength and inspiration.

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2. Pre-Conference Forum • 1 October 2009

ACAL is developing an Aboriginal Education theme for the forum, focusing on the link between language variation and educational and other life outcomes. The

Forum will showcase the bi-dialectal approach to literacy education used in WA and bring together a range of researchers, policy-makers, practitioners and community members. More details on the conference website soon <http://www.waalc.org.au/09conf/>

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3. Conference fees

Remember there are discounts for ACAL and WAALC members

Early bird closing date is August 19.

See the fees at <http://www.waalc.org.au/09conf/fees.htm>

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4. Conference papers and presentations

We have been delighted at the response and selections are being made now.

Decisions will be conveyed to authors shortly.

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5. 'Reading The Fine Print' now available

'Reading the Fine Print: A history of the Victorian Adult Literacy and Basic Education Council (VALBEC) 1978 – 2008' by Beverley Campbell is now on sale.

Cost: \$30 plus \$10 postage and handling (in Australia)

Overseas and bulk purchase - email us for a price

Purchase and payment options <http://www.valbec.org.au/RTFP/purchaseoptionsRTFP.htm>

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6. Federal budget impact

Documents explain aspects of the recent federal budget on the adult literacy sector are available at our website <http://www.acal.edu.au>

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7. LiteracyNet alive and well

LiteracyNet is now live in its new format. Please find some time to have a look at it as it has improved greatly both in ease of searching as well as currency of information. <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Skills/LiteracyNet/>

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8. Back copies of Fine Print, the journal of VALBEC

Selected back copies of Fine Print are available for purchase

See <http://www.valbec.org.au/05/fineprint/purchaseformbackissues.htm>

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9. QCAL conference • 5-6 November 2009

The State Library of Queensland.

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10. Queensland Council for Adult Literacy Inc

Free Twilight Seminar

Tuesday, 30 June 2009 4.45pm – 7.00pm

'Understanding & Overcoming Illiteracy' with Mavis Burns

This interactive workshop will provide an outline of the Life Skills Project (The

HUB) and an "experiential" session highlighting the dilemmas refugees may experience while learning English and strategies to overcome these. Mavis is the Co-ordinator and teacher of the HUB project- a Life Skills program with ACCES Services Inc. designed to help newly arrived refugees settle and adapt to the Australian way of life using the Community Literacy Program as a basis.

Kingston East Neighbourhood Group Inc., 177 Meakin Rd, Slacks Creek Q 4127 (Parking available)

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