

A note from the editor

The Annual Conference, the major item on the AA service calendar, will be held as usual in November. The workshop held before the last Assembly enabled GSRs to pass on to the Delegate Groups' thinking on the Topics. A brief description of how the Conference works is included in this issue.

Also in this issue, the December Area Assembly on the 6th of December will see a rotation of quite a few of the

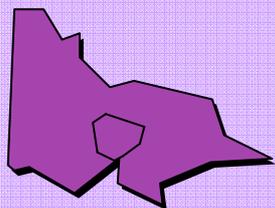
office bearers. A description of the roles of some of those positions; talk to current members and read the Service Manual if you want to know more.

Taking an alternate position is a good way to learn about service without being thrown in the deep end—there are a couple of alternate positions available in this round of elections.

By the way—remember that any member, not just GSRs, can subscribe, to the Newsletter at areadnewsletter@gmail.com. Remember to include a phone number so that we can contact you if your email changes and you forget to notify us.

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The deadline for any articles/reports for the January 2012 edition is 16th December.



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Women's Day in AA



Over 160 ladies attended the 2011 Women's Day held, as usual, at the Uniting Church in Ivanhoe on Saturday 9 July. The general feeling of the whole day was as it should be – lots of ladies truly celebrating and appreciating their sobriety together. Many ladies had attended before, but equally as many were there for the first time. The lengths of sobriety ranged from brand new in AA to 34 years, as was reflected in our Countdown and presentation of Big Book from two ladies – both 34 years – to someone only three days sober.

The whole day quietly fell into place with meetings such as Strength & Hope, Recovery, Country Cousins & Spiritual Concept; plus three workshops and lots of coffee and chats. Many ladies offered to help in a variety of ways – on the Friday setting up, throughout the whole day and again as we wound up at 5pm – an army of willing helpers assisted with cleaning up in record time, which was fantastic!! The committee was also delighted with the large number of beautiful raffle prizes donated by various groups – another demonstration of the value women place on this special day.

Most noticeable was the air of spirituality pervading the whole day, especially when we held three workshops – Early Days, Sponsorship and God Of Your Own Understanding. This last one – God Of Your Own Understanding – turned out to be the biggest workshop, even though, by necessity, we had placed it upstairs in the smallest room!. They squeezed everyone in and even had ladies sitting on the floor!! At the reporting back session everyone's face glowed as a summary of their discussions was read out – you could almost feel the atmosphere – it was so precious.

Finally the long list of volunteers available to assist in 2012 gives only one message – this Day is highly valued and supported by ladies from various parts of Victoria, so on we go to Women's Day 2012!! **Yours in service – Dawne M and Sue T**

Email Contacts for Area Positions

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Area Newsletter	areadnewsletter@gmail.com

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE—HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Australian General Service Conference holds its annual meeting in Sydney in November. Just what kind of meeting is this? Is it like a Group business meeting only bigger? Is it like an Area Assembly?

Area Delegates coming to their first Conference say it is beyond anything they have previously experienced in AA. To begin with, the Conference spans several days. Then there is overwhelming evidence of the year-long work that has gone into the preparation of the agenda or program. The program is meaty; the Area Delegates, Trustees, National Office staff members and international Delegates are well prepared.

Of course, there is also a great deal of give and take discussion. Many people express themselves, informally and often emotionally. Conference sessions are by no means stiff. Delegates simply act like themselves - which, we know, is the way it should be in AA. While there is full discussion on any question that seems to have various possible answers, everyone tends not to waste time, but to cover the agenda and to stick to matters that affect the movement as a whole.

The Area Delegates come to Sydney in November well-prepared, already having shared the experience of past Area Delegates. Then, in the weeks preceding the Conference, National Office has kept them advised of questions and problems that will be up for discussion. They receive a deluge of advance information, filling them in

on actions of previous Conferences, on what the committees are, and on what reports they will hear (so that they can "preview" the Conference with their committees and GSRs). They receive just about everything practicable to let them know what to expect when they get to the Conference.

