



AA CONNECTIONS AROUND THE WORLD

MANY COUNTRIES-MANY LANGUAGES-ONE ROAD



There was a very successful Australasian Convention held in Suva, Fiji from Thursday March 24 to Sunday March 27.

Australia went to Fiji at the request of the small but keen Fellowship from there. A committee was organised and due to their very hard work it all came together for the marvellous weekend of Fellowship and spreading of the message in Fiji.

The weekend started with the main event. That was the PI information day held on the Thursday. There were over 140 pre-registrations from members to attend. They came from India, Hong Kong, Singapore, Ireland New Zealand and America.

There were also over 100 Fijian professionals in attendance, and their knowledge of what AA does do and what it does not do has been raised significantly.

They came from the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, the World Health Organisation and local Doctors. They were given information packs after the day was finished.

There were buses used to bring in over 70 villagers into Suva from their villages. They were very excited to be there and they were really interested in the AA message.



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They are now in the process of spreading this message to the villages that they came from. These people were also given information packs for them to take home.

Over the weekend an Al-Anon meeting was held and will continue in the future. Also an Al-Ateen meeting was held. Hopefully this augers well for the future growth of the various Fellowships in Fiji.

Al-Anon was part of the planning committee and the co-operation there was an excellent result as evidenced in the sharing over the weekend.

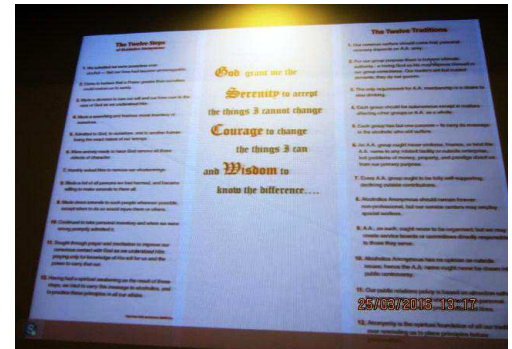
The Chairman of our Board gave a very interesting presentation on the Structure of AA. Even though this event was held in a different country, it is still important that this message be spread correctly.

This follows up from what Bill W said concerning Literature. The original message must be adhered to and also the intent must of this message must be given as well.

There were also other meetings held over the rest of the weekend. They covered topics such as AA around the world, our primary purpose, in all of our affairs, and working with others-sponsorship. In the Fiji Times it was pointed out by Brett F. the Chairman of the AA Board that the sickness of alcoholism was not a moral issue but a sickness of the mind.

He also mentioned that there are problems all over the world and there was no difference in Fiji as it was in Australia, the Solomon's or India. A Fiji organising member, Pat R said the local group has a few members but now it is their responsibility to help others get sober. It is hoped that a group can be started in the West.

Again, it is a huge thank you to the members of the Fellowship in Australia who contributed so willingly through various means that helped make this 12th Step call to Fiji a great success!

