

# National PI/PA Patter December 2024



The goal of AA Public Information and Co-operation with the Professional Community (PI&PA) is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This is achieved in two ways, through informing the general public about the AA programme and through reaching "the third person", whose work is or may be involved with the active alcoholic

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The National Combined Services Forum was held in Adelaide over the weekend NOV. 22-24, we held at the Grand Chancellor on Hindley with all National Coordinators in Attendance and Former USA Trustee Billy N, great weekend was had by all, recordings are available, In Unity and Service Rob C, Chair 2024 National Forum

I was privileged to be voted in as a World Service Delegate at the 2023 conference and my term started on the 1st January 2024.

It was helpful to be included in the discussions for the proposed topic to address the voting ratio at the conference before my term started and thank the board for allowing me to be part of the discussions.

I was privileged to be part of the startup committee for the National Awareness forum with Rob C, our national PI @PA coordinator.

I was appointed as the program coordinator for the forum.

We decided to make the meeting and workshop program as diverse as possible. Allowing all to attend, particularly local members who we felt would not attend if we just had service meetings running constantly, this was a great success as more members attended and more interest was shown in many areas.

The decision to invite Billy N from Florida made a big difference and he held a few of the keynote slots over the weekend, sharing his experience in many arms of service. It was also my responsibility to work with Billy and assist him in getting him here to Adelaide. Overall, a great weekend was had by all and it was a pleasure to work with this committee. Another great event held by AA SA

Yours In Service

Andy P



2024  
**NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS FORUM PROGRAM**  
 FRIDAY 22 - SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER  
 GRAND CHANCELLOR HOTEL  
 ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Public Information and Professional Awareness  
 Corrections, Treatments, Accessibility, Remote Communities and Young People

**Friday 22nd Nov**

Time	Hindley Ballroom
5:00 pm	Registration opens
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Welcome Meeting and Introduction from National Coordinators
8:15 - 9:15 pm	AA Myths and Misconceptions with Billy Noonan

