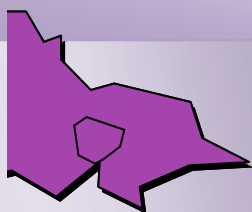


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## Note from the editor

Welcome to the October 2017 edition of the Area D Newsletter. I'm the new editor for this quarterly newsletter – well, it will be quarterly once I get into a rhythm (it's practice not perfection, right?). My last service position was in organising and supporting the roster at the DAS West Detox on Monday nights. Dropping into to the detox fairly regularly gave me lots of opportunity to feel empathy for the residents; it also reminded me to not to get to complacent. I'm only a drink away from needing detox, myself.

Thanks to Chris H, Pam F and Rita S for their support for me to get the required knowledge to take on this service.

We note in this editon of the newsletter the passing of a strong member, Leigh F, whose story moved many women and men at meetings. Leigh's service as Public Information Officer was energetic as well as informative.

Deadline for articles for the December Newsletter is **30<sup>th</sup> November**. Email: [arednewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:arednewsletter@gmail.com)

### AREA D POSITIONS ON THE AREA COMMITTEE. ASTERISKED POSITONS ARE UP FOR NOMINATION IN DECEMBER 2017

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Rita S (Steps in Seddon Group)</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Leeanne Initial? (Steps in Seddon)</b>
<b>Treasurer &amp; Literature Officer*</b>	<b>Michael P (Heidelberg Working With Other</b>
<b>Registrar</b>	<b>Sue K</b>
<b>Public Information Coordinator</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Area Webmaster*</b>	<b>Jenny H (Williamstown)</b>
<b>Editor, Area Newsletter</b>	<b>Lindee C (Steps in Seddon Group)</b>
<b>Area Delegate*</b>	<b>Peter O'D (Carlton Tuesday)</b>
<b>Alternate Area Delegate*</b>	<b>Anil (Moonee Ponds Big Book Study)</b>

**ELECTION AREA D ASSEMBLY FOR 2017** 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2017

*"...I try to achieve a state of joyful gratitude-  
Language of the Heart p 271*

## Area D Committee Contact Emails:

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Treasurer	<a href="mailto:areadtreasurer@gmail.com">areadtreasurer@gmail.com</a>
Delegate	<a href="mailto:areaddelegate@gmail.com">areaddelegate@gmail.com</a>
Literature	<a href="mailto:areadliterature@gmail.com">areadliterature@gmail.com</a>
Registrar	<a href="mailto:areadregistrar@gmail.com">areadregistrar@gmail.com</a>
Public Information	<a href="mailto:piaread@gmail.com">piaread@gmail.com</a>
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## Area D Committee – Descriptions of Vacant Positions

### WEBMASTER Job Description (Two Year Term)

The Webmaster:

- 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);
- update Area D website after each committee meeting and Area Assembly and as required with dates of both;
- update District meeting dates and events on an ongoing basis;
- ensures that the on line GSR Registration form is in working order;
- maintains website and ensures the smooth running of it with all information;
- liaise with all parties to ensure website information is correct;
- desirable (but not mandatory) to have some working knowledge of web design, updating and WORDPRESS.

### ***THE TREASURER / LITERATURE OFFICER Job Description (2 year term)***

The treasurer & literature officer:

- 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);
- is a responsible person who can keep good records and handle money with integrity;
- has a background, which includes bookkeeping or an understanding of sound accounting practices;
- gives a full report of the financial situation of the Area at each Area Assembly;
- may be responsible in assisting to raise funds for the support of Area and of National Office in a firm diplomatic way;
- passes on all records, bank account names and numbers and any other essential information when he or she rotates off;
- ensures literature orders are sent to the GSO in a timely manner, and that orders are received by groups within a 10 day period;
- pays Literature Invoices in a timely and prompt manner to the GSO

### ***PUBLIC INFORMATION & COMMUNITY PROFESSIONAL CO-ORDINATOR (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;
- reports to the Area D Committee for prior approval of PI fund raising activities the Sub-Committee wishes to undertake;
- reports to the Area D Committee for prior approval and endorsement of PI & CPC activities the Sub-Committee plans to undertake;
- checks the National AA Service website to ascertain what National PI incentives are occurring;
- is aware of Conference Topics pertaining to PI;
- writes reports for both Area Assemblies & the Area D & D-Liberation.

