



## **NZASC Theme for 2023: “Moving Forward with Unity, Courage and Perseverance”**

Dear Al-Anon and Alateen members

The purpose of this newsletter is to share with you some of the highlights from the Board’s Quarterly Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

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 at the New Zealand Al-Anon General Service Office, five Board members and a minute taker were present.

The New Zealand Al-Anon Service Board is excited to announce and welcome Tina McM as a Board Member. We look forward to working alongside Tina in our service to the Al-Anon Family Group fellowship.

If you wish to join us on the New Zealand Al-Anon Service Board, please complete and submit a Board Profile Form which can be found in the Members section on our website.

### **NZ Al-Anon General Service Office**

NZ Al-Anon General Service Office remains open to Visitors. Volunteers are now regularly attending the office to assist the Office Manager with literature orders and other tasks.

We are always looking for volunteers to help the Office Manager with literature orders and other tasks. Please contact the New Zealand Al-Anon General Service Office to register your interest in participating in this awesome service opportunity. Email [office@al-anon.org.nz](mailto:office@al-anon.org.nz).

Please remember to check the Al-Anon website for the closure dates of our General Service Office and any Al-Anon Family Group meetings that are closed over this year’s holiday season.

### **New Zealand Al-Anon Service Conference Summary**

The Conference Summary for the fellowship to enjoy is still currently being compiled and the committee is planning to have this available on our website in the very near future.

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

In the absence of a Conference Chair the New Zealand Al-Anon Service Board has created a Conference Task Force. The Board has instructed the Task Force to reduce the conference from 4 days to 3 days. The Conference will be held at St Francis Retreat Centre, Hillsborough, Auckland on 16-18 June 2023.

### **Area Equalised Contributions**

The Area Equalised Contribution for 2023 New Zealand Al-Anon Service Conference has been set at \$650.00 this is due by the 31 December 2022.

### **The 60<sup>th</sup> AA Convention with Al-Anon Participation 2023**

Work is currently underway by the AA Convention committee for our participation at the AA Convention in Christchurch on 20-23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. Please note that early bird registration closes on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 <https://aa.org.nz/aa-convention/>.

Please see the attached flyer for details.

## **IAGSM – October 2022**

Our IAGSM Delegates came back from attending the IAGSM in November. Highlights from the meeting include learning how other structures have dealt with working remotely, challenges the worldwide fellowship is having filling service roles, and communication issues at all levels. We have some fresh ideas and will be implementing some of them in the coming year.

The attending members of the World Service Office offered an apology for their lack of communication with structures outside of the USA in the last two-three years as they acknowledged their focus had become very inward as they struggled to deal with pandemic related issues. The amends made is they have now set up an international division allowing structures access to World Service Office members for clarity and information.

We have taken up the offer of regular online meetings with the international team and the first one was held recently. We were able to air our concerns about not having Alateen meetings online and not receiving communications that other structures had access to some time ago. As a result of talks at IAGSM, the World Service Office has invited the New Zealand structure to participate in the online Alateen meeting trial now extended until 2023. As the World Service Office team are taking personal responsibility for this trial, there are a few conditions. The meeting must be only for the Alateen members in the geographical country it is held in and must adhere to that country's legal safety guidelines around child safety. The Alateen sponsors must attend Alateen sponsor meetings, and the group is to answer World Service Office's questionnaire (which we are waiting to receive).

This is a very positive step forward and having regular face to face contact with World Service Office International team will be extremely helpful. As a Board we look forward to being able to share this communication with the fellowship. We are willing to visit your Area and share our learnings.

### **Alateen**

With the exciting information above from the World Service Office, the National Alateen coordinator would like to encourage each area to have an Alateen coordinator. With this in mind, we can start the communication for area Alateen coordinators to work alongside the National Alateen coordinator and encourage members to get on board as AMIAS (Al-Anon Member in Alateen Service) to grow Alateen in New Zealand.

Thank you for taking the time to be informed.

Yours in Service,

New Zealand Al-Anon Service Board

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

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

2023 – World Service Conference on 20-23 April in Virginia Beach

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