

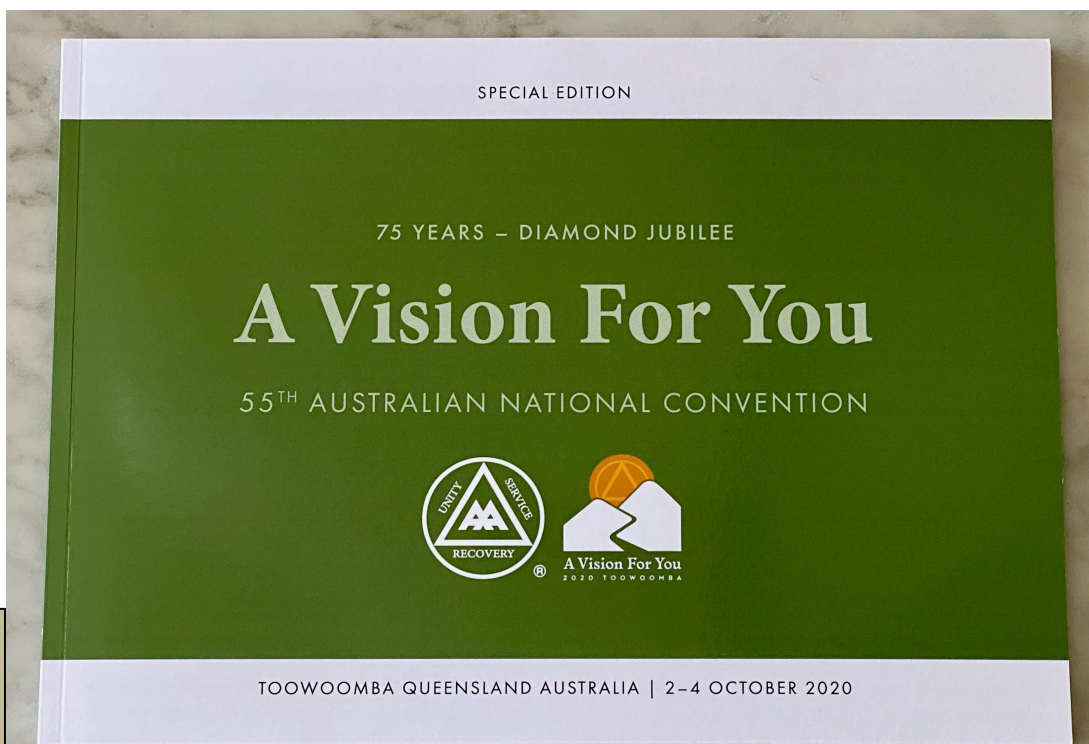
September 2020

AA Around Australia



**Diamond
Jubilee in
Australia**

1945 - 2020




Australian National Convention goes online for the biggest sober Birthday Party of the year

On Saturday evening, October 3rd, the 55th Australian AA National Convention will host a live birthday party to celebrate 75 years of AA in Australia! Diamond Jubilee anniversaries are uncommon in any human endeavour and worthy of significant celebration. So the Host Planning Committee hopes that you might register and join them to honour this landmark moment in the history of our fellowship.

Included with your registration is an outstanding Limited Edition 75 page souvenir booklet that chronicles the foundation of AA in Australia. In it, you will find many

rare pictures and interesting pieces of information about the characters and events that shaped our unique AA story in Australia. As well, the book provides a glimpse into the health of our fellowship in 2020. Many of the topics discussed in the book will be part of the program of live panel discussion, live meetings and pre recorded material that will be on offer over the weekend of October 2-4th. So don't hesitate. Only 500 books have been printed, and the first 500 registrants will receive a free copy of the book in the mail before the convention if you register now.

