

A Story of Service

Many thanks

Mel N

If you happen to be, or can plan a road trip to Deni , here is an amazing story of Service and a "God Job "

Gotta love a good **God job!** So the story is that late last year I received an email from Valerie (? at least, I think it was Valerie), asking about drumming up some support for **Deniliquin**, now that the meeting has re-opened, and that although another member was in Deni to support the meeting, he couldn't stay there for long. So anyways, there's another fellow, who has been, get this, driving up to Deni from **TORQUAY** to open up the meeting and support it!!!!!! But poor 'J' is pretty much stuffed, probably running out of fuel money, and about ready to give in and hand the key to the new girl which is all well and good but **the new girl is really still quite new and needs support** too, and a single Mum with young kiddies and I only work part time and all different days, so I can't be there every week, cos I'm 3 hours away too so anyway, last night I get there, and J pulls up in his car and says to me "You know, I've had just about enough of this. I'm ready to chuck it in. I'm getting too exhausted. I just cannot keep doing this driving up and back for hours and hours each week. I'm falling behind with everything, you know?" And I said, "Yeah, I hear you. I don't know how you do it. We really do need another local member in Deni, just to help keep the doors open and to carry the message a bit more round town." So J and I walk inside to start setting up, and **then a few minutes later, in walks** **A DENILQUIN LOCAL!!!!!!!!!! OH. MY. GOSH!!!!** This particular local has been away in the USA for some years and has just returned to Deni!!!!!! I think we both could have just about KISSED this fellow! So anyway, now there's another one there to help the newbie young lady, and I can still go up there every 4 - 6 weeks or so to support it, and to drop flyers off and stuff. I do hope though, that this will also now make it much easier to **plan a Public Information meeting at sometime in the next 6-8 months in Deniliquin**, and help revive the AA Spirit in an otherwise remote kind of location.

In the meantime, if you're up for a little road trip, please please PLEASE call in on the Deni meeting; Sunday nights, 7pm at St Luke's care in Whitelock Street.

PI Out and About



Dropping flyers and B'cards in Deniliquin at the cop shop, library, info center and the medical Centre.



A phone call was received via the 1300 number, from a Nurse in the City, who would like AA members to talk to her clients (multi addicted) on a regular basis, Have rung her, and left message, will make an appointment to see her, and discuss her requirements

Male member organised to drop in weekly, and male and female member to talk to staff, middle of March

Before I went back to work last week -I went to court for AA -first time on the right side of the law -I found a prospect and handed him an Aa information envelope -said i had very similar story -was now a member of AA -was he interested ? Yes he was -I had to go -my AA mate told me later he was gaoled for 10months -I hope he gets to a meeting inside -what a blessing to be able to do that!


We will be commencing our regular info sessions at the Trainee Doctor facility on Monday, and every 6 weeks after, the Director was s pleased that we had remembered, that is why communication is so important

Request from national Website for a 12 step call and some info for an Aged Care Facility here in Victoria, now organised, Terrific news re the Aged Care Facility, a male and female member have an appointment with the RN from the facility tomorrow, to discuss PI and CPC. another example of why personal contact is far better than mail or e-mail



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FIJI NEEDS YOUR HELP!

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALASIAN CONVENTION
MARCH 24-27TH 2016
GRAND PACIFIC HOTEL
SUVA FIJI

Fiji needs you!
 Make a difference!
 Attend a convention where the primary purpose is to carry the message of recovery to those that still suffer. Share your sobriety and help create awareness.

 Fijian Ministries & Professional Community will be participating in the Public Information Day.

Sober Fellowship and Fun in the Sun

Carry the message of AA to Fiji

Enjoy the Tropics
 Dance, BBQ, Fijian performance

Share recovery
 Public Information Day

AA Speakers from
 India, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Australia

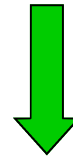
Website:
www.aanatcon.org

email:
fijicon2016@aa.org.au

Register online!

Come and join us as we carry the message to the people of Fiji

Registration is PRE convention at the Website below



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HUGE PI and CPC Day on the Thursday, with local Dignitaries and Medical and Professional people

Friday and Saturday, AA and Alanon meetings, with International speakers from Solomon Islands, Sweden, USA

A night of dancing and feasting under the stars !

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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 will 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 !*

In dog wines, I only had one!