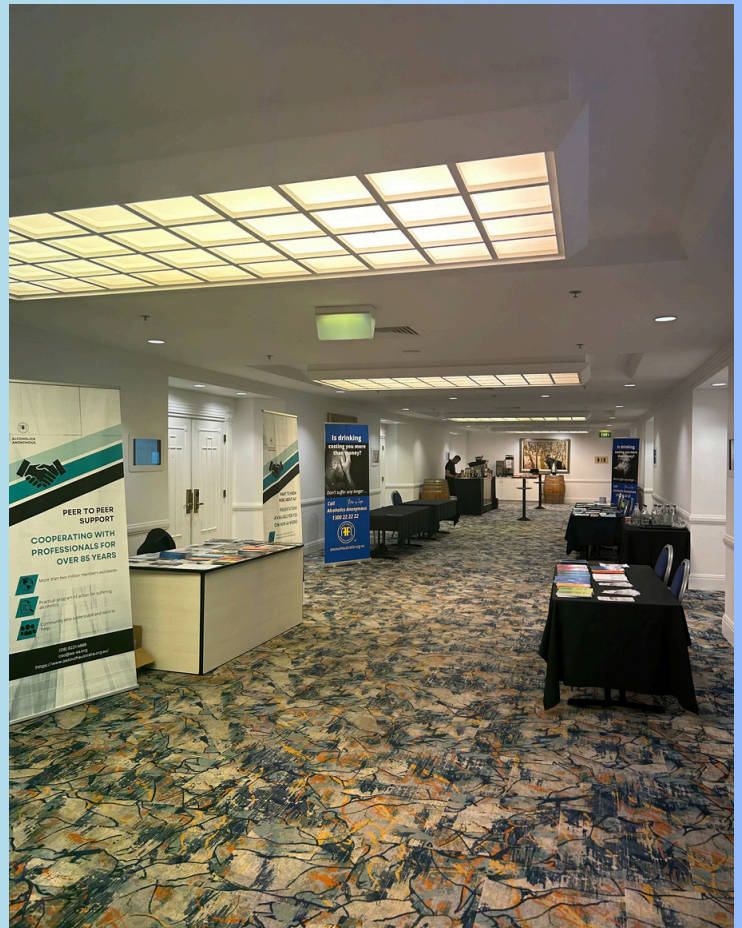
**Saturday 23rd Nov**

Time	Hindley Room 1	Hindley Room 2	Hindley Room 3	Torrens Room
8:30 - 9:30 am	On Awakening	Daily Reflections	Meeting with GSO Website Coordinator	
10:00 - 11:00am	Young People Into Action	Corrections	Steps 1/2/3	Breakout Room Treatment and Accessibility
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Upside Down Triangle	Remote Communities	Steps 4/5	Breakout Room PI and PA
12:30 - 2:00 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Breakout Room Young Peoples
2:00 - 3:00 pm	LGBTQI Rainbow Community Meeting	PI and PA	Steps 6/7/8/9	Breakout Room Remote Communities
3:30 - 4:30 pm	First Nations Into Action	Treatment and Accessibility	Steps 10/11/12	Breakout Room Corrections
6:30 - 10:00 pm	Hindley Ballroom - Dinner and Speaker A Journey Into Service - Billy Noonan			

**Sunday 24th Nov**

Time	Hindley Ballroom
8:30 - 9:30 am	Spiritual Concept
9:45 - 10:45 am	Traditions Topic Meeting
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Spiritual Concepts Topic Meeting
12:30 - 1:00 pm	Farewell Meeting

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The weekend was a success due to the hard work in the lead up to the event. All told we had \$11737.00 worth of ticket sales.. Total costs to put on the event are \$17107.47. Nil figures for professional luncheon are in this breakdown (I've left it as a separate event for simplicity). We had approximately 200 registrations (including professionals and rehabs) and approximately 180 attended over the 3 days.,Its been an absolute privilege to serve as treasure for this forum for the last 18 months. Ive learnt a lot. Got closer to the fellowship and made some closer friends. Its what its all about really. God Bless you all.

Dylan

Serving on the National Awareness Forum Committee as the role of registrations was a great learning experience. To be a part of effective and active group consciousness with experienced members to lead the way was priceless for my recovery and I am left with a greater understanding of how much work and thought goes into these AA events. Over the weekend being responsible for coordinating the registration table was great as I was able to greet AA members from all around Australia and welcome them to our event, and I found members where more than happy to be of service and contribute to the forum by working on an hourly roster at the rego table. Very grateful to have experienced the forum and been a part of it all coming together.

In loving service,

Connor

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GPCE  
GENERAL PRACTICE CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

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Alcoholics  
Anonymous



Help available in many  
countries including:

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- New Zealand
- Pacific Islands
- Fiji
- Solomon Islands
- Samoa

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Office for information on how  
AA can work with you  
(03) 9429 1833  
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Alcoholics  
Anonymous



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- National Helpline 1300 22 22 22
- Members available to speak about AA at your event
- More information – [aa.org.au](http://aa.org.au)
- AA information brochures available — Just ask

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## Inner City District Carries The Message To GPCE

In the weekend 15-17 November 2024, Inner City District (ICD) in Melbourne attended the General Practitioner Convention and Exhibition (GPCE) at the Melbourne Convention Centre. The event is attended by GPs, practice managers, nurses, and pharmacists. Exhibitors include pharmaceutical companies, SMART Recovery, WorkSafe and service providers. The district attended the event in 2023 and after evaluation and discussions within district groups, the district voted – almost unanimously – to attend the conference again in 2024. The conference fee totalled \$4,727 as well as costs for literature. We have most literature on hand (thanks to our literature coordinator). The AA literature available at GPCE include posters, postcards, business cards with QR codes to meeting listings as well as a range of pamphlets including AA For Busy Doctors, Alcoholism - Local AA May be able to help, If you are a professional, Is there a problem drinker in the workplace? And This is AA – An introduction to the AA Recovery program. The conference provides an app which is used to scan attendees' badges and collect contact information. Our aim, similar to last year, was to speak to as many people as possible and if they were interested, collect their contact information and email a digital PI pack (created by a local AA member) as well as other specialised information. Over the course of the weekend, we collected around 60 emails for GPs, pharmacists and nurses. We also spoke to other exhibitors, including WorkSafe and will send information about Alcoholics Anonymous and how we can help those who want to stop drinking. We are in the process of distributing information to our contact list which is expected to be completed in the next few months.

