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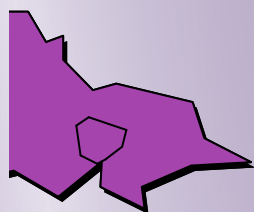
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Note from the editor

Welcome to the July edition of the Area D Newsletter. At our June Area Assembly changes were implemented to streamline the process. Hopefully changes made will assist in the smooth running of future assemblies.

The Conference Agenda Committee is currently processing any topics submitted for the 2016 General Service Conference. Topics will be discussed at our next Workshop and Assembly in Geelong.

I look forward to receiving any feedback and ideas for other items or topics. The deadline for any articles/ reports for the next edition is 27th September. Subscribe or get in touch with the editor at areadnewsletter@gmail.com. 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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AREA D POSITIONS ON THE AREA COMMITTEE

Chair	Barry H (Moonee Ponds Big Book Group)
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Area PI Coordinator	Rhonda R (Werribee)

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"Our mistakes of yesterday can be stepping stones for tomorrow if we do something about them today."

New York, N.Y., September 1947 "Patience Helps", AA Grapevine

The Area Delegate Report to the Area assembly

Since the last Area Assembly on 6th March I have been engaged in the following:

Carrying the AA Message

Active involvement with my Home Group

Active involvement with the meetings program at Port Phillip Prison

Undertaking a 12th Step call referred to me by the North West Intergroup

Volunteering on the AA Stand at the Australian Practice Nurses Association Conference on 6th May

Area Level Activities

Participation in the Wyndham District Meeting on 8th April

Attendance at Area D Spiritual Concept Weekend at Daylesford on 23rd April

Participation in the Ballarat District Inventory and Quarterly Meetings on 1st May

Participation in the Area Committee Meeting at Bacchus Marsh on 1st May

General Service Conference Related Activity

Continuing involvement with the General Service Structure Review Committee.

In particular all Area Delegates were requested to provide a statistical snapshot of their Areas. In order to compile as accurate a response as reasonably possible I sought input from DCMs(or District Secretaries where there was no current DCM.)

The information sought covered the following:

Total number of Groups

Number of Groups actively involved with Area

Existence of functioning Districts within the Area and the number of Groups involved at that level

Number of sub-committees at both Area and District Levels

Indication of the extent of utilisation of the principle of rotation with respect to positions at both Area and District Levels

Indication of the involvement of members generally in service beyond the Group Level

Outline of PI & CPC initiatives at both Area and District levels

Relationship of Area to CSOs and Intergroups

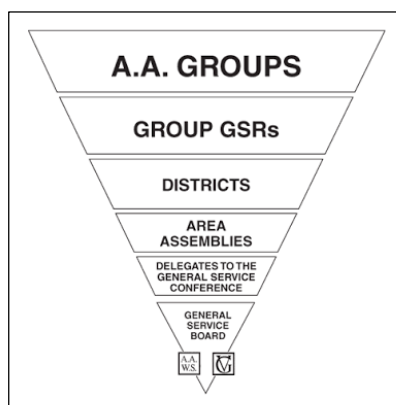
With reference to the work of the General Service Structure Review Committee, I again emphasise to members that the task of the Committee is to develop a possible Plan for how a review of the General Service Structure may be conducted – it is not conducting the review itself. Any proposed Plan developed by the Committee is to be submitted as a Conference Topic for the 2016 General Service Conference. Thus, as a Conference Topic, it will be circulated to members by their Area Delegate for discussion and input prior to Conference.

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Peter O'D

Area D Delegate

13th May 2016



Chairperson's Report to Assembly - June 2016

Streamlining Assembly Processes

Some of my time since last Assembly has been taken up with communicating with the Area Committee as to whether there were ways in which the Area Assembly process could be changed without negatively affecting the transfer of information which occurs at the Assembly.

Essentially we reached agreement on three matters:

The duration of the Assembly should remain as three hours and that a ten minute smoke/coffee break should be included and occur around mid way through those three hours.

