

Literacy Across the Years, Across the Curriculum: Weaving the Threads (Years 3-9)

Friday 12th September 2025

**Presented by ALEA Victoria and ACMI
at ACMI (Fed Square) and Online via ZOOM**



**Our annual one-day conference forges important connections between
traditional and screen, media and digital literacies.**

To be successfully literate in 2025 requires the ability to weave together the many and varied threads that comprise contemporary literacy. It requires the navigation of a complicated fast paced world of information, dynamic communication technologies, and face-to-face and online relationships. Connecting traditional and evolving literacies also requires curiosity, critical thinking and adaptability, and our students need to be deeply engaged with this process across the curriculum.

As teachers, it is our role to teach the skills and knowledge required for effective reading and viewing, writing and creating, and listening and speaking in all subject areas, alongside critical thinking and creative responsiveness. It is also our responsibility to build student motivation through enjoyment.

With a focus on teaching **Years 3-9**, join us for an inspirational day of professional learning at ACMI (or online) where a range of presenters will weave the threads of research informed practices into the complex fabric that is the literacy of today's learners. Engage in thoughtful discussions, strengthen professional connections, take away practical curriculum-linked teaching ideas, and refuel your passion for teaching literacy in all contexts.

Keynote Presenters:

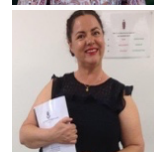
- **Professor Beryl Exley (Griffith University)**

Reporting on the evidence base: What happens when teachers put the student at the centre of literacy learning



- **Dr. Mellie Green (Southern Cross University)**

Weaving joy, justice, and professional judgment: Teaching reading for enjoyment in the primary English classroom.



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Interactive Presentations:

- **Dr Lynne Bury (RMIT University):** *Engaging students: The integral role disciplinary literacies play in connecting students to learning in the disciplines.* (Years 3-8)
- **Kate Fikai (ACMI):** *Having fun with language and literacy: Learning through play, videogames, and the Australian bushland – inspiring inquiry about Place and Belonging.* (Years 5-6)
- **Sarah Prior & Rob Brown (Department of Education Victoria):** *Exploring the possibilities: Creating personalising reading texts for disengaged readers using AI technology, and student created prompts.* (Years 4-10)

Workshops:

- **Amy Doak (Author):** *Why Younger Readers Love Crime... Fiction.* (Years 7-9)
- **Robyn English (Department of Education Victoria):** *If you want it... put a ring on it: The challenge of building student engagement with reading.* (Years 5-8)
- **Bridget Hanna (Australian Children's Television Foundation, ACTF):** *Comedy Scriptwriting – How writing comedy can creatively boost students' writing skills and storytelling.* (Years 5-7)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION COST (full day program) (ALL costs are inclusive of GST)

***Early Bird rate is available until 5pm, Thursday 7th August 2025 AEST.**

Registration type	Full rate	Early Bird rate*
ALEA individual members (non-student)	\$165	\$132
ALEA student members* & retired members	\$120	\$96
ALEA institutional/ school sub-members	\$195	\$156
Non-members	\$250	\$200
Online	\$140	\$112

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- Redeem this offer via the [ALEA website](#) using the EB Code at checkout.
- EB pricing is available until **5pm, Thursday 7th August 2025 AEST** and cannot be applied retrospectively.

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- School membership from \$270.

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REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 5:00 p.m. (AEST) Wednesday 26th August, 2025.

To contact the event organiser:

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