We had a number of members join us to be of service at the GPCE and those in attendance had great experiences carrying the message to health professionals. However, despite an overall positive experience at the GPCE (again), it proved more difficult to find AA members to be of service this year than last year.

YIS,

Nanna M

DCM, ICD Melbourne

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Alcoholics Anonymous involvement at ISBRA, The World Congress on Alcohol and Addictions

The Inner City District (ICD) in Melbourne attended The World Congress on Alcohol and Addictions on the 23rd -26th of September 2024 held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. The opportunity for our involvement came about from a personal invitation from the Chief organizer Prof John Saunders. He has worked with the World Health Organization for over 40 years.

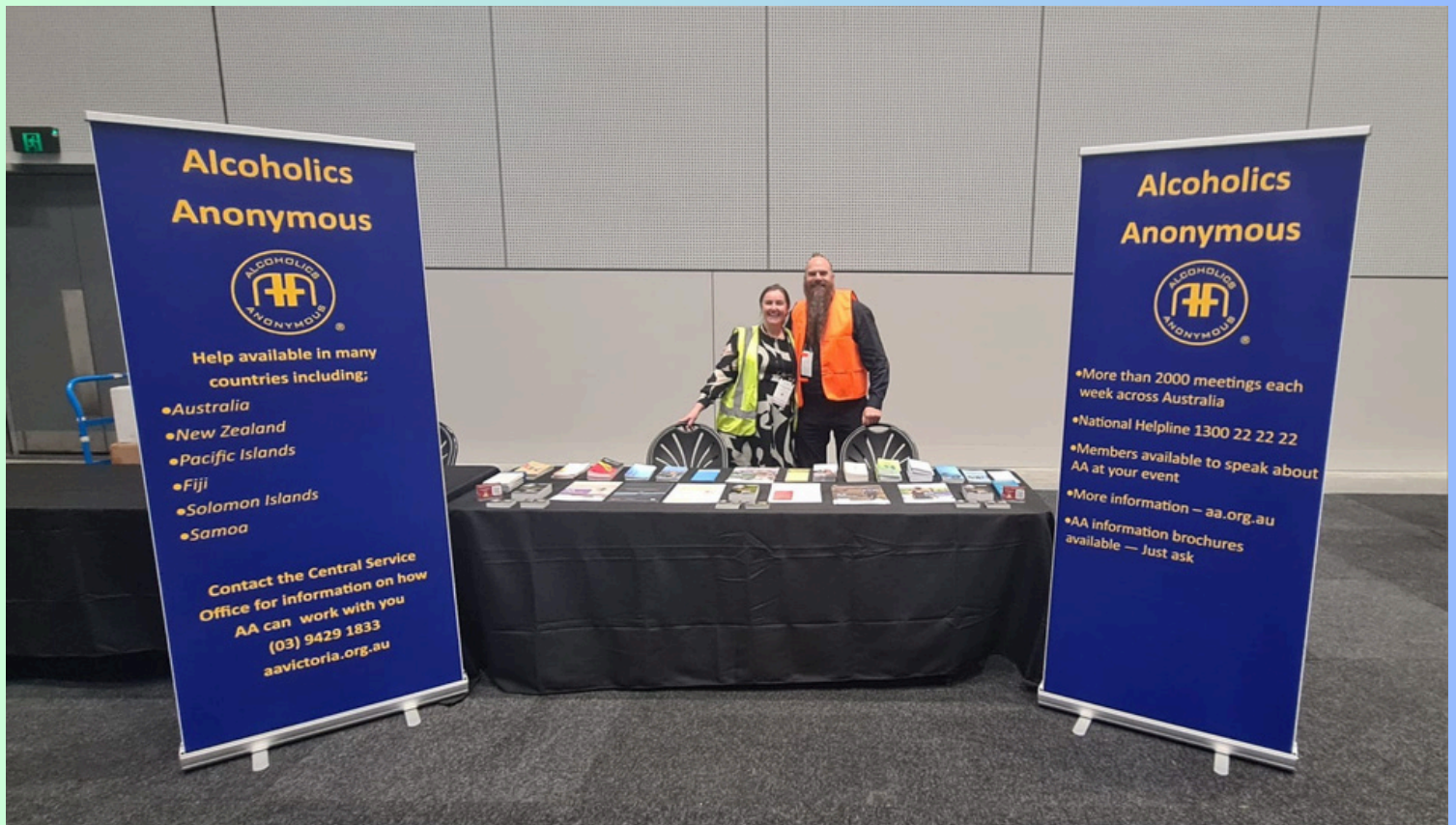
ICD had made some inquiries 12 months earlier but at the time was working on some other initiatives including the GPCE (General practice conference and exhibition) So a few months out and some emails started getting around and with the help of our national PI coordinator (Rob C) we were able to start the conversation and from that Prof Saunders extended a warm welcome. I believe it began with "why isn't AA here". He went on to say "I want to convey our view that we would welcome AA representation at the Congress" he wrote "Many thanks for writing to me and accepting our offer to AA to have a presence at the World Congress on Alcohol and Addictions. I learnt of the value of AA for my patient's recovery when I was an intern in 1973 quite some time ago" So ICD accepted the invitation and set about setting up a roster of AA members to be of service for the 