



Dear 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 2nd-3rd September 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.

We welcomed Robyn D onto the Board and excited to see her lifting off a 2024 Conference task force in the absence of a Conference Chair. It is already looking like an exciting event.

Alateen

Alateen in Aotearoa has been very active since Conference 2023. A Conference presentation on "Abundance" with the focus on Alateen is to be presented alongside the Public Outreach Conference presentation "Where to from here" at an Area Development Day this month.

A reminder to include Alateen meetings at AA Assemblies with Al-Anon and Alateen participation. If you have two ratified AMIAS and a room, you have an Alateen meeting. A little networking across Al-Anon Family Groups and AA to inform members will be required.

Alateen newcomer's packs are available from the General Service Office.

Conference 2023 & 2024

The Conference task force is currently working on compiling the Conference Summary to distribute to the fellowship as soon as possible.

The dates for the 2024 New Zealand Al-Anon Service Conference have been set as for the 13th to 16th June 2024 at the Saint Francis Friary in Hillsborough. The Area equalised contribution for 2024 have been set at \$650.00 per Area.

Board Road Trip – Save the date!

The Board wishes to advise a change in the date for the Hamilton Road Trip. This will now be held on 24th February 2024, the venue has been booked. A task force has been created and more information regarding this event will be advised over the coming months.

Membership Survey

The results are in! And a small task force has been formed to analysis the results, watch the next Board newsletter for the findings.

Public Outreach

We are excited to have a National Public Outreach Chair and we have approved a simple strategy for the year. This will focus on

- Publicity at the National AA Convention with Al-Anon Participation 2024
- community focussed social media eg existing Facebook (or other) community groups



- a national focus on PO with counsellors
- and finally, identification of any websites that could have a link back to the New Zealand website.

Please see your Area Delegate or Area Public Outreach Co-Ordinator for more details and ways you can get involved.

2024 AA Convention with Al-Anon/Alateen participation

The New Zealand 61st 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". Planning is well underway, and it will be an exciting event.

You can register and pay online at www.aa.org.nz/aa-convention.

Minute Taker required for Board Meetings

A Minute Taker is required to help the Board with taking the minutes at our Board meetings. This service role is a paid role and requires attendance at each Board meeting in the months of March, June (at Conference), September, and December. These dates vary and can be found on our website in the Calendar of Events.

The starting date for this role would be the December Board meeting on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd December at the General Service Office in Auckland.

If you would like to do National service and have computer skills and the ability to take accurate minutes for a meeting, then this could be the service role for you!

If you are interested, please contact the Board at the following email address: generalsecretary@al-anon.org.nz to enquire about the role no later than 5pm on the 27th of October 2023.

Board Inventory

Each September, the Board does an inventory to ensure that we continue to work as a functional Board. This year's inventory has highlighted a couple of things for the Board to continue working on. These are the appropriate size of the Board and having an effective process to identify, select, recruit, orient and integrate prospective new Board members. Both areas are under continual development to enable us to achieve the required results.

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.