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# D-Liberation

## Note from the editor

Welcome to the April edition of the Area D Newsletter. Since writing the last D-Liberation I was lucky enough to attend AA meetings in Buenos Aires and Lima in South America. How privileged are we to be able to spend time with our emotional relatives when we are on the other side of the world? I then visited Antarctica, a land of breathtaking beauty, where the presence of a higher power was so evident!

The Area Secretary, D-Liberation Newsletter Editor position and the PI&CPC Coordinator will again be up for election at the June Area Assembly. Please consider taking on one of these positions. It is a great way to give back to AA and to strengthen your sobriety!

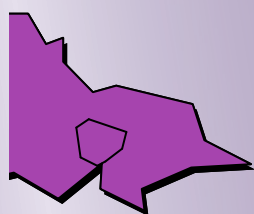
The deadline for any articles/ reports for the next edition is 1<sup>st</sup> June. Subscribe or get in touch with the editor at [areadnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:areadnewsletter@gmail.com).

### AREA D POSITIONS ON THE AREA COMMITTEE

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Rita (Steps in Seddon)</b>
<b>Temporary Secretary</b>	<b>Sue K</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Michael P (Heidelberg Working With Others)</b>
<b>Registrar</b>	<b>Sue K</b>
<b>Area Webmaster</b>	<b>Jenny H (Williamstown)</b>
<b>Temp. Editor, Area Newsletter</b>	<b>Chris H (Moonee Ponds Road To Recovery)</b>
<b>Area Delegate</b>	<b>Peter O'D (Carlton Tuesday)</b>
<b>Alternate Area Delegate</b>	<b>Anil (Moonee Ponds Book Study)</b>
<b>Area PI Coordinator</b>	<b>Vacant</b>

Area Position	Email Address
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<b>Secretary</b>	<a href="mailto:theareadsecretary@gmail.com">theareadsecretary@gmail.com</a>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<a href="mailto:areadtreasurer@gmail.com">areadtreasurer@gmail.com</a>
<b>Delegate</b>	<a href="mailto:areaddelegate@gmail.com">areaddelegate@gmail.com</a>
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"We represent no particular faith or denomination. We are dealing only with general principles common to most denominations" "Alcoholics Anonymous", p93



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## Job Descriptions of Vacant Area Committee Positions

These three positions will be up for election at the Area D Assembly in June 2017. If you would like to know exactly what each position entails do not hesitate to email the addresses above and Chris H, Sue K and Rhonda R will contact you immediately and talk you through it. As with all positions in AA you will get plenty of help in the beginning to get you started before you develop the confidence to bring your unique qualities to the job. The wonderful thing about the Area D Committee is that there is so much sobriety and experience to help on your service journey.

### *AREA D - D-LIBERATION EDITOR Description (Two Year Term)*

*The Area D-Liberation Editor:*

- *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;*
- *has access to a computer with basic publishing software, Internet and email facilities (preferably not an employer's) and a working printer*
- *is responsible for the publication in accordance with the guidelines approved by the Area Assembly;*
- *gets sign-off on the final copy of the D-Liberation newsletter 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*

*Initially for 2017 only, to represent Area D as the Area Editor on the Interim Editorial Committee for the quarterly National e-magazine approved by Conference and the General Service Board. This will involve seeking articles from Area members, and assisting with submitting and editing of them. The committee will meet via Email or Teleconference/Skype. The ongoing viability of this magazine will be reviewed by 2017 Conference. (Please see document entitled "Feasibility Study for a National AA Australia e-Magazine")*

### *AREA D - PUBLIC INFORMATION & CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATOR Job Description (Two year Term)*

*The PI & CPC Coordinator:*

- *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;*
- *has access to a computer with the Internet and email facilities (preferably not an employer's) and a working printer;*
- *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.*

*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;*
- *has access to a computer with the Internet and email facilities and a printer (preferably not an employer's);*
- *arranges and advises of Quarterly Area Assembly Meetings and Area Committee Meetings;*
- *records agreed decisions and other business (minutes);*
- *reports back on actions taken and any known outcomes;*
- *emails or mails out and keeps copies of both electronic and hard copies of Area Correspondence as appropriate;*
- *works with the Area Registrar to maintain confidential email and mailing lists of all participating groups and their GSRs;*
- *works closely with the Area Committee and Groups to ensure the smooth running of Area business and the distribution of information.*