## **THE AREA DELEGATE About the Role (3 year term)**

### ***The Area Delegate's Job Is a Demanding One - AA Service Manual***

#### **AREA DELEGATE (Three Year Term)**

The Area Delegate:

- must have at least five or six years of continuous sobriety;
- must have a good record of Service work – particularly been active in local and Area activities particularly as a GSR and other service positions within the Area;
- has a sound understanding of the Service Structure of AA and the Area;
- must have the time available for the work required and be available to travel both to Districts and Area Assemblies – also involves Interstate travel to National Conference in November year;
- must be familiar with the AA Service Manual, “AA Comes of Age”, the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts.
- must be capable of Chairing a meeting, make suggestions and criticisms and how to apply the Traditions to local problems;
- must show Leadership qualities, be able to stimulate action in the Area and team well with the Area Committee Chairperson in order to help the Area to become more service-minded;
- essential is Open-mindedness and the ability to work with other Area Delegates to discuss and act on matters affecting AA as a whole.

(Note: for a full description of the Duties and Role of the Area Delegate – please read pp. 60 – 63 of The Australian AA Service Manual Eighth Edition – 2012)

#### **ALTERNATE DELGATE – Job Description (Three Year Term)**

The Alternate Delegate:

- all the qualities as described for the Area Delegate;
- serves as a valuable assistant to the Area Delegate, often travelling with him/her, or giving reports for the Delegate;
- the Alternate Delegate can also serve on Public Information, on Treatment & Correctional Facilities sub-committees or in some other special functions on the Area Committee.

**SPIRIT OF ROTATION** - *“Do we practice rotating leadership, stepping out of office regardless if we believe others are not available, not willing and not qualified or do we remain frozen in office?”*

*“Traditionally, Rotation keeps AA members from becoming frozen in office. It also ensures that group tasks, like nearly everything else in AA, are passed around for all to share...to step out of an AA office you love can be hard. If you have been doing a good job, if you honestly don't see anyone else around willing, qualified, or with the time to do it, and if your friends agree, it is especially tough. But it can be a real step forward in growth--a step into the humility that is, for some people, the spiritual essence of anonymity...rotation helps to bring us spiritual rewards far more enduring than any fame. With no AA "status" at stake, we needn't compete for titles or praise--we have complete freedom to serve as we are needed”.*

*The AA Group Pamphlet p. 34*

## The Area Delegate's Report

Since the last Area Assembly on 5<sup>th</sup> June 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

### AREA LEVEL ACTIVITIES

- Participation in the Area Committee Meeting at Bacchus Marsh on 7<sup>th</sup> August
- Communication with individual members who have sought my input on issues concerning them or their groups

### GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Since the last Area Assembly on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017 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 weekly meetings program at Port Phillip Prison
- Guest Speaker at the Point Cook Saturday afternoon meeting
- At the invitation of the Organising Committee, attendance at the AA Victoria Founders Day Event on 17<sup>th</sup> June
- At the invitation of the Minister, presentation to my Church Group about AA

### AREA LEVEL ACTIVITIES

- Completion of the Workshops on the Structure Review Draft Plan
- Participation in the Area Committee Meeting at Bacchus on 6<sup>th</sup> August
- Attendance at Calder District Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August
- Discussions with individual members regarding nominations for the position of Southern Regional Trustee on the General Service Board
- Communication with individual members who have sought my input on issues concerning them or their groups

### GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Members will be aware a series of four 3 hour Workshops was conducted so that members could consider and discuss the proposed Draft Plan for how the Fellowship might undertake a review of the General Service Structure.