A mother was teaching his child about the side-effects of alcohol. She gets two short glasses, filling one with water and the other with whiskey. She says "I want you to see this." She puts a worm in the water, and it swims around. She puts a worm in the whiskey, and the worm dies immediately. She then says, feeling that she has made her point clear, "what do you have to say about this experiment?" The child responds by saying: "If I drink whiskey, I won't get worms

**THE HUMOUR
HUB**



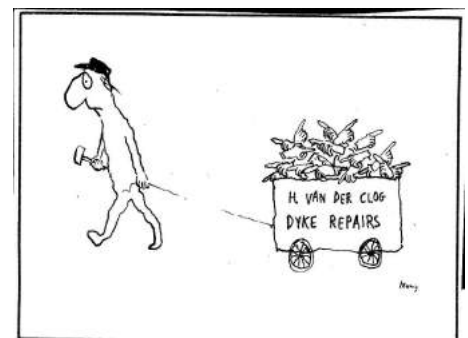
Wine does not
make you FAT, it
makes you LEAN...
(against tables, floors,
walls and ugly people.)

your cards

**If you don't drink, smoke
or do drugs you may live
long enough to be a real
burden to loved ones.
Please pass the wine.**

My doctor told me
to watch my
drinking. So Im off
to find a bar with a
mirror.

A neutron walks into a bar. "Id like a beer" he says. The bartender promptly serves up a beer. "How much will that be?" asks the neutron. "For you?" replies the bartender, "no charge."



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

PI Tip of the Month

Below and on the following page, is an Inventory which others have found useful for use by **Groups, Districts and PI Sub Committees** . By completing this as a group at the beginning of the PI year, and then again about 6 months later, it helps focus our efforts , and helps to develop a clear plan of action

Team PI&CPC Inventory

What are we doing?

- 1) Is our primary purpose to help other alcoholics achieve sobriety?
- 2) How is a suffering alcoholic going to find AA in our Area?
- 3) Have we increased understanding of AA in the community?
- 4) Has AA merged in the public mind with any outside organisation?
- 5) Have we improved mutual understanding and cooperation with professional groups?
- 6) Are we serving the Groups that support us?

How are we doing it?

- 7) Do we contact all local media, including foreign language outlets?
- 8) Do we focus on one profession at a time and develop face-to-face relationships within each professional community?
- 9) Do we encourage AA members to share their sobriety and basic AA information with their doctor, lawyer, clergy, etc?
- 10) Do we keep in touch with those who publicise or refer people to AA, letting them know how we are doing?
- 11) Should we conduct workshops as a way of being candid with Groups and CSOs about local PI needs, exploring ideas, setting priorities and arranging joint projects?
- 12) Do we contribute to *AA around Australia* and www.aaservice.org.au?
- 13) Do we ensure all Team PI&CPC members are thoroughly familiar with the AA program and are able to provide accurate information about the Fellowship?
- 14) Have we defined the period of sobriety for serving on Team PI&CPC?
- 15) Is one of the basic activities of Team PI&CPC members reading and discussing the *Public Information Workbook* and the following pamphlets:

- *AA Tradition—how it developed*

- *Understanding Anonymity*



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PI Inventory continued

How AA members cooperate

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AA in your community

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If you are a professional

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Speaking at non-AA meetings?

16) Do we inform Team PI&CPC members of the fundamental importance of the Traditions

of: non-affiliation; non-professionalism; and, attraction?

17) Has the Tradition of anonymity brought respect and support of the world outside and

security from those of us who would use AA for sick and selfish purposes?

18) Are all important Team PI&CPC decisions reached by discussion and, wherever possible, by substantial unanimity?

19) Do Team PI&CPC members use their Right of Decision responsibly?

20) Has any minority voice or personal grievance been given careful consideration?

Sources: AA Traditions; Concepts; Preamble; Service Manual; PI Workbook; Guidelines.



AA for our Deaf Community

- We have yet another member in our Face Book room
- Members of the room are enjoying Franks daily AA postings, and they are giving a focus for sharing
- There has been no advance in gaining Interpreters for meetings, but we are hoping that NDIS will consider funding some of their fees when it is rolled out
- Some members have suggested that AA might have Interpreters at Public Info days in the future (perhaps a topic for Conference ?)
- We are thinking of trialing Skype among members , but will have to examine the Traditions ect before we can commit



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Service Opportunity

POSITION VACANT

ADMINISTRATOR / EDITOR

AA Service Website www.aaservice.org.au

We are seeking a volunteer Administrator to manage the content and appearance of the Australian national AA service website.

The Service website Administrator is expected to be a person with an appropriate level of IT expertise and with several years of sobriety.