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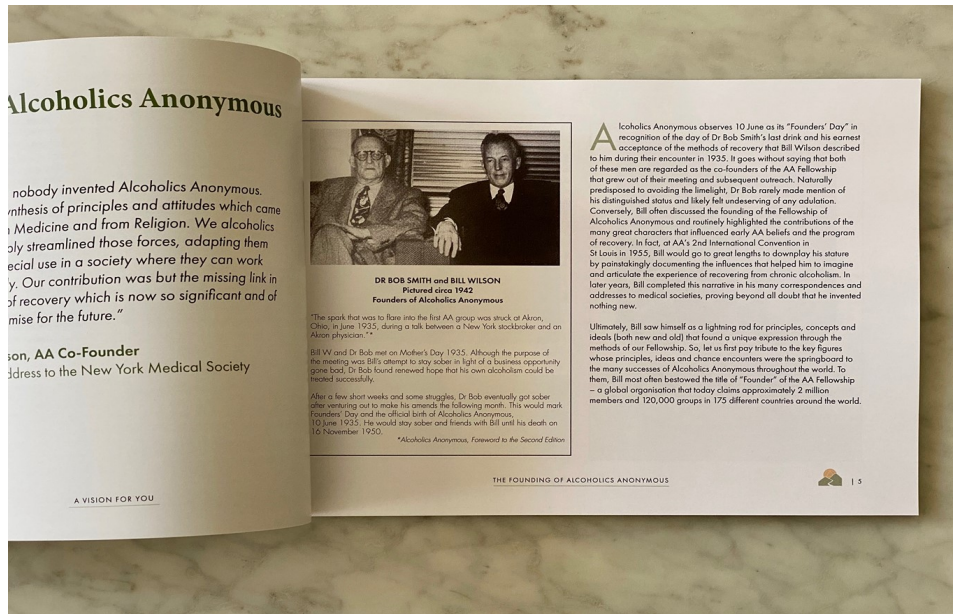
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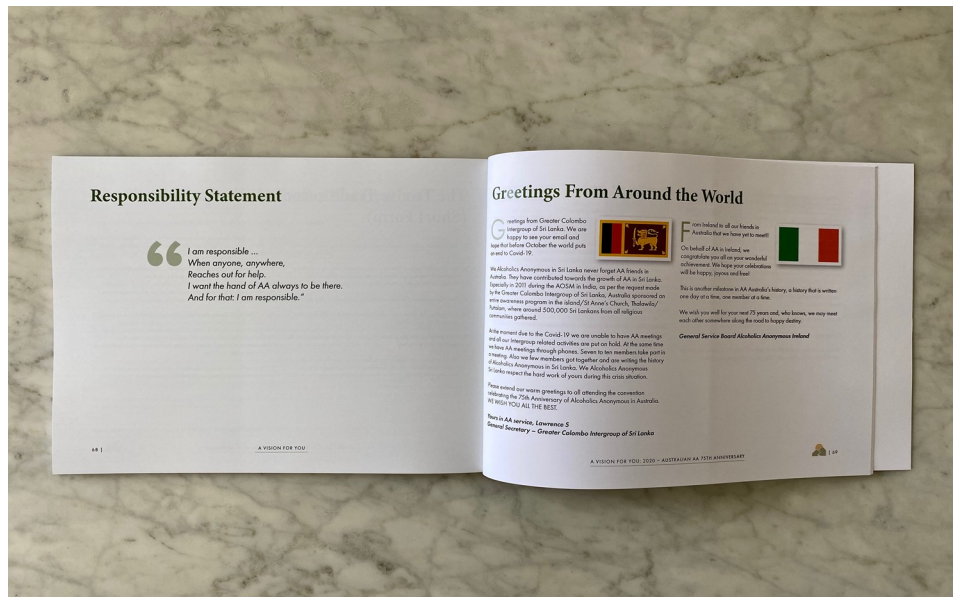
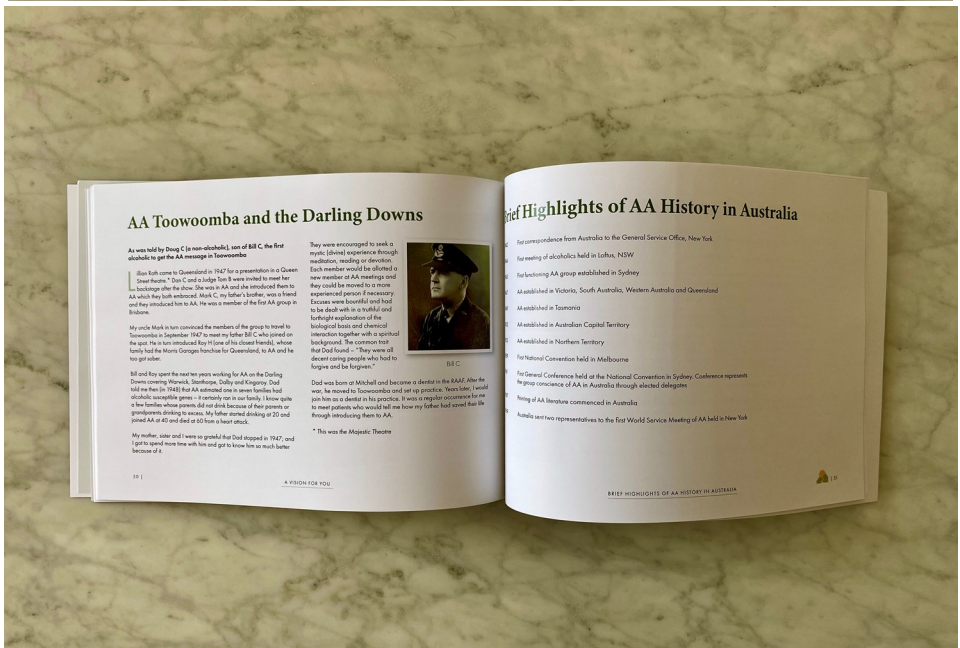


AA 75 Souvenir Book

Australian National Convention 2020
 Toowoomba
 2nd - 5th October
 A Vision For You
 Convention to be facilitated
 as a video conference please
 continue to check website
 for details
aanatcon2020.com.au



Register now for
 2020 National Convention
 Click [here](#)
 1st 500 registrations
 receive a free copy of the
 Diamond Jubilee Commemorative
 Book.



National Treatment and Correctional Facilities Forum Bridging the gap

The National Treatment and Correctional Facilities Forum was held via Zoom on 28 and 29th August. It was organised by Area G, Eastern Region and was well attended. It was very successful and well organised with some great speakers who without Zoom may not have been able to attend.

One of the main themes that kept coming up on the Corrections side was how to bridge the gap between AA in gaol and AA in the wider community.

This gap is a problem as many people on release have many issues to deal with in their lives. These issues are important and include obtaining housing, fixing up finances, attending Centrelink, reuniting with families, repairing relationships and dealing with families, kids.

However, there is more we can do to bridge this gap and ease the process for detainees who are transitioning to AA in the broader community upon their release.

At the Forum, Area B Eastern Region (ER) ran a workshop to explore some ideas.

Narelle, who is a Class A Trustee (non-alcoholic) and a Correctional Facilities Officer from WA shared some different perspectives about what works and what doesn't. She shared, with permission about a detainee who embraced AA in gaol but on release fell through the cracks in many areas including AA. It set the tone for the workshop on the importance for finding some practical solutions

Pat from the Correctional Facilities Team Area B (ER) followed, presenting some resources that could be useful in bridging the gap, between AA and Facilities both Correctional and Treatment. These resources were developed by Area B (ER). They include a business card, an A5 and an A4 poster and pamphlet. The posters are designed to be placed on the facility notice board and the business card and

pamphlet for the detainee to take with them on release. Examples are pictured.

The resources can be easily adapted for each facility and would also work well in a Treatment Facility. They are not Conference approved but may become a Conference topic for 2021 where Conference can consider whether to approve them.

The Chair then asked for ideas and experiences from the attendees at the workshop on how we can bridge the gap. The following ideas were explored. Ensure detainees have a local meeting list and website address on release

Give out phone numbers
Arrange to pick up on release and take the ex-detainee to a meeting

straight away

AA could become part of a 'one stop shop' for detainees on release.

Reach out to parole officers and make sure they are 'educated' about the importance of the parolee continuing to attend AA. Have QR Codes to meeting lists and website that can be scanned. Arrange a time and place to meet the ex-detainee before their first 'outsides' meeting.

Sponsorship for detainees to ensure an ongoing relationship with members on release.

Ensure detainees have plenty of literature including a Big Book on release.