Committee members and DCM/Districts should supply a written report to the Assembly which would be circulated with the Assembly Agenda. At the Assembly the committee member writing the report would be asked if there was a particular item they wished emphasise. All Assembly participants may then seek clarification of any report item from the Committee member who wrote it.

All Assembly participants can have only one opportunity to speak for up to 3 minutes on any Assembly discussion topic. A second opportunity to speak again on the same topic would only be allowed if that speaker had been subsequently misunderstood or misquoted.

Fundraising activities of the PI&CPC Sub Committee

At our previous Assembly on 6th March the PI&CPC Sub Committee put forward a schedule of Statewide events in which they proposed that they would like to participate in. They also made some proposals as to how they would raise money to cover the high financial costs of that participation. The Major fundraising event was the 'fun run' held in April.

The funds for the whole schedule of events has now been raised. Rhonda and the Sub Committee have done outstanding work in raising those funds and subsequently carrying the AA message to so many representatives of the professional community. I think the Assembly owes them a vote of thanks for their outstanding work.

Barry Hogan

Chairperson, Area D Assembly

15th May 2016



"Our Traditions are set down on paper. But they were written first in our hearts. For each of us knows, instinctively I think, that AA is not ours to do with as we please. We are but caretakers to preserve the spiritual quality of our Fellowship; keep it whole for those who will come after us and have need of what has so generously been given to us."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., November 1950

"AA Is Not Big Business", The Language of the Heart

Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community – PI & CPC

Report June Area D Assembly.

A huge thank you to all the members from all districts in Area D who participated in the Area D PI Fun Run fundraiser at Altona. The 17 participants raised \$4,571.00, which will go towards the Area D PI Activities. The fundraising does not stop there. We need to buy literature and have a prudent reserve for upcoming events for next year. More fun fundraising events are planned. We will be sharing those with you all later. Please discuss at your group conscience meetings about including the Area D PI Sub Committee in your regular disbursements of funds. The account details are below. I am only too pleased to come to your meetings and show you where your money goes. I have put together a visual display board and would love to show you all. A huge thanks also to the groups and districts who have contributed directly to the PI Sub Committee.

Account Details for direct contributions; If you could email: areadtreasurer@gmail.com once you have made your deposit including your group and amount of contribution.

Donate online through net banking:

BSB: 063 240

Ac No: 1005 9701

Name: Alcoholics Anonymous Area D

For donations to the PI & CPC Sub-Committee:

Ref: "PI" with your group or name

Cheques payable to 'AA Area D'

PO Box 535 Yarraville Victoria. 3013

We need to continue this vital work. When a person presents to a professional with a drinking problem, if the professional has the AA literature, then there is a chance more sick and suffering Alcoholics will find their way to AA. We get to meet these professionals in their environment at these conventions and they come to us. It is really exciting to be part of this service work. All the members who volunteered came away excited to be of service and cannot wait for next time. WOW talk about willingness!!

It has been a very busy month. Due to the funds raised and donation received from the Districts within Area D, we attended the following two Expos:

The Rural Doctors Convention, held in Lorne, was attended by 190 delegates from Victoria and some from Queensland and New South Wales. Ten members from the Geelong District volunteered to assist over the three days at Lorne. Whilst it was not busy we did have the opportunity to speak to many of those present. There were 30 young doctors who were in the final year of training.

We were able to tell our stories and explain about the AA website and the 24hr National 1300 number. We also gave out many Country Meetings lists and lots of literature. These included the blue business cards with our website details and the 24 hour National 1300. The professionals are always amazed we have the phone service and it is manned by volunteers from the fellowship. This is the sort of information most people do not know.

I had one professional worker from a detox centre come up to me and told me they send their clients home on the weekends. Once she heard about the 1300 number she was really excited. She could see what a benefit that could be for her clients, if they wanted to talk with someone. The feedback from the doctors was very positive. Many shared they had an ongoing relationship in their area with AA and knew where the meetings were. In one town a doctor advised that their relationship with AA had been strong for over 20 years.