Conference committees are of great help in winnowing out the material that belongs on the Conference floor. These committees first meet early in the Conference period. They go on meeting as frequently as they need for full discussion of each item on the committee agenda. Their recommendations are presented in the committee report. Or a subject may be reported as discussed with no conclusion reached. Any Conference members who have a problem or a complaint may go to a committee session and present their case. Frequently, there are hot discussions. Toward the end of the Conference, each Conference committee chairperson reads the full committee report to the entire Conference. Every action of the report is then presented separately to the Conference. An action may be accepted or rejected by the Conference, and ample time is allowed for full discussion. The total committee report may then be accepted, or the report may be accepted after the deletion of one or more items.

Later, it will be seen that the National Office Manager, International

Delegates and Trustees (members of the General Service Board) are voting members of the Conference. Trustee committee chairpersons also meet with their corresponding Conference Committee for communication and liaison purposes in at least one session.

The National Office staff contribute a great deal of know-how and knowledge of AA history to committee and Conference discussions. However, the National Office people are seeking Conference opinion or guidance, not trying to influence Conference action. The fact is, many of the matters brought to the Conference are those that staff, Trustees or their committees have not wished to act upon during the year. They have felt that these matters were questions of fellowship-wide importance and so belonged at the Conference.

While no one can speak for AA officially, the Conference comes close to being AA's voice. It cannot be an AA authority, but it can bring into free discussion problems, trends and dangers that seem to affect Fellowship harmony, purpose, and effectiveness. When an entire Conference (or a vocal majority) has expressed concern about a possible threat to our AA program, the Fellowship has listened. It probably always will.

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THE CONFERENCE ACTS FOR AA AS A WHOLE



Here is what co-founder, Bill W, has to say about this in *Concept Three* in his "Twelve Concepts for World Service":

Excepting its Charter provisions to the contrary, the Conference always should be able to decide which matters it will fully dispose of on its own responsibility, and which questions it will refer to the AA Groups (or, more usually, to their DCMs or GSRs) for opinion or for definite guidance. "Therefore, it ought to be clearly understood and agreed that our Conference Delegates are primarily the world servants of AA as a whole, that only in a secondary sense do they represent their respective Areas. Consequently, they should, on final decisions, be entitled to cast their votes in the General Service Conference according to the best dictates of their own judgement and

conscience at that time ... Similarly, the Trustees of the General Service Board (operating, of course, within the provisions of their own Charter and bylaws) should be able at all times to decide when they will act fully on their own responsibility and when they will ask the Conference for its guidance, for its approval of a recommendation or for its actual decisions and direction ...

Within the scope of their defined or implied responsibilities all headquarters service corporations, committees, staff, or executives should also be possessed of the right to decide when they will act wholly on their own and when they will refer their problems to the next higher authority.

December Election Assembly



In the spirit of rotation, the following Area positions will be up for election at the December Area Assembly:

- **Delegate**
- **Alternate Delegate**
- **Secretary**
- **Public Information Co-ordinator**
- **Editor, Area Newsletter**
- **Alternate Newsletter Editor**
- **Corrections Co-ordinator**

QUALIFICATIONS & JOB DESCRIPTIONS

According to the Service Manual, leadership must come from the officers. They must have the enthusiasm and know-how of the individual District Committee Member, plus the ability to organise and give the Area Committee direction and incentive.

The Area Chair, Peter O'D (0414 519 414) or other current members of the committee will be happy to talk to anyone who is interested in these positions about what is involved (see the email addresses on Page 1).

The **AREA DELEGATE** serves one term of three years. The Conference is firm in its attitude toward Area Delegate rotation. The role of **the Delegate** is described on the next page.

