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1. QCAL Annual General Meeting
The QCAL AGM was held on 3 September 2010. The following office holders were elected:
President: Ann Kelly
Vice President: Jean Searle
Secretary: Deb Symes

2. QCAL State Conference
Theme: Building your future: Literacy and Numeracy as Foundation Skills
The focus of the conference is on literacy and numeracy as foundation skills and how these underpin recent reports such as The Skills Australia report Australian Workforce Futures, the Australian Industries Group (AiG) report on employers’ views on workplace language, literacy & numeracy, and a consultation paper Briefing on Foundation Skills which has been produced for The National VET Equity Advisory Council (NVEAC).
Date: 4 November 2010, 12.00noon – 4.45pm
5 November 2010, 8.45 am – 4.45pm
Venue: Mt Gravatt Campus, Griffith University, Brisbane
Keynote speakers: Geri Pancini (ACAL President), Louise Wignall (re Foundation Skills), Keiko Yasukawa, UTS (Numeracy) and Michael Taylor (AIGroup, National workforce LLN)
For more information go to:
Registration now open:

3. Adult Learning Australia’s 50th National Conference
11 - 13 November 2010
Adelaide South Australia, the place of the first National Conference of the Association. The theme of the Conference will be Looking Back –Moving Forward celebrating the association’s achievements from the past, with a focus on present practice across the adult learning sector and a view to the role and challenges in the future for the adult learning and community education sectors.
For more information http://www.ala.asn.au/

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4. **New Training Package – Training and Education**

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5. **Now available: Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) User Guide**
A User Guide has been developed to support the delivery and assessment of the qualifications

- Vocational Graduate Certificate in Adult Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice
- Vocational Graduate Diploma of Adult Language, Literacy and Numeracy Leadership


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6. **Indigenous Training Network**
Jobs Australia Indigenous Training Network (ITN) is a network of over 90 Indigenous organisations in remote and regional Australia who deliver culturally appropriate training in Indigenous Communities. Earlier this month, they held its inaugural national conference in Alice Springs. Through Jobs Australia, the ITN provides a voice for indigenous training organisations to federal, state and territory governments regarding the training needs of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
The online service can be found at www.jaitn.com.au.

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7. **18th International Conference on Learning**
The 2011 Learning Conference will take place at the University of Mauritius, Mauritius from 5-8 July. For more information please visit www.LearningConference.com

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8. **Too much or not enough: Research into skills underway**
The implications of having too many or not enough skills will be explored in new research commissioned by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER). Successful research projects include:
- *Reskilling for 'encore careers' for (what were once) retirement years* - Dr Jane Figgis, AAAJ Consulting Group
- *Upskilling VET practitioners: Technical currency or professional obsolescence?* - Ms Berwyn Clayton, Work-based Education Research Centre, Victoria University
- *Transition from TAFE to university: What are the pedagogical issues?* - Dr Cathy Down, Charles Sturt University

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9. **Contact QCAL**
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