The resources mentioned above are available to detainees before release and that they are part of a release pack.

Engage in the correspondence program for detainees so they have pre-releases contacts in the wider AA community



Bridging the Gap

Once you have left the AMC and you have to face life on life's terms, everything might seem just a little too much. Things mightn't go how you thought or hoped they would and people might seem to look at you differently.

Don't pick up that first Drink!

Try to remember the HALTS.

Don't get too:-

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| Hungry | - Have something to eat, something sweet. |
| Angry | - Try saying the Serenity Prayer. |
| Lonely | - Go to a meeting or call someone in the Fellowship. |
| Tired/Thirsty | - Don't get over tired, drink water or a milkshake. |
| | or |
| Serious | - How important is it? Keep it simple. |

Try and call a member whose number you have or call:-

1300 22 22 22 that's **1300 AA AA AA** (Anywhere in Australia).

That person can talk with you and let you know where the nearest meeting is to you.

We'll be waiting, because someone was waiting for us.
That made all the difference.

Conference Topics Allocation 2020

Legend:

Referred to Conference 2021

Referred outside Conference

Decision to be made at 2020 Conference

Mail poll vote

TOPIC NO.	TOPIC	SUGGESTED CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ALLOCATION
001 ATTACHMENTS	The General Service Board recommends that the General Service Conference considers changing the Conference Committee system by having three committees instead of the current eleven. The Board makes this recommendation having reviewed the committee system of the Great Britain General Service Conference. Two documents are attached. Document 1 is the proposed new committee system. Document 2 shows how many topics each current Conference Committee has been allocated in the last five years.	Agenda Committee Referred to Conference 2021
002 1 VOTE	To update the online group registration on the National Website to include notes about accessibility for those with special needs.	This topic has been referred directly to the General Service Office for action.
003 1 VOTE	1. Amend the topic form to include a reference to checking your topic against past/recent topics to ensure that an idea or issue has not been previously dealt with by Conference. This may provide information that explains why your topic was rejected previously, or help focus thinking on providing new information or arguments. 2. The Conference agenda committee should be allowed to decide on minor amendments such as this without the need for it to potentially take up time in the conference schedule	This topic has been referred to the Agenda Committee for action.
004	That conference look at developing a "CHAT NOW" feature on the aa.org.au website, which would allow a newcomer to "talk" (typing questions in real time to a live person / volunteer AA member, on a national roster)	Pi&CPC Committee Referred to Conference 2021

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<p>005</p> <p>1 VOTE</p>	<p>AA Australia is currently suffering financial hardship. One means of minimising AA's cost of doing business is to reduce its outgoing expenses, some of which relate to the realisation of previously agreed to conference advisory actions. For example, new posters, visual design, copywriting of new AA publications, website improvements, video production, etc, incur costs. The development and availability of a 'needed skills' register would enable members, under our legacy of service, to use their skills to do work that AA would otherwise need to pay for. There is much evidence throughout the fellowship of members willing to use their skills for AA when there is a clear, identified need. A centralised register would make the process national and efficient and inform members when and where skills are specifically needed.</p> <p>Service keeps us sober. Why can't it also assist in ensuring and maintaining AA Australia's solvency?</p>	<p>Finance Committee</p> <p>This topic has been referred directly to the General Service Board for action</p>
<p>006</p>	<p>Creation of 2 additional radio community service announcements (CSAs) to supplement our existing CSAs. One targeted at Indigenous Australians, another at the LGBTI+ community.</p>	<p>Pi&CPC</p> <p>Referred to Conference 2021</p>
<p>007</p> <p>1 VOTE</p>	<p>To make a series of engaging videos aimed at Professionals within the health, prisons and Armed Forces sectors.</p>	<p>PI&CPC</p> <p>Referred to Conference 2021</p>
<p>008</p> <p>1 VOTE</p>	<p>Amend the Group Handbook to add that all groups, Districts and Areas be transparent with members who donate to their group, District or Area about how funds are distributed at Group, District or Area. This is so members can make an informed choice when making their contribution.</p>	<p>LITERATURE</p> <p>Referred to Conference 2021</p>

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009 2 VOTES	Some virtual meetings will continue after the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. These meetings will not necessarily be associated with AA meetings that are also held in a physical location and the groups that run them are likely to be made up of members from diverse physical locations. As such, they will not be located in a physical AA Area or Region. Creation of a virtual Area/ Region would enable such groups to participate in the structure of AA by electing GSR's, running virtual Assemblies and electing a Delegate to the General Service Conference. The existing process for requesting creation of a new Area (AA Service Manual pp.53 -54) cannot assist in this situation, because it assumes a request from an existing Area which is no longer able to provide adequate service and communication to all the groups that are <u>within its geographical area</u> .	POLICIES & ADMISSIONS Committee will make recommendations to Conference 2020.
010	Taking the advantages and benefits we have seen from the use of online meetings forward, Alcoholics Anonymous in Australia (or Oceania Region) should scope the possibility of developing and using an AA owned and supported Online Video-Conferencing Platform (Our own Version of Zoom etc.).	PI&CPC Referred to Conference 2021
011	That a 4-year AA service position of Editor of AA Around Australia be created and advertised on aa.org.au	LITERATURE Referred to Conference 2021

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012 2 VOTES	That conference considers moving <i>all</i> of its activities on line for a reasonable period, to be designated by Conference, as an experiment. This would include <i>The General Service Conference</i> in November, <i>Conference Committee</i> meetings, meetings of the <i>General Service Board</i> , and the <i>Office Management Group</i> . The Covid crisis has demonstrated just how quickly and efficiently our fellowship can adapt and change to new technology, when the need arises. It may be prudent for the fellowship to take full advantage of this unique period to see if we cannot do things better.	AGENDA COMMITTEE Committee will make recommendation to Conference 2020
013	This submission proposes AA utilise modern technology to streamline the Australian AA Two Arms of Service Structure to minimise duplication of effort and expense, by establishing a national online literature sales and distribution service. This includes the availability of electronic literature where possible.	LITERATURE Referred to Conference 2021
014 3 VOTES	That ALL the National Coordinators be invited to submit a plan of action over the next 12 months of how AA's profile can be raised in institutions, and that the Fellowship be made more aware of the greater need for service in all these 4 areas.	TREATMENT CORRECTIONAL REMOTE Referred to co-ordinators for action.
015 1 VOTE	Remove the reference to CSO's from the AA Guidelines and call them local service offices directly responsible to their local groups.	REPORT CHARTER & SERVICE MANUAL Referred to Conference 2021
016	That the Guidelines on National Conventions be sent to a working committee to better reflect the single purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous	REPORT CHARTER & SERVICE MANUAL Referred to Conference 2021

