

# Merry Christmas To all our Readers and Contributors







December 2015



Several members who are "soapie" fans got quite a surprise, when, at the end of "Home and Away" this sign was shown on the screen !!!!

Prompting the comments below, posted in the PI Face Book Room

- OH MY GOSH, CHECK IT OUT!!!!! This announcement was shown at the end of Home and away: Australia's MOST WATCHED soapie! How awesome is that
- Yes, it was! One of the characters (Irene) is an alcy. She came onto the show as a drunk and later got sober, but has had the odd relapse here and there. She's relapsing now because of untreated childhood abuse. The other night, when the childhood abuse stuff came up, they also put up the number for Beyond Blue and Kids helpline.
- I saw that too. I reckon Irene was directed by someone who knows a thing or two. I was
  even thankful that she didn't just stop after her heart to heart with Leah because realistically
  that's not what we do. It was pretty authentic and well informed I thought.....I did a big
  "YES!" when I saw our notice come up.



What a great message to get out there right on Christmas!

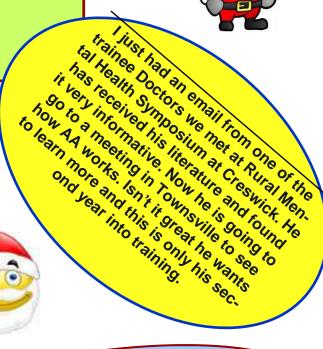


#### PI Out and About!

Just sorting the contacts from the APSAD Expo, and saw that we had great feedback from 2 Doctors regarding the PI information they were receiving from the local AAs in Georgia

Russia! Full of praise

Inaugural meeting of the Area D-SR, PI Fundraising derful! 10 members present, goals set for 2016, Activities from organised. Jobs allotted, mittment, it's all go



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Just Savin'







#### **AA** for our Deaf Community



#### Some exciting new developments

 Some very exciting news regarding a Deaf man who has expressed a wish to stop drinking. Had a phone call from his support worker, who is arranging an Interpreter to accompany him to an AA meeting in his area. I have contacted the appropriate group, and all are very keen Another c rack in the door!!!!!



 I have been trolling around the net looking for info and have come across a set of DVDs made in the UK which has the first 164 pages of our Big Book, which is how to Implement our AA program, but it is in BSL

I am e-mailing my counterpart in the UK to ask him how they made it

These are very small steps, but progress, nonetheless, and very important in the big picture, I am so excited!

#### PI Tip of the Month



**Swan District** have developed a **Community Service Pamphlet** including meeting list and questions suitable for literature display rack. Ideal for local Notice Boards

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## Find us on: facebook®

#### Interactive SECRET National PI & CPC page

It is now over a year since we opened the PI Page on Face Book, we have 97 active members, and I like to think it has promoted a bit of UNITY among the PI people there

The room can only be joined by invitation, either by e-mail, or as "Face Book Friends"

If you would like to join you can either e-mail me @

aanationalpi@gmail.com

**OR** 

#### "Friend" me on FB and I wil add you when requested

This page is ONLY for PI related matters, questions, ideas, and Initiatives successful or not, there are other rooms for other AA business,

Pics of your PI activities are very welcome

**COME & JOIN THE LIVELY DISCUSSION & SHARE YOUR IDEAS** 

Rule 62

Don't take yourself too

seriously!

Alcohol is not in my vodkabulary.
However, I looked it up on whiskeypedia and learned if you drink too much of it, it's likely tequilya.



That one liner 'i'm not drinking too much tonight' never goes as planned...





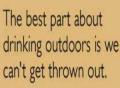
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I got drunk last night and my house wasn't where I left it





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# Know your GSO

Many thanks
Steve C



### Southern Highlands GSO

#### An office with a difference

Our Southern Highlands Central Service Office is a **VIRTUAL** office - we are too small to pay rent or to have office staff etc. We use our website for all our record keeping and have Westpac bank accounts that allow for 2 to sign for monies transfer so all is above board

We have set up an Incorporated body under Dept of Fair Trading NSW as a non-profit group for a legal structure through which to do our work.

