

**2022-2023 NZ Al-Anon Conference Goal: “Being Fully Self-supporting”.**

Dear Al-Anon and Alateen members

**Remember the sinking ship appeal for money in 2007.**



We are all fellows in the same ship – the Al-Anon Fellowship.

- We really need your help!!
- The ship is heading for rocky times without a full crew.
- We really need to head off a shipwreck.



The **REALITY** is Al-Anon will die unless we get more crew to participate to bring the fellowship into calm waters.

- Without continued service roles being filled we might need to reduce the services we provide.
- Al-Anon is too good and valuable for that to happen.
- **WE ARE IT!!** The major recovery source for families and friends of alcoholics in NZ.
- Al-Anon has done so much for us – now what will we do for Al-Anon and those who still need to find us?



REMEMBER Step 11 – ask your Higher Power to show you what you can do and how.

REMEMBER Step 12 – says, carry the message – so IN REACH OUT. This will bring new members into service.

The NZ Al-Anon Service Conference Goal 22-23 is: **“Being Fully Self-supporting”**

**NZ Al-Anon General Service Board Roles Traditionally approved at NZASC:**

New Zealand Al-Anon is currently in a serious Service crisis. The Board has only six members with the Board agreeing that the AA Convention Chair works outside the Board. The lack of members filling service roles is an alarming situation for the fellowship to be in and we are calling for help from you, the fellowship:

Board Chair – Tracy B	AA Convention Chair – Jill K
Alt Board Chair – VACANT	Public Outreach Coordinator – VACANT
General Secretary – VACANT	Literature Chair – Kirsten W
Treasurer – Liz A-S	Editorial Chair – VACANT
NRBM – VACANT	IAGSM 1 – Julie W
CRBM – VACANT	IAGSM 2 – Liz A-S
SRBM – VACANT	Alateen Coordinator – Paula B
Conference Chair – Marguerite B	National Website Coordinator – Tracy B
Exec/Budget Chair – VACANT	National Archivist – VACANT

The purpose of this newsletter is to share with you some of the highlights from our 2022 NZ Al-Anon Service Conference (NZASC) along with updates from the Board’s Quarterly Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the NZAGSB.

Two weeks following the posting of this newsletter, the Board will begin contacting their assigned Delegates. The purpose of this contact will be to offer clarification of any information contained in this newsletter. Delegates who have questions or comments can inform the Board member when contact is made. The dates for the next Board meeting is 3-4 September. Agenda items for discussion are required to be sent to NZAGSO before 19 August. This includes Board and Selected Committee profile forms.

Please enjoy and share these highlights, it is important for the democracy of Al-Anon that our fellow members know what we are working on and we rely on our service structure for this to happen. The Board met before Conference on 16 June 2022, seven Board members and a minute taker were present.

The Board sincerely thanks the retiring Executive Budget Chair, Sam M, for her consistent commitment and knowledge shared during her service on the Board. We wish to acknowledge and thank Tracy B for her brilliant work as the National Public Outreach Coordinator. We welcome and appreciate her staying on the Board as the Board Chair and the National Website Coordinator.

### **NZ Al-Anon Service Conference**

NZASC Theme for 2023: *"Moving Forward with Unity, Courage and Perseverance"* (TBC 15-18 June 2023).

NZASC Goal for 2022/2023: *"Being fully self-supporting"*.

The 2022 NZASC Summary *"Dreaming Big"* will be available from mid-September.

### **NZASC 2022 Motions carried:**

1. That the 2022-2023 annual budget be accepted.
2. That the 2021-2022 annual financial accounts be accepted as presented temporarily and confirmed when they have been officially reviewed.
3. That NZASC accepts the World Service Conference policy of registering electronic meetings as Al-Anon Family Groups.
4. That NZAGSO accepts registrations of permanent electronic groups for a one year trial.
5. That NZASC 2022 approves the proposed fillable forms as presented in draft form to NZASC being:
  - AMIAS profile form
  - NZAGSB general member profile form
  - NZAGSB Regional Board Member profile form
  - NZAGSB selected committee profile form
  - TEAM event request form
6. That NZASC approves the proposed NZ Al-Anon – Alateen Service Handbook 2022 as presented in draft form to NZASC 2022 but subject to required amendments to insert hyperlinks to the approved fillable forms.
7. That NZASC 2022 approves that the KN-17 is now obsolete and that all reference to it should be removed from NZAFG literature records including from the NZAFG website.
8. That the previous motion number 2 be rescinded.
9. That the 2021-2022 annual financial accounts be accepted as presented.
10. That the NZASC give Traditional Approval for roles presented by the NZAGSB.