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017 1 VOTE	That each area delegate be asked to do an audit of all groups and meetings in their area to see where new districts and potential new areas could be set up in each Region.	POLICIES & ADMISSIONS Referred directly to Area Delegates
018	That the Service Manual be changed to suggest that the outgoing Area Delegates be given the responsibility to be the AAAA rep for that Area	REPORT CHARTER & SERVICE MANUAL Referred to Conference 2021
019 3 VOTES	That Conference approve the Special Edition 'A Vision for You' Souvenir Book to celebrate the 75 th anniversary of the birth of AA in Australia.	LITERATURE Decision to be made by mail poll vote 2020. Copies will be sent to all Conference members.
020 5 VOTES	That the Finance Committee research and develop a plan which provides a contingency fund for emergency situations such as COVID-19.	FINANCE General Service Board requested to provide report on action taken.
021	Request that the webmaster and/or responsible committee, source and implement a live chat function on aa.org.au	PI&CPC Referred to Conference 2021
022	<p>This topic proposes that AA Australia, together with the National and Area PI Committees, develop a series of videos, similar to the UK https://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/Professionals/Videos-for-Professionals, targeting the professional community including health, employment, correction services and armed forces. These videos should incorporate current evidence supporting the efficacy of AA in helping alcoholics to recover¹ and use recovery language relevant to the respective professions rather than the unique recovery language of AA. Subject matter experts who are friends of AA should be involved in the production of these videos</p> <p>An audit into AA communications² suggested that professionals are keen for information to address alcoholism but that AA resources designed for the Professional Community do not speak in a language relevant to the respective professions; are not delivered across platforms that professionals use; and that those within the Conference structure are not necessarily trained (or armed with tools) to forge cooperative relationships with the Professional Community. This is negatively impacting A.A.'s relevance and its effectiveness in reaching the still-suffering alcoholic</p>	PI&CPC Referred to Conference 2021

Conference Topics Allocation 2020

023 4 VOTES	Application to form new Area –Eastern Region	POLICIES & ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE Recommendation to be made by Policies & Admissions Committee for discussion and voting Conference 2020
024 4 VOTES	For all monies received from the Australian Government for the JobKeeper payment be returned.	FINANCE Recommendation to be made by Finance Committee for discussion and voting Conference 2020.

A new way to receive your copy of AA Around Australia

AA Around Australia is now available as a digital copy delivered to your email inbox on an “opt in” basis.

Over the years production costs and postage has risen, and with a mailing list of around 1800 it's quite a considerable cost each year to produce and deliver. But don't worry, AA Around Australia will always be free and mailed to any group or member that wants it.

You can however, opt out of the hardcopy and receive AA Around Australia digitally to your email each quarter. To opt in please email chris@aa.org.au with the current name and address that AA Around Australia is delivered too and your preferred email.

The great thing about the digital copy is that it's in colour and can then be easily sent on, by you, to your Group Members.



More 300 Club Members Needed

We are looking for more members who are prepared to contribute \$10 per week to support our General Service Office.

This is not an appeal for money as such, but a long term strategy to ensure our Fellowship's solvency into the future and so we can be fully self-supporting rather than rely on declining literature sales.

So far **180** members have joined towards our goal of 300 members.

Your anonymous contribution is tax deductible and will be used for our Primary Purpose work, which includes;

- Our 1300 Alcoholics Anonymous Help Line
- Public Information and advertising
- Our National Website
- Funding our presence at National professional events
- Your Group's Insurance
- Maintaining our General Service Office
- Printing and sales of literature
- Facilitating the General Service Conference (The Group Conscience of Australia)
- Underwriting the National Convention

To join go to <https://literature.aa.org.au/pages/donation>

Select recurring donation, 300 Club on the drop down menu, select monthly, amount \$40

Or Direct Debit
 General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Australia
 BSB: 012 006
 Account: 009750529
 Reference: 300 Club in the comments
 Your personal contribution is tax deductible.

Your anonymous membership of the 300 club and your support of our vital General Service Office will remain completely confidential.

“Just for today I will do a good turn and not get found out.”

Public Information initiative from AA's newest General Service Office - Fiji

In July, GSO Australia received a request from GSO Fiji for some pamphlets It was provided at no cost from funds AA Australia had for International Sponsorship

We have received the funds for our teams to visit the smaller islands and are now busy planning how to reach the most islanders. We are again appreciative of Australia's support.

We have decided to do an outreach to the Health Centres on each of the islands that are in contact with the still suffering alcoholic and provide AA materials that can offer hope and recovery. (Much like Dr. Bob and Bill W had done)

We would provide small plastic display cases, much like you would see on a counter advertising resorts or special causes with pamphlets, our hotline cards and a small poster)

Later in the day we will hold a regular meeting.

We are requesting literature from Australia, as our supplies are limited and have decided on using three pamphlets

Is A.A. for you? 120 needed

A Newcomer Asks 120 needed

AA at a glance. 120 needed

With our contact cards and hotline number on each.

Taveuni 5 Health Centres plus hospital

Viti Levu 15 Health Centres plus hospital

Kadavu 4 Health Centres plus hospital

Our date for the teams to travel is on the September Holiday that will give a day off to those members that are employed.

Thus we hope to have our materials received by then.

If approved for the literature and mailing please send to

AA General Service Office Fiji

Post Office Box 135

Korolevu, Fiji

Care of. Phylis G

Again thank you for all the help you have given our Fellowship.

Phylis G



**Are you drinking
too much?**

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
can offer you a way out!**

For free help call - 939 2190

www.aafiji.com

facebook.com/Alcoholics-Anonymous-Fiji

Make a change today - call today!