SECRETARY JOB DESCRIPTION (Two year term)

The Secretary:

- has a reasonable period of continuous sobriety;
- has an understanding of the AA program and of AA Traditions;
- has the willingness and availability to regularly attend Area Assemblies and Committee meetings; and
- has access to a computer with the Internet and email facilities (preferably not an employer's).
- arranges and advises of Quarterly Assembly Meetings and Area Committee meetings
- records agreed decisions and other business (minutes)
- reports back on actions taken and any known outcomes
- mails out and keeps a copy of both electronic and hard copies of Area correspondence as appropriate
- works with the Area Registrar to maintain a confidential mailing list of all participating groups and their GSRs.
- works closely with the Area Committee and Groups to ensure the smooth running of Area business and distribution of information



AREA NEWSLETTER EDITOR JOB DESCRIPTION (Two year term)

The Newsletter editor:

- has a reasonable period of continuous sobriety and has been involved in service;
- has an understanding of the AA program and of AA Traditions;
- has the willingness and availability to regularly attend Area Assemblies and Committee meetings; and
- has access to a computer with basic publishing software, internet and email facilities (preferably not an employer's).
- is responsible for the publication in accordance with the guidelines approved by the Area Assembly.
- gets sign-off on the final copy by the Delegate and the Alternate Editor.
- may co-opt AA member volunteers to assist with the publication.
- produces an annual report for the Area Assembly.
- The *Guidelines* for the Newsletter as approved by the Area Assembly are at http://aread.org.au/new_page_1.htm



PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION (Two year term)

The PI Coordinator:

- has a reasonable period of continuous sobriety, & been involved in service.
- has an understanding of the AA program and of AA Traditions.
- is willing and available to attend Area Assemblies and Committee meetings.
- has access to a computer with the Internet and email facilities (preferably not an employer's).
- is available to encourage, assist & facilitate carrying the AA message both within & outside the AA community, ensuring that we always abide by the Traditions & Concepts of AA
- liaises & cooperates with Districts within Area D.
- checks service website to ascertain what national PI incentives are occurring.
- is aware of Conference Topics pertaining to PI.
- writes reports for Area D & D Liberation



PRIMARY DUTIES OF THE AREA DELEGATE



The Area Delegate's Job Is a Demanding One

Insofar as the Conference is concerned, the Area Delegate has these primary duties:

1. To attend the Conference meeting in November prepared, in order that he or s/he can vote intelligently. Every Area Delegate, immediately upon election is put on the National Office mailing list to receive all Conference materials, requiring several hours of study. The Delegate attends the Conference meeting bringing to it the problems of the Area that are relevant to AA as a whole. All questions need to be considered and voted upon, not as a representative of a particular Area, however, but as a member of the Conference whose duty it is to act in the best interests of AA as a whole.
2. Following the Conference meeting, an Area Delegate's effectiveness depends on an ability to transmit the world picture to the Area Committee and then inspire them to pass on this information and their own enthusiasm to GSRs, to Groups and to Central Service Offices. If the Area's territory is too broad, the Delegate will be unable to do the job alone. It is possible, however, to give Area Committee members and GSRs the big picture of AA General Services and ask them to share the load.
3. During the Conference trip, chances are the Area Delegate will have gained a better grasp of our Australian National Office services and will now be able to explain the importance of National Office to the continued good health of the movement. Returning home with facts and figures is important, of course, but more so will be the good understanding of a great Fellowship in action.

So much for going to - and reporting on - the Conference meeting. While that work is vital, it is not an Area Delegate's entire job.

