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**MELBOURNE**  
**A DESIGN FOR LIVING**

NATIONAL @ CONVENTION 2012

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
AUSTRALIAN CONVENTION**

**EASTER WEEKEND**

**5-9 APRIL**

**2012**

**MELBOURNE  
CONVENTION  
CENTRE**



**MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND A FULL CALENDAR  
OF FUN AND FABULOUS FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES!**

**DINNER DANCE AT THE GRAND REGENT PLAZA BALLROOM**

**WWW.MELBOURNE2012.ORG**

**FACEBOOK.COM/MELBOURNE2012 | TWITTER: @MELBOURNEAA2012**

**12 STEPS  
12 TRADITIONS  
12 CONCEPTS**

**WITH AL-ANON  
AND ALATEEN  
PARTICIPATION**

# 12: A DESIGN FOR LIVING

The theme for the 2012 convention is "12: A Design for Living" - a celebration of our simple plan for recovery that 'really works', along with the traditions and concepts that keep our fellowship united, for upon AA unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.

POWERLESSNESS OVER ALCOHOL - WHAT IT REALLY MEANS

**STEPS 10&11**  
MAGIC OF THE 9TH STEP

JUGGLING RECOVERY AND PARENTHOOD

STRUGGLING WITH FELLOWSHIP-OVERCOMING ISOLATION

**HISTORY OF AA**

HIGH BOTTOMS

OVERCOMING ANGER

OTHER HIGHER POWERS - MONEY & CAREER

**I AM RESPONSIBLE**

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

**SPECIALTY**

GLBT MEETING

ALCOHOLICS OF ALCOHOLIC PARENTS

MEN'S MEETING

YOUNG AND SUCCESSFUL - WHO NEEDS MEETINGS?

INDIGENOUS MEETING

**SPIRITUAL CONCEPT**

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

THE TRADITIONS

OTHER HIGHER POWERS - SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS & AA

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

OLDTIMERS

IT'S NEVER TOO SOON

1TH STEP MEDITATION SPACE

WELCOME TO AL-ANON

SPANISH MEETING

EMERGENCY AND DEFENCE SERVICES

HOSPITALITY WORKERS

**BEGINNERS' Q&A**

CARRYING THE MESSAGE INTO SCHOOLS

HOW TO SPONSOR

GENERAL SERVICE - HOW AA WORKS

TREATMENT FACILITIES & PRISONS

STRENGTHENING YOUR HOMEGROUP

SOBER RELATIONSHIPS

ALCOHOL/ADDICT - UNDERSTANDING PRIMARY PURPOSE

AA'S FUTURE

NON-STOP ID MEETING

PARTY ON THE YARRA

INTERNATIONALS

SATURDAY DINNER DANCE



## FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

The 2012 National Convention committee has been putting together a fellowship program to highlight not just the strength & unity of AA, but to "show off" Melbourne's magnificent cultural diversity and historical treasures. All the fun kicks off with a welcome party, followed by the Gada Dinner Dance to be held at the Plaza Ballroom, in the Regent Theatre on Collins Street on Saturday 7th April. This Grand Theatre was built in the late 1920's and is so spectacular that we couldn't go past having the Outrageous Roaring 20's as the theme for the night.

We expect all Damsels & Gentlemen, Gangsters & Molls to get ready to shimmy and shake the night away, enjoying a sumptuous four-course banquet, to the tunes of the stylish 8-piece band: The Baker Boys. The Boys will have you on your feet with a brilliant line up of music covering all decades, from the cool tempo of swing and soul to the high energy dance floor favourites... Cost \$130. The Fun & Fellowship committee has been hard at it organising other activities for the weekend - yes it's Melbourne's turn to shine, and we thank you for your participation.