It was a great experience for many members, to experience service in this forum. They got the opportunity to share their story. Also many members took the made-up PI kits back to their own doctors. This was fantastic. It was worthwhile being there and putting a human face to Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Australian Practice Nurses Association Convention (APNA) was held over two days at The Pullman Hotel in Albert Park. This was a different experience again. One of the Geelong members drove me to the city and was helping me set up. As soon as we approached our booth (which had Alcoholics Anonymous across the top), a lady from the organization which trains nurses in mental health, came across and introduced herself. She said "Boy I wish you guys had been at our national conference last week. It would have been great for you to be there." The member from Geelong and I were blown away. We had not even unpacked. I will be contacting that lady to see how and if we can be of service at their next conference.

Another contact was from the organization which trains practice managers. There is a possibility AA will be able to go in and speak to groups of practice managers at their practice meetings around the country – more on that to follow when the details are ironed out. I have an appointment with the Manager of the organization on Thursday 26th May. Very exciting. Will let you know more.

We had five requests to speak at schools. This is a national conference, so there were a lot of interstate requests. We found out there is a teaching facility opening up at Swan Hill for Health Professionals. Another lead we have to follow to see if we can go and speak there if they want us. We had many requests for Aboriginal Literature. All in all we finished up with four foolscap pages of contacts to be followed up. The interstate contacts will go to Leigh F, National PI Co-Ordinator. I will let you know more once I hear back from the contacts.

Once again thank you for your groups and members who have contributed financially so we can be present at these events. These professionals speak to people with alcohol problems all day every day (according to what they told us). They do not tell anyone they are alcoholic, as we know that has to come from the person themselves. However if they have AA information at least they can pass it on to the sick and suffering alcoholic. We may never know the effect of attending these events but by being there it may just help to bring more people through the doors of AA.

On a personal note it was so exciting to see the enthusiasm of all the members who attended the Expos. Everyone dressed appropriately and all had big smiles on their faces. It was a pleasure to be part of and I do hope you will continue in Service in AA. I am still on a high from these two events. Many friendships have been formed and I got to spend time with members and get to know you all a bit better. Please feel free to call me at any time if you have any questions regarding PI. I am only too pleased to come and give everyone a hand. One again we had many people come up and day they had friends or family members who had problems with alcohol. We have learned to have AA Conference approved brochure "Is there an Alcoholic in your Life?" on hand. Yet another gift that comes out of these expos.

PS as Leigh F and I were walking out the organizer of the convention said, "See you next year guys." The APNA convention is in Hobart. How fabulous is that? The Professionals are grateful we are there. We need not be concerned when we are doing PI in our own communities. The reception we receive is normally very positive.

William Angliss College

2 younger members and myself went along for our 3rd visit to William Angliss College on Friday the 20th May. We spoke to 50 year 11 and 12 students. We showed the young peoples video and then a male and female young member shared their experience strength and hope. In the question time one of the students said it was great they got to see that AA was for younger people too. We left brochures and cards for all students. We also donated an Australian Big Book to their library. Took little big books for the staff and had made up PI packs for their school counsellors. The college always has a debrief after we leave and the organizer said it was very positive. They thanked us once again and said, "See you next year." How wonderful to have this kind of relationship with professional people. This relationship started at the Teenage Expo in Melbourne 3 years ago.

Yours in Service

Rhonda R

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Next PI & CPC Sub-Committee Meeting is being held on:

Sunday 26th June 2016 at 1 - 3PM
Venue: Yarraville Community Centre
59 Francis Street, YARRAVILLE 3013

Area D Registrar Report

Welcome to the new and current GSR's within Area D, your service ensures that your groups are kept informed on AA information and changes, not just within this Area but including Australia and World Services.

There are currently 111 groups with 133 meetings held weekly within our Area, of these groups 42 have a registered GSR. All information supplied by GSR's is confidential-names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. All the registers are currently being streamlined to enable the information to be entered onto one spreadsheet that will then update them all automatically.

When you sign in for each Area Assembly can you check your details are up to date? The Area D registration form is available on the Area D website for download.