1. The Delegate must also be prepared to attend all Area and Regional Forums and Assemblies. From these meetings, comes an understanding of the problems in the Area and a greater ability to make suggestions for the Conference agenda.
2. Conventions and other get-togethers held in the Area or Region are also important events for the Area Delegate to attend. These represent additional opportunities to talk to AAs about General Services - those AAs who might never be reached otherwise.
3. Helping the Area Committee obtain the financial support needed by their Area and National Office is part of the Delegate's work.
4. The Delegate takes pains to remind GSRs to tell Groups and individuals about "AA Around Australia" and Conference-Approved books, pamphlets and videos. Unfortunately, many Groups are still not in the habit of providing approved AA literature at meetings, nor offering the pamphlets free or at cost. See M-11: "AA Literature".
5. As the Area's communication link, the Delegate co-operates with National Office on information studies. Area Delegates have done a great job over the years in relaying National Office's questions and problems to their Area Committee members and GSRs. Area Delegates co-operated wonderfully well in the re-editing of this Service Manual.
6. Reminding Area Committee members and GSRs that National Office is an information centre on AA matters is important. Many Groups are in frequent touch with National Office on matters which affect the Group, but there are others who do not yet know what services are available.
7. The Area Delegate provides AA leadership in solving local problems involving AA Traditions (particularly when there is no local Central Office to take the responsibility).
8. Visits to Groups and District meetings in the Area whenever possible will enable the Area Delegate to be continually sensitive to Area needs and reactions. After DCMs and GSRs have reported on Conference actions, the Area Delegate should learn from these DCMs how the Groups have reacted. This reporting is a two-way street, with information moving in both directions.
9. If the Area Committee Chairperson is unable to serve, the Area Delegate assumes this added responsibility. A smoothly running Area Committee is essential to the work of an Area Delegate. If, for any reason, the Area Committee is not functioning as it should, the Area Delegate may take it as his or her responsibility to remedy the situation.
10. As a member of the Area Committee, the Delegate works closely with the other Committee officers, sharing experience throughout the year.
11. The Area Delegate needs to keep the Alternate Delegate fully informed, and to use his or her help wherever possible, so the Alternate can replace the Delegate in an emergency.
12. Late in the third year of the term, the Delegate needs to work with the newly elected Area Delegate - to provide a basic knowledge of Conference procedures and problems.
13. Maintaining communication during the year with National Office is a vital part of the job.

District News...

An AA District is a geographical unit within an Area containing a number of AA Groups, the number being dependent on the ability of the General Service Representatives (GSRs) to communicate between each other and to meet regularly together with comparative ease.

A metropolitan District may cover a small area but contain hundreds of Groups, while a rural District may cover many square kilometres but include as few as 3 or 4 Groups. As the number of Groups in an Area increases more Districts are formed, each new one then electing another District

Each District has a Committee Member (DCM) on the Area Committee.

Experience has shown that the answer to growth rests in the setting up of more Districts to meet the Fellowship's expansion in size and activities.

Extract from *Australian AA Service Manual 7th Edition 2007* ~ Section 4 *The District & DCM*

"Because of the closer communication links within the District, the Groups are able to share together and to carry their message more effectively."

Ballarat District

Since my last report to Area Assembly the Ballarat District has been moving along steadily

A XMAS in JULY dinner dance was held and although down on numbers a great night of fun and fellowship was had by those who chose to dress up and attend. A sum of \$235 was raised and will be past onto the newly formed VIC PRISON INTERGROUP.

The 24hr phone helpline has been quieter than usual, but a steady roster has now been established, ready to take 12 step calls when they come.

Our P.I co-ordinator has been a tireless worker ,visiting the local community radio station VOICE

FM ,AA adverts and a personal interview with our co-ordinator telling her story of experience, strength and hope. Psych wards and hospitals are her next target, great work Jill.

The local prison Langhi Kal Kal continues to hold its weekly meeting, small in number, but those who travel to the prison find it extremely rewarding.

Our last District meeting was held on 21st August and was attended by 13 group reps and interested members. A decision was made to make contact with 2 new groups in Ararat and Stawell and lend our support, with organised group visits being planned. We believe that it is very important to let them know that they are not alone.

Literature sales have been steady and the sale of basic literature e.g. BIG BOOK , DAILY REFLECTION, and LIVING SOBER is a good indication that the newcomers are getting off to sound footing in their sobriety, also being reflected in attendance at BIG BOOK STUDY and STEPS meetings.

Yours in service, Dave A

Ballarat District Committee.

<http://sites.google.com/site/ballarataadistrict/>

**Next District Meeting
Sunday 1:30pm, 20th November
Eastwood Leisure Centre.
Eastwood & Peel Sts, Ballarat.**

Calder District

Again, the attendance at the last meeting of the Calder District was disappointing with only 3 GSR's or Alt GSR's attending. We had three apologies. Also in attendance were 6 others made up of the committee, Barry H. Area D Delegate and Peter D. the new Area D Chairman. A good deal of discussion centered on why the attendance was so poor and if the groups in the District really wanted to the District to exist at all. It was generally felt that the District is needed and that we committee members might try harder by directly inviting GSR's to attend the next District Meeting.