So we really do both the role of the local CSO and District (i.e. PI work too)

Below is a little information sheet we started to prepare to explain to our local groups who we are an what we do



#### Our Central Service Office Southern Highlands

- The 02 8250 7318 Recorded Information Line
- CSOSH pays the monthly bills for this service, and changes the recorded message as required. *More volunteers are needed to take calls and/or to be available for 12th Step follow-up work from inquiries*.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Local White Pages Entry CSOSH approves this entry each year and pays for its publication. Entry refers readers to our local website and local Recorded Information Line for 12th Step help.
- AA Posters Large and Small Plastic Govered

  The smaller size is the most popular for most notice boards.

  Supplies are available from the CSOSH if you can distribute more in your local community..
- AA General Information Cards Matt Finish Blank Reverse
  Business size cards for discrete use by health, welfare, legal
  and other community service workers. Please distribute
  these to your local GPs and other appropriate services. Also
  can be used by groups for their new members.
- AA Meeting Information Cards Laminated

Pocket sized cards for use by groups to give new members. These are hand-made by our Treasurer. Please let CSOSH know if there are any changes to your meeting's times or other details so these cards are kept up-to-date.

• AA Literature for Local AA Groups
Groups can order their literature needs from our CSOSH
Literature Officer. Order Forms are www.aash.org.au
Call Grant 0408 270 961 or email cso@aash.org.au.

- AA Southern Highlands Local Website www.aash.org.au
   Our website carries 12th step information on alcoholism;
   local meetings; special AA events such as weekend rallys and courses and Links to other AA websites and services.
- Special Members Only section of www.aash.org.au Minutes of CSOSH meetings and financial reports can be found in a special section. To access see Newsletters below.
- AA Southern Highlands e-Newsletters

Our website is now able to send out e-newsletters to local member's email addresses. To recieve theses e-newletters and/or to access AA members' only pages, please email cso@aash.org.au with your first name and contact number so we can help you register (and know you are not a spammer;-))

• AA Southern Highlands Public Information and other Activities. CSOSH has distributed Information Packs to local medical and other community services; arranged for AA free community notices in papers and on local radio; donated AA books to the local library; arranged the first AA in Autumn Weekend; had a stall at the Mental Health Month Expo for PI work. Without local groups' support, these types of 12th Step activities will not be possible.

#### DO YOU KNOW?

#### The 2 most important websites for information

The National AA Website

aa.org.au

no log in required

News, information, literature requirements, meetings information and much more

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The AA Service Website aaservice.org.au Login and username re-

Lots of Service ideas, service positions vacant, Newsletters, downloads, useful forms and ideas

#### Contact details for the Caring & Sharing Library

#### **Caring and Sharing Tape Library**

PO Box 39

Beresfield NSW 2322

www.caringandsharingtapelibrary.com

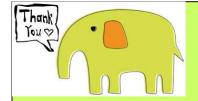
E-mail: silky3@bigpond.com



#### **DISTRICT DOINGS**

#### **Gold Coast & Adelaide**





Many thanks to two of our outgoing PI Coordinators, Dave S (Gold Coast) and Rob C ( Adelaide) Your tireless service has been much appreciated, you both now have a wealth of valuable experience to pass on.

And welcome to our 2 new Co-ordinators, Matt (Adelaide) and Melanie (Gold Coast)

Many thanks TEAM

#### **DISTRICT DOINGS**

#### Area D—SR

#### From Little Things Big Things Grow. It all starts with an idea from members.

<u>Timeline for new conference approved PI Posters and You Tube Video aimed at attracting young people into Alcoholics Anonymous.</u>

#### YOUNG PEOPLES POSTERS

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July 2014 Member went to McDonalds and saw a flyer for Teenage Expo in Melbourne.

July 2014 (2 weeks later) AA had an exhibit at Teenage Expo in Melbourne Showground.

This was attended by 8000 teenagers, teachers and parents.

Gap identified in our PI Posters. Not specific to attract young people.

September 2014 EPPIC Meeting in Melbourne. (Enthusiasm and Participation in PI Committee)

- Idea raised about producing new PI Posters aimed at attracting young people to AA.
- Member present had the graphic artist skills (2 yrs sober that week)
- Right then it was decided we would make it happen and have conference topic for 2015.
- Small subcommittee formed and work began on creating posters.