4 day event (which didn't take long to fill as there were a lot of members very keen to get involved. Nanna M, Piet V, Krissy C, Peter T, Rachel M, Paul T, Alan B, Warwick S and Shane D. all represented AA by signing up, showing up and showing the professional community who we are. We were well received by all, especially by our friends that do know of us and more so by the ones that didn't know about us and were keen to find out more about AA. Some of the questions asked were around Remote area meetings, AA in the digital world, Cultural barriers in other countries, does AA have rehabs, who trains our coordinators. Some were even surprised that AA was in Australia, some were aware of AA in the USA but not outside of there. So there were some great conversations around what AA does and more importantly what AA does not do, but goes to show that there is so much more awareness we can bring to the Professionals that are friendly with AA. All in all it was a great week and AA's attendance was very much appreciated by the organizing committee who came to thank us

Yours in service

Shane D

ICD Melbourne

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That's a wrap ! AA is in the Bay ! ( Batemans Bay )

For a small little coastal town our Expo was great ! Literature received well with lots of engagement from the Professional and Local Community, Popular feedback was " it's so good to know AA is local here "

Thanks to all for their support, help and service.

So Greatfull to be apart of this wonderful experience and Alcoholics Anonymous



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Maroondah Festival 2024  
Outer Eastern District  
Melbourne

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Area B ER Bus  
Advertising  
campaign