It was also felt that the upcoming Calder Service Information Day, Saturday, October 22nd might be a good opportunity to show by

attraction why Groups ought to be more involved in the District. Glenn B and his small sub committee are doing a wonderful job in organizing the Information Day. It is hoped that the day will be interesting, informative and fun for all who attend. We will have three interactive workshops, plenty of time for discussion, a BBQ lunch and plenty of information and handout on how your group can carry the AA message into the community.

New positions becoming available on the committee includes DCM, Treasurer, DePaul and Temporary Contact Sponsor coordinators. These positions will be rotated on March 1st next year so please encourage interested members to get involved. Financially the District is going quite

well thanks to the continuing financial support from about five groups in the District. The DePaul roster continues to do well under the guidance of Frank and Temp Contact by Mark. Please keep in mind the annual Calder District Christmas BBQ to be held in December. A flyer will be distributed shortly.

Yours in AA service

**Kevin H
Calder District DCM**

**Next Calder District Meeting:
Thursday 3rd November at
8:00pm Flemington
Neighbourhood House
28 Farnham Street, Flemington.
All GSRs in the District are
encouraged to attend.**

Geelong District

Geelong trolling along OK – four GSRs at September 3rd's District Meeting, and good reports from all portfolios, except for Correctional Facilities, which is down to one member who has worked so hard to develop a good rapport with Marngoneet and Barwon. Fortunately Dave in Ballarat has offered to help with Barwon, and Nick is keeping Marngoneet running on his own. Crazy!!

Geelong Withdrawal Unit receives a visit from two members from the roster organised by one valuable member who continues to ensure these visits always go ahead. These

visits are much valued by each group who attends the presentation – always lots of questions and a real determination to make a go of it when they come out.

Our phone and twelve step rosters are also functioning well – not many calls but enough to keep them on their toes; and of course the Anniversary committee is going great guns – fliers are out and about and responses being received from members in Melbourne already. Promises to once again be a great event – meetings, workshops, lots of good food and a great Saturday night function! The PI Group have secured

funding from the District so will commence organising their professionals lunch for next March.

Yours in service,
Sue T
Geelong District DCM

Next Geelong District Meetings:
Saturday 5th November 10:30am
Open Doors Meeting Place,
Church of Christ Hall
cnr Little Myer Street & Latrobe
Tce, Geelong
Further information available
from Sue T. on 0417 562604

Western Suburbs District

Firstly I would like thank everyone , for their warm welcome and offers of assistance.

I have visited the Melton groups, and have spoken informally to the GSRs and other members regarding the function of the District meetings , and encouraged ANYONE interested in participating in service to come along and join us .

I have also spoken to members of the Yarraville Women's group and invited them to send a member to observe at the meeting, hopefully this will engender some enthusiasm.

I have also had discussions with Seddon Steps, at the moment they do not have anyone willing to take on the role of GSR, but it is a work in

progress, and I am hoping that by sharing our minutes with them, that they may also join us in the future. If anyone has ideas for service workshop topics , we can look at asking a member with service experience to share their expertise with us.

I do encourage everyone to bring newcomers, sponsees , and anyone else who is interested along to meetings so that they can see how it all works.

Literature has been distributed to the Doctors in the Altona and Laverton area, many thanks to Danny R ! I have passed on the balance of the literature for the doctors in Werribee to Alex Mc W, our new PI

Coordinator, for distribution

The District is holding a Car Boot Sale on 16th October @ Kelly Park (opposite the Werribee Sunday venue) at 12 noon . Everyone welcome, sausages for all.

YIS
Leigh F
DCM - WSD

Next Western Suburbs District Meeting:
Tuesday 7:00pm 29th November,
Kelly Park Centre, Werribee

Public Information News.Tell Your Doctor Campaign.

