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1. National Curriculum Consultation

The ACAL Executive has been invited to nominate two representatives to attend the ACARA consultations later in June the new National English Curriculum. Four English courses are proposed, and ACAL is most interested in the course which is meant to focus on literacy competencies - *Essential English*. ACAL President Geri Pancini is negotiating to have ACAL represented in the consultations for the National Mathematics Curriculum. For more information visit <http://www.acara.edu.au>

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2. ACAL Conference 2010

Keynote speakers

We're delighted to announce that our key note speakers will be

- HE. Kirsty Sword Gusmão, Chairwoman of the Alola Foundation and Goodwill Ambassador for Education, Timor- Leste
- Professor Joe Lo Bianco, Chair of Language and Literacy Education and Associate Dean (Global Engagement). The University of Melbourne
- Bill Atweh, Associate Professor of Mathematics Education at the Science and Mathematics Education Centre at Curtin University of Technology

More at <http://www.acal.edu.au/2010conf/>

Conference discounts

Registrations open shortly.

Early Bird rates apply until 5.00pm AEST, Tuesday 27 July 2010. Early Bird Registrations must be paid by this date to receive the discount.

Member discounts apply to financial members of the Australian Council of Adult Literacy or affiliated associations - NSWALNC, QCAL, NTCAL, SACAL, TCAL, VALBEC and WAALC.

Accommodation

Accommodation is the responsibility of each delegate. However ACAL will be listing some options and some are offering discounts for conference delegates.

Program

A group of readers are busy considering all the presentations that were received. Thanks to all those who have submitted.

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3. State news

Western Australia

2010 Training Forum

Robin Shreeve, Chief Executive Officer of Skills Australia made a big impact at the recent 2010 Training Forum held in Western Australia by presenting data from the ALLS survey. This presentation follows up on the advice about language, literacy and numeracy presented to the Australian Government by Skills Australia in its report: *Australian Workforce Futures. A National Workforce Development Strategy*. Skills Australia have made raising language, literacy and numeracy levels a priority for workforce development and recommended that a new strategy be drawn up. Mr Shreeve's presentation in Western Australia early in May has succeeded in generating a great deal of interest among a wide range of stakeholders. The report can be downloaded from <http://www.skillsaustralia.gov.au>

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WAALC AGM and Forum

Western Australian Adult Literacy Council (WAALC) will hold their Annual General Meeting in Perth at 3.15 pm Tuesday 6th July 2010.

A forum focused on strategies for teaching literacy to adults will precede the AGM (starting at 9.00 am). More information coming soon on <http://www.waalc.org.au/>

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Northern Territory

Expressions of interest for contract teaching positions in the Northern Territory

Charles Darwin University *Language, Literacy and Numeracy Division* has several projects to deliver Language, Literacy and Numeracy throughout the Northern Territory. Locations include Darwin, a number of Indigenous communities in the Central Desert region and the Top End.

Positions will be offered for a period of six months initially, with the potential for extension.

Please contact:

Team Leader: Wendy Kennedy - 08 8946 6161 wendy.kennedy@cdu.edu.au or

Contracts Manager: Lorraine Sushames - 08 8946 7219 lorraine.sushames@cdu.edu.au

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Victoria

VALBEC Conference

The 2010 VALBEC Conference is being held on June 3 and 4 and the twenty plus sessions have attracted lots of interest. The pre-conference workshop is on Understanding and Applying the Australian Core Skills Framework.

More at <http://www.valbec.org.au/conf2010/sessiondetails.htm>

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South Australia

SACAL's Dialogue 2 will be held on Thursday June 24th 5.00- 6.30.

The topic of discussion is the Australian Core Skills Framework, focussing on innovative use of the ACSF while targeting learners' needs.

The venue will be the Education Development Centre, Hindmarsh, limited places.

A flier is about to be distributed. Any queries can be made via CEASA ph.84635875
Our annual conference will be held on Friday 29th October.
Further updates to come.

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