## THURSDAY

**05.04.12**

4:00 - 9:00pm

Registrations Open  
Public Information Forum  
Opening Ceremony  
& After Party

## FRIDAY / SATURDAY / SUNDAY

**06 - 08.04.12**

8:00am - 6:00pm

AA Main Room  
AA Topics & Specialty  
AA Workshops & Panels  
AA Non-Stop ID  
Al-Anon  
Aldreen

## MONDAY

**09.04.12**

8:00am - 3:00pm

AA Big Meetings  
AA Topics  
Al-Anon  
Countdown & Closing Ceremony

## THE CONVENTION

The program will see up to seven streams of more than 100 meetings including speciality topics, Q&A forums, workshops and panels, including Al-Anon & Alateen sessions, a non-stop ID meeting, and a step 11 meditation space. Examples of topics are listed on the inside of this brochure. Meetings will run from 8am to 6pm, and feature guest speakers as well as plenty of sharing from the floor so all may participate!

The venue is the brand new world-class Melbourne Convention Centre, which sits between the Exhibition Centre and South Wharf on Melbourne's Southbank. This stunning facility is only a short walk from Melbourne's CBD amidst cafes, shopping and entertainment, and as well as hotels catering to all budgets. Transport and parking information are available on our website.

## DINNER DANCE AT THE GRAND REGENT PLAZA BALLROOM

The highlight of the Fun and Fellowship program will be the Saturday night Dinner Dance. The venue is the magnificent Regent Theatre and Plaza Ballroom, located on Collins Street. This stunning venue is reminiscent of the grand European ballrooms of the 19th Century. Built in 1929, with its Spanish Rococo architecture, grand staircase, piazza style foyer, high ceilings, striking chandeliers and unmatched ambience, the Ballroom is renowned as one of Melbourne's most spectacular and impressive venues for a night to remember. Dress up in the 20's theme, and enjoy a sumptuous banquet, accompanied by great AA hospitality and entertainment, with dancing to the tunes of the fabulous Baker Boys.



## WELCOME TO AL-ANON

The Australia-wide fellowship of Al-Anon Family Groups including Alateen, is pleased to participate in the 2012 National AA Convention in Melbourne. Come and celebrate 55 years of fellowship in Australia. Be part of this fantastic milestone. Alateen, for younger family members, will have their own space in the program. See you there for fun and fellowship.

## RECORDINGS AND MERCHANDISE

### Recording of Convention

Want to be in two meetings at once? Don't worry - a recording of the entire event (more than 80 meetings!) in MP3 format will be available on a USB thumb drive for \$25 and can be ordered at the event.

### T-Shirts and Polo Shirts

These are available for pre-purchase overleaf on your registration form. Please note, in order to minimise waste, we will only have a limited number of shirts available at the convention itself so pre-ordering when you register is highly recommended.

Unisex T-Shirts - 100% pre-shrunk jersey knit with double needled sleeve and hem, taped neck and shoulders with the convention logo printed on the front.

Polo Shirts - 100% cotton, with reinforced bottom box with contoured welt collar and three woodtone buttons. They will have an embroidered logo on the front, and a large patchwork "12" on the back.