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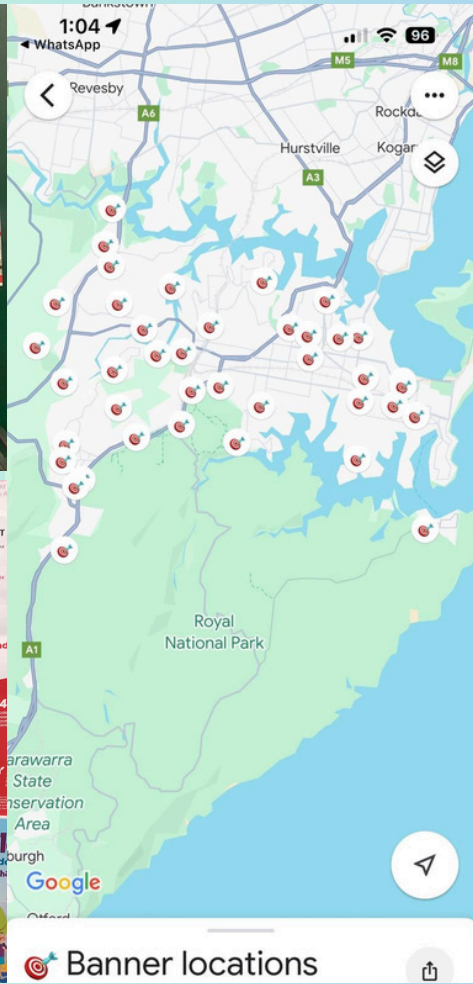
After reaching out to the Urgent Mental Health Care Clinic in Adelaide city, their clinical lead invited us to provide AA speakers at their next two team meetings in November. Andy P and Grant T both presented and spoke on separate days, all together to about 20 staff members. They presented on what AA is, what it's not and how we can work together, also having time for a Q&A from staff members to finish. Grant is now taking care of our Areas efforts in cooperation with the UMHCC and supplying them with AA literature.

Connor

Area B PI&PA



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## PI EXAMPLES:

SOUTHERN SYDNEY DISTRICT



## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Join us! As an individual or a group. Donate your time, expertise or money. You can either come along to a meeting or call, text or email Rachel T on 0415 868 421 or southernsydneydistrict@gmail.com

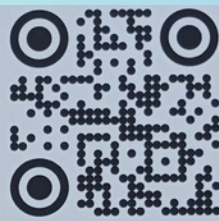
<b>No judgement.</b>	<b>No regrets.</b>	<b>No shame.</b>
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**Is drinking costing you more than money?**

**There is a solution**

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Meets Daily



scan here

1300 22 22 22

Mid North Coast  
02 6658 0366

[www.aa.org.au](http://www.aa.org.au)



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Is drinking  
costing you more  
than money?  
Don't suffer any longer...

Call Alcoholics Anonymous 1300 22 22 22 aa.org.au

*There is hope...*

The banner features a black and white photograph of a person's face, partially obscured by their hand.

Miranda ER



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Barden Ridge ER



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Barden Ridge Oval ER



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North Caringbah ER




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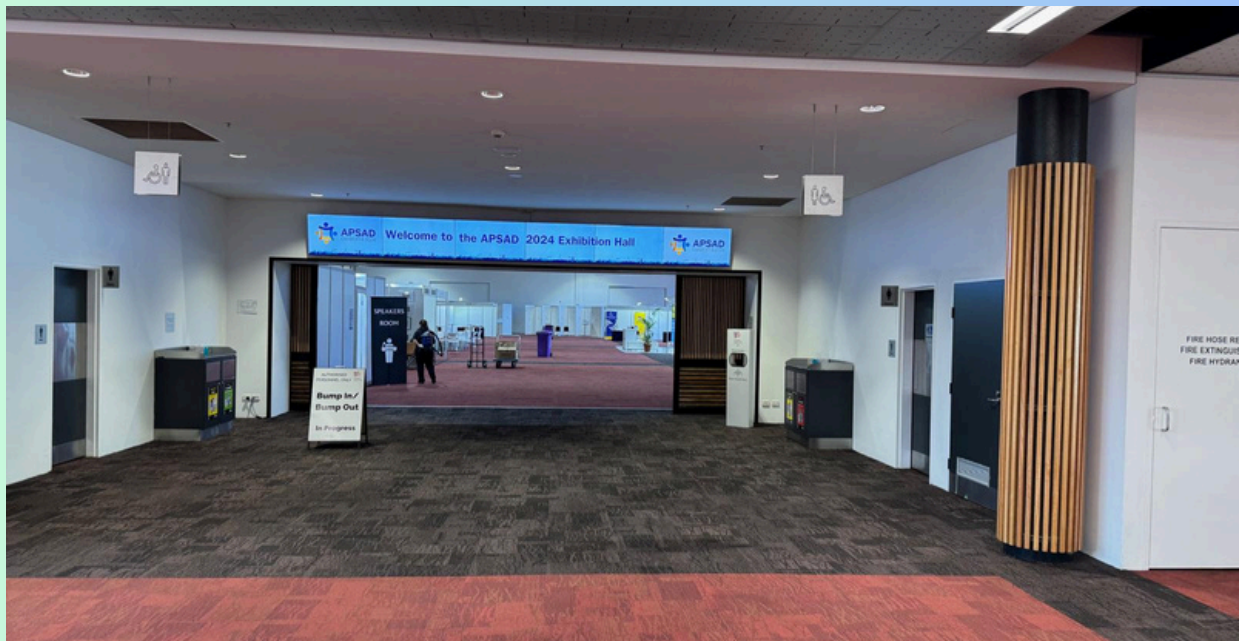
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Sutherland ER

