

National PI/CPC Patter JUNE 2024



The goal of AA Public Information and Co-operation with the Professional Community (PI&CPC) is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This is achieved in two ways, through informing the general public about the AA programme and through reaching "the third person", whose work is or may be involved with the active alcoholic

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Warratah Park reserve, Sutherland, NSW, Area D



Kingswood Road Oval, Engadine, NSW, Area D



AA Posters at Coles, Woolies - Area D and Area B, NSW and on Facebook in Perth and Local newspaper NER QLD

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The National PI/CPC table was well attended over the Easter weekend in Adelaide at the Australian National Convention with loads of Literature/Posters freely given away and many conversations about PI/CPC that is possible to all groups.

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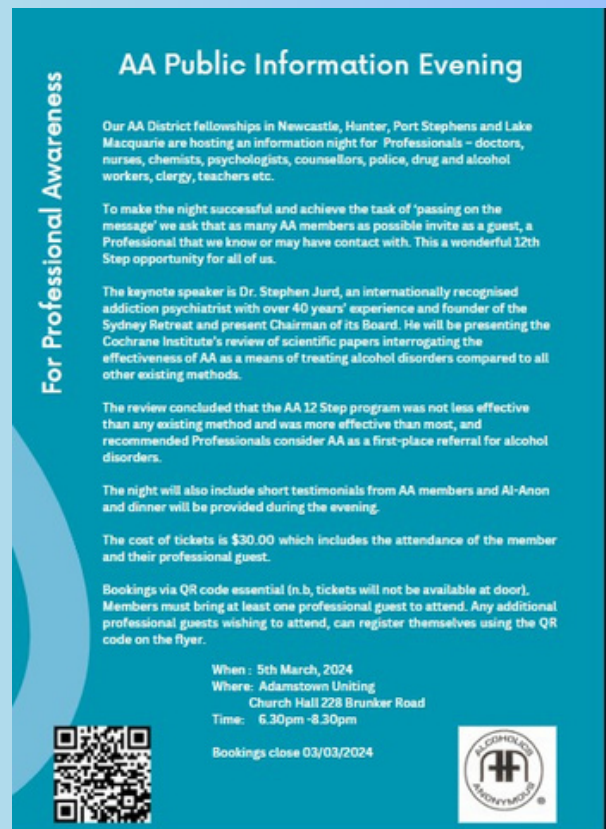
An Idea Whose Time Has Come

Mid last year (2023), our District proposed having Dr. Stephen Jurd, an internationally recognised addiction psychiatrist of over 40 years' experience, speak to professionals in Newcastle at our quarterly Newcastle District meeting. When approached, Dr. Jurd graciously accepted. The timing and location were quickly organised, given our history with the Eastern Region Service Forum. We agreed to round out the evening by having three 10-minute speakers from AA and one from Al-Anon.

We then formed a committee to organise the event and approached the other three districts in our Area who joined us in the planning and execution. One of our members liaised with the location to secure the room and subsequently we arranged the audio-visual equipment through them.

We created flyers to market the event. We had people with graphic design skills who produced the flyers. Our model was to encourage members to make this event a part of twelfth step work. This meant that members could only attend if they brought one or more practitioners as guests. Members would pay for the cost of attendance and dinner for themselves and their guests. We capped the cost at \$30, no matter how many guests the member invited. In addition, professionals were able to register themselves gratis. We hoped we might get 50 attendees and were elated to have over 110 ticket sales.

Our next challenge was to communicate the event. People within the Committee had contacts within the medical and pharmaceutical communities, so these bodies were approached to see if they would publicise the event through their professional networks. In addition, flyers were distributed to groups within the Newcastle Hunter Area, with requests that members approach a professional and invite them to attend the event. This effort was followed up by many of us continuing to spruik the event at every meeting we attended.



For Professional Awareness

AA Public Information Evening

Our AA District fellowships in Newcastle, Hunter, Port Stephens and Lake Macquarie are hosting an information night for Professionals – doctors, nurses, chemists, psychologists, counsellors, police, drug and alcohol workers, clergy, teachers etc.