# The Area Delegate Report to the Area assembly

Since the last Area Assembly on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016 I have been engaged in the following:

## CARRYING THE AA MESSAGE

- Active involvement with my Home Group
- Active involvement with and roster co-ordination for the meetings program at Port Phillip Prison

## AREA LEVEL ACTIVITIES

- Attendance at Calder District meeting 16<sup>th</sup> February
- Participation in the Area Committee Meeting at Bacchus Marsh on 5<sup>th</sup> February
- Communication with individual members who have sought my input on issues concerning them or their groups

## GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Members will be aware that a sub-committee was established by 2015 General Service Conference tasked with bringing to the 2016 Conference a Draft Plan on how an Inventory of the General Service Structure may be undertaken. The decision of 2016 Conference in relation to the proposed Plan is detailed below:

### Advisory Action #058/2016

Conference resolved that the Plan (for an Inventory of the Australian Service Structure) submitted by the Structure Review Committee be updated by the Structure Review Committee and circulated as a 2017 Conference Topic by the Conference Agenda Committee as soon as possible following Conference to give the members and groups adequate time to discuss and provide feedback to their delegates.

The documentation, encompassing the Proposed Plan (for an Inventory of the Australian General Service Structure) and Supporting Information on the General Service Structure in other countries, is available for download from the Area D Website ([www.aread.org.au](http://www.aread.org.au)) under the General Service Conference tab. It is also available for download from the AA Service Website ([www.aaservice.org.au](http://www.aaservice.org.au))

As indicated at the December 2016 Assembly, I am planning a series of Workshops for Area Members to discuss the Proposed Plan and provide me with feedback. I will provide more detail on this to the Area Assembly on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

The Plan will be considered and a decision taken by the 2017 Conference. Members will devote a half-day discussion session to realistically consider the Proposal and any feedback from members probably on the first morning of Conference 2017.

## The Conference Process

I will facilitate the Assembly Workshop on 5<sup>th</sup> March (11.00am-12.00noon) which will cover the following:

*"The significance and function of the General Service Conference;*

*How to prepare and submit a Topic. What happens once the Topic is submitted?"*

The organisational structure of the General Service Conference is such that it operates in two basic ways:

1. Through individual Conference Committees, which make recommendations to the full Conference; and
2. Through full Conference Sessions

In relation to Conference Committees, my membership of these for the next 12 months is as follows:

- (a) Member and Chairperson of the Conference Policies and Admissions Committee
- (b) Member and Alternate Chairperson of the Conference Correctional Facilities Committee
- (c) Member of the Conference Trustees Committee

I also continue to be a member of the Structure Review Sub-Committee

## Some Dates for 2017

The 2017 General Service Conference will be held in Sydney from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> November

The deadline date for submission of Topics is 4.00pm Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

The Conference Agenda Committee will meet via teleconference on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June and again on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August, this second meeting to allocate topics to Conference. As a result I would anticipate the allocated topics will be provided to Conference Delegates in the week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August for subsequent distribution to members.

I look forward to catching up with everyone at our Workshop and Assembly on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Yours in Service and Fellowship,

*Peter O'D*

Area D delegate



## AN INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS IN AREA SOUTHERN REGION

### Review of the AA Australia General Service Structure

#### Where did this come from?

In 2015 The General Service Conference of AA Australia considered a Topic to undertake a review of the Australian General Service Structure. It formed a Committee to look at how this review might be done. In 2016 this Committee put forward a Proposed Plan and Conference decided to ask Members around Australia to provide feedback on The Plan before it makes a decision on it at 2017 Conference.

#### How can you contribute?

Several targeted Workshops for Members in Area D have been arranged with a view to maximizing opportunities for Members to have input. All Workshops will be identical - so you only need to attend one - and run from 1.00pm-4.00pm with a break for Afternoon Tea. Please make your own lunch arrangements for the day. These events will be advertised via the websites of Area D ([www.ared.org.au](http://www.ared.org.au)) AA Times ([www.aatimes.org.au](http://www.aatimes.org.au)). Hopefully they will also be included on the websites of AA Victoria and Prahran 12th Step Office

Date	Target Audience, but any Members may attend
Saturday 29 April	Members and Groups in the Western & North Western Suburbs of Melbourne and City of Wyndham
1.00pm – 4.00pm	Venue: Yarraville Community Centre, 59 Francis Street, Yarraville
Saturday 27 May	Members and Groups in Ballarat and Surrounding Localities
1.00pm – 4.00pm	Venue: Eastwood Leisure Centre, 20 Eastwood Street, Ballarat
Saturday 17 June	Members and Groups in the Northern Suburbs of Melbourne
1.00pm – 4.00pm	Venue to be advised.