From little things, big things grow...



Bula Phylis

A big vinaka vakalevu for being included in the amazing outreach trip to Vanua Levu! Through this trip, I am able to give back to the community through service which has given me renewed sense of purpose. Bringing home the message of our primary purpose!

The bonding with my fellow ladies in recovery is another part of the trip that I will never forget. Getting to spend time and getting to know them on a personal level has brought me a powerful sense of belonging. I am not alone.

Vinaka vakalevu to Australia AA for making this trip possible.

Maraia R, grateful alcoholic.



Hello families. Being clean for a week is something I couldn't believe, would happen. Thanks to the team for putting up posters outside shops in our small hidden paradise town. I am excited to be in this programme. After a week of being clean I then found out that I needed these so bad. I lost so many good job opportunity that came my way because of alcohol. Going through the small book that I have "Alcoholics Anonymous" it's helping a lot because some stories that is in that book is so powerful and true. I want to thank each and everyone of you for the encouragement. ❤️

"The Taveuni outreach work of carrying the message was a truly amazing experience. Am honored to have been part of a group of sober women on this weekend and I would have missed this opportunity if I was not sober and working the program of AA. Have not picked up a drink by the grace of God and this program for a little over 3 years. It has been an incredible journey of learning and discovering for which I am eternally grateful for today.

For this particular weekend, it has not only been a focus on service but on the other 2 pillars of the circle and triangle of recovery and unity.

I have been privileged to sponsor two incredible sober young moms and both of them live quite a distance from the capital city where I reside. Our mode of step work and checking in has been predominantly virtual. But I am grateful that over this weekend, we were able to catch up face to face, do step work and share our experience, strength and hope with the rest of the travelling members. We also spent time in relaxation and did a bit of snorkelling when we were there. It's true what the big book says that we are not a glum lot!

So from us here in the Fiji Islands, Vinaka saka vakalevu AA-Australia for your continued assistance making this outreach possible and a fruitful one! "

Mary R

You can still make a donation to the Founders Day International Sponsorship Fund Click [here](#)



Is alcohol ruining your life?

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
can offer you a way out!**

**For free help call - 939 2190
www.aafiji.com**

Make a change to your life one day at a time!

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in AA

SHARE YOUR STORY

Let the hand of AA always be there

A diverse group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AA members from around Australia have formed a committee to develop this new stories book.

We are gathering stories from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AA members about their experience, strength and hope of working the 12 steps of AA in their lives.

See over the page for guidelines.

NEW DATE!! Send stories by 31st December 2020 to:

indigenouaobook2020@gmail.com

OR

PO Box 1050, Newtown NSW 2042

You are welcome to join the book committee and teleconferences. For more info or a yarn contact:

Toni J on 0416 987 143

Meg W on 0400 073 358

This project was approved at the AA General Service Conference 2019. All stories will go through the AA Literature Committee, and for approval by Conference in November 2020.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in AA

SHARE YOUR STORY

GUIDELINES FOR STORIES

PURPOSE

We have a vision for a book of stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's experience, strength and hope of working the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous in their lives—to carry the message to other alcoholics, and encourage identification by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

FORMAT

Lots of options... stories can be typed and emailed to us, or hand written and posted. You could record yourself speaking and send it to us to type, or we could arrange someone to listen to you and write. Stories can be short, or longer, up to 3500 words.

SUGGESTION FOR OUR MOB'S STORIES

We encourage you to speak your truth, and disclose in a general way 'what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now'. This book is about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people sharing personal stories to especially help other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people identify, so it is important to write from your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander perspective. Include connection to Country and culture, challenges in mainstream society, 'grave emotional and mental disorders', depression, suicide, underlying issues, intergenerational trauma and racism. There is no shame in telling our stories. We are one mob. We support each other and our communities. We must carry our messages to others who are still suffering—in cities, remote areas, workplaces, prisons etc.

GUIDELINES

Carry the message of recovery. Avoid references to people (real or fictitious), places, brand names, organisations or institutions. Avoid statements of personal opinion on e.g. politics, organisations, religion or medication. Remember AA's singleness of purpose: although other addictions may be part of your story, keep the story focused on your recovery from alcoholism.

We will include stories from all around Australia and from all backgrounds including Elders, long-term sobriety, young people, LGBTIQ, men, women... our diversity.

We'll use your first name plus surname initial as author, like stories in the Big Book.

The book will be printed in large font, include some history and places for help. It will also be in audio form.

We can help with editing. We'll get your approval before publishing.

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UPDATE ~ SEPTEMBER 2020 2021 AUSTRALIAN AA NATIONAL CONVENTION

2nd – 5th April 2021

Hilton Hotel, ADELAIDE

Our host planning committee has been meeting monthly for over a year now and we are a really committed crowd of members.

Our venue, the Hilton, still remains closed due to COVID but it is due to open in mid October.

We have recently decided to condense the convention by removing the Thursday evening public information session and starting the convention on the Friday. This provides substantial saving on the venue hire which also takes some pressure off with our fundraising limitations.

Having said that, our fundraising committee are doing a brilliant job under the current circumstances. We have just over 60 registrations at the moment. If the convention is forced to be cancelled, everyone will be offered a full refund.

Our program has been developed and we have some exciting sessions lined up.

We have an exciting evening planned for the Saturday. A truly amazing band, top class DJ and a substantial buffet!

Please join our Facebook group (details below); we have some great celebrations, information and interaction happening.

We need your support! So please, register now and increase your chance to win one of the monthly prizes.

Andy P

Chair

Adelaide Convention Committee

PRIZES TO WIN... EVERY MONTH

THE EARLIER YOU REGISTER, THE INCREASED CHANCE YOU HAVE OF WINNING

Every month we will draw a winner for a different prize and every month you have pre-registered, you will receive an additional ticket in the draw (eg. if John registered in June 2020, he will receive three entry tickets to September's draw). If you want to increase your chances to win one of the monthly prizes, be sure to register your weekend Convention ticket ASAP!