During this time Leigh F (National PI &CPC Co-Ordinator) sent a link to UK newsletter in one of the editions of the PI patter. In one UK newsletter there was a report on 2 new PI posters that UK had had approved for young people that year.

UK GSO was contacted and they sent their minutes on how they went about getting their posters approved. Many emails went back and forth to UK. They were a great help.

By <u>April 2015</u> the final posters were ready. This followed many meetings, emails and discussions regarding the content of the Posters and suitable images. That same member who was at the Eppic meeting organized the models and did the photo shoot. The posters also included QR code so they can be scanned by mobiles. The 1300 22 22 22 and <u>www.aa.org.au</u> details come up when scanned.







#### **AREA D—SR (cont)**



Many thanks
To our
Young Members

#### **YOU TUBE VIDEO**

UK GSO had also produced a **You Tube video** of the teenage brochure. They made a cartoon of the questions. Chairman of the Board of UK GSO was contacted and we asked if we could use the you tube video here. **UK agreed** that we could use but we would have to change with Australian contact details

It was decided to use Australian voices instead of UK voices. The same script was used and the Australian contact details added.

A male member of the Poster subcommittee (ALSO 2 YEARS SOBER) arranged for 5 AA members to do the voice over and also to have the YouTube video edited with the Australian 1300 22 22 and aa.org.au details added

**In June 2015** the completed Posters and You Tube video were presented to Area D at a Conference topic presentation. Area D agreed to support the topic.

November 2015 <u>Both the Posters and the you tube presentation approved by National</u> Conference.

Just goes to show what we can do and if we want something changed in AA we can make it happen

#### Area D PI Sub Committee Inaugural Meeting

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November our Inaugural Area D Southern Region PI Sub Committee meeting was held. 10 enthusiastic members came and 6 sent their apologies. Sponsors bought sponsees. It was fantastic to see.

All Districts in the Area will have a member on the committee which is fantastic. Many ideas for fund raising were discussed. We have set a fun run walk down for April 2016.

Area D has already been invited to participate in 3 symposiums in 2016 so our <u>aim</u> is to be fully self-supporting at these events.

We are also working towards having the community service announcements back on the main TV channels and Radio stations.

Also we want to attend some of the country fairs and have AA Literature available for those who want it. Also University Orientation Days. We have the enthusiastic members who want to do service. It is so exciting.

Everyone went away with a job to do.

There was one member there who wanted a job now. She went home on the Sunday with over 500 brochures and 1300 22 22 22 stickers to be put on the back of the brochures. On the Wednesday morning I got a call. She wanted more. She was so grateful to be doing Service. It really shows there is a job for everyone can do something. God bless newcomers to sobriety for their enthusiasm

#### **Port Lincoln:**

Hi all we had a successful day at the **Port Lincoln prison Expo** last Monday the 7th Dec. There where approx 120 inmates go through the expo which included several Govt organisations and the Black Dog

Many thanks
Jack S



group. We shared a table with two NA members from Adelaide which was good as they could answer many questions we could not. The interested inmates where seeking information on recovery and meeting locations in Adelaide and SA country areas. Generally there was a good feed back to our weekly meetings in the prison. If anyone is attending our January camp in Port Lincoln and wishes to attend the prison meeting on the Saturday 23rd Jan please contact me on

0428824561 so we can give the authorities your info to get clearances etc. Thanks Chris



Many thanks Di T

#### **Swan District**

We had a display stand at the Australasian Society of Alcohol and Drugs, held here in Perth last November. In excess of 30 delegates registered at the AA stand requesting for various ways of follow up. Most of these delegates came from around Australia. This register was forwarded to our National PI Co-Ordinator who then sent the requests to the relevant PI Co-Ordinators. One such request for follow up came from Headspace in Fremantle, an organization that works with young people. A few telephone conversations have taken place, relevant literature has been taken in, and a face to face meeting is arranged for this week.