A Workshop for Geelong, Bellarine Peninsula and Surf Coast was held on 1 April.

What are you invited to do?

Download a copy of the Plan from the Area D Website

([www.ared.org.au](http://www.ared.org.au), under the General Service Conference tab)

Read it and discuss it with your Group members

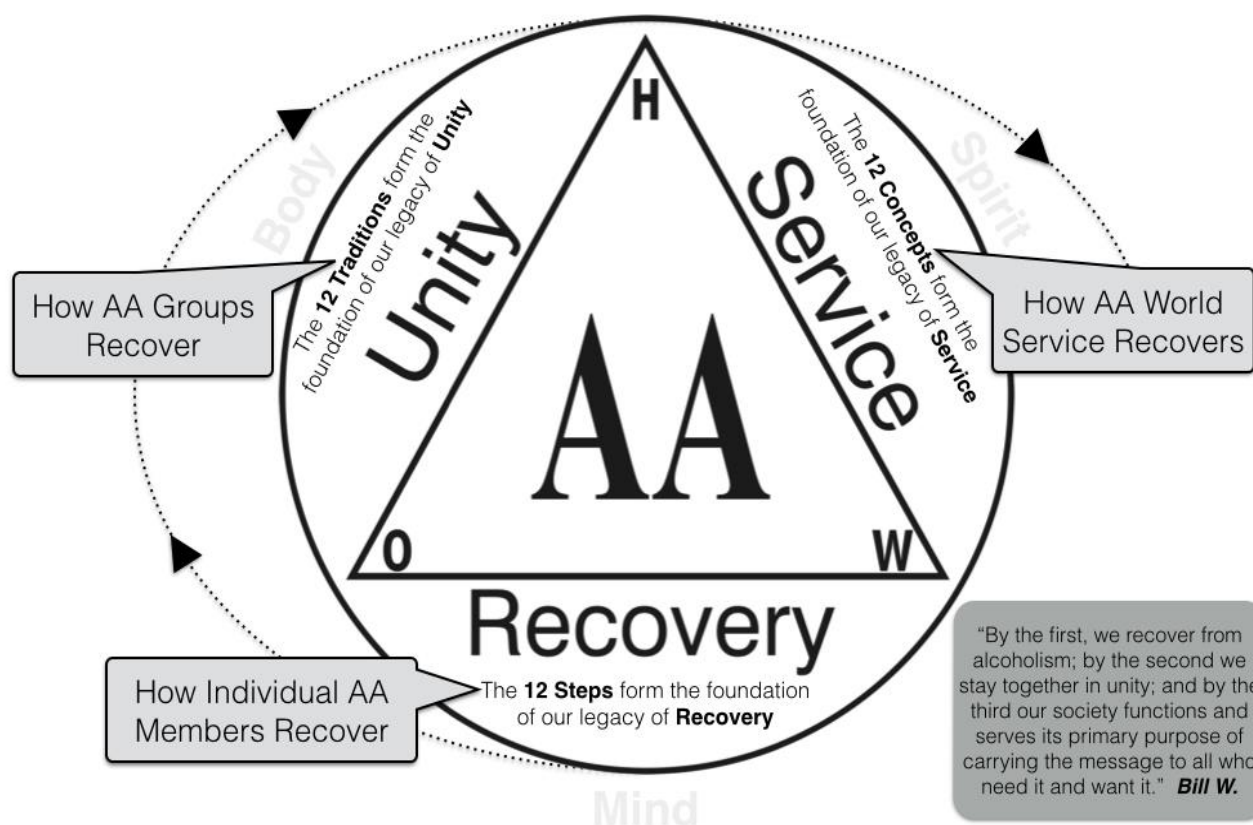
Bring a copy to the Workshop and contribute your ideas.

Want more details?

Peter O'D, Area D Delegate Mob: 0408 438 568 Email: [areaddelegate@gmail.com](mailto:areaddelegate@gmail.com)

For a diagram of the current Australian General Service Structure see Section 1, page 23 of The Australian AA Service Manual. The Service Manual may be accessed at [www.aaservice.org.au](http://www.aaservice.org.au) under the Downloads tab.