In Service

Angela T

Area D Registrar

Estimates of Groups and Members as of January 1, 2016

	Groups	Members
United States	60,698	1,262,542
Canada	5,043	85,530
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Sub-Total	65,741	1,348,072
Correctional facilities	1,450	35,710
Loners, Internationalists,		
Homers	2	66
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Totals	67,193	1,383,848
Outside U.S. & Canada	50,555	705,850
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Grand total	117,748	2,089,698

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Webmaster Report

The Area D web site can be found at www.ared.org.au or ared.org.au

Information is added as it is received - and I encourage all Groups, Districts and individuals to send through information and flyers on any events that they are holding. It will be placed under Announcements along the top menu bar.

I am slowly adding all past Minutes and Reports of Area and Districts in an Archive file which can be accessed by each Committee Member using a password. This is purely an Archive for electronic storage to save having hard copies being passed on to each new office bearer.

If you find an omission or error or have anything you wish to contribute - please let me know on aredwebmaster@gmail.com

The National AA Service Website has been re-built and is far more user friendly. If you have signed up for it in the past 10 years - you will still be able to access it using your username and password.

Yours in Service

Jenny H Area D Webmaster

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DISTRICT NEWS

An AA District is a geographical region within an Area containing a number of AA Groups, the number being dependant 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 a few as 3 or 4 groups. As the number of groups in an Area increases more Districts are formed, each one electing another District Committee Member (DCM). Each District has a DCM on the Area Committee.

Ballarat District

The Ballarat District hosted the March 2016 Area Assembly. The DCM will vote "yes" in support of Area D hosting the Convention Area D to bid for the 2020 National Convention. The suggestion will be made for "Inventory of Service Structure" to be raised as a possible Conference topic

The Ballarat DCM will rotate off at the end of 2016. A vote will be taken at the November District meeting. The current DCM has offered to mentor alternate before rotating off on 1st March 2017

Inaugural Men's Day in Ballarat

The first men's day in Ballarat was held at the Eureka Hall, Stawell St. Ballarat on Saturday 16th April. The day began at 9.30 with the first of 3 guest speakers: Kevin H. sharing on Unity followed by open sharing and morning tea; David E., was next, sharing about Service and then again open sharing, then lunch. After lunch, Sanjay P. resumed the afternoon sharing on Recovery followed by Mark J., with an overall summary on our three legacies. A Big Book was donated to our newcomer Scott, 32 days and a Big Book cover to our raffle winner Jack. The day's attendance was about 50 with members from, Ballarat, Cobram, Melbourne, Lorne, Torquay, Castlemaine and Mt. Martha. A great day, plenty of sharing, caring and plenty of laughter. We were guided by our leaders. We were given facts about our fellowship. They exerted passion authority and grace. We thank them for their service.

On Saturday 17th September the Ballarat Black Tie Fundraising Dinner will be held. Bookings should be made by Thursday 25th August 2016 for catering purposes. Unfortunately no late bookings will be accepted on the night.

Bookings & Enquiries: Mitch – 0459 270 694 & Cath – 0424 188 949

Mitch R.

Ballarat DCM



Celebrating The Language of the Heart

"Sound policy can only be made by rubbing the conservatives and the promoters together. Their discussions, if free from personal ambitions and resentment, can be depended upon to produce the right answers. For us, there is no other way."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., October 1945

"The Book Is Born", The Language of the Heart

Calder District

Daylesford Spiritual Concept Weekend

Once again, the Boomerang Ranch proved an excellent venue to unwind, enjoy some fresh air and fellowship and share together along this spiritual journey.

The change of date to the ANZAC long weekend provided much kinder weather. A variety of AA, Alanon and combined meetings were held inside and in the great outdoors through the weekend providing for wonderful fellowship. In addition to great meetings members had a

choice of horse riding, bush walking, visiting huge permanent markets and local outdoor markets, spas or a visit to the charming township just minutes away.

This is an annual Area D event and a wonderful opportunity to bring your friends, stay the weekend and visit country Victoria. Our Area is fortunate to have this annual event and thanks go to the organisers who do the work on our behalf.