1<sup>st</sup> April – in Ocean Grove    29<sup>th</sup> April – in Yarraville  
27<sup>th</sup> May - in Ballarat    24<sup>th</sup> June - in Rosanna

A total of about 70 members attended and I thank all who came and contributed their ideas. I also thank the individual members who emailed me their own responses. This will greatly assist myself and all other General Service Conference members when we consider the Draft Plan in detail at Conference in November. In addition, I thank the members of the Area Committee and those from individual Groups who assisted in the organisation of venues, refreshments etc .

I would welcome any further responses from individuals or Groups and request that this be emailed to me at [areaddelegate@gmail.com](mailto:areaddelegate@gmail.com) by the first week of October.

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.ared.org.au](http://www.ared.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)

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 on the first morning of Conference.

### The 2017 Conference

The 2017 Conference will be held Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November in Sydney. The Conference Agenda Committee met 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 committees. We will discuss the 2017 Conference Topics in the Workshop on the day of our 10<sup>th</sup> September Area Assembly. At the time of writing this Report I had yet to receive them. They will be emailed to GSRs and others on our Area Distribution List as soon as they are available. They will also be uploaded to the Area D Website [www.ared.org.au](http://www.ared.org.au) under the General Service Conference tab.

Other issues that will be considered by Conference this year are:

- Nominations for the position of Southern Regional Trustee on the General Service Board. The current Trustee, Mick C, rotates off at the end of December at the end of his 4-year term.
- Through their Delegates, Bids from Areas who are willing to host any of the following AA Events: (a) 2018 Regional Forums – for us this would be for the Southern Region; (b) the 2019 National PI and CPC Forum; and (c) the 2021 AA National Convention.

We will be considering any Trustee nominations from Area D members and the possibility of Area D bidding for any of these AA Events at our Area Assembly on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

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

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

In relation to Conference Committees, my membership of these 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

### In Conclusion

The 2017 Conference will be my third and final Conference as I complete my 3 year term as Area Delegate. It is also the same for Anil in his position of Alternate Delegate.

Therefore, elections for the positions of Area Delegate and Alternate Area Delegate will be held at our December Assembly. We need encourage willing and capable members to nominate for these Service Positions. Do you feel you would be able to nominate? Don't just think " Oh, someone else will put their hand up! " Please give it some thought. Discuss it with your Sponsor and at your Group Conscience. I would be very happy to talk with any member who may be prepared to consider nominating for either position.

I look forward to catching up with everyone at our Workshop and Assembly.

Yours in Service and Fellowship, *Peter*



## Treasurer's Report

### Area D Assembly September 2017

This is the report for the period 16.05.2017 to 15.08.2017.

There is currently \$8239.24 in the Area D bank account.

The Area received donations from the groups of \$1510.42 which is up by \$400 on the last period.

There were 10 group literature orders for the quarter which was up from 5 last quarter. The delivery time for group orders has been 2 weeks.

The Area is holding \$4120.49 for the PISC.

Group donations to the PISC were \$100 this quarter and there were no expenses.

Structural Review expenses totalled \$469.62 for the quarter.

All workshops have now been held and we still have \$434.32 (of the original \$1000) set aside.

Allowing for the prudent reserve of \$1400 and the \$434.32 set aside for the Structural Review, the Area has available funds of \$2284.37

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

Yours in service, Michael P

## WebMaster's Report

### Area D Webmaster Report September 2017

The Area D website is updated as things arise. Currently you can find the 2017 Conference Topics under the General Service Conference tab. The Structure Review tab is attached to the General Service Conference and as this process continues, any updates will appear there.

You can Register your Group and/or GSR in two ways from the Area D website. You can fill in the registration form on line – this will be automatically emailed to Sue K the Area D Registrar. Or you can download the form and manually fill it in and either scan and email to [areadregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:areadregistrar@gmail.com) or post it to Area D Registrar, P.O. Box 535, YARRAVILLE, VIC 3013. The forms are situated on the right hand side of the Main Page.