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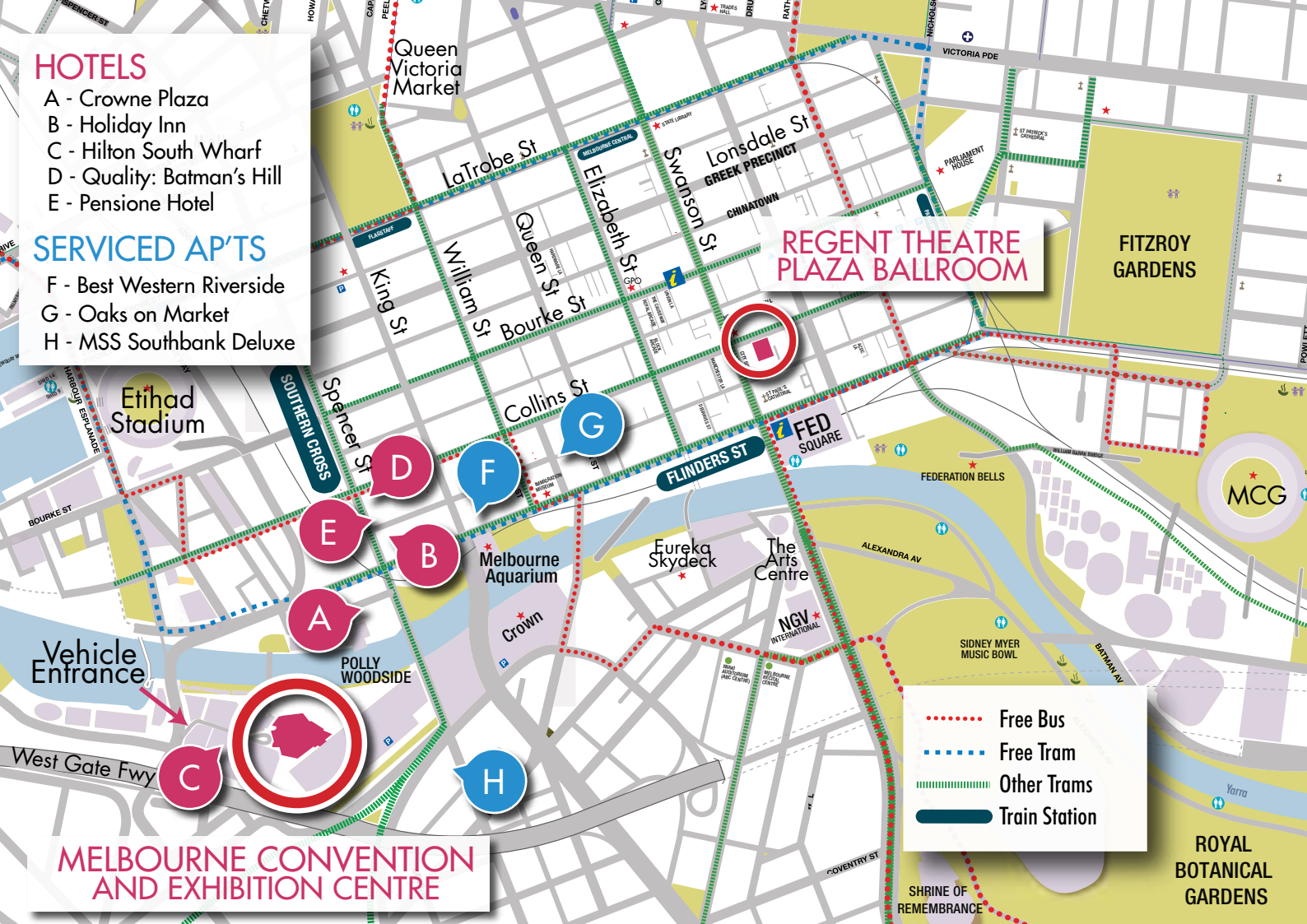
# MELBOURNE

## HOTELS

- A - Crowne Plaza
- B - Holiday Inn
- C - Hilton South Wharf
- D - Quality: Batman's Hill
- E - Pensione Hotel

## SERVICED AP'TS

- F - Best Western Riverside
- G - Oaks on Market
- H - MSS Southbank Deluxe



## MELBOURNE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

## ACCOMMODATION

Hotel bookings should be made by contacting the hotels directly, and quoting the group codes as listed below. Direct links to all hotels are available through the website.

### Hotels

Crowne Plaza	From \$ 185
Holiday Inn	165
Hilton South Wharf* †	260-285
Quality: Batman's Hill*	148-288
Pensione	135-185

### Group Code

AAN  
ANC  
GAANA  
AA National  
AA National  
Convention

### Phone Bookings

03 9648 2709  
03 9648 2709  
03 9027 2000  
03 9614 6344  
03 9621 3333

### Online Bookings

[www.crowneplaza.com](http://www.crowneplaza.com)  
[www.holidayinn.com.au](http://www.holidayinn.com.au)  
[www.hilton.com/South-Wharf](http://www.hilton.com/South-Wharf)  
[res@batmanshill.com.au](mailto:res@batmanshill.com.au)  
[resmel@pensione.com.au](mailto:resmel@pensione.com.au)