Geelong District

Women's Day in AA

Building on the success of previous Women's Days, the 18th Women's Day in AA will, as always, provide an opportunity for all of us ladies to celebrate the joys of our sobriety together. This annual event in AA is planned for Saturday 6th August from 9am to 5pm. It has been organised by Area D Women's Day in AA Committee to celebrate their recovery! The venue is Centenary Hall 5 Cox Road, Corio.

As well as AA members, Al-Anon Family members are most welcome. Registration including lunch is only \$25 and morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Raffles and a lucky door prize are planned and a literature table with a variety of great titles will be set up.

The day will commence with members sharing on "Daily Reflections". Next women will talk about how they celebrate their sobriety, who they share it with and what sobriety means to them. After lunch Deb will provide a guided meditation session and then there will be a meeting where ladies of a variety of lengths of sobriety will share. After a sobriety count down, the final meeting of the day is "Learning to laugh again".

Groups can help ensure the success of Women's Day by providing sponsorship towards an urn (eg \$50), or donating a raffle prize. There will be plenty of parking and rides from train station if required. Please come and join us in this fantastic celebration full of laughter tears and fellowship!!!!

Enquiries Sue 0417 562 604 or Dawne 0427 969 595



Western Suburbs District

The next Western District Committee meeting will be held on Friday 5th August at 6.00pm at St Andrew's Hall 91 Cecil Street Williamstown. GSRs and members are most welcome. Please contact Contact Con 0487678787

Wyndham District

The next Wyndham District Committee meeting will be held on Friday 5th August at 6.00pm at the Old Shire Offices on the corner of Duncan Road and Watton Street Werribee. GSRs and members are most welcome. Please contact Barb at b.barb1961@gmail.com or phone on 0420707187.

INTERGROUP NEWS

Northwest Intergroup

Is your group looking for a way to carry the AA message to newcomers? Did you know that there is an AA local 24 hour telephone answering service connected to the national A.A. 1300 number established to carry the message to those seeking help with their drinking? The North West Intergroup is made up of local AA groups in the north and west of Melbourne, and relies on volunteer members and AA groups to continue this service work.

We welcome more participation by groups, and members willing to do a shift on the phone. It will be diverted to your mobile - it is a virtual service.



Website: aanorthwestmelb.org.au - under the heading VOLUNTEERING includes a Phone Register Volunteer Form and a Twelfth Step Volunteer Form for individuals or groups wanting to be of service.

Email: intergroupcommittee@gmail.com

Groups and individuals can also contribute to NWIG by:

An Intergroup Service Representative (IGR) attending the quarterly NWIG meetings. The IGR informs their home group about NWIG and the service opportunities that are available, much the same as a GSR does for the Area. Individuals are also welcome to attend.

Financial contributions can be made to cover the cost of the phone rental and calls, also the cost of producing pamphlets.

A.A. groups or individuals wanting to donate financially can:

Direct debit to:

AA North West Intergroup Service

BSB: 063 517

Account: 10207908

Or Cheque to:

The Treasurer

North West Intergroup

PO Box 534

Yarraville Vic. 3013

Bank account details are also on our website or donations can be paid directly into any Commonwealth Bank using the BSB and Account number above. Please identify your name/group name when you send donations and an email to: intergroupcommittee@gmail.com. This will let us know you have contributed and we will send you acknowledgement of receipt and keep you informed of NWIG matters.

NWIG has recently produced a pamphlet that shows who we are, what we do and that help is available for the alcoholic who is still suffering. Pamphlets have already been distributed to various meetings in Area D.

Rita S

Chairperson NWIG COMMITTEE



Victorian Prisons Intergroup

The Victorian Prisons Intergroup (V.P.I.) is continuing to carry Alcoholics Anonymous' (A.A.) message of recovery to inmates within Correctional Facilities throughout Victoria. This is a great opportunity for Service and 12th Step Work. ; There will be a Victorian Prisons Intergroup Meeting on Sunday 31st July at 10:30am at the Sacred Heart Church 9 Newcastle Street, Newport.