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APSAD 2024 was held in Canberra Last month and Area B ER had a table at the conference. Nice work



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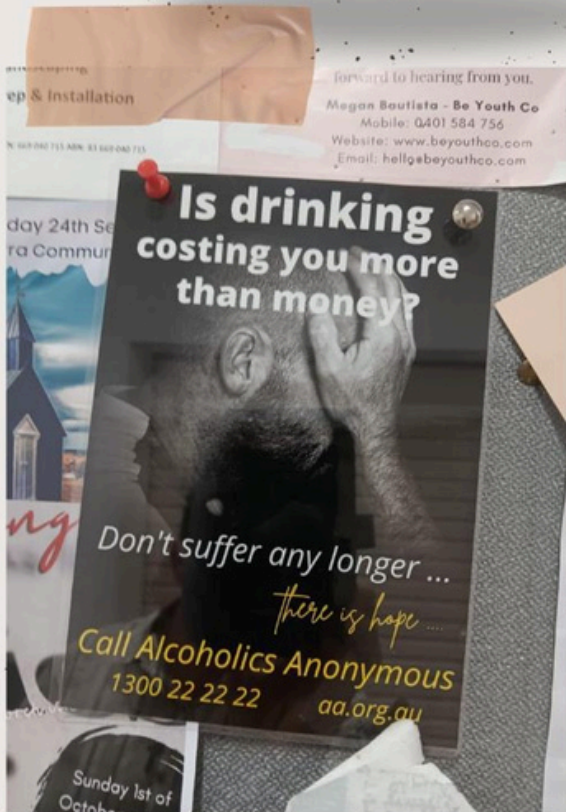
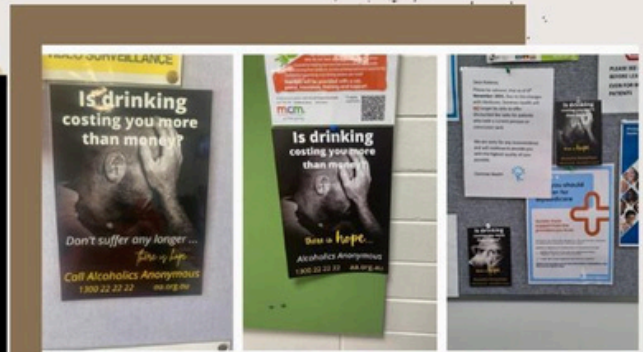
New PI kit in Area G. On display at the Assembly. It's also been road tested a few months ago. Happy to share any of the graphics and/or if you are Sydney based happy to let you use it as it's being held at our CSO

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Concurrent with Bill W's sobriety date Dec 11th

## National Put Up an AA Poster week

Monday 9th -  
Sunday 15th Dec  
2024



Shopping Centre Noticeboards, Police Stations, Facebook, Newspapers, Doctors surgery's, Chemists, Medical Centre's etc.