To make the night successful and achieve the task of 'passing on the message' we ask that as many AA members as possible invite as a guest, a Professional that we know or may have contact with. This a wonderful 12th Step opportunity for all of us.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Stephen Jurd, an internationally recognised addiction psychiatrist with over 40 years' experience and founder of the Sydney Retreat and present Chairman of its Board. He will be presenting the Cochrane Institute's review of scientific papers interrogating the effectiveness of AA as a means of treating alcohol disorders compared to all other existing methods.

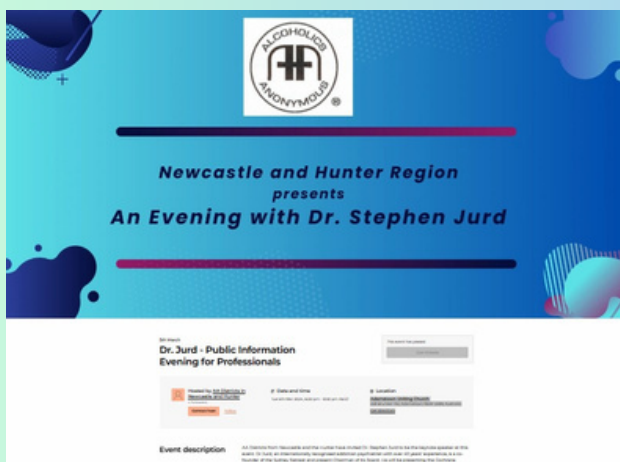


The review concluded that the AA 12 Step program was not less effective than any existing method and was more effective than most, and recommended Professionals consider AA as a first-place referral for alcohol disorders.

The night will also include short testimonials from AA members and Al-Anon and dinner will be provided during the evening.

The cost of tickets is \$30.00 which includes the attendance of the member and their professional guest.

Bookings via QR code essential (n.b, tickets will not be available at door). Members must bring at least one professional guest to attend. Any additional professional guests wishing to attend, can register themselves using the QR code on the flyer.

When : 5th March, 2024
Where: Adamstown Uniting Church Hall 228 Brunker Road
Time: 6.30pm -8.30pm
Bookings close 03/03/2024



Newcastle and Hunter Region presents
An Evening with Dr. Stephen Jurd

Dr. Jurd - Public Information Evening for Professionals

Event description

AA International, Newcastle and the Hunter Region, Sydney, Hunter Region and the Sydney District are pleased to announce the evening. Dr. Jurd is an internationally recognised addiction psychiatrist with over 40 years experience in the field of the 12 Step Program and is presenting the Cochrane Institute's review of scientific papers interrogating the effectiveness of AA as a means of treating alcohol disorders compared to all other existing methods.

Another team member had IT skills and so undertook to manage the ticketing process. As the weeks rolled by it became clear that the interest from the professional communities was significant, and so the percentage of tickets sold to guests as opposed to members was altered from 50-50 to 70-30%.

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Our hospitality team created a 3-course menu suitable for a variety of dietary requirements, and therefore, we were able to capture this information during the registration process. We also asked the guests to state their occupation, so that we could better understand who was attending the event. All up we had a range of occupations from doctors, nurses, therapists, psychologists, teachers, support workers etc. both from within a D&A framework as well as generalists. In the final week before the event, we had reached capacity, and had a waiting list as well. Having this information captured electronically assisted the hospitality team in estimating quantities of food and drink to purchase and prepare for the night.



On the night, everyone swung into action. The chefs and assistants did a magnificent job of preparing the 3 courses. The setup teams arranged the room to cater for the numbers, placed flowers around, and the wait staff served the food and drinks throughout the two hours. Guests arrived at reception and were shown to their seats. Seating was arranged so that,



wherever possible, members were seated close to their guests. The ticketing platform allowed us to create a seating plan and lists of attendees. This greatly assisted getting people to their seats within a 30-minute window.



In addition to the reception table, we had literature tables for AA and AI-Anon at the back of the room. Upon arrival, we offered guest a small Big Book. There was interest from the guests in the array of literature at both tables and some purchased large Big Books as well as taking brochures. The Greater Newcastle Area CSO funded ~\$400 of literature for the night.