The recent edition of the Area D D-Liberation e-Magazine (June 2017) is also available for downloading from the link on the right hand side of the main page. Members can also subscribe by adding their email address in the window provided - this will be emailed direct to the Editor when you hit the subscribe button. GSRs can also tick the box on the GSR Registration form to ensure they receive a copy of each D-Liberation. There is also an Archive of D-Liberation e-magazines covering the years 2010 to 2017 – again under a tab along the top menu bar.

Information on each active District is also available from the Districts tab along the top menu bar.

This includes a brief history and the meeting dates, times and venues for the current year.

AA Literature can be ordered both online or by printing off the order form from the Literature Tab on the top menu bar. Groups and Districts and individuals can save the cost of postage by using the Area D Literature order service as the Area absorbs the cost. There is no mark up on the literature by the Area and it is posted to the address of your choice straight from the GSO. Area D does receive a slight discount on larger literature items which helps up to cover the postage costs for you.

Groups and Districts can also place announcements of upcoming events in the Area D Website.

These are placed both under the Announcements tab as well as down the right hand side of the main page. Please send the details and flyers of your events to [areadwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:areadwebmaster@gmail.com)

Details of the Area D Bank Account is also on the right hand side of the main page – please specify the name of your group and if the donation is for PI on your deposit.

Finally, details of the next Area D Assemblies and Committee Meetings are detailed both on the main page and also under the Area Assembly tab.

Yours in Service....Jenny H



Each Group Is Self-Supporting. © Getty Images

*What is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy?:*

*'...services, whether performed by individuals, groups, areas or AA as a whole are utterly vital to our existence and growth. Nor can we make AA simple by abolishing such services. We would only be asking for complication and confusion'.*

*July 1955 – Language of the Heart, p.160*

*'...life among Alcoholics Anonymous is more than attending gatherings and visiting hospitals'.*

*A Vision For You AA Big Book, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, p.161*



## 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

#### District July and August 2017

- Healthy participation of GSRS's at the last two district meetings.
- The 10 weekly meetings held in Ballarat the night meetings and weekend meetings have approximately on average 6-8 members attending during winter, females are in the majority.
- The afternoon meetings during the week are struggling for member numbers. Founders day dinner was excellent with many members enjoying a meal together before the meeting.
- A member has raised question the issue of finances at National Office (GSO). The "yellow card" that has been circulated from GSO to some meetings. It was discussed was the policy of money going through from the District to Area. It was raised whether the Area could potentially help financially the GSO to print the new Australian Big book. DCM to find out if this is possible from the Area.
- The district PI position is still vacant. Some members are delivering pamphlets to both Police Stations and some women's health clinics. The proposed AA postcards (to be approved at next Conference), were passed around. These were very positively reviewed. There was a sense that these Postcards would be an excellent addition to information for PI work.
- Member suggested AA advertising on the outside of buses similar to the Sunshine coast bus advertising.
- Members to look at Advertising in "The Courier", "The Miner" & "The Fed Press".
- AFL grandfinal day, District hosting a BBQ on the Saturday arvo with TV in local hall.

Mary Ann

### Geelong District

The Geelong district continues to function well. Our bi-monthly meetings are well attended and service roles filled apart from PI co-ordinator, and a PI committee. We are working to resolve this and in the interim are continuing with road signage boards on 3 major highways in and out of Geelong as many times as funds will allow, and providing AA pamphlets to relevant services within Geelong and surrounding area's. The committee's of both the annual Women's Day, on the 2nd September and The Geelong Convention on the 12th November are well organised and supported and the events as they happen will no doubt provide great opportunities for fun and fellowship on the day.

Yours in service

Julie B

## Northwest Intergroup



### **North-West Intergroup – Report to Area D Assembly 10 September 2017**

The NW Intergroup telephone answering service which is linked to the National AA 1300 22 22 22 Help Line has been in operation now for 7 years! Can you believe it?

