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1. ACAL Conference in New Zealand - sessions

Registration numbers are strong for this year's annual Australian Council for Adult Literacy (ACAL) conference is "The power of and." being held in Auckland, New Zealand from **Friday 28 to Saturday 29 September with special pre-conference activities set for Thursday 27 September.**

Here's a taster of some of the workshops (more details <http://www.workbase.org.nz/Conference/Article.aspx?ID=635>)

Mother Tongue & ESOL literacy

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Global/local racisms and adult literacy work

Valuing Outcomes for Family Literacy

Engaging learners - having fun in literacy delivery

Developing scenarios

Literacy & the health sector

Supporting aspiring bilingual workers in community services

On our own terms - can adult literacy support indigenous communities

Formative Assessment
Learning for Living - Evidence based adult learning
Online Numeracy
Digital Stories
Engaging Youth in the Classroom
Adult Literacy in Australia - An alternative to a human capital model
Intergenerational Literacy Programme

Conference web site

The conference web site at <http://www.workbase.org.nz/Conference/> and has information including fees and updates.

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2. ACAL's Literacy Live Forum – August 29, 2007

More details in the attached pdf document

The Literacy Live Forums take place online in a virtual meeting room. Participants log-in and join in discussions or listen to speakers.

'At Least 10 Tips for Effectively Facilitating a Literacy Live Session'

Wednesday 29th August at 8:00pm AEST at your place

You may be thinking about how you might run your own Literacy Live session; be it for teaching, a meeting or for delivering professional development. So, where do you start? How do you plan a virtual session? How do you actively engage your participants during the session? What types of activities work best in this virtual environment?

The focus of the August ACAL Literacy Live session will be back on helping you with some of those handy hints, giving you direct insight into the special tips and techniques you might find useful when facilitating your own Literacy Live group.

Don't forget to register at acal@pacific.net.au 'How to' details at <http://www.acal.edu.au>
Registration is required and preference is given to ACAL members.

Thanks to Michael Chalk, recordings of previous Literacy Live forums can be heard via <http://www.acal.edu.au/literacylive/>

3. ACAL's Literacy Live Forum – September 27, 2007

3.1 ACAL AGM

The first will be a link to the ACAL AGM to be held in Auckland, New Zealand at the ACAL Conference. We encourage you to be part of ACAL history and join the first ACAL virtual AGM at 6:00pm (AEST) for a 6:15pm start, on Thursday 27th September in the Literacy Live room. If you are joining us for this event, please register at acal@pacific.net.au More details below.

More details in the attached pdf document

3.2 NZ Conference speaker

The second event in the Literacy Live room in September will be held during the ACAL Conference and will provide a link to the keynote presentation made by Dr Heide Spruck-Wrigley on Friday 28th September at 12:30pm (AEST). This keynote is scheduled for 30 minutes, so why not organise a lunchtime gathering at work for your colleagues?

More details in the attached pdf document

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4. ACAL AGM

4.1 How can you join in?

Log into Literacy Live on the evening of 27 September and join the meeting. This is the address <http://literacylive.ivocalize.net/> See below for the times and the details about how to book yourself a place at the meeting.

If you have not visited the Literacy Live Conference Room before make sure you have a practice run before the meeting. You can email someone on the ACAL Committee and set up a date to

meet in the room and check your settings. The email addresses of committee members can be found on the ACAL web site <http://www.acal.edu.au> You will need a password to get in.

4.2 Face-to-face (in New Zealand).

There will be a room full of ACAL members in Auckland, New Zealand, hooked into Literacy Live. All ACAL members attending the Conference are invited to attend face-to-face. We will have speakers and a big screen for the data projector. The meeting will be chaired from this site. Other face-to-face meetings may also be hosted by some of the State Councils. The participants will be able to attend the ACAL AGM through a hook-up similar to the one in NZ. Please contact your State Council to see if a similar event is planned in a location near you.

4.3 ACAL Membership and Nominations

We will write to all financial ACAL members inviting them to seek nominations for Office Bearer positions on the Executive Committee (President, Vice- President, Secretary and Treasurer). If you are not an ACAL member, but would like to become one, please visit the ACAL website <http://www.acal.edu.au/> where you can join on-line. To nominate or vote you need to be a financial member by Friday 21 September.

4.4 Deadline for Nominations

This year we will need to have all nominations for Office Bearers in writing registered with the Returning Officer in advance of the meeting. The last day to get your nomination in is Friday 21 September. Details of how to nominate will be sent to all members.

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5. State news

5.1 Western Australia <http://www.waalc.com>

5.2 Victoria <http://www.valbec.org.au>

5.3 New South Wales <http://www.nswalnc.uts.edu.au/>

5.4 Queensland <http://www.qcal.org.au/>

National Literacy and Numeracy Week State Conference

All educators and interested professionals are invited to attend the National Literacy and Numeracy Week Making a Difference State Conference. The event kicks off celebrations for National Literacy and Numeracy Week (3 to 9 September 2007) and features some of Queensland's best educators and researchers. An Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Learning Showroom will also be available. Registrations for the conference, held at Brisbane's Hilton Hotel on Monday 3 September, close 20 August 2007. For a full conference program and downloadable registration form visit <http://www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/nlnw>.

5.5 South Australia <http://www.sacal.sa.edu.au/>

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6. Literacy Link

Literacy Link is ACAL's quarterly print newsletter with entirely different material to ACAL eNews – and it's free. To obtain your copy send your postal address to ACAL at acal@pacific.net.au.

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state you're from as you may be on a state list.

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