Note: Interstate contacts are being followed up by the relevant members, thank you all





#### **Outback AA**

The only P.I we have here is about our **web site**. This site was developed to service the **outback of Queensland**, it consists of Home Page, Comments Page, this page is designed so people can post comments about the site or any event, also information can be requested and will be replied to. There is also a **contact us page** where people can contact us by email as you have done. In the events page were we will advertise any up-coming event including those on the coast and North West NSW, eg the Lightening Ridge rally will be posted as soon as we get a flyer from them. included is a URL to a page as an example. <a href="http://outback-aa-au.org/au/event/mooloolaba-mens-meeting-christmas-bbqmeeting/#eventtop">http://outback-aa-au.org/au/event/mooloolaba-mens-meeting-christmas-bbqmeeting/#eventtop</a> We also have a **meetings page** which lists the outback groups and contacts of isolated members

Many thanks Mark S

#### AREA D—ER



#### AA PRESENTATIONS TO BIRRONG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

- Hi Friends, on Friday 20 November 2015 Eastern Region Area D and Area G participated in three 70 minute AA Presentations to the Year 11 students at Birrong Girls High School. Three members were present, one female and two males. One member acted as the MC and the two other members told their stories. We started the presentations with an introduction and a brief history talk followed by the short movie clip 25 and under "In the House" which was played directly from the GSO Website. This worked well as a lead in to members telling their story for about 15 minutes each. The students were very receptive and the they asked plenty of questions. The students came from many Culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The teachers thought it was great. The presentations concluded with a brief tour of the AA GSO Website and "A Message to Teenagers" was handed out to each student. These presentations may be planting seeds of faith for the future but they are also very beneficial in enhancing ongoing relationships with schools. This was also an example of how the General Service Structure can work with the GSO and two areas cooperating and communicating to get the job done.
- At the end of the day we gathered in the large hall with all the year 11 girls and other service providers who had also been presenting their services to students throughout the day. We were asked to go up the front to be acknowledged for our participation. The applause, cheers and enthusiasm they had for us made us feel like rock stars for a moment. What an experience, only through God's grace and a willingness to serve.

Sounds like an awesome presentation, you guys obviously rock!

#### AA PRESENTATION TO SHELLHARBOUR WELFARE STUDENTS

Hi Friends, on Wednesday 11 November 2015 Area D conducted an AA Presentation to the Certificate 4 Welfare students at the Shellharbour TAFE Campus. There were about 25 students present. We used the 2005 AA Australia DVD to start followed by a member telling his story. A Q and A session started next and the students had lots of questions. AA at a Glance, If you are a Professional and the 1300 222 222 helpline cards were handed out to students. We hope this will be an ongoing relationship with the TAFE and they will invite us to make a presentation on an annual basis.





# AA An example in NT



- Sunday Territorian
- 4 Oct 2015

STORY AN AA MEMBER Picture: TOURISM NT

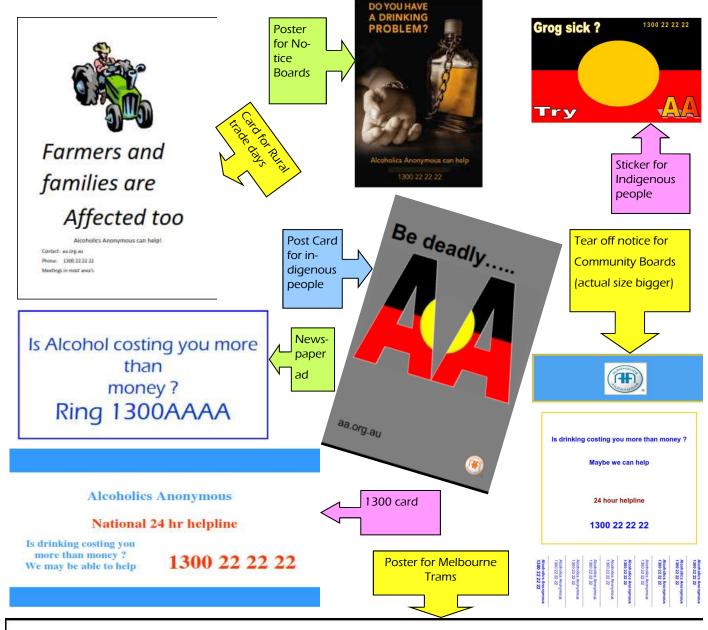


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Just received an awesome article from the Darwin CSO (snail mail) Great write up about AA in NT and the Tag-a long To read article—Ctl and click on link



#### Some PI material developed by members





#### A Letter from Fiji



Dear AA Fellowship,

I'm writing today from Fiji asking for your support for the 2016 Australasian Convention. Fiji desperately needs this message of recovery to reach our shores.