There is a dedicated band of volunteers who answer the phones, those who divert the calls from the mobile phone to individual volunteers, a hardworking Roster Co-ordinator who brings it altogether and people in the background on the Committee who make sure the bills are paid, liaise with the national phone co-ordinator when necessary, maintain the website and generally do the necessary administrative support. **New people to join this band are always welcome and it's a great way do service.** You don't even have to leave home to do it! All you need is 18 months of continuous sobriety and a desire to carry AA's message. There is an annual workshop to help volunteers to be confident in their service. The website has more information and volunteer forms:

<http://aanorthwestmelb.org.au/> Or ask for information by email: [intergroupcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:intergroupcommittee@gmail.com)

As in all AA service, the NWIG is self-supporting, relying on regular donations from groups to meet operating costs. Our expenses are kept very low as we don't have a physical location (no costly office etc.) merely a Diverter phone, and that cost is minimal. Except for upgrading the phone as needed, we pay our monthly bills and have some administrative costs (maintaining the website, printing brochures occasionally and rent for our four quarterly meetings etc).

So, grow in service: we look forward to your participation!

Yours in Service,

Pam F

## A member's reflection on service: Southern Regional Trustee

Mick C's reflections on his role as Southern Regional Trustee

### **What stands out for you, Mick?**

The most memorable event I experienced while Southern Regional Trustee was to be a member of Conference when the decision was made to hold the 2016 National Convention in Fiji. It was very pleasing to see how well the Conference rolled out and how the locals welcomed and accepted our arrival.

It was amazing to see 170 professionals attend. The Convention has enabled Fiji to organize themselves and start many AA Groups.

### **What did this service teach you?**

My role as Trustee has given me a better understanding of the three Legacies: Recovery, Service and Unity. It has helped me respect the other person's point of view.

### **What advice would you give to older, sober members, as they encourage newcomers into service?**

A newcomer taking on service would benefit greatly from reading the book: **AA Comes of Age**. The author, Wesley Parish from America, attended the Australian National Convention in Canberra in 1978. He impressed many people with his knowledge on the AA Programme. One statement he made that had a big influence on me was: if you had the steps working in your life, then you had a third of the programme. If you had the Traditions working in your life, then you had two thirds of programme. Now, get yourself doing service and you would be practising the complete programme.

## Service structure in a nutshell

*Adapted from B-line, ACT, updated for Area D's 2017 structure:*

AA is not organised in the formal or political sense, but our Fellowship has to be sufficiently organised to be able to provide [services to alcoholics](#), like answering inquiries, providing literature and public information, co-operating with health workers and providing guidance on the AA Traditions. AA has been called an upside-down organisation because the final responsibility and ultimate authority for World Services is with the Groups, rather than with Boards, Trustees or General Service Office.

### General Service Office

The General Service Office of AA, with a small, full time staff based in Sydney, is responsible to AA groups throughout Australia and deals directly with members, AA groups and the public. It also provides AA Conference-approved literature, which is imported from the US or printed here in Australia for distribution Australia-wide. It also provides administrative support to The General Service Conference and the General Service Board.

### Region

AA in Australia has geographic regions. Victoria, Tasmania and border areas of NSW and South Australia is called the [Southern Region](#). Each region has several Areas that help to provide service to alcoholics locally. There are [22 Areas](#) in Australia. We are in [Area D](#), Southern Region.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Step Services in Area D

12<sup>th</sup> Step Offices are there to support Groups in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. There are several offices in our Area that coordinate vital 12th step work, including telephone phone services that are answered by volunteer members. In Area D we have an Intergroup (the North West Intergroup) which operates a 24 hour AA helpline. There are also phone rosters in other locations of Area D, such as Ballarat and Geelong

Currently, groups can order literature through the Area and will be posted directly to the nominated address of the group ordering (can be a personal address or PO Box).

Although it doesn't fall in Area D, it's useful to know there is a CSO located in Prahran which keeps a supply of literature for individual members and groups to purchase. It also has an online literature ordering service and orders can be delivered to a nominated address

### District

The District is simply a geographic unit within the Area. Area D has Districts at the moment, consisting of Groups located in the Ballarat, Calder, Western [Suburbs](#), Wyndham and Geelong districts, although not all of those are currently functioning. Districts are involved in carrying the message through Public Information and Co-operation with the Professional Community, detoxs and rehab centres, and other areas in the community. The [Victorian Prisons Intergroup](#) cuts across geographical borders and carries the message to prison inmates.