Note: There will be a max of six tickets per draw



DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

Yummy Food

Adelaide's Hottest Party Band

Award Winning DJ

LIMITED TICKETS

\$100 each

REGISTRATIONS

Early Bird - \$100 for weekend

Day rates available

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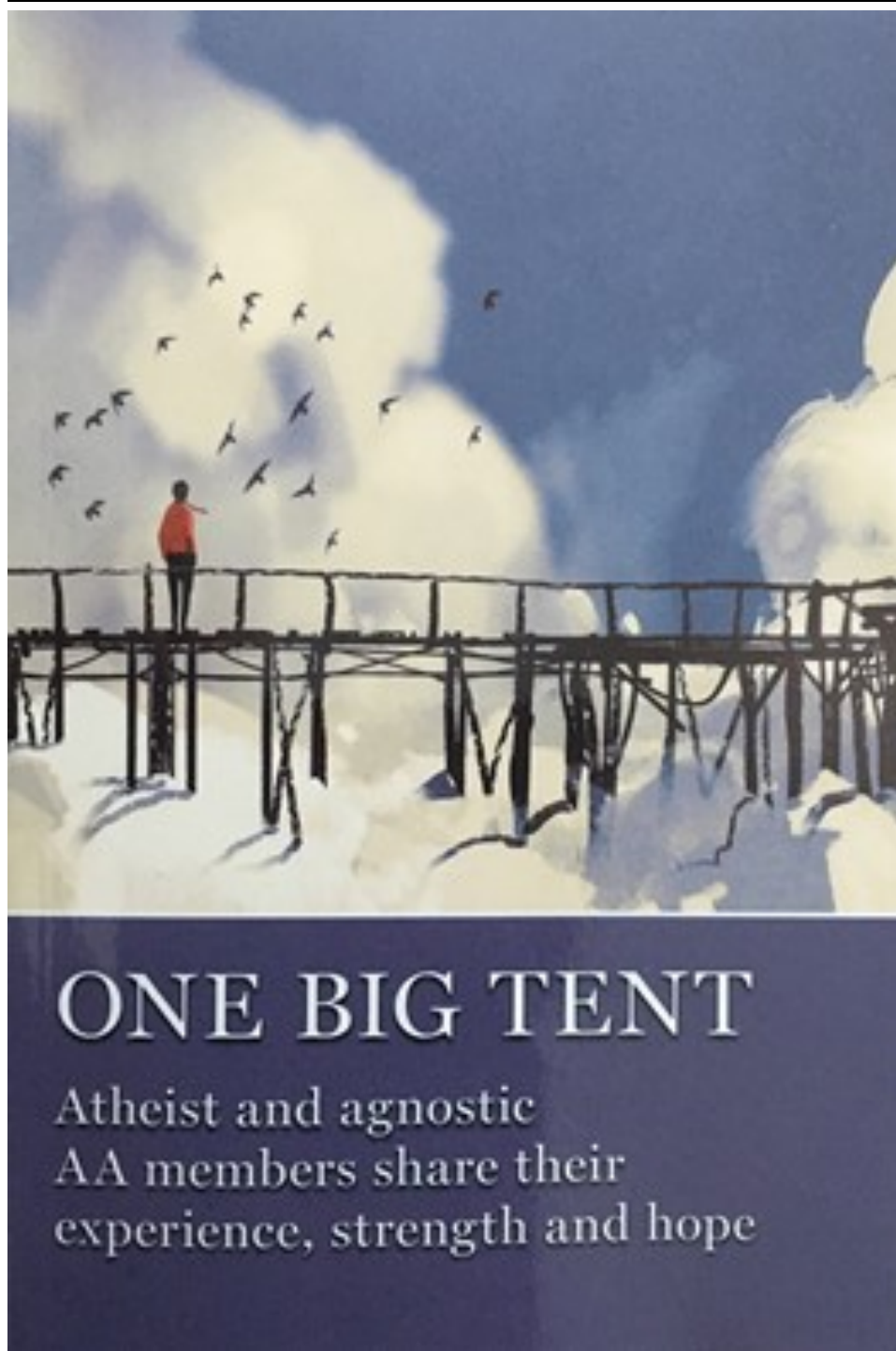
WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

We would love your help on any of our sub-committees - fundraising, registrations, merchandise, greeters, ushers, timers, meeting chairs etc, be sure to email us your interest.



Private FB group

"Adelaide Convention 2021"



This new AA book brings together a cross-section of views of non-believers who have still been able to benefit from the AA program. It would be invaluable for god-wary newcomers who baulk at the AA program's repeated references to God; even though there are only a couple of atheist and agnostic meetings in Australia, **One Big Tent** shows such newcomers they are not alone.

The book is a compilation of stories published in **The Grapevine**—starting with Bill W reminding us in 1965 to be inclusive of anyone who declares themselves a member of AA.

This book is also a boon for anyone struggling with 'the god thing'. It reassures any atheist, agnostic or freethinking alcoholic that the AA program embraces them. Reading **One Big Tent** should also open the mind of any member carrying the AA message. As the Long Form of Tradition Three puts it: "Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism." That includes atheists, agnostics and freethinkers.

[Click here](#) to read a selection of quotes from the book

One Big Tent. It is available from your local Central Service Office for \$20

Secular Meetings

Monday 10am AEST: Contact brookvalsecularaa@zoho.com for email invite to Zoom meeting

Monday 7pm ACST: Contact southozaaaa@gmail.com for email invite to Zoom meeting

Tuesday 7pm AEST: Zoom meeting ID: 737 851 765 Password: 559614

Thursday 7:30pm AEST: Bulimba QLD Library 219 Oxford St Bulimba OR Contact bulimbasecularaa@gmail.com for email invite to join on Zoom

Friday 6:30pm AEST: Contact aaaacanberra@gmail.com for email invite to Zoom meeting

Saturday 11am AEST: Contact brookvalsecularaa@zoho.com for email invite to Zoom meeting