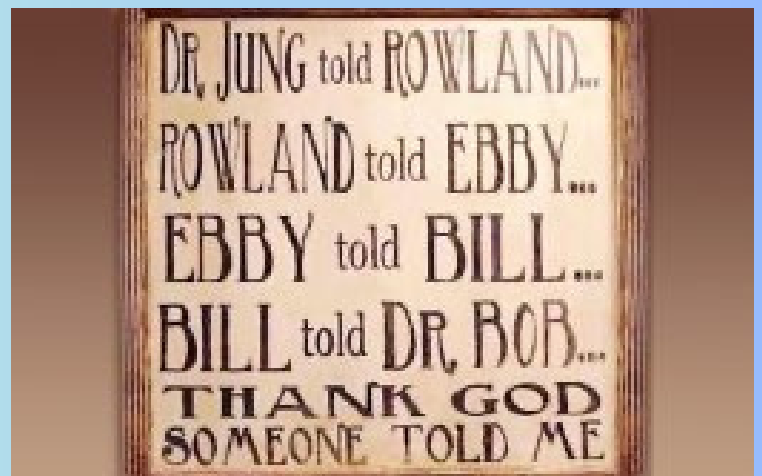
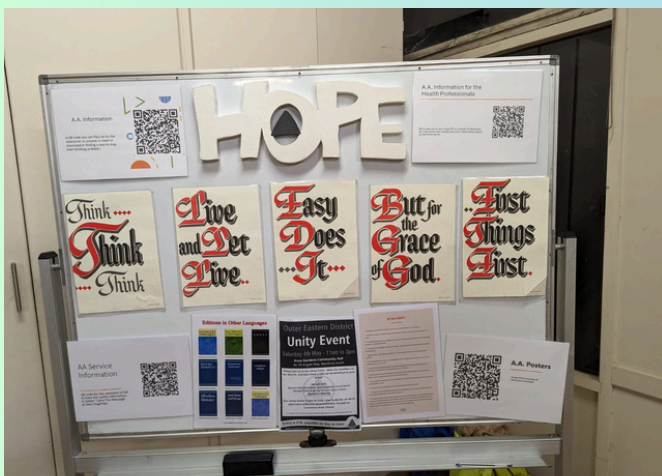
There was a lot of engagement from the professionals throughout the evening. They were moved by the four speakers' stories and most interested in Dr. Jurd's explanation of AA as a Twelve Step Facilitation (TSF) recovery methodology, pointing to the endorsement of the Cochrane Report. The questions were genuine and thoughtful. The energy in the room was palpable. By the end of the evening, we all felt elated and resolved to continue to spread the word.



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Inner City District is gearing up for some amazing opportunities to carry the AA message and to bring awareness to our friends in the professional community and the greater community of people who may not be aware we are here and what is on offer in the way of a solution to the alcoholic's dilemma. The 2024 Melbourne General Practitioner Conference and Exhibition (GPCE) is on again on November 15th-17th at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC). ICD has booked a booth again this year with the conference to host 1500+ General practitioners and other health professionals. We had such great feedback last year from the GPCE organizing committee and the many AA volunteers who were willing to be of service over the weekend and they are looking forward to this year's event. Another exciting opportunity which ICD are grateful to be part of the World Congress on Alcohol and Addiction (ISBRA) in Melbourne on September 23rd-26th this year. AA has been personally invited by the Congress President and Chief organizer Prof John Saunders who Quoted "I Learnt of the value of AA for my patient's recovery when I was an intern in 1973 quite some time ago". And reached out requesting AA be present and welcomed AA to the event with a complimentary booth. We have a number of members wanting to be of service for the event. Another initiative we have been working on is carrying the message into the courts. we set up a sub committee to look at ways of what this may look like. At this stage we have started the conversation with Court Networks (who look after 29 courts in Victoria) which is an organization who trains the volunteers who are attend court to assist with court users. To start we will supply business cards and other literature that may be helpful to have at the courts, Court Networks are very supportive and are willing to work with AA to held bring awareness to the court users. We are still navigating ways to have AA members in the courts to be available to talk to anyone interested in finding out more about AA. We also have started a convention with the Police Veterans Victoria (PVV) which was established in 2018 to support police retiring from service where it's been noted among other issues alcohol is an area that needs support with retiring police members. Early stages at the moment.