### District Committee Member

The DCM is the vital, 2-way communication link between the General Service Representatives in the District, and the Area Committee, and carries the collective Group Conscience of the Groups in the District to the Area Committee.

### General Service Representative

The GSR is elected by their Group to represent the views of the Group on matters that affect AA as a whole, at Area Assemblies.

### Area Assembly

This is a meeting between the Area Committee and the GSRs. In Area D we have four routine Assemblies each year. They are the mainspring of the Conference (Service) structure. Sometimes we have special assemblies to deal with particular issues.

### Area Committee

Is responsible for the health of the Conference (Service) structure, and for growth and harmony in the Fellowship.

### Delegate

Is the Area's representative at the General Service Conference.

### General Service Conference

'Conference' helps AA in Australia to function as a whole, by acting as the "Collective Conscience" of AA members in Australia. Conference meets each year and provides a link between the Groups and the General Service Board which serves as custodian of AA Traditions, actions the decisions of the General Service Conference and implements policies affecting the Fellowship as a whole.

### Group

For most AAs the feeling of 'belonging' to a particular Group (sometimes called their Home Group) is important in maintaining sobriety through Alcoholics Anonymous. This is where we share our experience, strength and hope, and help each other to learn about the Steps and Traditions, sponsorship, fellowship and service. The Group is the 'heart' of AA!

## Area Events

<b>Tuesday 10th Oct 7:30pm</b>	<p><u><a href="#">Moonee Ponds Big Book Group Steps 2 &amp; 3 Presentation</a></u></p> <p>Presented by Chris &amp; David Essendon Community Baptist Church 138 Buckley Street, Essendon (<a href="#">map</a>)</p>
<b>Sunday 15th Oct 8:00pm</b>	<p><u><a href="#">North Melbourne Old Timers</a></u></p> <p>St Mary's Hall 436 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne (Near Howard Street) Please bring a plate</p>
<b>Friday 27th Oct 7:30pm</b>	<p><u><a href="#">Rapid Fire Topic Meeting</a></u></p> <p>St Johns Anglican Church 1 Burgundy St, Heidelberg (Near cnr Rosanna Road)</p> <p><i>For this week, to keep life interesting, the Working With Others Group is changing its format - Each speaker is given a surprise topic question related to AA's 12 Step Program. The topic is projected on a big screen and you have just 1 and a half minutes to share your experience, strength and hope on that topic as we watch the time tick away!</i></p>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 3PM</b>	<p><u><a href="#">Area D Committee Meeting</a></u> <u><a href="#">Senior Citizen Building,</a></u> <u><a href="#">Bennet St, Bacchus Marsh</a></u></p>
<b>Thursday 9th Nov 7:30pm</b>	<p><u><a href="#">Calder District Meeting</a></u></p> <p>Flemington Neighbourhood House Learning Centre 28 Farnham Street Flemington</p>
<b>Sunday 12th November 2017</b>	<p><u><a href="#">Geelong Convention</a></u></p> <p>With Al-Anon Participation Centenary Hall 1 - 9 Cox Rd, NORLANE Registration \$20 includes Lunch, morning &amp; afternoon tea.</p>
<b>Sunday 3 December Workshop 11 AM Lunch 12 Noon Assembly 1 PM</b>	<p><u><a href="#">Final Area Assembly</a></u></p> <p>Hosted by Heidelberg Working with Others Group. Election Assembly and report back from Conference Heidelberg Venue- <b>TBC</b></p>

*Attraction, Not Promotion*

*“Through many painful experiences, we think we have arrived at what that policy ought to be. It is the opposite in many ways of usual promotional practice. We found that we had to rely upon the principle of attraction rather than promotion.”*

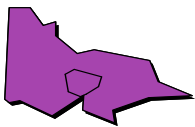
*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pp 180-181*

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*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions,*

*pp 180-181*

## 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.

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