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1. ACAL National Conference 2006 call for papers

6 & 7 October 2006, Hilton Hotel Adelaide, SA

Expressions of Interest are now invited for the presentation of papers and/or workshops. For further information or submissions email Adelaide@literacy.sa.edu.au or go to <http://www.sacal.sa.edu.au/conf06/> (At the time of writing there's a minor problem with the web site so please be patient)

Registrations will open soon.

For general information on the conference organisation, please contact the Conference Manager: Sue Phillips at In Front Events Australia, 27 Gresham Street, Adelaide SA 5000 T: (08) 8212 7688
Email: sue@infront.com.au

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2. Literacy Goes Live for 2006!

On Thursday May 25 at 5pm EST, Robyn Jay will introduce PhotoStory3. One of a range of software that can be used to create Digital Stories; PS3 is the simplest and cheapest to use and a great place for teachers and students to start. The basic process will be explained and a link to a step by step guide provided.

Log on to Literacy Live to find out more!

It's absolutely FREE and available online where ever you are around the globe.

Email robyn.jay@det.nsw.edu.au to get access details. You'll need headphone or speakers, and a computer microphone (or combined headset), to join in the discussions. Sessions are recorded so you can download an audio file of previous sessions via our EdNA Group at

<http://www.groups.edna.edu.au/course/view.php?id=221>.

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3. Survey of non-accredited LLNP provision

Coming soon to a computer near you: the first Australian survey of non-accredited adult language, literacy and numeracy provision. Information for this NCVER-funded study is being collected via a national online survey and through a small number of case studies. The web-based survey will be emailed to all known providers during May 2006. Further information: Dr Darryl Dymock, Centre for Learning Research, Griffith University, d.dymock@griffith.edu.au

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4. 2006 Minister's Awards for Outstanding Contribution to Improving Literacy and/or Numeracy

The National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW) Minister's Awards recognise the outstanding work done by individuals to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes in the community.

Nominations close 5.00pm AEST 27 April 2006. Nomination forms and guidelines at http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/2006/ministers_awards.htm

Go on! Nominate someone you admire.

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5. CGEA reaccreditation

The first Project Steering Committee meeting for the CGEA reaccreditation was held on 6th April 2006. The project team presented a summary of the consultation and research outcomes to date. PSC members signed off on the 4 stages of the draft action plan, the communication strategy, and that the research met the requirements of AQTF Standard 27. (See Vic State News section for news of upcoming CGEA forum).

And don't forget, the Service Industries Teacher Network <http://tls.vu.edu.au/cf/sitntalk/faq.cfm> is cultivating a number of important conversations about the issues relating to the review of the current Certificates in General Education for Adults (CGEA). CGEA practitioners should take some time to stay abreast of the questions and issues as they emerge.

Teachers in WA have submitted a written analysis of issues with the current curriculum document and with suggestions for solutions for the re-accreditation team. The submission can be viewed on <http://www.vetinfonet.det.wa.edu.au/adultliteracy/CGEA.aspx>

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6. NCVER breakfast briefings

Check the website to find out what is on and when in your capital city.

<http://www.ncver.edu.au/>

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We'll put you on the ACAL list and away we go!

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8. Literacy Link

Literacy Link is ACAL's quarterly print newsletter – and it's free. To obtain your copy send your postal address to ACAL at acal@pacific.net.au. Recent back copies can be downloaded from <http://www.acal.edu.au> then 'publications'

Coming up in the June edition of Literacy Link:

- What do I do next? - literacy for a sustainable community by Maree Keating
 - ACAL's response to the IBSA Essential Skills Action Plan
 - Some reflections on community capacity building by Jane Gunn and Rosalind Jamieson
- and much, much more...

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9. State news

9.1 NSW

NSW rep Christel Doemling has been busy; she described appearing on Channel 7's Today Tonight program as gruelling. She is still getting feedback that the segment sparked discussion about literacy in homes. Well done Christel!

NSW Council is running a PD forum entitled Tell It Like It Is on Friday May 26 9am - 4 pm at the William Wilkins Gallery, Dept of Education & Training, 35 Bridge St, Sydney. Find the registration form on their website: <http://www.nswalnc.uts.edu.au/>

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IAD Press is launching the publication of the Western Arrarnta Picture Dictionary at Ntaria School (Hermannsburg, west of Alice Springs) on Thursday, 4 May 2006

The development of this dictionary has been supported by Australia Council, the Sony Foundation Australia and The Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts. The celebration will include songs by pupils of the school, and the book will be officially launched by Indigenous artist Marilyn Armstrong.

For more information contact IAD. Email: publisher@iad.edu.au

9.2 QLD

QCAL has supported the work of Literacy Aid Uganda with resources for teaching. If practitioners

and learning communities are interested in finding out ways they can support adult literacy teaching in Uganda they can contact Irene Mondo at literacyaid@yahoo.com or visit the website at <http://www.geocities.com/literacyaiduganda>

9.3 SA

SACAL is busy with preparations for the ACAL National conference in October and is hoping for a big turnout of SACAL members and SA practitioners. Check the website for more information www.acal.edu.au/sacal

9.4 VIC

Professional development opportunities are happening in Victoria. In Bendigo on April 11, Rosie McKenry presented: See youse later: teaching English literacy to Australians.

Preparations for the VALBEC state conference RiTHre RiTNow, Friday May 5, are in full swing. All details are at <http://www.valbec.org.au>

A CMM CGEA forum is scheduled for May 19th at Victoria University, Newport campus. Please contact sicmm@vu.edu.au for further details and to register for the CMM forum.

On June 8, Lew Hess, the Manager, of Foundation House Western Region, will present Towards Culturally Sensitive Practice: Engaging with Islamic Spirituality for those interested in engaging positively and creatively with Muslims and Islam. For information go to:

<http://www.foundationhouse.org.au/professional.php>

The NMIT (TAFE) Faculty of Further Education Conference will be held on Friday 14 July 2006 at the NMIT Epping Campus. The theme for this conference is Building Communities: Strengthening Educational Links; focussing on Students; Research Projects and Partnerships. A call for presentations link is on their web site

<http://www.nmit.vic.edu.au/faculties/furthered/conferences/2006/default.html> for those interested in presenting. Closing date for Abstracts is Thursday 13 April 2006.

9.5 WA

Pilbara TAFE welcomes adult literacy lecturer, Caroline Cleal. Caroline was appointed as a lecturer in teacher assistant courses but will also teach literacy skills in the Course in Applied Vocational Study Skills (CAVSS), and is likely to be involved in New Opportunities for Women (NOW).

The next WAALC Executive meeting is scheduled for 20 April, and the WAALC Conference 2006 is planned for the second week in July. The conference organisers want to encourage students as well as teachers and tutors to attend and are planning sessions and activities of interest to all groups.

The theme will be on 'talk' - different ways of doing it, including digitally, words that make no sense, and talking together. Check out the WAALC website <http://www.waalc.com> in the next couple of weeks for more details or contact Cheryl Wiltshire on 9264 4639. ACAL's WA rep (Jim Plumridge) can be contacted on bljp@westnet.com.au

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10. Last minute information

10.1 NAB Volunteer awards

The National Bank recognises volunteers in their annual awards. To nominate or get more information 1800 807 121 or go to <http://www.national.com/community>

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