**QCAL e-News: August 2010**

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1. **QCAL Twilight Seminar and AGM**
   Join Darryl Dymock “Out of the Blue” - reading and writing short stories - in a celebration of International Literacy Day (8 Sept) and Adult Learners’ Week
   Date: Friday 3 September 2010.
   Venue: The Greek Club, Edmonstone Street, South Brisbane
   Time: 4.00-6.00pm. No cost but RSVP for catering to info@qcal.org.au

2. **QCAL State Conference**
   **Theme: Building your future: Literacy and Numeracy as Foundation Skills**
   **Date: 4-5 November 2010**
   Venue: Mt Gravatt Campus, Griffith University
   Keynote speakers: Geri Pancini (ACAL President), Louise Wignall (re Foundation Skills), Keiko Yasukawa, UTS (Numeracy) and AIGroup representative (workplace LLN)

3. **2010 ACAL Conference: 'Hands up... Hands on' 10 and 11 September, Darwin**
   1. **Conference session details available**
   2. **Pre-Conference Forum 'At the front line: context, pedagogy and practice' 9 September 2010**
      Join us in the grounds of the delightful Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory and hear experiences from the front line of Indigenous education and health.
      Separate registration is required.
   3. **Registration is now open – with discounts**

**Early Bird Discount (must pay by 5.00pm AEST, Tuesday 27 July 2010)** At any time you can take advantage of members discounts which apply to financial members of ACAL or affiliated associations - NSWALNC, QCAL, NTCAL, SACAL, TCAL, VALBEC, WAALC.

**4. Civic Reception**
Dr Christopher Burns MLA, NT Minister for Education and Training will host a civic reception for ACAL Conference attendees in the Great Hall of Parliament House, on Friday afternoon.

**4. National Literacy and Numeracy Week: 31 August – 6 September**
Find out more at http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/Programs/NationalLiteracyandNumeracyWeek/

**5. Adult Learners’ Week: 1-8 September 2010**
Adult Learners’ Week (ALW) in Australia is part of an international festival of adult learning. In Queensland, ALW 2009 culminated in the announcement of Queensland’s first Adult Community Education (ACE) statement and the beginning of a new era of community learning for the state. To view the ACE statement, visit: www.training.qld.gov.au/information/ace/index.html
For further information visit: http://education.qld.gov.au/community/events/alw/ or the Adult Learning Australia website: http://www.ala.asn.au/c141/Events+Adult+Learners'++Week.aspx

**6. LLN & VET**
IBSA is seeking views and advice from experienced VET practitioners on the most effective ways to identify measures for efficiently and effectively building VET skills and networks in LLN for the VET workforce and to address professional development in this important area. The Discussion Paper, and the accompanying feedback form, are available by clicking on the following link: http://www.ibsa.org.au/news-and-projects/news/tabid/112/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/178/VET-workforce-skills-in-LLN-project.aspx

**7. Social capital approach into the teaching of adult literacy and numeracy**
There’s a new publication Bringing a social capital approach into the teaching of adult literacy and numeracy: Good practice guide. The guide suggests ways VET practitioners can adopt a social capital approach to their teaching practice. http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2252.html

**8. Community Services Workers & Volunteers Working with LLN Needs**
**National Consultation Forums**
The CS&H ISC is preparing to undertake (free) national consultation forums in each State and Territory and an online survey to obtain industry feedback on draft additions and changes to the Community Services Training Package to incorporate LLN competency. The draft changes are intended to assist;
- volunteer tutors who provide adult LLN support, and
- workers in community services who work with clients with low LLN skills
There are two individual industry consultation sessions on each day at each location. The first session (morning session) is to review draft units of competency for workers in community services who work with clients with low LLN skills. The second session
(afternoon session) is to review draft units of competency for volunteer tutors who provide adult LLN Support. More details and dates at https://www.cshisc.com.au/index.php then ‘Language, Literacy and Numeracy Competency Development Project

9. Vocational Education and Training
Australian Government Productivity Commission
Education and Training Workforce: Vocational Education and Training
Have your say by submitting a response by 30 July 2010

10. Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games
This forum will inform and update members of the business community and residents about Australia’s bid for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. With an expert panel of guest speakers, the forum has been formulated in the spirit of facilitating information dissemination and will serve as a vehicle of constructive debate and discussion. SEE: http://www.griffith.edu.au/business/griffith-business-school/news-events/forum-2018
WHERE: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2807 Gold Coast Highway, Surfers Paradise. WHEN: Friday July 2, 9am-3pm. COST: $65 general public and $35 students (lunch included) RSVP is essential by Friday June 25. CONTACT: Ms Fran Griffin x54204 or email mailto:forum2018@griffith.edu.au.

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