Saturday 12 noon AEST: Woden ACT Library Conference Room Corinna Street Phillip

Group Contributions June to August

CENTRAL REGION		CR				
Area A CR	CR/A		Barton Tues Lunchtime	60.00	Springwood	300.00
Brompton Beginners	90.00	Bundanoon	50.00	Total Area H:	2,498.63	
Elizabeth Grove	30.00	Canberra Speakers	36.50	Total Eastern Region:	30,604.20	
Gawler	42.00	Daily Reprieve	50.00	SOUTHERN REGION	SR	
Gawler Sobriety Sisters	75.00	Interchange Group	30.06	Area A SR	SR/A	
Grange	72.73	Milton	200.00	Warrnambool Tues pm	300.00	
Henley Beach E S	41.00	Queanbeyan	109.72	Wendouree Tues	150.00	
Junction Midday	60.00	Sixth Chapter Mens Group	159.00	Total Area A:	450.00	
Kadina Recovery	21.00	Spiritual Concepts	45.00	Area B SR	SR/B	
Kilburn	176.00	Tomakin BBS/ ABSI	20.00	Albury Sun am	120.00	
Mansfield Park	31.50	Tuggeranong Fellowship	1,049.48	Bendigo Fri	250.00	
Malvern	177.00	Woden Valley	100.00	Castlemaine Sun	120.00	
Port Adelaide Friday	68.20	Total Area B:	2,049.76	Total Area B:	490.00	
Port Augusta	12.00	Area C ER	ER/C	Area D SR	SR/D	
Port Lincoln	1.50	Bolton Point	300.00	Area D	2,000.00	
Semaphore Serenity	30.00	Cessnock Fri Living Sober	100.00	Eltham	157.00	
Sunday Women's	45.60	Newcastle 3 Legacies	150.00	Footscray	150.00	
Taperoo	79.15	Toronto Sat pm	20.00	Geelong District	1,500.00	
Tea Tree Gully	27.00	Umina Sun	200.00	Geelong Breakfast Bill and Bob	250.00	
Total Area A:	1,079.68	Woy Woy Sun SC	200.00	Geelong SOTS	90.00	
Area B CR	CR/B	Woy Woy Wed 7:30pm	200.00	Moonee Ponds Road to Recovery	180.00	
Adelaide BBS	177.50	Total Area C:	1,170.00	Northcote Mens	250.00	
Adelaide Beginners	102.00	Area D ER	ER/D	Northern Lights	188.79	
Aldinga	12.00	Bowral Fri	256.00	Ashgrove	60.00	
Aldgate	22.55	Bowral Womens	57.00	Seddon Steps	500.00	
Belair	51.00	Milton Thurs Night	200.00	Western Unity	400.00	
Berri S&T	74.80	Padstow CTM	150.00	Whittlesea	150.00	
Breakfast Groups	216.40	Total Area D:	663.00	Total Area D:	5,875.79	
Brighton Beginners	6.00	Area E ER	ER/E	Battery Point Mon Lunchtime	51.60	
Brighton Women's	38.00	Area E Groups via NSCSO	10,250.72	Sandy Bay	50.00	
Burnside Welcome	45.00	Baulkham Hills Sunday	200.00	Total Area E:	101.60	
Cumberland Park	4.50	Curl Curl Bfast	4,700.00	Area F SR	SR/F	
Daw Park Repat	55.00	Neutral Bay Tues 6.15pm Living Sober	250.00	The Deal	394.26	
Eastwood Recovery	137.85	Total Area E:	15,400.72	Albert Park WOL	411.00	
Eastwood Weeekdays	43.45	Area F ER	ER/F	Armadale	400.00	
Glenelg	139.63	Dubbo Fri Sun	90.00	Belmont Unity Recovery	200.00	
Glen Osmond R2R	60.00	Total Area F:	90.00	Bentleigh Life's in Session	60.00	
Goodwood	67.50	Area G ER	ER/G	Carlton	150.00	
Hyde Park Recovery	8.10	Balmain Thurs pm	63.00	Caulfield Sober Saturday	60.00	
Kingston on Murray	34.80	Bondi Beach Sea Change	1,420.00	Dandenong Common Welfare Fri	100.00	
Maslin Beach	10.50	Bondi Junct Sunday Womens	37.50	Glen Waverley Wed	125.00	
Meadows	39.00	Camperdown Thurs	211.62	Hawthorn	31.70	
Mens Topic	2.10	Darlinghurst Fri Gay Mens	407.00	Patterson Lakes	235.00	
Norwood	73.50	Darlinghurst Sun 5pm	180.00	South Melbourne Mens Group	881.95	
Payneham	18.00	Double Bay Sun	90.00	South Melbourne Recovery	437.17	
Payneham Womens	54.00	Glebe Sun am	60.00	Toorak Wed Happy Destiny	88.00	
Renmark Sunday	49.20	The Into Action Group Waverley	300.00	Total Area F:	3,574.08	
Seaford	46.95	Kings Cross St Canices	15.00	Total Southern Region:	10,491.47	
Serenity by the sea	18.00	Little Bay	100.00	NORTH EASTERN REGION	NER	
Sunday Women's	20.40	Maroubra Junction Mon noon	30.00	Area A NER	NER/A	
Unley Park	1.50	Paddington Fri Night Speakers	55.00	Via Cairns CSO	1,000.00	
Victor Harbour Friday	21.00	Randwick Steps & Traditions	300.00	Cairns BB Mon	300.00	
Willunga	4.50	Rocks Breakfast	480.00	Cairns Steps Tues	22.50	
Total Area B:	1,654.73	Stanmore Beginners Mon	60.00	Cairns Womens	33.30	
Total Central Region:	2,734.41	Pymont Mon 11am	65.70	Holloways Beach	27.35	
EASTERN REGION	ER	Sydney City Wed 8am Lawyers	57.00	Kirwan Easy Does It	20.00	
Area A ER	ER/A	Wesley Groups	261.15	South Townsville	20.00	
Banana Coast District	774.12	Total Area G:	4,192.97	Townsville Warburton St	19.24	
Brunswick Heads Weds BBS	280.00	Area H ER	ER/H	Total Area A:	1,442.39	
Casino	750.00	Blaxland PPG	406.00	Area B NER	NER/B	
Lismore Spiritual Progress	135.00	Fairfield Steps	40.00	Area B	160.00	
Northern Rivers District	1,100.00	Katoomba ABSI Sun	90.00	Aspley DR Sat am	84.00	
Port Macquarie Womens Sat	500.00	Katoomba GLBT	5.00	Auchenflower	80.00	
Sawtell Groups	570.00	Katoomba Wednesday	150.00	Bargara	90.00	
South Golden Beach	330.00	Kingswood Mens	975.03	Bray Park BBS	400.00	
Wauchope	100.00	Lalor Park Sat 2pm	96.92	Bribie Island	25.00	
Total Area A:	4,539.12	Lalor Park Tues	115.68			
Area B ER	ER/B	Nepean Hosp Tues Detox	20.00			
Ainslie Village	110.00	Penrith Sunday 8pm	300.00			
Back to Basics	30.00					

