

# Our real purpose

“At the moment we are trying to put our lives in order. But this is not an end in itself. Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us. It is seldom wise to approach an individual, who still smarts from our injustice to him, and announce that we have gone religious. In the prize ring, this would be called leading with the chin. Why lay ourselves open to being branded fanatics or religious bores? We may kill a future opportunity to carry a beneficial message. But our man is sure to be impressed with a sincere desire to set right the wrong. He is going to be more interested in a demonstration of good will than in our talk of spiritual discoveries.

We don't use this as an excuse for shying away from the subject of God. When it will serve any good purpose, we are willing to announce our convictions with tact and common sense. The question of how to approach the man we hated will arise. It may be he has done us more harm than we have done him and, though we may have acquired a better attitude toward him, we are still not too keen about admitting our faults. Nevertheless, with a person we dislike, we take the bit in our teeth. It is harder to go to an enemy than to a friend, but we find it much more beneficial to us. We go to him in a helpful and forgiving spirit, confessing our former ill feeling and expressing our regret.”

From Alcoholics Anonymous, Chapter 6 “Into Action”,  
Page 77.

# AA Programme

## Friday

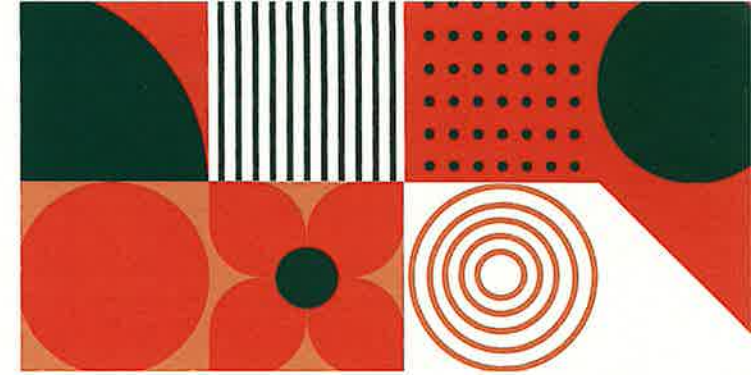
- 5:30pm Registration  
7:30pm AA Meeting

## Saturday

- 8:30am Registration  
9:00am AA Service Workshop  
“putting our lives in order”  
10:00am Tea & coffee  
10:30am AA Business Meeting  
AA Meeting “fitting ourselves”  
12:00pm Lunch  
1:30pm AA Business Meeting contd.  
AA Meeting  
“our real purpose”  
3:00pm Afternoon Tea  
3:30 - 5:00pm AA Business Meeting contd.  
Combined AA & Al-Anon  
meeting  
“the people about us”  
6:00pm Dinner - own arrangements  
7:30pm AA Public Meeting  
(with Al-Anon participation)

## Sunday

- 10:00am Combined AA & Al-Anon  
“maximum service to God”



## Accommodation

We suggest you book your accommodation early as there can be limited availability over the summer months due to high demand from holiday makers and seasonal workers.

There are several motels in Alexandra within walking distance of the venue, as well as many Air BnB homes and boutique lodges in the area.

The Alexandra Holiday Park has cabins as well as parking for camper-vans and mobile homes.

For those wanting to stay further afield the historic township of Clyde is a 10 minute drive from Alexandra, and Cromwell is about 25 minutes.

Both Queenstown and Wanaka are just over an hour away.



**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
SOUTHERN AREA ASSEMBLY  
WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION**

Alexandra, Central Otago  
1-3 March 2024  
Alexandra Baptist Church  
6 Gregg Street Alexandra

**REGISTRATION \$30**

Includes lunch, morning tea, afternoon tea and refreshments

Please deposit funds into our Bank Account:  
03-1733-0005604-00

Please include your name and a reference and which fellowship you are a member of

Cash registrations will be accepted at the door on the day

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Contact for AA: Allanah 027 478 9101  
or Audrey 021779212 / 03 4493329  
Contact for Al-Anon: Arnold 027 452 5979

**AA GENERAL INFORMATION**

0800 229 6757 or email us [help@aa.org.nz](mailto:help@aa.org.nz)  
Check out our website [aa.org.nz](http://aa.org.nz)

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