ICD Melbourne



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Port Pirie SA, PI day,
Tarpari Aboriginal
Health event

The pamphlet "Speaking at Non-AA Meetings", designed specifically to help in this service work, includes an outline and other ideas for the content of such talks. Most committees emphasize the importance of a question and answer period. "Speaking at Non-AA Meetings" includes lists of questions frequently asked so that speakers will be ready with satisfactory answers. In PI&CPC work, an exchange of talks is an interesting idea. To improve AA's relations with the growing number of local alcoholism agencies, a series of "awareness meetings" could be arranged in which each organization could be asked to provide a speaker to give a 10 minute explanatory talk on what that agency does. AA, in turn, could provide a speaker to give the AA message. Ample time could be allowed for discussion.

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The Eastern Region Service Forum, which will be hosted this year by Area H, from Friday 23 August 2024 to Sunday 25 August 2024. Excitement is bubbling away here in Area H for the upcoming forum, we have worked hard and present the Program for the weekend filled with speakers, workshop leaders and facilitators all passionate and dedicated Servants of Alcoholics Anonymous who most definitely are "Responsive & Responsible" to those they serve and embody the Spirit of Carrying the Message to the alcoholic who still suffers. The Eastern Region Forum will be a celebration of the immeasurable impact our Trusted Servants have on our Fellowship and the security of it's future but will also be a valuable source of information derived through the sharing of strategies and ideas other Areas are implementing to carry the AA message more effectively. Area H cordially invites any AA Member who is interested in Service at the group level and beyond to come along and join us for the weekend. Our location this year is the beautiful historical conference centre on the banks of the Nepean River at the Castlereagh Conference Centre <https://www.castlereagh.org.au/> and we offer full accommodation with meals Friday through Sunday for \$250. If you prefer not to sleep over the weekend registration is \$50 including all meals.

For further information & queries, please Email: areahsecretary@gmail.com

You can register on the link below or via the QR code on the flyer

<https://events.humanitix.com/eastern-region-service-forum-2024-area-h>



EASTERN REGION SERVICE FORUM
RESPONSIVE &
RESPONSIBLE
23rd - 25th August 2024
Castlereagh Conference Centre
297/305 Castlereagh Road, Castlereagh
Contact Lauren 0404 666 344
Nat 0410 316 175



Please book using QR code or website
\$50 weekend rate or
\$250 inc accommodation
All meals included
Limited places pre rego essential
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ER Area i presents: 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts Workshop

12
Traditions



12
Concepts

14th
SEPTEMBER
2024

10:30 - 4pm

Progress Hall
East Gosford

10 Henry Perry Dr.
(at Wells St.)

12 Steps

12 TRADITIONS: THEIR UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES AND HOW THEY HELP AA STAY UNITED AND GROW

12 CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE: HOW THEY ENSURE AA STAYS RESPONSIBLE TO THOSE THEY SERVE

Presented by: David M. and Chris L. (Illustrated Steps)

\$30 -

Includes:

**Lunch, Snacks,
Tea, Coffee**

(Gluten-free, veg, vegan,
available on request)

Scan QR Code to Register



<https://events.humanitix.com/the-three-legacies/tickets>

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Phone: John H. 0425 301 972

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Usually, the cost of doing PI&CPC service work is met from the general contributions to whatever body forms the committee – Group, other unit of the General Service structure (District, Area) or Central Service Office. When a new committee is in a locality with a sparse AA population, members of neighbouring Groups may be called upon for special contributions. Even in Areas where AA is firmly established through a large population, Groups may be asked to contribute to certain special projects; for example, an effort to supply all local libraries with copies of the 'Big Book'.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

2024 NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS FORUM

FOR ALL ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEMBERS INTERESTED OR ACTIVE IN
AREAS OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE
PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY, TREATMENT AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES,
AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES AND ACCESSIBILITY

GUEST SPEAKER: BILLY N, PAST PUBLIC INFORMATION
AND CORRECTIONS TRUSTEE FOR ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS IN THE USA