I am hoping that you will read this letter in meetings and will find it possible to find a way to come to the Convention or to help raise funds to support this event.

Currently there is no solution for alcoholism in Fiji. Thus I felt a miracle had happened, when the National Australian Conference selected our country for their 2016 National "Off Shore" Convention site.

For the still suffering alcoholic in Fiji, there are no detox units, recovery centers, or public awareness of this disease. A.A. has but one meeting a week for all of Fiji with 6 members.

Treatment is usually resolved by sending the suffering alcoholic to a mental institution or being cast away from the church as a morally depraved person.

Turn back the clocks 70 years or more, and it is much like the time of Bill W and Dr. Bob.

The term alcoholic is still one of a destitute, on the street person.

Think back to your call to Alcoholics Anonymous. You had awareness that there was help, and that there was recovery. However, if you woke from your drunken stupor in Fiji, you would be at a loss for help, as the generations before us were and faced with the possibility that you would continue to suffer and die drunk from this fatal disease.

Thus the 2016 Australasian AA Convention in Fiji is a special event! It is a time when we carry the message to the Fijian public about Alcoholism and recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous.

To that end, we have created a strong Public Information Day on Thursday March 24th, with the Fijian Government Ministries, Professionals and Speakers from India, Australia, and the Solomon Islands.

Donations have made it possible to bring four Fijian Villages from the Coral Coast to the conference for the Public Information Day.

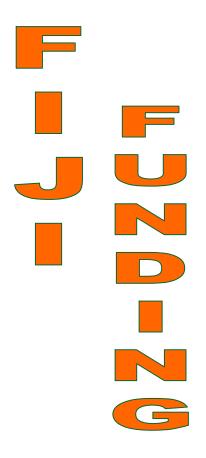
We are not a glum lot, and intend during the rest of the three day Convention to enjoy and show what the adventure of sobriety is all about. Check out the program on the website to see a program with three full days of speakers, Dine and Dance under the stars, Fijian Warrior Dancer Show, and lots of sharing and fellowship.

Be a part of the miracle. Help carry the message to Fiji.

Vinaka.

Phylis G. From Fiji (Vilisi)







#### FORM A COFFEE CLUB & RAISE FUNDS FOR THIS IMPORTANT AA INITIATIVE

An invitation has been extended to Vanua Davutukia of the Korolevu-I-Wai District to send village health workers, elders & community leaders to the Public Information Day

The District is comprised of 4 traditional villages. It is situated in the heart of Fiji's Coral Coast, an hour & a half from Suva.

Those who attend will then be able to convey the message of recovery back to their local communities.

Vans will be hired to provide transport for the day & provisions will be made for lunch & refreshments. The cost per person is \$45 AUD

How many attend will depend on donations received!

#### SETTING UP A COFFEE CLUB

By inviting fellow members to meet and have coffee you can raise much needed funds that will enable recovery to be given to the alcoholic who still suffers in the villages of Fiji.

The idea is for the club is to meet once a week for a social cup of coffee. Each

The idea is for the club is to meet once a week for a social cup of coffee. Each member who attends contributes a gold coin donation to the cause. When the sum of forty-five dollars is reached a nominated member banks the money in the account especially set up for this fundraiser (account details below).

#### NAME YOUR CLUB

Give your club a unique name and each time you bank forty-five dollars post on the Fiji Convention Face Book page with a smiley face.

#### Suggested payment methods:

Online EFT-www.aanatcon.org.au

Cheque, Credit/Debit card made payable to Bendigo Bank, AA Australia 2016 Fiji Convention BSB-633-000 Acct-154238653

Please send cheque to 48 Firth St. Arncliffe NSW 2205

Please mark as "sponsorship" and include your unique coffee club name in the reference section.

Join us in 'Fellowship in Fiji' for the

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Public Information Meetings will be held on Thursday 24th March 2016.

Thursday will be a special day for the General Public and the Professional Community.