# Alcoholics Anonymous' Three Legacies



## Treasurer's Report

This is the report for the period 19.11.2016 to 14.02.2017.

The Area received donations from the groups of \$526.68.

There were 8 group literature orders for the quarter and the Area made a profit of just under \$700. We are waiting on invoices from GSO for the 2 most recent orders which should total around \$500.

Groups have not received the best service with regards to their orders and I will endeavour to follow up on orders more consistently to ensure shorter lead times. My apologies in particular to the Steps in Seddon Group who seemed to bear the brunt of the delays.

There are no outstanding invoices and the only expected expense is the next Conference levy payment of \$700 which will be due in May 2017.

GSO has not sent the invoice for \$700 for February's Conference Levy payment.

The prudent reserve has been increased to \$1400 from \$1300 as discussed at last Area Assembly. This is to cover 2 x Conference Levy payments.

Allowing for the prudent reserve of \$1400, the Area has available funds of \$3679.53

The Area is also holding \$2085.74 for the PISC. Only one donation of \$100 was received for the PISC in the last quarter.

I am always available to answer any questions you have regarding the Area D finances.

Yours in service,

*Michael P*



## Webmasters Report

For any and all information regarding Area D Assemblies, Area D Committee Meetings and Area D events – you can check the area D Website on:

<http://aread.org.au/>

You can register your Group & GSR either on line on the right hand side of the Main Page or download the GSR Registration form and fill in and post to "Area D, P.O. Box 535, YARRAVILLE, VIC 3030. Forms are also available at each Area D Assembly on the Registration table.

If you or your group has a Topic they wish to submit to the General Conference for consideration - the 2017 Topics Form is available for download under the top tab "General Service Conference".

Information about the Area D Fun Run and the Area D Daylesford Weekend are under the Announcements tab – the flyers for each are downloadable and printable.

If your Area D Group or District has any event they to advertise – send information and Flyer to:

[areadwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:areadwebmaster@gmail.com)

Information about each District and their activities and meetings are under the Districts tab on the Main Menu Bar.

The latest Area D D-Liberation Newsletter is available for downloading from the Main Page side-bar. There is also a D-Liberation Archive containing all editions along the top Main Menu Bar.

Please take advantage of your Area D Website by advising me either by phone (0412 248 252) or by email on [areadwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:areadwebmaster@gmail.com)

Yours in service,

*Jenny H*

Area D Webmaster



*"Service, gladly rendered, obligations squarely met, troubles well accepted or solved with God's help, the knowledge that at home or in the world outside we are partners in a common effort, the well-understood fact that in God's sight all human beings are important, the proof that love freely given surely brings a full return, the certainty that we are no longer isolated and alone in self-constructed prisons, the surety that we need no longer be square pegs in round holes but can fit and belong in God's scheme of things -- these are the permanent and legitimate satisfactions of right living for which no amount of pomp and circumstance, no heap of material possessions, could possibly be substitutes."*

*12&12 Step Twelve, p124*

## DISTRICT NEWS

An AA District is a geographical region 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 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

#### 1. District Meeting

The Ballarat District had a committee meeting 5 February 2017, tabled at the meeting were the reports from all the GSR's present which indicated that all the meetings are being well attended and 95% of the meetings have functioning Group Consciences. It was noted that a majority of the members are female in the District. A new DCM was voted on and Mary Ann S appointed, the CPC and PI role is a position vacant.

#### 2. AA with Al-Anon Participation 66 Year Anniversary 10-11 February 2017

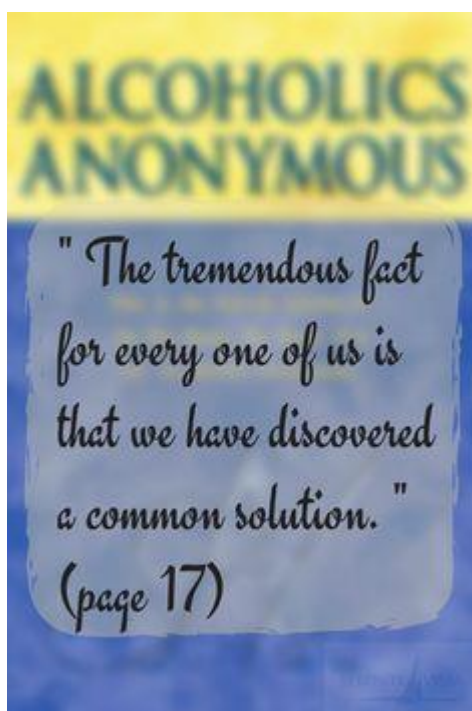
The Anniversary was well attended with over 100 attendees with a great variety of speakers. Lunch, and breakfast were provided by AA which was self-supporting. Al-Anon provided morning and afternoon tea. A great effort by all involved.

