



**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
**AOTEAROA / NEW ZEALAND**

## **Newsletter to Fellowship (February 2025)**

Kia ora koutou

### **Waitangi Convention 2025**

Another successful New Zealand AA Convention was held in January. The fantastic venue was enjoyed by all who attended, and the food was reported to be up there in the “top 3” by annual convention goers. So many attendees made a longer holiday of it exploring the Northland surroundings as it’s a special part of the country.

So much wonderful fellowship for old-timers, and newcomers received a warm welcome. Our fellowship ROCKS!

Thanks again to the Northern HPC for a truly magic time. Watch out Dunedin 2026... We’re coming!

### **Board Vacancies**

Due to new legislation for incorporated societies we need to update our constitution and reregister before April 2026. To submit a new constitution, we need to have additional Board members join the Board as we need a minimum of 10 Board members. The Board is therefore seeking urgent applications for Class A and Class B Board members.

Applications can be found [here](#) and are due by 31 March 2025. This call out for board members is in addition to our usual application process, due on 31<sup>st</sup> July. If you or someone you know can apply earlier, we would love to hear from you. For those of you who have already indicated an interest in applying to the board, we will get in touch with you to see if you are in a position to apply earlier than usual.

We always need a range of Conference experience and professional expertise, especially in the areas of media, legal, and finance. We are keen to hear from you if are considering applying for the Board.

### **Website Refresh**

We are looking at refreshing our website. The focus will be on the navigation and content of the site. We are seeking feedback from the fellowship on navigation, accuracy of information, and missing content and have a survey form that members can complete here to help us: [AA Website Refresh](#)

The feedback we collect will be used to inform the April 2025 Conference so decisions can be made on what changes the fellowship wants us to implement. If you have skills in this area and

would like to be part of the committee making the changes, please contact our webmaster [website@aa.org.nz](mailto:website@aa.org.nz) as we would love to hear from you.

## GSO

### Website Shop Changes

We are making some changes to the Website Shop, which will require orders to be placed for Groups, Individuals or Organisations (outside of A.A.). This will help us to process your Literature Orders correctly, as Groups have until the 20<sup>th</sup> of the next month to make payment, but individuals must pay for the order before it can be sent.

If you are placing an order for a group (e.g. Intergroup, Assembly, etc.) you will need to order using the Group option.

**Billing details**

User Type \*

Choose an option

Choose an option

Organisation

Group

Individual

You must enter your group ID and group name. If you can't remember your ID, please look at the Meeting finder on the website. Find your meeting, click on it, and the 4-digit number at the bottom of your meeting listing is your group number.

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For groups that don't have a number, Susan will soon be issuing each group with a group number.

If you haven't received one for your group by 14<sup>th</sup> March please contact Susan at [nzgso@aa.org.nz](mailto:nzgso@aa.org.nz)

### NZ A.A. Service Structure

Susan is currently working on documenting the A.A. service structure, to show how all the groups are connected. This will help her to direct queries to the correct person and help everyone to receive assistance in a timely manner.

She will be contacting groups to find contact details - but also she may not know about all the groups that exist within the NZ structure.

It would be very helpful if you are part of a group, e.g. intergroup, area assembly, GSR, etc, if you could please contact Susan [nzgso@aa.org.nz](mailto:nzgso@aa.org.nz) to share the name of your group, the roles within the group, emails, and how these fit into the Service Structure.

#### Plain Language Big Book B-90 - Now in stock

The brand new Plain Language Big Book is finally in stock. Check it out on our web shop:

[Big Book - Plain Language - IN STOCK NOW - Alcoholics Anonymous Aotearoa/New Zealand](#)

#### Emotional Security Card

We received a request recently from South Africa about the Emotional Security Card available at our shop. This led to see if we could find out when this was Conference approved. We received an email from Akron AA telling us it was part of pre-conference literature they sell. That means it was produced (probably by an Intergroup) before the first conference. How cool is that!

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## EMOTIONAL MATURITY



The mature person has developed attitudes in relation to himself and his environment which have lifted him above "childishness" in thought and behavior.

*My Mind Is My Garden  
My Thoughts Are My Seeds.  
I Will Harvest  
Either Flowers Or Weeds*

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## **Membership Survey**

Our Membership Survey Plan will be presented at the March Assemblies. The Survey Committee is looking forward to feedback from the Assembly attendees about the plan.

## **Te Reo Translation Project**

Chapter 11 and Appendix II are the only remaining sections to be completed. The translation of the Mihi/Forward will be completed once all the translations have been fully agreed on.

Following the translation there will still be work required to have the translation approved by AA World Services and Conference before we are able to publish the completed work. We will continue to update the fellowship on this exciting and historic project as it progresses.