Tell Your Doctor Campaign!
Tell your Doctor Campaign emerged in 2008 when the General Service Board became aware that some senior health officials were unaware that AA still functioned. Those who did know about AA had some concerns about recommending it to their patients. This campaign seeks to redress these issues.

This campaign is designed to use the best resource that the Fellowship has to carry the message: that is, its many sober members. We do this through the professionals who most often come into contact with still-suffering alcoholic: doctors.

Area G in the Eastern Region has developed a package that makes it fairly straightforward for a member to hand to their doctor without

awkwardness for either party. A local version is being developed for Groups or Districts who wish to participate. Area G has made the template of the flyer available. The flyer uses the phone number for the Sydney City CSO & this can be changed to meet local conditions. The package that Area G put together includes AA business cards for the doctor to hand to patients There are two parts of the package: a double-sided flyer to be distributed to Groups and members, which explains how members can discretely inform their doctor in the confidence of a doctor's surgery. The second part of the package, a Doctor's Pack, includes a double-sided page, which is a brief explanation about AA. Other PI material can be added according to the Group Conscience.

The Area G Team for PI& CPC put the package together& it is a wonderful example of our three legacies, Recovery, Unity and Service. All this is available from www.aaservice.org.

Don't Forget, keep this date free:
22nd October 2011

The Calder District is hosting a PI Day in October. This event is about working together to pass the AA message. There will be opportunities for members to get involved in AA to help pass the message to those who don't know there is a way out. Come along, have some fun, enjoy some lunch, & get involved.
Sharon R. PI Co-ordinator

GSO Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is an A.A. event?.

A. As far as we are concerned, any event which is run. by A.A.s, about A.A., and for A.A.s is an A.A. event. Some are under the auspices of regions, areas or districts; others of central offices or intergroups or even groups; and still others of a committee of A.A. members. Al-Anons are included in some events. Many of the events are service connected, others are purely for A.A.

Q. We are putting on an A.A. roundup, and some A.A.. members are saying that since we are charging a registration fee for attendance at an A.A. function, we are not acting in accordance with A.A. Traditions..

A. There is a big difference between "no dues or fees for A.A. membership" and a registration fee for an A.A. roundup. The word "fee" is a strange one in a self-supporting

Fellowship, but someone has to pay the bills!.

There are many, many A.A.

roundups,

conventions, and conferences and in most cases, registration fees are charged to cover the expenses of the event. Often a special event, such as a banquet, is put on for the purpose of raising additional funds to

support a central office or the work of an institutions committee. Depending on the situation, and in the judgment of the planning committee, sometimes special arrangements are made for A.A.s who would like to attend but cannot afford to. There are also events, such as a banquet, which only ticket holders attend, but after the meal the room is opened up to everyone, with or without a ticket, to hear the



speaker. But again, this decision is made by the planning. committee as they are the ones responsible for covering costs..

Q. Are raffles within A.A. Traditions?.

A. Past General Service Conferences have been asked this question. The Conference has not come forth with a recommendation in regard to raffles. A show of hands usually indicates that about half the delegates think they are all right and about half the delegates think they should be discouraged. So the best we can do when asked is to reply

that it is up to the group conscience.

Q. We are planning to hold a roundup in our city, and wonder if it's okay to ask the groups for seed money?.

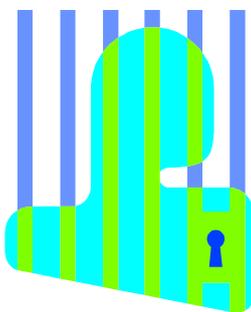
A. This can be answered only by the group conscience of the groups concerned. However, if the group agrees to take a collection at its meeting to support the roundup, a separate basket for this specific purpose is often passed for those who wish to give, rather than taking money from the group funds..

Q. Is it okay to hold a dance (not meeting) as a fund-raiser for an A.A. function?.

A. If tickets for the dance are sold within the Fellowship, it's up to the group conscience; if they're sold outside, it's a clear violation of the Seventh Tradition. Dances themselves are a popular feature of A.A. conventions and get-togethers. *Excerpted and reprinted from Box 459 Vol. 57, No. 1 / Spring 2011 page 9*



An update from the Prisons Intergroup



The fellowship has continued the cooperative partnership between the groups within Area D and Area C and brought the positive elements of the "Prison District" under the re-

sponsible and effective guidance of the traditions and concepts of AA as a whole and the general service conference by the establishment of **The Victorian Prison Intergroup**. This service entity will facilitate and assist Members pass the AA message to inmates of correctional facilities.