*Mary-Ann S*

Ballarat DCM.

### Calder District

The Moonee Ponds Big Book Essendon Group celebrated their 8th anniversary on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at the Essendon Community Baptist Church 138 Buckley Street, Essendon. Everyone shared a delicious supper at the conclusion of the meeting. After the end of the current series there will be an "Illustrated Steps Presentation" conducted by Chris and Dave on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. The next new series will commence on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.



## Geelong District

The district meeting was well attended. Mick C the southern regional trustee visited the district that night. Groups are actively involved in 12th step work in a variety of ways within the district and their home groups. Groups support the district financially and our funds are healthy.

Julie B from Torquay Surf coast Recovery was voted in as the new DCM for the district.

The position of Telephone coordinator was filled by Ange from Torquay Surf coast Recovery group.

The position of Hospitals and Institutions coordinator was filled by Bryce from Belmont Thursday night group.

The position of secretary is still vacant.

The Geelong Anniversary was held on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and was well attended with around 120 people. The feedback has been very positive. There was Al-Anon participation on the day and they provided morning tea which was appreciated.

Yours in service,

*Julie B*

DCM Geelong district

## INTERGROUP NEWS

### NORTHWEST INTERGROUP

#### What is the NW Intergroup?

The NW Intergroup is a telephone answering service which is linked to the National AA 1300 22 22 24 hour Help Line. It is often the very first contact a sick and suffering alcoholic has with AA. It is made up of groups and individuals from within AA and covers the northern and western suburbs of Metropolitan Melbourne - extending out to as far as Kyneton in the NW and Werribee in the south west. The boundary is arbitrary and if another Help Line service is unable or unavailable to answer a call from the eastern side - the call can be re-directed through to us.

The group relies on Volunteers to both man the phones on shifts throughout the 24 hour period.

8 AM - 12 Noon, 12 Noon - 6 PM, 6 PM - 10 PM and 10 PM - 8 AM.



There are four ways in which an individual can be of service through the NW Intergroup

- 1) Elect to take a shift or shifts on the Phone Roster
- 2) Be placed on the 12<sup>th</sup> Step List for your location - the phone volunteer will ring if the person who as phoned in wants to talk further or needs assistance to get to a meeting. And,
- 3) Become a Phone Diverter - taking the phone for a period of a month to switch the NW Intergroup Diverter phone through to the person who is listed on the roster.
- 4) Represent your group at the quarterly meetings - last Saturday of February, May, August, & November at 10 AM at The Sacred Heart Church Meeting Room, 9 Newcastle Street, Newport.

#### How are we funded?

Groups within the catchment area contribute on a regular basis as do some individuals.

#### What is the cost?

The running costs include a monthly Telstra Phone Plan; replacement of the Diverter phone as required; Maintenance of our website (see <http://aanorthwestmelb.org.au/>) where you can find forms for registering either as a phone volunteer or as a 12<sup>th</sup> Stepper; and brochures - which you will find on the registration table - please take some back to your groups or for yourselves.

The NW Intergroup does not have a physical location (no costly office etc.) merely a Diverter phone.

We have an annual Workshop / Training Day for both phone & 12<sup>th</sup> Step Volunteers - all are welcome - to be part of this exciting service we ask that volunteers have 18 months of continuous sobriety.

Currently we have vacancies on our NW Intergroup Committee for the positions of Chairperson and Treasurer.

Yours in Service,

*Jenny H*

NW Intergroup phone Diverter & Volunteer



# Melbourne AA Steps Weekend Friday 19th, Saturday 20th, Sunday 21st May 2017



Banyule Theatre 10 Buckingham Drive, Heidelberg

Hosted by the Working With Others AA Group

Phone: (03) 9028 2212 | Web: [stepsweekend.aaevents.org.au](http://stepsweekend.aaevents.org.au)

The Melbourne AA Steps Weekend is on again from Friday the 19th to Sunday 21st May 2017.

