



# Member e-Newsletter

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## NEWS

### TCAL Annual General Meeting

This coming Saturday 29th February is the earlier AGM date for TCAL this year and will be available across the state, thanks to those members within the TCAL Management Committee associated with the state library.

You are invited to attend one of two locations, Launceston or Hobart or from your home computer where an online meeting will be conducted. Please contact the TCAL email address above for a nomination form, or refer to the AGM notification email you received.

Please be sure to rsvp so we know to expect you!

### TCAL Skills Tasmania Workforce Development Grant

The Workforce Development Plan project continues to progress and remains in the second phase with workforce sector consultation. This e-newsletter provides an opportunity to recognise our outgoing TCAL President Deborah Stroh-Reilly and the work she has put in leading to this project for the past couple of years while balancing this volunteer work, being the Co-Chair of the Adult Literacy Work Advisory Group and her own work and home life. It also provides an opportunity to wholeheartedly thank the Steering Committee who have committed many hours over the past six months to provide their expert guidance and support vital to this project and my role.

The final part of this stage of the project is to continue to refine and revise the data collected and really begin to examine this and the beginnings of the workforce development plan itself given the feedback and interaction of you, those in the ALN workforce in Tasmania. For those that have been involved thus far, thank you for the time you have made available.

This project will be one of the agenda items for the AGM where the TCAL Project Plan is the focus. As this project is funded by the Department of State Growth we continue to work closely with Skills Tasmania, who recently accepted the first of three progress reports.

Over the next couple of months TCAL aims to have information about this project available through its website for you to keep abreast of the changes and developments within the plan.

## ACAL eNewsletter

Are you receiving the ACAL eNewsletter? This monthly email connects you with the voices of your colleagues around the country. If you're not receiving it and would like simply email [info@acal.edu.au](mailto:info@acal.edu.au).

You can also access back copies from <http://acal.edu.au/enews-newsletter/>

## Foundation Skills for Your Future

The Foundation Skills for Your Future Program was announced as part of the \$585 million Skills Package 'Delivering Skills for Today and Tomorrow'. The Government will invest \$52.5 million over four years to support eligible Australians with a means to develop their language, literacy, numeracy and digital (LLND) skills to help them up-skill or re-skill for new roles, to obtain and retain secure employment and to undertake further education and training.

A request for tender was opened by the Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business for eligible providers to apply to join a panel of providers. Programs will include Personalised Training projects as well as Workplace Training projects.

To learn more about the program, visit the [Foundation Skills for Your Future website](#).

## Review of the Melbourne Declaration

Education Ministers have agreed a new national declaration on education goals for all Australians. Known as the Alice Springs (Mparntwe) Education Declaration (the Declaration), it sets out the national vision for education and the commitment of Australian Governments to improving educational outcomes.

The declaration focuses mainly on early childhood education and the school years, but also recognises the need to embed pathways for learning throughout life and to support effective transitions.

To learn more about the review and download the new declaration visit <https://www.reviewmelbournedeclaration.edu.au/>

## National Centre for Vocational Educational Research

NCVER has produced a report breaking down federal funding of VET programs in 2017 and 2018. If you're interested in in the where and what of funding allocation (and/or are attracted to interactive graphs) then check out [Government funding of VET 2018](#)

Royce Fairbrother spoke last year at a business breakfast in 2019, supported by 26TEN and hosted by the Glenorchy City Council, about his life and work and the importance of literacy and numeracy during an apprenticeship. It is appropriate to suggest that adult literacy and numeracy provision forms an important part of the support we need to provide apprentices. This can contribute to the successful completion of their qualification. The following media release highlights this.

[Completing an Apprenticeship Pays Off](#)

## Adult Learning Australia

The [e-newsletter Quest from ALA](#) is now available. Including but not limited to:

- Better literacy better health - A three year study of Indigenous adult literacy program 'Yes I can'
- Out of the Ashes - the importance of digital literacy in a time of crisis
- A Vision for ACE

## EVENTS

### World Literacy Summit



Travelling abroad within the next few months? Click [here](#) to find more details about the World Literacy Summit with an amazing venue and vast array of inspiring international speakers.

- 5-8 April 2020
- Oxford, UK

## CONFERENCES

### NCVER



No Frills' is a well-known annual national conference where researchers, practitioners, providers and industry representatives come together and share knowledge, ideas, insights and solutions around Australia's VET sector.

- North Metropolitan TAFE, Perth WA
- 8-10 July 2020
- Registration opens soon.

## VALBEC

In 2020 let's celebrate the people we teach – their lives, interests and aspirations.

- 15 May 2020
- Call for papers, closing 27th March
- We invite you to consider the different ways you can present your students' journeys

## INDIGENOUS CONFERENCE SERVICES

CLOSING THE GAP INDIGENOUS HEALTH

INDIGENOUS HEALTH MEN'S & WOMEN'S HEALTH CONFERENCE

- 27-29 July, Sydney
- Several international first nation guest speakers alongside Indigenous Australian presenters
- Government and non-government organisations input into the agenda
- Running three conferences in one location was only made possible by ICS' versatility to offer ground-breaking triple opportunities for delegates to attend three conferences with one registration.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



### 26TEN workshops

This year's workshops are up and running, use the link below for those organised by 26TEN for 2020. There are webinars, workshops and validation sessions.

And the best bit is .... they're FREE!

<https://26ten.tas.gov.au/Pages/Workshops.aspx>

### Adult Learning Australia Webinar series

ALA runs a webinar once a month. They are free for ALA members and \$50 for non-members.

Check out the topics here: <https://ala.asn.au/professional-development/webinars/>

Recordings are available after the webinars and are available to ALA members.

## ADCET Webinars

Australian Disability Clearing House on Education and Training has excellent resources for teachers of students with disability. They also regularly run webinars and produce an e-newsletter twice a month. Go to their website to subscribe. <https://www.adcet.edu.au/>

## FS Teach Facebook Group

Did you know that there's an Australian Facebook group for foundation skills teachers? Join the group to see posts by teachers from around the country. You can also ask for help here and you'll always get a response. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FSTeach/>

## TasTESOL Forum

TasTESOL is Tasmania's professional association for Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages.

TasTESOL provides professional development and networking opportunities throughout the year.

The next upcoming event can be found at: <https://tastesol.org.au/events/>