### **2023 AA Convention**

The NZ 60<sup>th</sup> AA Convention with Al-Anon / Alateen participation is on the 20-22 January 2023 in Christchurch. This will again be held at St Andrews College, 347 Papanui Road. The Al-Anon / Alateen theme this year is the same as the AA theme. *"Happy Joyous and Free"*.

You can register and pay online at [www.aa.org.nz/aa-convention](http://www.aa.org.nz/aa-convention).

### **Literature:**

The NZ Al-Anon – Alateen Service Handbook 2022 was accepted by Conference and will be live on the website, along with five fillable forms: AMIAS profile form, NZAGSB general member profile form, NZAGSB Regional Board Member profile form, NZAGSB selected committee profile form and TEAM event request form.

The NZ Handbook 2022 and the new WSO Service Manual 2022-2025 are both available in PDF form from their respective websites at no charge. They are easily searchable to ensure you are using the most up-to-date and correct information in your service roles.

### Registrations of Groups meeting Electronically

In reference to motions three and four above the Area Delegates have information that will assist Groups and Areas concerning registration of Al-Anon Family Groups meeting face-to-face, hybrid or fully electronically.

- Al-Anon Family Groups which permanently meet only electronically must register with a WSC Area **OR** a GSO provided the WSC Area or the GSO is willing to register and service them. The WSC includes the newly accepted Global Electronic Area.
- Electronic Groups registered with WSO may choose to leave the Global Electronic Area and opt to be registered with a different WSC Area or with a GSO if the Global Electronic Area and the other WSC Area or the GSO agree – they can only be registered in one.
- WSC Areas and GSOs can now register hybrid groups without violating Policy.
- Groups which are registered with NZAGSO and which were meeting face-to-face but choose to add provision of an electronic platform for those who cannot or do not wish to attend in person (becoming hybrid groups) are NOT required to be reregistered with NZAGSO.
- Groups which are registered with NZAGSO and which provide an electronic platform (whether as an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting) must supply NZAGSO with an electronic link which will be added to their listing on the NZ website.

REMINDER to groups sharing literature on screen at their online meetings. Breaches of copyright are taken seriously by WSO. To increase the use of CAL it is suggested that members purchase literature from the NZGSO so they will be able to study and read from home when they are in online meetings.

**Note:** all readings that are screen shared must be from Conference Approved Literature (CAL), must not be more than a single paragraph and must include the written copyright acknowledgement required by WSO:

*"From [Identify the publication], Page Number [Identify the page number]. Copyright [Identify the year the publication was copyrighted], by Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.  
Limited use by express written permission of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc."*

### NZ Al-Anon General Service Office

GSO remains closed to visitors. However, volunteers are now regularly attending the office to assist the Office Manager with literature orders and other tasks. The office upgrade continues, and the next phase is about to begin. This will involve refreshing the book room. Although the GSO will remain closed to visitors until we reach green in the COVID traffic light system we are always looking for volunteers to help the Office Manager with literature orders and other tasks. Contact GSO to register your interest in participating in this awesome service opportunity. Email [office@al-anon.org.nz](mailto:office@al-anon.org.nz) there is always room for more volunteers so contact GSO if you are interested.

### Public Outreach

Did you see the series "Patrick Gower: On Booze" that recently screened on TV 3? If you missed it, you can still watch it on TV3 on Demand. This has presented us a great National Public Outreach opportunity which we can all be involved in. Let's all email him and let him know about Al-Anon Family Groups. This would make a wonderful follow-up to this story. The other side of this disease! We can email TV3 about Al-Anon Family Groups without breaking our personal anonymity. We are merely advising him of a fellowship that offers hope and help for Families and Friends of Alcoholics. If TV3 receives enough emails about our fellowship, this may well prompt them to explore further. [nz\\_feedback@discovery.com](mailto:nz_feedback@discovery.com) Let's see what we can create.

### WSO News:

In response to the letter (attached) from the WSO asking for financial help, the NZ Al-Anon General Services Board will be accepting donations for the WSO into our bank account. Our treasurer will collate the donations at the end of July and send it to WSO as one payment, along with the donation Conference has approved in this year's budget. We thought this would be a simple solution to save individuals on expensive shipping costs if they ordered directly from WSO, or bank fees if they donated directly.

This will see WSO receive more money directly into their bank account. We will advise WSO of how the donations were collected. If you do wish to order Literature through the NZAGSO, your extra purchases will in turn support the WSO when we re-order. If you wish to donate, please use the bank account 06-0101-0591292-00 and use the reference "WSO" before 28 July.

#### **INTERNATIONAL AL-ANON EVENTS**

2022 – IAGSM in London, England on 13-15 October 2022

2023 – AA Convention in Christchurch on 20-23 January 2023

2023 – Al-Anon Family Group International Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico on 29 June-2 July 2023

*Progress, Not Perfection – together we can make it*

Thank you for taking the time to be informed.

Yours in Service

NZAGSB

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