\$120 + BOOKING FEE

BUFFET DINNER INCLUDED

GRAND
CHANCELLOR
HOTEL
HINDLEY
STREET,
ADELAIDE CBD
SOUTH
AUSTRALIA



**\$205 KING
OR
EXECUTIVE
ROOM
CODE -
ALCCON**

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MAX 300 TICKETS AVAILABLE

FRI, 22 NOV 2024 5:00 PM -

SUN, 24 NOV 2024 1:00 PM

[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU/E/ALCOHOLICS-ANONYMOUS-
2024-NATIONAL-AWARENESS-FORUM-TICKETS-698958201797](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/alcoholics-anonymous-2024-national-awareness-forum-tickets-698958201797)

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FROM PIONEERS TO
80 YEARS
and we're celebrating!



Join us for the 59th Australian National Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous hosted in Sydney at:

The Sydney Town Hall & the Sydney Hilton
Friday 18 April – Monday 21 April 2025

Full 4 Day Program

Steps workshops • Special interest meetings
Guest speakers • Australian history • Dinner dance

REGISTRATION

Early Bird – Full Weekend (4 days): \$165

Book before 31/10/2024

Full Weekend (4 days): \$195

Hilton Dinner, Dance & Band: \$175

Town Hall Unity Dance: \$65

Day Rate: \$65/day

Twilight Harbour Cruise: Details and pricing to come

Alateen: Free (register on website)

Concessional: Rates available (see website)

For registration and further information please visit our website and follow us on facebook!

aanatcon2025.com.au



FROM PIONEERS TO
80 YEARS
18-21 APRIL 2025
Sydney



National Convention

of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia with
Al-Anon and Alateen participation



Scan the QR code for further information and registration.

For more information please email:
infoaa80@aa.org.au



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Support the AA80 National Convention in 2025

AA80 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN!

Alcoholics Anonymous is turning 80
in Australia in 2025 – and we're celebrating!

Buy tickets, go in the draw to WIN,
and help us fundraise for the 80th Anniversary
National Convention in Sydney, 2025.

BUY TICKETS

raffletix.com.au/aa80

1 ticket	3 tickets	5 tickets	7 tickets	10 tickets
\$20	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100
\$20.00 per ticket	\$13.33 per ticket	\$12.00 per ticket	\$11.43 per ticket	\$10.00 per ticket

Learn more about AA80
aanatcon2025.com.au



AA80 Fundraising Raffle



Go in the draw to WIN!

Grand Prize valued at \$15,000*

A TRIP FOR 2 to the 2025 AA International Convention
in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. July 3-6, 2025.
Includes convention tickets, flights, accommodation,
and spending money.

Major Prize valued at \$8,000*

A TRIP FOR 2 to the 2025 AA Bali Roudup
(Dates TBC). Includes convention tickets, flights,
luxury accommodation, and spending money.

Special Prize valued at \$5,000*

A LUXURY WEEKEND FOR 2 and tickets
to the 2025 AA80 National Convention
in Sydney, NSW. 18-21 April, 2025. Includes convention tickets, luxury
accommodation, a special Sydney experience, and spending money.

Not available for residents of WA, NT and Tas
For detailed prize information please visit the website

BUY TICKETS

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1 ticket	3 tickets	5 tickets	7 tickets	10 tickets
\$20	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100
\$20.00 per ticket	\$13.33 per ticket	\$12.00 per ticket	\$11.43 per ticket	\$10.00 per ticket



80th Anniversary National Convention
"FROM PIONEERS TO 80 YEARS"
April 18th-21st, 2025, Sydney, NSW, Australia.
aanatcon2025.com.au

*Terms and Conditions apply. AA80 reserves the right
to provide alternative prizes of equivalent value.

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Our Twelfth Step, carrying the message, is the basic service that the AA Fellowship gives: this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, AA is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.



All of AA is voluntary , no one is paid for their 12 step work or Service, it is for our own recovery we take the steps and pass on, AA service is our chance to repay what we have been given freely to continue indefinitely the message of AA , send all PI/CPC posts or stories for the PI Patter to aanationalpiandcpc@gmail.com or for more information on our Service Structure contact your Local CSO, General Service Rep., Area Delegate or the GSO.

In Unity and Service ,

Rob C

National PI/CPC Coordinator

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