Over 2 and half days, twenty six invited speakers will share their experience of the Alcoholics Anonymous Twelve Step program. Each of the nine session ends with a Q&A period where the guest speakers can answer your queries about the steps.

The \$20 registration ticket includes tea and coffee all weekend as well as lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

Lunch is a sumptuous catered two course meal. Vegetarian and gluten free options available.

Tickets are available for purchase before the event from Working With Others AA Group members or online.

**Tickets and information available on-line: [stepsweekend.aaevents.org.au](http://stepsweekend.aaevents.org.au)**

## *The brown paper bag appeal - Step 12 in Action!*

*Donating your group's collection during "Founders Day"  
Week - June 10<sup>th</sup> -will help in spreading the message!*

The Brown Paper Bag refers to the idea that was raised a few years ago to support the raising of funds to contribute to the translating of our literature into various languages around the world. The International Literature Fund plays a very important role in providing this service to alcoholics. There have been more than 35 million copies of the Big Book sold all over the world.

The process of translating literature goes through an "expressed need," communicated to the GSO NY. Then it goes back to the country and they set up a committee to look at this need. This whole process can be from months for pamphlets to years for a Big Book. It is a slow process but essential as Bill W. was adamant that any translation be accurate in the meaning and intent of the original. There are 69 translations of the Big Book. 17 new translations are pending. A.A.W.S prints the Big Book in 33 languages and 37 are printed by local service structures. A.A.W.S has published literature across 298 publications in a total of 90 languages.

In 1995, the Australian General Service Conference passed an advisory action that all AA Groups in Australia be asked to contribute any surplus from one meeting a year during Founders day Week ( June 10<sup>th</sup>) to be forwarded to General Service Office for the International Literature Fund.

After some time had passed it was resolved in 2003 that 75% of the ILF collection be made available to assist countries in the Asia/Oceania Zone with their literature and PI&CPC activities in the Asia/Oceania Zone and the remaining 25% be forwarded to New York General Service Office as Australia's contribution to the International Literature Fund.

These Brown Paper Bag contributions play a very important role in this process. They also help link the Fellowship of A A in Australia to the rest of the world. The upcoming AOSM being held in Mongolia is a valuable tool in spreading the message to alcoholics in our Zone.



## Service and Gratitude in Action

Hi I am Karen O'S,  
I'm a volunteer on the phone  
roster for the North West  
Intergroup. I have been  
doing this service for over a  
year now and have been  
able to share my  
experiences strength and  
hope.

The gratitude and joy in my  
journey of recovery has  
grown through the years and  
is a great gift to be able  
share and pass it on to

others. It is the promise of  
hope for a wonderful new  
way of life - a life I never  
dreamed possible.

I have a new manager in my  
life and that is God and God  
has certainly done for me  
what I could never do for  
myself.

I have a great sense of  
purpose in my life today to  
carry the message to all who  
suffer from and are affected

by alcoholism.

I can never repay what has  
been given to me through  
the Grace of God and the  
Program of Alcoholics  
Anonymous.

Very grateful to be on the  
amazing Journey of  
Recovery with you.

*Karen O'S*



### New Group –

*The Gisborne Steps and Traditions Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets in Gisborne on  
Thursdays at 7:00pm  
Behind St Marks Anglican Church  
36 Fisher St Gisborne  
Gisborne Steps and Traditions Group*

### Group Venue Change

*Ballarat City Saturday Group  
1:00pm  
Eastwood Leisure Complex  
20 Eastwood Street Ballarat*

## Area Events

<b>Wednesday</b> <b>April 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Diamond Reflections Meeting   Topic: Brothers in Our Defects</b> Force Netball Association Clubrooms Diamond Street, Diamond Creek Chris L on 0414 948 345
<b>Friday</b> <b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Beginners Steps Discussion Meeting</b> Topic: What are some personal examples of having no defense against the first drink? St Johns Anglican Church 1 Burgundy St, Heidelberg Group Contact Number: (03) 9028 2212

