



Every Little Bit Counts

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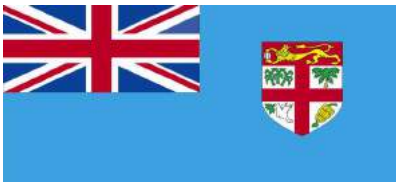
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FIJIAN FEEDBACK

Many thanks
Mariah R & Phylis G



Great news from Fiji

We did it! **First ever** online **Bula AA Group** meeting uniting **Viti Levu** with **Vanua Levu** Wednesday night. Such a joy to hear voice of **Petero** coming in loud and clear on John's donated computer. **First meeting in 20 years** for Vanua Levu. **Vinaka Vaka Levu** to all of you that have helped carry the message. We will continue to reach out online to the rural and remote members. **Wednesday and Friday 6 pm and new time Sunday 3 pm, Fiji Time.**

Anybody who would like to join in with the Fijian meetings will need to contact Phylis g to be added



What a wonderful result !!!

How good is it , that despite the criticism, and complaint, our **Primary Purpose** was fulfilled, and people who, up until now, had not been able to hear our message of hope, now CAN!

I can still see those shining happy faces at the Convention, filled with hope that we MAY be able to offer a solution, and here we have the beginning

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Reflections on Service



Hi Everyone:

Co-operation with the professional community is not always easy, but it is always worthwhile.

Over the past several months I have been visiting a man in one of the Immigration Detention Centers and at the same time I have been trying to arrange an AA meeting in this Center.

Now you would think this would only be a matter of course, pick up the phone and ring the reception and get put through to the appropriate person and normally this would be the case but the person I needed to talk to had left the job and had not, as yet been replaced, however I could speak to another person, which I did, would was very polite and concerned about the situation but unfortunately unable to approve my application but sent me all the necessary forms to fill out in preparation for the new staff member to review when a new staff member was employed.

Another month went by before I heard from the new Pastoral Care Officer, about my application, he invited me for an interview and asked that I bring any information I could along with me for him to get a better understanding as to why AA wished to have meetings in the facility.

On my arrival for the interview a very pleasant man, who introduced himself as the Pastoral Care Officer, met me and we sat and discussed my proposal to hold meeting in the Center. There were some hurdles to overcome like why we needed to meet as a group not as one on one counselling and why it was not appropriate to have an officer sit in on and give advice during the meeting. I gave him our Pamphlets on what AA does and doesn't do and the "AA and the Professional". I also filled out any remaining forms that needed to be filled out and agreed to try and find more members who would be willing to take part in the meetings. Six weeks past before I heard from him then he contacted me and told me I had been cleared and could I begin the meeting on the following Thursday, which I did two weeks ago.

The manager of the GSO mentioned to an Older Sober Member that I was looking for members to help with the meetings and that member is now going through the process of getting his clearance and he has found several other members who are willing to join us.

This process has taken several months but during the process we have given a professional, who knew nothing of our fellowship, an insight into AA and he has become an enthusiastic supporter of our efforts to carry the message of recovery into an area where it had previously been unavailable.

Yours in service

An old fashioned 12 stepper.



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PI Out and About



Over the next couple of months I will be transferring many of my resource files, eg ppt, developed docs, templates ect, to the Service website, for Julie to place in the PI area, for your reference and download

We have been invited to add our information regarding our Services on a data base for the Resource Guid for Practitioners, completed and sent

Just letting you know that my Service Position of National PI Co-ordinator will finish on Sunday 27th November .
It has been a great learning curve , and thoroughly enjoyable in the most part .
If you , or anyone you know , would be interested in applying for this Service Position, I encourage you to contact GSO with your expression of interest

Chanel 7 just aired one of our CSA's
The child is hiding in the cupboard whilst the mother is drinking

I would really like more information from those involved with treatment facilities and for more ideas on how we can reach those with special needs. If ou have any involvement in either of these areas, no matter how big or small, please share them





Brand New Service Website !

aaservice.org.au

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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



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General Service Office of AA Australia

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Arncliffe NSW 2205

Australia

Tel: (02) 9599 8866



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Interactive SECRET National PI & CPC page

It is now over 3 years since we opened the PI Page on Face Book , we have 119 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

A new Admin will be required for the PI Face Book Page from the 27th November, if it is to continue , if anyone is interested please contact me before then.