The Administrator will, among other things:

Post articles as requested, in accord with website guidelines and GSO practices.

Create new users when members join.

Respond to members enquiries or refer to GSO

Back up site as required.

The web site is due for a major refresh to bring it up to date and mobile friendly.

Note: The site currently runs Drupal 6 latest Drupal 8. May be worth migrating to WordPress or Joomla for easier use.

If updated, membership may be able to be automated and Forums opened up and moderated to increase member use.

A successful applicant may start immediately.

Send your expression of interest/application

to the attention of the Office Manager gso@aa.org.au



National PI & CPC Co-ordinator

This position will become vacant at the end of the year

If you are at all interested, you may like to discuss this with your Area, and
District

I have thoroughly enjoyed the position, and have learned a huge amount ,I
have had wonderful support and encouragement from my Service Sponser,
and from GSO

This position will be advertised in due course, but if you are thinking about it,
You may like to start discussing it about now

DISTRICT DOINGS

Area B—Adelaide

Many thanks

Rob C

We can confirm dates set for **PI&CPC National Forum are 8-9-10 September 2017** , the deposit was paid yesterday on the Hotel Grand chancellor and there will be discounted rooms available for interstate visitors, all details will be available soon .

Triple M agreed to run AA audio again , this is the **third time** they have , it is played 40 times over 14 days on 2 of our major FM stations hit107 and 104.7 Triple M

The distribution of **posters , literature** continues around Adelaide because of Julia S - her PI community work has been outstanding.

Area E—ER



Many thanks

John B

Distribution of AA literature to Pharmacists

The distribution of AA literature to Pharmacists continued during the 2015 year. After the initial distribution mail out, follow up contact was made with a sample of the pharmacies. The response results varied; some positive and requesting more literature, others advising that they did not receive the material or due to shortage of space had not displayed it.

The results achieved were discussed at the Area E committee meeting and it was agreed to seek the assistance of GSRs and their home groups to participate in the ongoing distribution of literature to Pharmacists. Presently, GSRs from Chatswood, Cremorne, Dee Why, Epping, Gordon and Ryde are assisting with this project. Currently feedback is being sought from the Pharmacists, one request received is for the delivery of AA material in an electronic format.

Group initiative – Distribution of AA literature to Centrelink

An initiative of a group is the distribution of literature to the Centrelink office at Brookvale, NSW, with follow up visits on a 4 weekly basis. .



AA Advertising in local cinemas

A suggestion supported by the Area E committee is an evaluation of screening AA advertisements in local cinemas. Recently the General Service Office at Arncliffe provided access to the ads available and quotes have been obtained from Val Morgan Advertising. Whilst this information has been circulated, it will be a matter for the incoming committee to consider.

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DISTRICT DOINGS

Area E –ER (cont)

Other activities

Other Area E activities have included distribution of material to local council and community notice boards, hosting a stand at the Willoughby Council Outreach Day, inviting members of the fellowship to assist Area G host a stand at the 2015 Doctors Conference, committing to host a stand at the 2016 Lantern Night Festival at Cherrybrook on 22 October 2016 and following up interested contacts

A project being undertaken at present in conjunction with the NSCSO office manager is to identify, within Area E, where and how the AA message can be availed of by the public and how to keep this information up to date. Information in relation to councils in Area E has been researched and opportunities will be identified within the community that Area E, the NSCSO, groups and members may be attracted to engage in service

Ballarat District

**Many thanks
David M**

“PI CPC in Ballarat is hitting the airwaves”

AA community service announcements will soon be on radio and television.

Information has been sent to 3BA for their “Community Switch” announcements as well as the nationally approved radio CSA’s have also been sent to 3BA and Power FM for use on-air. Win Television has been contacted and the TV CSA’s will be forwarded to them from the advertising agency in Perth. Once at Win TV these will be scheduled nationally.

The PI CPC committee will soon distribute 13 Big Books donated by groups and members during the “Big Books for Libraries” initiative. A big thank you to the groups and individuals who donated Big Books, just another one of many ways to get the message of AA out into the community.

Literature continues to be dropped off by members to a large variety of places around the district and to all those involved a big thank you for your time.

Area D has setup a PI CPC subcommittee and is looking for ideas for fundraising and members to attend information days that are being organised.

Again I would like to thank all the committee members for their dedication to getting the message out to the community and I would like to welcome anyone who has ideas on what can be done or would just like to be part of this great team to come along to our meetings or to contact myself.

