



**NZASC Goal for 2024: “Keep Coming Back. Service works when you work at it!”.**

Dear Al-Anon and Alateen members

The purpose of this newsletter is to share with you some of the highlights from the New Zealand Al-Anon Service Conference and the Board’s Quarterly Meeting held on 16th June 2023.

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 prior to Conference at the St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough, Auckland. Seven Board members and a minute taker were present. Delegates were also invited as observers.

**2023 New Zealand Al-Anon Service Conference**

This year’s Conference was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June – 18<sup>th</sup> June at the St Francis Retreat Centre in Hillsborough, Auckland. We were excited and grateful to have a full Conference of participants with two area’s sending observers in the absence of a Delegate.

The Board wishes to acknowledge the Conference Taskforce whose time and hard work ensured that this year’s Conference was possible and would be a success. This was achieved by the dedication of the Taskforce to serve the fellowship of Al-Anon Family Groups here in New Zealand. A massive thank you for your service.

**2023-2024 New Zealand Al-Anon General Service Board Roles Traditionally approved at New Zealand Al-Anon Service Conference:**

Board Chair – Tracy B	AA Convention Chair – Di V (outside of the Board)
Alt Board Chair – VACANT	Public Outreach Coordinator – Rana S
General Secretary – VACANT	Literature Chair – Kirsten W
Treasurer – Tina Mc	Editorial Chair – VACANT
NRBM – VACANT	IAGSM 1 – Liz A-S
CRBM – VACANT	IAGSM 2 – Tracy B
SRBM – VACANT	Alateen Coordinator – Paula B
Conference Chair – VACANT	National Website Coordinator – VACANT
Exec/Budget Chair – Liz A-S	National Archivist – VACANT
Delegate Liaison – Paula B	

The Board has appointed one Board member (Paula B) to be the point of contact for all Delegates. This is a temporary solution to the absence of all Regional Board members.

The Board sincerely wishes to thank the retiring IAGSM Delegate, Julie W, for her consistent commitment and knowledge shared during her service on the Board and to Al-Anon Family Groups in New Zealand. We wish to welcome Rana S to the Board.

## **New Zealand Al-Anon Service Conference June 2023**

NZASC Theme for 2024: *“Living our Spiritual Principles”* (Date TBC June 2024).

NZASC Goal for 2023/2024: *“Keep coming back. Service works if you work at it!”*.

The 2023 NZASC Summary *“Moving forward with unity, courage and perseverance”* (date of release TBC).

### **New Zealand Al-Anon Service Conference 2023 Motions carried:**

1. That the 2022-2023 annual financial accounts be accepted as presented.
2. Extend the trial for NZAGSO to accept registrations of permanent electronic groups for a further year.
3. That the NZASC give traditional approval of the board member nominations presented for the NZ Al-Anon General Service Board.
4. That the NZAGSO 2023/2024 annual budget be accepted.

### **Alateen**

New Zealand Al-Anon Family Group are moving towards embracing Alateen into their Areas with 4 Area's having Alateen coordinators on their area committees. At the recent conference we used the Abundance session to show an Alateen presentation and the delegates were able to be informed on how to move forward with Alateen in their Areas. If Areas have any questions or require help regarding Alateen, please contact Paula B.

### **Board Road Trip – Save the date!**

The Board is excited to announce that some members of the Board will be doing a road trip to Hamilton on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023. A task force has been created and more information regarding this event will be advised over the coming months.

### **Membership Survey**

The Board is pleased that a long-term item on its strategic plan is underway - a membership survey. Please find below the link:

<https://bit.ly/NZMemberSurvey>

It is time to find out who our members are and how they come to Al-Anon Family Groups, to focus our public outreach and plan for the future.

The New Zealand General Services Board asks for the support and cooperation of the fellowship to circulate the membership survey via group email lists, and to encourage members to take a few minutes to fill in the survey and return it.

It is best if it is filled in on-line as we can collate replies easily that way. If members cannot manage to do that, they can print the survey and return to General Service Office.

### **2024 AA Convention with Al-Anon/Alateen participation**

The New Zealand 61<sup>st</sup> AA Convention with Al-Anon / Alateen participation is on the 19-21 January 2024 in Havelock North, Hawkes Bay. This will be held at Woodford House School, Havelock North. The Al-Anon / Alateen theme this year. *“Together we can make it”*.

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

Thank you for taking the time to be informed.

Yours in Service,  
New Zealand Al-Anon Service Board

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

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