The majority of contributions to the V.P.I. are used to purchase A.A. approved literature for alcoholic inmates and distributed in Victorian Correctional Facilities. Any Individual Member, Group, District or Area wanting to make a contribution to the V.P.I. can do so by any of the following methods:

The Intergroup's Bank account details:

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

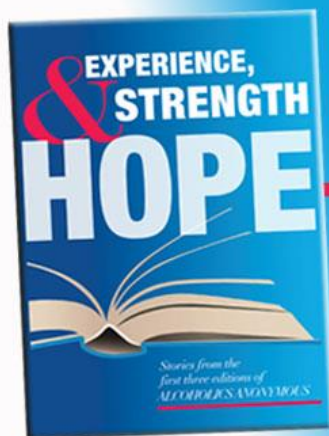
The Payee name for cheques sent to the Intergroup:
'Victorian Prisons Intergroup'

*If a receipt is required, please provide the necessary details with the contribution.

The Intergroup's Postal address is:
Victorian Prisons Intergroup
PO Box 632
Werribee Vic 3030

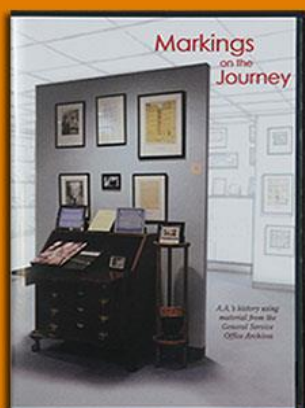
Email: victorianprisonsintergroup@hotmail.com
Contact: 0425 055 269

What's new in literature??



Stories from the first three editions of **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

This collection of stories gives back to the A.A. Fellowship the experience of 56 members whose stories are no longer available in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. There have been three revisions of the Big Book's story section, and each time, as new stories were added to reflect A.A.'s changing membership, others had to be dropped to make room for them.



Newly released! Revised and updated

Markings on the Journey DVD

Approved by the 2014 General Service Conference, this DVD presents rare images from the G.S.O. Archives to tell the history of Alcoholics Anonymous from its founding and pioneer days, through its growth in the U.S. and Canada and around the world. English, Spanish and French on one DVD.

Member's Eye View – Service STORIES

Area Treasurer

I am Michael and I'm an alcoholic.

I was lonely and miserable. I was unable to find a way to be useful in the world around me. I didn't have the skills to do this and thought that the world, and everyone in it, was working to make my life miserable. Self-centered to the core.

Being drunk made this almost bearable. Drinking was never my problem, I thought. At the age of 41 I had a moment of clarity and made a

decision to stop drinking. I had tried moderating and changing my drinking but I always ended my day drinking by myself in my garage whilst my family went husband/fatherless inside the house. I had no friends, my children were confused by their dad's behaviour, my wife had given up and I was a lone wolf at work.

AA has introduced me to a power a greater than myself that has enabled me to be of service to others and to participate in my own life. I feel like I belong in this

fellowship. As my life has changed and the demands on my time have increased, I have found that the healthiest way for me to stay connected to the fellowship is by putting my hand up for service jobs. Initially in my group and now on Area committee. Service has kept me here when my head would have me believe that I'm too busy. It is the action that shows that I'm a grateful alcoholic.

Thanks to the fellowship for the opportunity ☺

Michael P

AA in the Outback - Back to the Bush Lightning Ridge Rally

Many AA members in rural and outback Australia may be unable to share in fellowship as easily as their city emotional relatives can. Strong bonds of sobriety gained by a ready supply of experience, strength, and hope gained by exposure to many AA members can be taken for granted by people able to pick and choose their meetings in the city. A yearly pilgrimage to a country weekend or attendance of a rally can be a lifeline to sobriety for members living remotely. Meetings in the outback are sparse as best and often have a limited membership. A city as large as Broken Hill only has one meeting! Visitors from the city are warmly received by country members and provide extra face to face contact that is essential to a healthy sobriety.