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Wagga District



Many thanks
Iain H

Good news, after our DCM, have plenty of interest in continuing PI at District level.

Initially looking at making contact with Educational Facilities (schools universities, community college's etc), establishing a connection and distributing posters.

We'd like to order twenty of each of the posters

District has also voted to donate \$50 to the Australian & New Zealand Addiction Conference,

Outback AA

Many thanks
Ron J

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. <http://outback-aa-au.org/au/event/mooloolaba-mens-meeting-christmas-bbqmeeting/#eventtop> We also have a meetings page which lists the outback groups and contacts of isolated members.

Many thanks
Jim S

Portland

Attached, pic of our new Noticeboard to go on Literature table. Tonight marks our first visit to another group. as the result of our secretaries initiative, the group conscience decided to visit all groups in the south west, one each month.



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DISTRICT DOINGS

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Geoff M

Area G

Taxi Campaign Xmas

We are busy planning to repeat last year's successful taxi panel advertising campaign over the Xmas and New Year break.

Key details

- 3 weeks
- Targeting taxis in Sydney CBD and Eastern suburbs
- 32 taxi panels (32 taxis)

Public Service Announcement (PSA) advertising program

We will be running an advertising program through Val Morgan at a number of cinemas over this years Xmas and New Year break.

The PSA ads will have a target audience of any potential alcoholics within the holiday cinema viewing audience.

Key details

- 24 Dec 2015 – 6 Jan 2016
- 14 PSA screenings
- 2 at Dendy Newtown
- 4 at Bondi Junction
- 4 at George Street CBD
- 4 at Palace Norton Street

Sydney Homeless Connect 2016

Participation confirmed and Myles to remain as Coordinator.

GP's Conference at Olympic Park

Participation confirmed and Geoff/Phil to coordinate

Geoff will enquire about having a speaker at the conference.

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Drug and Alcohol Nurses Association Conference 2016

Participation confirmed and Geoff/Phil to coordinate.

Police and Ambulance Service

Addiction programs for their management and staff.

Action: Geoff will investigate and report back in March, 2016

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Many thanks
Di T

Areas A & B—WR

Areas A and B are sponsoring information stand at this year's **GenNext**, to be held in Perth on 3 June.

WA will be hosting the next **National Convention in 2018**. The first meeting of the Host Planning Committee will be held on 20 February. Volunteers for the various service positions are being called for.

A new member with 3 months sobriety attended the Swan Districts meeting. Her path to AA recovery started when a member handed her AA information at the courts. Already in service, she wants to become a court volunteer herself.

Swan Districts have given the thumbs up to support any relevant event or PI information site that makes up WANANDA. More info coming as this unfolds during 2016

Area A said farewell to their outgoing PICPC person Peter D and welcomed **Marjo N** as their new PICPC committee member.

Area D—SR

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PI Fundraising Committee

Today we held the 2nd meeting of the Area D - SR PI Fundraising Sub Committee . Arrangements and finer details of the Fun Run were sorted. Each member participating in the Fun Run, will endeavour to get 10 Sponsors, AA Members only, each sponsoring the member for \$20.for the 5km (Run, Jog, Walk)

There will be a family picnic at a local beach to follow

The 4 main Exhibitions to which we have been invited were discussed regarding funding , and Traditions relating to same were reinforced . The Area D Treasurer told us that donations were quite healthy at the moment



DISTRICT DOINGS

Wyndham District

Many thanks

Rhonda R

Wyndham District Melbourne had a **Public Information table** at **Werribee Pacific Shopping Centre** for 3 days last week. Many thanks to the members who shared the service last week. We were not run off our feet but we did have a couple of funny stories I would like to share.

One gentleman came up to say we did a good job. He had lost his wife 2 yrs ago but more recently his kangaroo. I thought this would be a small kangaroo but no it was 10yrs old when it died and nearly 6 feet tall. He showed another member and myself the photos of this kangaroo. It was huge. Well the Kangaroo died recently and the man was upset because he and the kangaroo used to drink red wine and eat salami every night and get drunk together. true story.

The other story 46 years ago a lady sent a letter to AA asking for information. She failed to say it was for a school project. She came home from school and found a man from AA sitting on the lounge with her mother. Both mother and AA member were concerned she had problems with Alcohol. I asked both people permission to share these funny stories.

We gave out lots of literature and most importantly one of the people came to his first ever meeting on Monday night. We were there as we told him we would be. That makes it all worth while. You never know what miracles can come out of PI. The shopping centre does not charge as it is part of their community service. So worthwhile.