We must always ask and be respectful of those places we leave any AA posters/flyers/AA literature, AA cards as servants for AA and try to reach those still suffering to find a way out.



Put up a Poster week will be the Monday 9th of DEC. to Sun. the 15th, the week of Bill W's sobriety Anniversary , get involved





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THE  
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SOBER**

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## AA ChatNow Australia



### AA ChatNow Responders Wanted



AA ChatNow Australia is growing exponentially and we are looking for more frontline responders to join the already 30 AA members that volunteer their time to this great cause by connecting with others and the newcomer through this online platform and by carrying the message to the still sick and suffering.

### Have you seen this little chat box on the AA Australia Website

ChatNow is an online platform run by fellow members of Alcoholics Anonymous (not by the GSO). We have been live on the AA Australia Website since November 1st, 2023. In that time we have responded to over 31,000 online chats and from those chats more than a third have been from newcomers. We believe that this platform has benefitted AA through having further reach to the still sick and suffering.



aa.org.au

### How can I be of service?



ChatNow currently runs between the hours of 10am and 10pm AEST. We have at this stage 30 responders. If you are after a different kind of service position, want to help carry the message or are unable to attend face to face meetings to be of service this could be a great position for you.

### Requirements

A desktop, iPad or Laptop and basic computer literacy. A minimum sobriety of 2 years and a thorough understanding of the 12 Steps and the 12 Traditions. Service Guidelines ask for availability of 4 hours per week per responder this is broken down to two 2 hour shifts per week. All training will be provided.

*"Modern to modern or face to face. A. A's speak the language of the heart in all its power and simplicity"*

[chatnowsecretary@aa.org.au](mailto:chatnowsecretary@aa.org.au)

**SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2024**

**Join us via zoom**

**ID: 872 9913 3354 / PW: 555555**

**11:00AM - 12:00PM AEDT**

# **Virtual Area A Workshop**

*The Trustees Services Committee & Online General Service*

*Garry S - Trustee Services Committee Chairperson &*

*Eastern Region Trustee*

*Dominic H - Western Region Trustee*

**12:30PM - 2:00PM AEDT**

# **Virtual Area A Sharing Session**

*Open Topic Sharing Session*

**Contact Andrew M for more details:**

**[aaausvirtual.delegate@gmail.com](mailto:aaausvirtual.delegate@gmail.com)**

**0491 646 598**

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FROM PIONEERS TO  
**80 YEARS**  
*and we're celebrating!*



Join us for the 59th Australian National Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous hosted in Sydney at:

**The Sydney Town Hall & the Sydney Hilton**  
Friday 18 April – Monday 21 April 2025

**Full 4 Day Program**

Steps workshops • Special interest meetings  
Guest speakers • Australian history • Dinner dance

**REGISTRATION**

**Early Bird – Full Weekend (4 days): \$165**

Book before 31/10/2024

Full Weekend (4 days): \$195

Hilton Dinner, Dance & Band: \$175

Town Hall Unity Dance: \$65

Day Rate: \$65/day

Twilight Harbour Cruise: Details and pricing to come

Alateen: Free (register on website)

Concessional: Rates available (see website)

For registration and further information please visit our website and follow us on facebook!

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18-21 APRIL 2025  
*Sydney*



## National Convention

of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia with  
Al-Anon and Alateen participation



Scan the QR code for further information and registration.

For more information please email:  
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Support the AA80 National Convention in 2025

## AA80 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN!

Alcoholics Anonymous is turning 80  
in Australia in 2025 – and we're celebrating!

Buy tickets, go in the draw to WIN,  
and help us fundraise for the 80th Anniversary  
National Convention in Sydney, 2025.