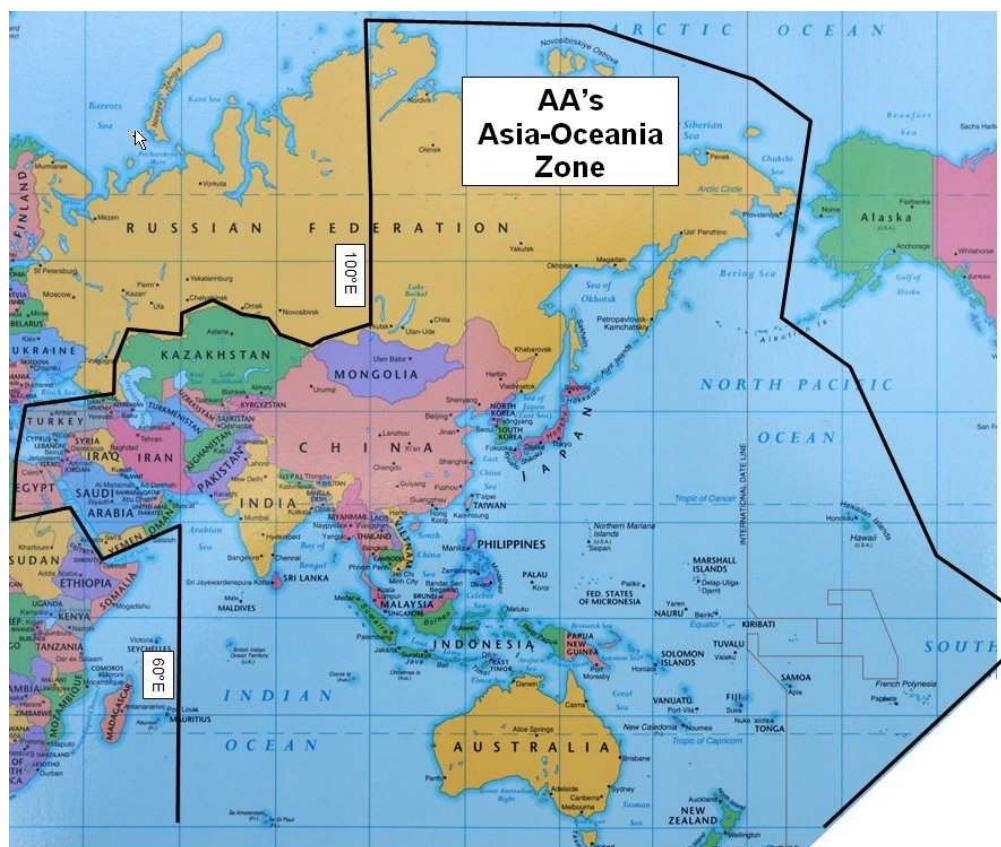


A NOTE FROM PHYLIS IN FIJI

Men that have time in program and would like to do follow up hotline calls for men in Fiji and have a free international number to call Fiji or who could call using their (Skype to Fiji phone)
 Please message me on Facebook or email phylisgandy@yahoo.com Would like to try this out and see how carrying the message this way could work. I know that one of our members is emailing his new sponsor in the U.S. daily. Vinaka



MAP OF AA'S ASIA-OCEANIA ZONE





SOLOMON ISLANDS VISIT

A group of members from Brisbane will be travelling to the Solomon Islands in early September. The airfares with Virgin Airlines from Brisbane are around \$480 and with Solomon Air around \$640, accommodation is about \$150 per night. They are looking at going to Malaita, an Island off Honiara for a couple of nights. For more information on travelling along with them please contact World Service Delegate Tony V on 0417 629 250

RUSSIA CONVENTION & MONGOLIA TRADITIONS WORKSHOP

There will be the 16th Regional AA Convention held in Vladivostok (Eastern Russia) on June 10-13 2016.

There will also be a Traditions workshop in Mongolia later that month. Both events will be worth attending, if you happen to be that way! Further details re Vladivostok can be obtained from Uliyana on umayorova72@gmail.ru

Information regarding the workshop in Mongolia can be obtained from Megan at honkongwsm@gmail.com



BALI 15th Annual Bali Roundup
June 10- 12, 2016 "Promises, Promises"
www.aa-bali.org

THAILAND 12th Annual Isaan Roundup -
"Living Sober" - July 9-10 at Thanyarat
Hospital Khon Kaen [http](http://www.aathailand.org)
www.aathailand.org

SAMOA AA Round Up in Apia, Samoa,
June 24-26, 2016
www.samoan-aa.org

NETHERLANDS 30th AA Netherlands
Round-Up August 19-21st 2016
www.aa-netherlands.org/convention

FOUNDERS DAY JUNE 10th

Coming up in June is the annual collection for Founder's Day.

This is when the Brown Paper Bag is distributed to Groups around Australia for collection to this very worthy cause.

The proceeds from these collections are used to continue to help spread the message of the AA Fellowship in the Asia and Pacific Area. This is known as the AOSM Zone. These collections are usually taken up during the week that June 10 falls on.

Groups can help by announcing this at their meetings leading up to this Day.

The breakup is that 75% is used to help countries in this Zone with their literature and PI & CPC activities. The remaining 25% is sent to New York General Service Office as Australia's contribution to the International Fund. There are currently 17 translations of the Big Book being undertaken.

Your contributions do make a difference!
Thanks for helping to spread the message to other countries.