The fund established by the prison district to provide literature to inmates and support for any members carrying the AA message into correctional facili-

ties will be administered by the Victorian Prison Intergroup. Literature will be made available to responsible groups and individual members who work in this valuable area of service .It is essential to maintain the fund and receive support from Members, Groups, Districts and Areas. Inmates by the very nature of where they live are incapable of being self-supporting.

The Intergroup's Postal address is:

Victorian Prisons Intergroup
PO Box 632
Werribee Vic 3030

The Intergroup's Bank account details are:

Bank Acct Name:

Victorian Prisons Intergroup
BSB : 063 541
Acct. No. : 1086 2793

The Payee name for cheques sent to

the Intergroup is:

'Victorian Prisons Intergroup'

We are guests in each correctional facility and each one has its own individual requirements and our continued presence is usually based on good personal relationships between the administration and members.

12th Step work in Correctional Facilities is rewarding and I encourage members to be willing to go on rosters to visit and establish meetings within correctional facilities and be part of this valuable area of service. The next meeting of the Victorian Prison Intergroup is:

DATE: Sunday 9th October
TIME: 1pm -3pm
VENUE: The Cottage, 4 Synott Street, Werribee
(the Werribee Sunday venue - opposite Kelly Park)

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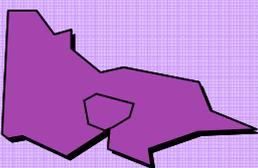
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Coming Events ... dates to put in your calendar

- Next Area D Assembly**
Sunday 4th December, 1:00 pm
75 Reid St (cnr Brunswick St)
Fitzroy North ([map](#))
Workshop 11:00: Delegate report from Conference
- VicYPAA 2011 Grand Final Day then vicYPAARTY**
Saturday 1st Oct , 12pm – 6pm then 6pm – Late
Will Sampson Centre, 102 Henry St, Prahran
BBQ, Big Screen, Games, then Live DJ, Bright lights and Big Sound
\$10 All Day and Night. Come and go as you please !!
- North Melbourne**
St Marys Hall, 436 Queensberry Street, (Near Howard Street)
Bring-An-Oldtimer Meeting Sunday 9th October 8:00pm
58th Anniversary Sunday 30th Oct, 8:00pm
Please bring a plate
- Western Suburbs District Car Boot Sale & Auction**
Sunday 16th Oct 12:00pm
After the Werribee Sunday meeting
The Cottage, 4 Synnot Street, Werribee (Opposite Kelly Park)
Raffle, Sausage Sizzle
Bring something to auction or sell—Barry 0448 845 183
- CALDER DISTRICT AA Public Information Day**
Saturday 22 October, Flemington Neighborhood House, 28 Farnham St, Flemington
10.30am: Our Primary Purpose—Presentation on Traditions 3&5
12.00 Lunch
1.00pm: Why AA Groups need to carry "the message"
3.00pm: What is my Group responsible for? How do I get involved?
4.30pm: Discussion & roundup
Free Registration ([map](#))
- Committee meeting organising the 2012 National Convention in Melbourne**
Third Monday in each month 7:30pm
Gahan Centre Corner Greville & Grattan St Prahran
- Geelong 56th Anniversary**
Saturday to Sunday 29th to 30th Oct, Whittington Neighbourhood Centre, Worden Crt, Whittington

About Area D

Area D Southern Region is a part of the Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Conference Structure of Australia. As such we fully participate in

the Australian General Service Conference. We also support the AA National Office in any way we are able. Bordered by the Yarra river, the Area includes the Western and

Northern suburbs of Melbourne and extends to include other major cities such as Geelong and Ballarat, and regional centres such as Daylesford and Kyneton.