### Serviced Apartments

Best Western Riverside	From \$ 165-295
Oaks on Market*	196
MSS Southbank Deluxe	215-431

### Group Code

AA Convention  
AA Conference 2012  
AA Conference

### Phone Bookings

03 9619 9199  
02 9361 1570  
03 8256 7500

### Online Bookings

[accounts@riversideservicedapartments.com.au](mailto:accounts@riversideservicedapartments.com.au)  
[vicgroups@theoaksgroup.com.au](mailto:vicgroups@theoaksgroup.com.au)  
[www.shortstay.com.au](http://www.shortstay.com.au)

\* includes breakfast

† extra charges if minibar is to be de-alcoholised

## GET UP TO DATE

[www.melbourne2012.org](http://www.melbourne2012.org)  
[facebook.com/melbourne2012](https://facebook.com/melbourne2012)  
twitter: @melbourneAA2012

## GET IN TOUCH

[info@melbourne2012.org](mailto:info@melbourne2012.org)  
GPOBox 2472  
Melbourne, VIC 3001  
0414 936 832

## GET INVOLVED

There are many ways you can help. Come and join the host planning committee, or tick the service box when registering, or email to distribute registration forms and updates, or your home group can sponsor a newcomer ([registrations@melbourne2012.org](mailto:registrations@melbourne2012.org) for details).

# REGISTRATION

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## SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS TO:

**MAIL** 61 BLYTH STREET, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056

**FAX** 03 9389 0399

**REGISTRATION ENQUIRIES** JULIE - 0411 243 029

**EMAIL** julie@melbourne2012.org

## PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED NAME FOR BADGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SUBURB/CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

FELLOWSHIP:  AA  AL-ANON  ALATEEN  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS OF SOBRIETY (AA) \_\_\_\_\_

TIME IN FELLOWSHIP (AL-ANON) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

## ABLE TO HELP?

YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO:  SHARE  BE OF SERVICE AT THE EVENT (we will be in touch nearer the time)

Pass my details on to help at the next national convention - 2013 Maroochydore

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION - \$95 (**NOTE** - Registration must be postmarked or faxed prior to 31st December 2011)

STANDARD REGISTRATION - \$110

ALATEEN REGISTRATION - \$20

**TOTAL REGISTRATION** \$

DAY REGISTRATIONS will be available for purchase at the event - \$40 per day

## CONVENTION DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY 7TH APRIL - \$130

NO. OF TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DINNER DANCE** \$

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

## 12TH STEP DONATION

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS NEWCOMER REGISTRATIONS, PLEASE ENTER THE **AMOUNT** \$

## MERCHANDISE - SEE OVER FOR DETAILS (circle as applicable)

T-SHIRT (\$15) or POLO (\$30)

S / M / L / XL / XXL / XXXL

PINK/BLUE/WHITE

QTY \_\_\_\_\_

T-SHIRT (\$15) or POLO (\$30)

S / M / L / XL / XXL / XXXL

PINK/BLUE/WHITE

QTY \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL MERCHANDISE** \$

## PAYMENT DETAILS

**TOTAL REGISTRATION** (+ IF APPLICABLE, DINNER, DONATION AND/OR T-SHIRTS) **TOTAL PAYMENT** \$

CHEQUE / MONEY ORDER (payable to AA Melbourne National Convention 2012)

MASTERCARD  VISA

CARD NO

EXPIRY DATE

NAME ON CARD \_\_\_\_\_

CARDHOLDER'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**OR REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.MELBOURNE2012.ORG](http://WWW.MELBOURNE2012.ORG)**

## REGISTRATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Participants who cancel their booking up to 4 weeks prior to the event (Thursday 8 March 2012 inclusive) will receive a refund less a \$20 administration fee. All cancellations **MUST** be in writing and include any documentation distributed. **NO REFUNDS** are available after Thursday 8 March 2012. Registration may be transferred to another person.