### BUY TICKETS

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1 ticket	3 tickets	5 tickets	7 tickets	10 tickets
<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$100</b>
\$20.00 per ticket	\$13.33 per ticket	\$12.00 per ticket	\$11.43 per ticket	\$10.00 per ticket

Learn more about AA80  
[aanatcon2025.com.au](http://aanatcon2025.com.au)



## AA80 Fundraising Raffle



## Go in the draw to WIN!

**Grand Prize valued at \$15,000\***

**A TRIP FOR 2 to the 2025 AA International Convention**  
in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. July 3-6, 2025.  
Includes convention tickets, flights, accommodation,  
and spending money.

**Major Prize valued at \$8,000\***

**A TRIP FOR 2 to the 2025 AA Bali Roudup**  
(Dates TBC). Includes convention tickets, flights,  
luxury accommodation, and spending money.

**Special Prize valued at \$5,000\***

**A LUXURY WEEKEND FOR 2 and tickets  
to the 2025 AA80 National Convention**  
in Sydney, NSW. 18-21 April, 2025. Includes convention tickets, luxury  
accommodation, a special Sydney experience, and spending money.

**Not available for residents of WA, NT and Tas**  
For detailed prize information please visit the website

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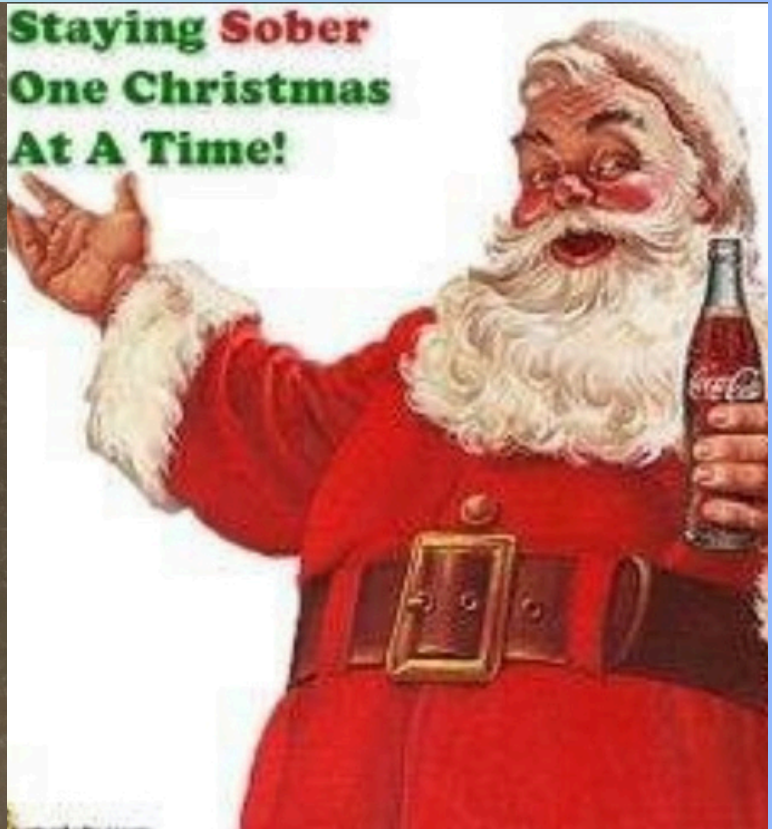
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80th Anniversary National Convention  
"FROM PIONEERS TO 80 YEARS"  
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to provide alternative prizes of equivalent value.

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All of AA is voluntary , no one is paid for their 12 step work or Service, it is for our own recovery we take the steps and pass on, AA service is our chance to repay what we have been given freely to continue indefinitely the message of AA , for more information on our Service Structure contact your Local CSO, General Service Rep., Area Delegate or the GSO.

My term as National PI/PA comes to a end on the 1st of January I would like to thank all who have supported the PI/PA Patter and continue tp post there work to reach the still suffering Alcoholics

Stay safe and have a Great Christmas

n Unity and Service

Rob C

National PI/PA Coordinator