

# NEWSLETTER

Sept  
2025

Growth begins at the Group level



## September Board Meeting

After a suggestion at the 2024 Conference, we invited the Delegates to join us as observers for a section of the September Board meeting via an online meeting platform. We will trial this again in December.

## Board Updates

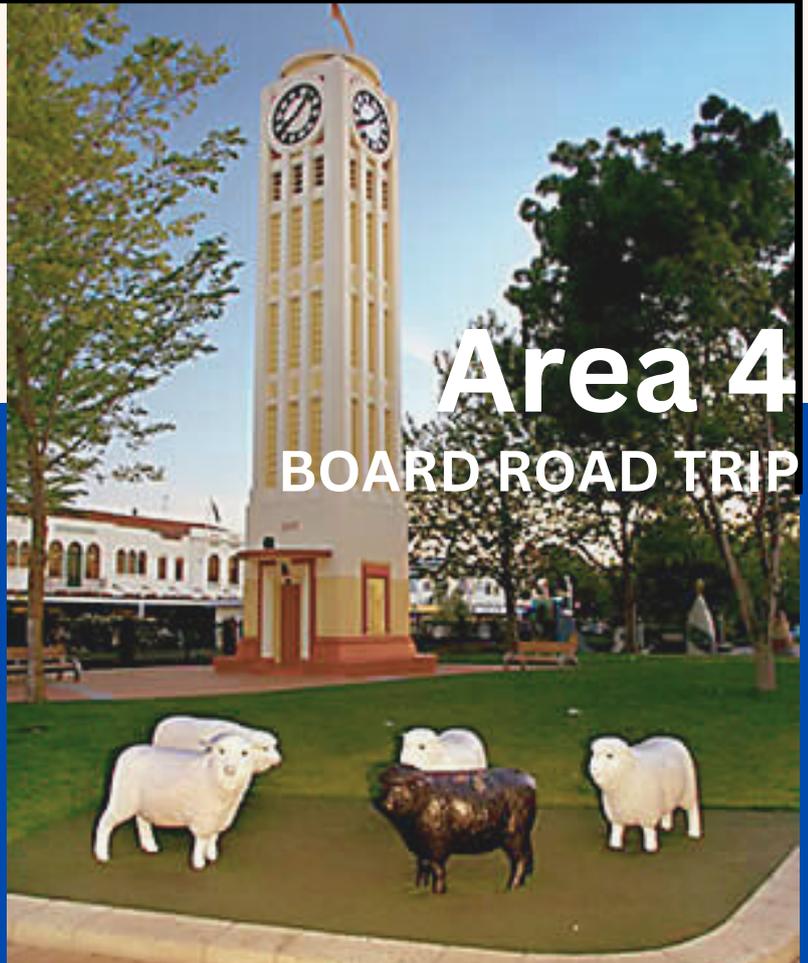
We had a very full agenda in September. Our newest Board Member Helen joined us for her first Board Meeting updating us on her first assignment: the Board Road Trip to Area 4.

Just like individual members & groups, service committees can take an inventory and the Board takes its inventory annually. This year we observe that we have a few opportunities to grow & develop.

The top two we will be focussing on are:

- 1) *Is NZAGSB an appropriate size?*
- 2) *Do all NZAGSB members always support all Board decisions so that NZAGSB always speaks with one voice?*

We addressed issues of lack of unity & trust in our trusted servants. It was a session where all voices were heard.



## Area 4

## BOARD ROAD TRIP

If you want to learn more about 12 step recovery, the three legacies, how to grow in recovery and why the chicken crossed the road, then come to Hastings and join us at the Board Road trip. Delegates at Conference 2024 suggested Area 4 as the destination so, off we head, by car, plane and maybe a second plane to make our way up, down and sideways across the motu to deliver a day jam packed with fun, fellowship and a chance to meet members of the Board plus fun facts you didn't know about the Al-Anon General Services Board.

Save the date: **29<sup>th</sup> November 2025**, more details to come!

## 2025 TRACKING BELOW BUDGET

A note from the National Treasurer:

This year to date, we have seen a 20% drop in donations from the same time last year and we are also experiencing a drop in literature sales. Please consider additional fundraising during our bi-annual appeal period and support the NZAGSO when making literature purchases, as internationally based electronic literature sales do not benefit us locally .



# SEPT BOARD NEWS...

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

We are delighted to now have National Public Outreach social media advertising campaigns! Within NZ, paid advertisements are running 24/7 on FB and Instagram for Alateen, counsellors / therapists and also for general public outreach.

In just 4 months these ads have been seen by approx 500,000 users and we project that in 12 months up to 1.7 million people in NZ will see these campaigns.

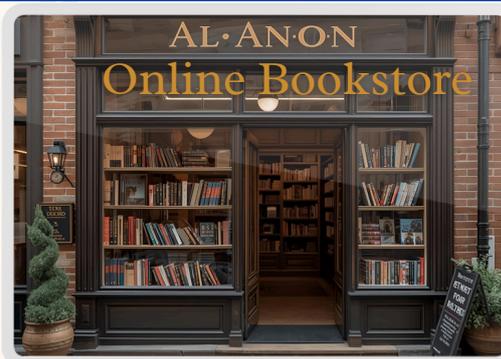
To follow the accounts find New Zealand Al-Anon Family Groups in Facebook or nzalanonfamilygroups in Instagram



**Our Primary Spiritual Aim** is to be in Dunedin the weekend of 16 - 18 January 2026! Why? Because it's the AA Convention with Al-Anon & Alateen participation! Book your flights & help us out by registering now at [aa.org.nz/event/63rd-annual-convention/](http://aa.org.nz/event/63rd-annual-convention/). Grab your Al-A-Pals, book accommodation and we'll see you there!

## Be our Succession Plan

We recognise that in order to grow as a Board, we need to replace ourselves in service. We are looking for fresh talent and energy for the Board table. Have a friendly chat with our Board Chair Liz A about what roles are coming up in the next 12 months and think about your service journey as a trusted servant of AFG



## OUR NEW ONLINE BOOKSTORE IS NOW LIVE!

The volunteers and staff at our General Service Office have been busy behind the scenes preparing our website for the launch of our online bookstore. You can now order C.A.L & pay online. Thanks for your patience as we stretch & grow our capabilities in this technological age. Next focus is the (*members only*) 'Online Contribution' capability. Stay tuned.