<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Area D Daylesford Spiritual Concept Weekend</b> - With Al-anon participation Boomerang Ranch Road off Tipperary Road, Daylesford Located in the Spa Centre of Victoria, only 2km from the main centre of Daylesford surrounded by picturesque Hepburn Regional Park. Most meetings will be held at the Ranch but some will be outdoors. Members to organise their own accommodation and meals. BYO picnic/BBQ and seating for the Sunday morning open air meeting at Jubilee Lake  theareadsecretary@gmail.com Rita 0405 310 096, Sue 0413 576 541
<b>Friday April 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00pm</b>	<b>The Late Meeting</b> St Johns Anglican Church 1 Burgundy St, Heidelberg (Near corner Rosanna Road) Contact (03) 9028 2212
<b>Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm</b>	<b>Review of Australian General Service Structure</b> Western & Nth Western Suburbs Groups Yarraville Community Centre (Room 2) 59 Francis Street, Yarraville areaddelegate@gmail.com Peter 0408 438 568
<b>Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm</b>	<b>2017 Geelong Convention Committee - First Meeting</b> Khan Curry Hut 103 Ryrie St Geelong Calling on AA members for 2017 committee. Great opportunity for rewarding service. Contact: Dave 0484 637 996
<b>Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm</b>	<b>Geelong Friday Group 42nd Anniversary</b> with Al-Anon Participation Uniting Church Hall 31 Noble Street, Newtown, Geelong
<b>Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30am</b>	<b>Roxburgh Park AA Daily Reflections 7th Anniversary</b> Homestead Community & Learning Centre 30 Wiltshire Drive, Roxburgh Park Meeting @ 9.30-10.30am followed by BBQ Breakfast
<b>Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm</b>	<b>Moonee Ponds Big Book Essendon Group's Illustrated Steps Presentation</b> Essendon Community Baptist Church 138 Buckley Street, Essendon
<b>Friday to Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Melbourne AA Steps Weekend 2017</b> Banyule Theatre 10 Buckingham Drive, Heidelberg Presented by the Working With Others AA Group Over 2 and half days, twenty six invited speakers will share their experience of the Alcoholics Anonymous Twelve Step program. Ticket now available for purchase on-line. \$20 includes tea and coffee all weekend as well sumptuous lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Info: (03) 9028 2212
<b>Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm</b>	<b>Moonee Ponds Big Book Essendon Group's New Series Commencing</b> Essendon Community Baptist Church 138 Buckley Street, Essendon
<b>Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> 10.00am</b>	<b>North West Intergroup (Helpline) Quarterly meeting</b> Meeting of Committee and AA Group Representatives Meeting room (next to Presbytery) 9 Newcastle St Newport, Newport intergroupcommittee@gmail.com Frank O'L 0415144916
<b>Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm</b>	<b>Area D Assembly</b> <b>Yarraville Venue TBA</b>
<b>Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm</b>	<b>Spotswood 47th Anniversary</b> St Margaret Mary's School 181 Hudsons Road, Spotswood Spotswood Group



<b>Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm</b>	<b>Illustrated Steps Presentation - Steps 2&amp;3</b> Wayaperri House - Werribee Community & Education Centre 106 Duncans Road, Werribee Followed by supper Contact: Eddie 0409918443
<b>Friday to Monday July 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2017 Alcoholics Anonymous National Convention - Cairns</b> Pullman Cairns International 17 Abbott Street, Cairns City Email for more information secretary@aanatcon2017.com.au

## Area D Daylesford Spiritual Concept Weekend with Al-Anon participation

21-23 April 2017 (ANZAC WEEKEND)

Boomerang Ranch

Daylesford, Victoria

Book your accommodation directly with the venue

Boomerang Ranch

Ranch Rd (Off Tipperary Rd)

Daylesford VIC 3460

03 5348 2525

[www.boomerangranch.com.au](http://www.boomerangranch.com.au)

Bed & Breakfast \$50 per adult per night \$35 per child per night

Accommodation only (no meals) \$35 p/p p/night

Meals Lunch \$10 p/p Dinner \$15p/p available onsite but must be booked in advance with venue.

Horse riding, bush walking, huge permanent markets, spas,

charming township just minutes away

This is an annual Area D event, bring your friends, stay the weekend, visit country Victoria, share your spiritual concepts and enjoy some fresh air and fellowship.

Meeting Schedule

AA – at the Ranch

8pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

AA – outdoor Tipperary Springs

2pm Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April (BYO seating)

Al-Anon – at the Ranch

2pm Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

AA with Al-Anon participation – Ranch

7pm Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

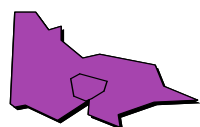
AA – Outdoor

10am Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Contact: Rita 0405 310 096 Sue 0413 576 541



### 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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