Group Contributions June to August

Brisbane TIAS	331.79	Northam	60.00
Brisbane Traditions	310.00	North Beach Tues	102.00
Buddina Monday noon	240.00	North Beach Womens	71.90
Bulcock Beach	644.00	Northbridge Early Openers	53.46
Caboolture Sunday/Wed	174.00	Perth Breakfast	15.00
Coolum	610.00	Perth City Early Openers	20.00
Cooroy	30.00	Subiaco Steps	300.00
District 9	2,000.00	Vincent St Care	600.00
Fortitude Valley Mens	120.00	Total Area A:	4,062.30
Glenwood	40.00	Area B WR	WR/B
Kawana Friday	30.00	ABC Steps (Spearwood)	46.07
Kingaroy	60.00	Beaconsfield Early Risers	90.00
Margate Beginners	40.00	Busselton	600.00
Mooloolaba Tues Mens	200.00	Coolbellup	50.43
Nambour Saturday Night	936.52	Dunsborough	105.00
Noosaville Topic	200.00	Fremantle Hospital Wed	90.00
North Brisbane District	300.00	Fremantle Sat afternoon	60.00
Pialba	250.00	Fremantle Spiritual Concepts	370.00
Pomona	500.00	Fremantle Sunday Beginners	30.00
Red Hill Amity	400.00	Fremantle Unity	159.00
Sandgate Sat pm	57.00	Hamilton Hill The Hub	200.00
Sandgate/Brighton Steps Thurs	54.00	Kalamunda	181.50
Sunshine Coast Roundup	352.88	Kalamunda A New Freedom	94.50
Total Area B:	8,719.19	Mandurah Cooper St	75.00
Area C NER	NER/C	Mandurah Sunday	100.00
Bayside Beginners	50.00	Mandurah Serenity	58.00
Beenleigh ABSI	110.00	Margaret River	150.00
Bethania Plan B	26.00	Margaret River ID	60.00
Brisbane Traditions	30.00	Medina	37.50
Bulimba Thurs Secular	30.00	Mundijong Fri Ch 6	200.00
Burleigh Heads Early Birds	450.00	Peet District	400.00
Cleveland Tuesday	50.00	Rivervale CTM	37.50
Cleveland Topic Thurs am	45.00	Rockingham	300.00
Coomera BB Monday 7pm	116.93	Rockingham Discussion	30.00
Coorparoo Day	221.19	Rockingham Turning Point	18.00
Forest Lake Steps	105.00	Rockingham Peoples Group	135.00
Greenslopes	60.00	Victoria Park Topics	67.59
Gumdale Saturday	50.00	Total Area B:	3,745.09
Isle of Capri	135.00	Total Western Region:	7,807.39
Isle of Capri Sunrise	27.97	NORTHERN REGION	NR
Kenmore Groups	80.00	Area A NR	NR/A
Logan Village Groups	74.91	Casuarina	156.00
Murwillumbah Sat pm	150.00	Darwin Harbour View	114.90
New Farm	157.80	Darwin Tues BB	306.61
Oxley Station	117.00	Total Northern Region:	577.51
Southport Sun 9am Refl	379.95	Unknown Internet Deposits	Unknown
Springwood Topics	30.00	15/6 Unshakeable Foundation	164.80
Stanthorpe Monday	15.00	5/6 Northwest District	1,000.00
Toowoomba How	260.00	1/6 Sat Night Rewind	15.00
Toowoomba Thurs LS	1,000.00	2/6 Tuesday Night	300.00
Total Area C:	3,771.75	2/6 Women in Sobriety	437.50
Total North Eastern Region:	13,933.33	3/6 Eastern Twilight	1,160.00
WESTERN REGION	WR	9/6 Road to Recovery	1,080.00
Area A WR	WR/A	10/6 FOTS	500.00
Ashfield SC	500.00	6/7 SGB meeting	110.00
Broome	90.00	City Daily Reflections	300.00
Claremont	240.00	BCC	20.00
Dun Craig	900.00	Unknown Cairns group	33.95
El Salvador	45.00	Bateau Bay	250.00
High Wycombe Steps	85.50	Darwin 750994	35.00
Joondanna	144.00	The Workshop	60.00
Kalgoorlie Steps	154.14	134 Donation	300.00
Maylands Daybreak	81.30	17/8 Big Wednesday	100.00
Maylands BB	75.00	18/8 WWBBTUE	30.00
Midland Steps	150.00	24/8 Nowra	235.05
Marangaroo Friday	45.00	24/8 Sun 8pm BB	40.00
Nedlands Breakfast	150.00	27/8 Braidwood	450.00
Nedlands Joy of Living	180.00	28/8 Northside Womens Recovery	110.00
		Total Unknown Deposits:	6,731.30
		TOTAL ALL REGIONS:	72,879.61

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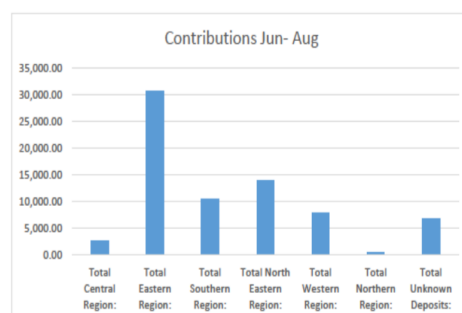
Message from your General Service Board

Update on Membership Survey

Unfortunately the membership survey we undertook in 2017 was technically flawed and the data is unusable.

We apologise to the fellowship and in particular to those members who gave of their time and volunteered their personal information.

We are seeking to engage professional help to enable us to complete this project.



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