If there are no takers, or no applications for my Service position, I will close it

Rule 62

*Don't take yourself too
seriously !*

**THE HUMOUR
HUB**



**I'M IN A GOOD
PLACE RIGHT NOW.
NOT EMOTIONALLY.
I'M JUST AT THE LIQUOR STORE.**
@REBEL CIRCUS

**A Frenchman walks into a bar
with a parrot on his shoulder.
The bird is wearing a baseball
cap. The bartender says,
“Hey, that’s neat. Where did
you get that?”**

**The parrot says, “France—
they’ve got millions of them
there.”**

**Alcohol does not
make you FAT**

**It makes you
Lean...**



**Against tables,
chairs, floors, walls
and ugly people.**

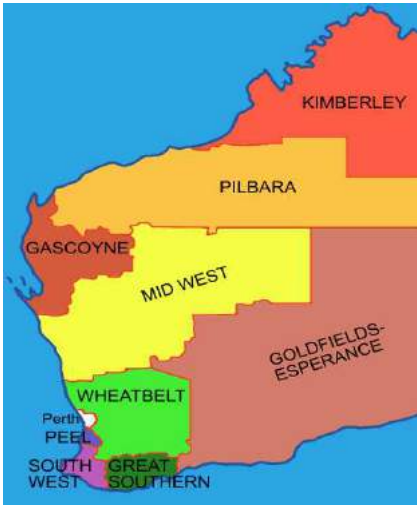
**I can't believe I got fired from
the calendar factory. All I did
was take a day off.**

**Why was Cinderella thrown
off the basketball team? She
ran away from the ball.**

**A TOOTHLESS TERMITE
WALKED INTO A PUB
AND ASKED:
"IS THE BAR TENDER
HERE?"**

**I been thinking about
hosting a wine tasting at
my house.....you bring
the wine I do the
tasting!**





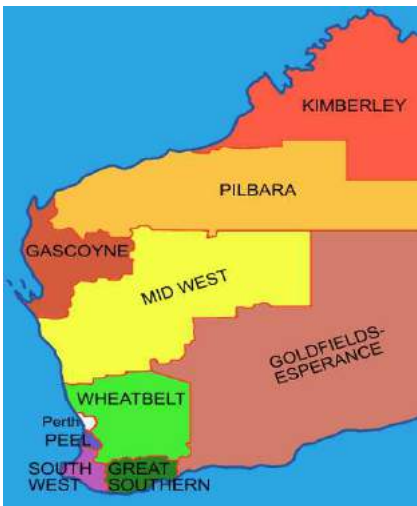
Western Regional PI & CPC Co-ordinator

Many thanks Di Thomas

- Below is my Quarterly report for Regional PICPC CoOrdinator, WR to both Area A and Area B:
- QR cards printed and distributed
- Monthly items Submitted to PI Patter
- Monthly items submitted to Serenity
- Meeting held with other service volunteers
- SJOG MH Midland speaker meeting up and running
- Followed up with Fremantle Family Support Network
- Emailed Speaking at Schools Guidelines
- Emailed Speaking at Treatment Centre Guidelines
- Emailed Area A PI's letter introducing AA to Schools
- Forwarded to National PI Coordinator events for other States Attended North Metropolitan Adult Health Services meeting (Mental Health)
- Display stand, literature, volunteers organised for GenNext event
- Cyril Jackson Health Campus follow up with Street Doctor - passed to Area A PI
- Attended Alcohol and Other Drugs quarterly meeting
- Spoke at schools
- Sent info to LGBTI contact request
- Passed to Area B PI the JW Community Centre Term 2 Programme Display stand, literature and volunteers at Kelmscott SHS
- Emails sent to all Contact Followup requests from AA attendance at events
- Printed and placed Community Flyers in Courts
- Follow up with Free Community Newspaper Ads
- Chair meetings 2018 Convention PR sub committee



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EVENTS COMING UP

Homeless Connect - November. AA Registered
 Wandoo Employment and Wellness Day - 10 August. AA registered and attending
 Practice Managers' Education Day - 12 August. AA registered and attending
 Bandyup Open Day - September



AREA A—WR

Many thanks
Marjo

This is the first **library display** this year for **Area A PI**, thanks to the lead from Swan District! It's set up and ready to go, waiting to be unleashed on the unsuspecting library visi-



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Service Opportunity

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

Job Description

BRIDGE: ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE & PROMOTE THE GROWTH OF PI&CPC ACTIVITIES

- Act as a positive communication link, through reporting, writing, email, the Service website, displays and the National Forums, between all parts of the Fellowship with an interest in relevant Service work;
- Be in regular contact with the Chairperson of the relevant Trustees' Committee in order to be apprised of Service opportunities;
- Liaise with the Board and National Office in seeking or conveying requested Forum-related information, and in implementing national scale projects;
- Send Short Reports on main activities and Forum progress (dot points) to the February & July Board meetings via the National Office with cc to the Chair of the relevant Trustees' Committee, and report fully to the Board and annual GS Conference in November.