The venue of the Lightning Ridge Rally was truly amazing. Three blazing campfires kept us cosy through the weekend at Lorne Station and a black sky lit by beautiful stars was the back drop for the night's meetings. Laughter, good food and absolutely breathtaking scenery was enjoyed by the several hundred members who came to 'the ridge' from all over Australia to share in this uniquely Aussie event. This strikingly imaginative outback mining town (one of the world's few sources of valuable black opals) has real frontier spirit, and is home to eccentric artisans, true-blue bushies and a generally unconventional collective (and some wonderful AA characters!) . It was an absolutely entertaining place to spend a few days and should be 'a must do' experience on your bucket list of AA weekends to attend!

Chris H



Area Events

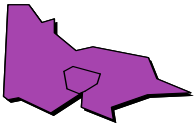
Friday July 8th 7.30am	Working With Others Steps Discussion Meeting Topic: "where have we seen that religious people were right?" St Johns Anglican Church 1 Burgundy St, Heidelberg (Near cnr Rosanna Road)
Friday to Sunday July 22nd to 24th	Top End Bill W Camp Douglas Daly Tourist Park Hayes Creek NT 0822 Contacts: Mark P 0400 255 019, Victoria M 0435 861 427
Friday to Sunday July 29th to 31st	AusYPAA 2016 - Beenleigh Qld Beenleigh Events Centre Kent Street & Crete Street, Beenleigh QLD (map) Theme - 'Relax and take it easy' Friday Free Saturday \$15 Sunday \$10 Whole Weekend \$20 Saturday Dinner \$30 Dance Included in Saturday Registration Email: info@ausypaa2016.org
Sunday July 31st 10:30am	Victorian Prisons Intergroup Meeting Opportunity for Service and 12th Step Work Sacred Heart Church 9 Newcastle Street, Newport Contact: 0425 055 269
Monday August 1st 7:30pm	Illustrated Steps Presentation – Step 4 Wayaperri House - Werribee Community & Education Centre 106 Duncans Road, Werribee Followed by supper Contact: Eddie 0409918443
Friday August 5th 6:00pm	Wyndham District Meeting The Old Shire Offices Cnr Duncan Road & Watton Street, Werribee Contact Barb 0420707187
Friday August 5th 9:00pm	Working With Others Group - Illustrated Step Four Presentation St Johns Anglican Church 1 Burgundy St, Heidelberg (Near cnr Rosanna Road) Between the 7:30pm and 10:00pm meetings
Saturday August 6th 9:00am-5:00pm	Women's Day in AA 2016 Al-Anon family members welcome Centenary Hall 1-15 Cox Road (on corner of Melbourne Road), Norlane (map) \$25 (incl lunch & refreshments) Regn 8.45am, first mtg 9.15am Sue T 0417 562 604
Sunday August 7th Eating 5:00pm Meeting 6:00pm	Laverton Primary Purpose Eating Meeting Community & Education Centre 12 Crown St, Laverton Danny R 0432 353 449
Tuesday August 9th	Western District Meeting St Andrew's Hall 91 Cecil Street Williamstown Contact Con 0487678787
Friday August 12th 7.30pm	Working With Others Rapid Fire Topic Meeting St Johns Anglican Church 1 Burgundy St, Heidelberg (Near cnr Rosanna Road) Michael 0415 485 591
SUNDAY September 11th Workshop: 11 am Assembly: 1.00 pm	Area D Assembly VENUE: Geelong Venue - to be announced
Saturday to Sunday September 17th to 18th	Albury Wodonga Combined AA & Alanon Anniversary CWA Hall 561 Kiewa Street, Albury Saturday Night Dance Party "The Ethanol Brothers" Dance \$5.00 Entry & Sunday Lunch \$5.00 rocket.63@bigpond.com Elaine 0427218171- Melinda 0421974780 - Craig 0417183430

AREA ASSEMBLIES FOR 2016

11 September 2016 Geelong venue (tbc)

4 Dec 2016 Melbourne Metropolitan

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. (As of December 2012, Kyneton has elected to join Area B.)

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