



Report to Areas B, C and D Southern Region – May 2007

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Editorial Team

Earlier in the year I put out a call for AA volunteers to help with the creation and maintenance of the AATimes website, newsletter and the meetings lists. I had a great response. So now we have a team of people who are responsible for the AATimes.

- Guy H – maintains the meetings lists on both the AATimes website and the Victorian meetings on the National Website. He also creates the weekly events newsletter.
- Ray L – maintains the events lists.
- Kevin H – answers any enquiries about AA we get from the public.
- David M – proof reading the newsletter and sending out the newsletter and other flyers etc. (And writing this report to Areas.)

There are other members who also volunteered and we hope they can get involved in some aspects of the AATimes later on.

It's great to have a team working on this so that it no longer depends on just one person. I am confident that the high quality and level of service provided by the AATimes to the fellowship in Victoria will continue into the future. Keep up the good work guys.

'Map of Meetings' Feature

We have had great feedback from members about the new 'map of meetings' feature added to the website late last year. People really like the convenience and it's fun to 'zoom in' on the satellite picture to see the bird's eye view of your group's venue. We have also had enquiries from Central Offices around Australia and from other fellowships about how we do it! We are happy to share our experience.

Proposed Deletion of 'Service Opportunities' Section

There is a section on the AATimes website called 'Service Opportunities'. It was added 3 years ago to enable Areas, Districts and Groups to let members know about service opportunities in the fellowship. This page rarely gets used or viewed and the contents haven't changed for some time so we are considering removing the section entirely.

If Areas really want the section retained and want to start using it we can leave it there. But because Areas D and C now have their own websites which deal with service in AA, I think that it's more appropriate to put this type information on those websites instead. Please let us know if you want it retained, otherwise I'll leave it up for another month and then remove it

Problem with access to the website from Vodafone mobile phones

There is an ongoing problem with accessing the AATimes site via Vodafone mobile phones. The website is accessible through all other mobile phone carriers in Australia but, since December last year, users have been unable to view the site with handsets connected through Vodafone. I've been complaining to Vodafone about the problem for some time, and they have acknowledged that the problem is with their network, but so far have not been able find a fix.

Subscribers

There are now around 350 subscribers to the AATimes who receive the weekly newsletter and event flyers.

If anyone has any questions about the AATimes, or any comments or suggestions for improvement, please contact me by phone or email.

Yours in service,

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