NATIONAL FORUM

- Actively encourage Areas to have Forum hosting bids in for Conference approval two years ahead, to ensure continuity and certainty for maximum benefit to the Fellowship;
- Be a functioning ex officio member of the relevant National Forum Host Planning Committee (HPC): co-ordinate, attend where feasible, receive all minutes, keep in active touch with the HPC and report to the Board;
- Ensure that the Forum is relevant and attractive to the Fellowship in its content and activities;
- See that the Forum as a whole is recorded for posterity;
- Attend the Forum and deliver a report to the Service Fellowship on the past two years' activities in PI&CPC respectively, including both successes and shortcomings as seen by the officebearer;
- Act on and follow up any requests of the Forum;
- Ensure that the Forum Program includes a slot for a short explanation and questions on the role of the Co-ordinator; ensure nomination forms for the next Co-ordinator position are available and participants are aware of the this and the deadline of the end of the Forum; convey completed forms to National Office as soon as possible after the Forum.

COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE RELEVANT SERVICE INFORMATION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

SERVICE WEBSITE

- With appropriate training from the Webmaster, generally oversee the functioning and content of the relevant parts of the Service website; monitor the relevant section of the Service website and organise removal of any inappropriate material;
- Source and provide or upload relevant news sheets and items for reading on line or download, such as position advertisements, notices, reports, literature lists, Guidelines, newsletters and other useful information;
- Distribute questions from on-line 'Ask-it Basket' to appropriate knowledge-bearers;
- Publicise the Service website to the Fellowship including at the Forums and through the AA Around Australia newsletters, and assist the Fellowship to access the site when requested.

DISPLAY

- Be familiar with and promote the full range of relevant Service literature;
- Put together a light Service display and take it take around the country to be shown at Forums, weekends and rallies etc.

Nowhere near as scary as it looks

The Part Service Plays

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DISTRICT DOINGS

Pt Stephens & Lower Hunter

I have just returned from our Area Assembly and we have to report :

Many thanks
Andrew M

Port Stephens and **Lower Hunter District** has begun a program of supplying a **Big Book** and a **Living Sober** book to each **High School and Library** in Maitland, Singleton, Muswellbrook, Aberdeen and Scone. The cost is being covered by the Greater Newcastle Literature fund and the Newcastle Central District have now started to do the same in Newcastle.

Newcastle Central District

has invited others from P.S & L.H District to participate in **Doctors Retraining Convention** taking place in Newcastle on **August 6/7**.

With Doctors coming from all over Australia to attend, along with our plans for the **Practice Managers night** and the **White Ribbon Breakfast** in November our boy Ian M. has been a busy little bee.



Area A—CR Adelaide :

GenNext in Adelaide has composed of a very large crowd for the last 3 years, and this year was no exception !



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THE YEARS in REVIEW

2013

2013



Our very first Issue ! Very catchy headline ... NOT !



12 STEP CALL TO INDIA

My very first National PI Forum was upon me, and there was MUCH political unrest ! Thank goodness I had the help and guidance of a very experienced Older Sober Member LOL

I thought this was extremely clever LOL

Our first issue was 2 double sided pages , with generous spacing LOL



Our very first pic, the sign on the bridge across from GSO



JUNE issue

Saw the birth of the **Humour Hub** ! Which has been published each month since , if you all only knew the drama of an old lady with short term memory loss trying to find new jokes each month :))

June also saw the very first District contributions ! **DISTRICT 9** were our very first contributors , telling us about their successful Bus advertising effort !

They were closely followed by the **Peninsula District** who told us of their PI efforts at schools, and with the local RAN Base

Both these Districts have been regular contributors over the last 31/2 years



In JULY we graduated to 3 double sided pages !

I discovered the “Content Library” part of Publisher, and our lives were about to change !!!!

National Convention Fundraising

Sponsor an urn & support the 2017 National Convention

Take it to your group or district

Donate directly to:

BSB 034-241

Account 405418

Please put your group or district name on the payment slip.

Your group will be recognised for your efforts at the Convention.

This is an invitation to attend and also a request for support with the fundraising for the 2017 Australian National Convention which is being hosted by the North Eastern Region next July in Cairns.

We have received pledges and donations from local, district and area levels so far. Some groups have foregone their donations to District/CSO etc. to make a one-time pledge or donation, other groups have organised fundraising events and donated the revenue that this produced. The Convention belongs to the whole fellowship of Australia and so we would like all groups to show their support.

With so many generous groups nationwide, even seemingly small donations quickly accumulate. Would you please pass this information through your area and district structures so that it reaches every home-group. It is a suggestion that each home-group makes a one off pledge, donation we are now exactly 12 months out.

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Yours in fellowship

2017 Host Planning Committee



We will all need Coffee !

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