



## CHRISTCHURCH

Set on the Canterbury Plains, Christchurch is New Zealand's garden city on the east coast of the South Island. Flat-bottomed punts glide on the Avon River, running through the city centre. On its banks are cycling paths, the green expanse of Hagley Park and the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. Our city Otautahi is better now than ever; the vibrant inner city is an ever evolving mix of old and new with many changes. Explore the town and celebrate the classic icons that remain. Why not come and see for yourself, and enjoy the changing landscape and riverfront restaurants and cafes.

## VENUE

St Andrew's College celebrated its centenary in 2017 and is one of the largest school campuses in Christchurch, with an extensive range of buildings and grounds stretching across 13 hectares.

Accommodation is available across its three boarding houses.

## GETTING THERE

Visit [www.aaconvention.org.nz](http://www.aaconvention.org.nz) for transport options.

## THEME

The theme of the 57th annual convention is 'Living Sober'.

"And we repeat: Somewhat to our surprise, staying sober turns out not to be the grim, wet-blanket experience we had expected! While we were drinking, a life without alcohol seemed like no life at all. But for most members of A.A., living sober is *really* living - a joyous experience. We much prefer it to the troubles we had with drinking.

One more note: anyone can *get* sober. We have all done it lots of times. The trick is to stay and to *live* sober."

\*From an official statement issued July 31, 1964

## LOCAL MEETINGS

Christchurch has a great selection of meetings running every day. For more information please check the AA website, [aa.org.nz](http://aa.org.nz). If you would like a lift to get to an AA meeting during your stay in Christchurch please ask us.

Live  
and Get  
Live..

## CONVENTION CONTACTS

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Alcoholics Anonymous

# Living Sober

Christchurch 2020  
New Zealand  
57th Annual Convention

17 - 19 January 2020  
St Andrew's College,  
347 Papanui Road, Christchurch

\* Excerpts from Living Sober were reprinted with permission of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services Inc.

# PROGRAMME

## FRIDAY

- 12.00 - 9.00pm Registration
- 5.30 - 7.00pm BBQ Dinner (optional)
- 7.30 - 9.00pm Welcome and Opening Meeting  
"Staying away from the first drink"

## SATURDAY

- 7.30 - 1.00pm Registration
- 8.30 - 10.00am "Live and Let Live"
- 10.00 - 10.30am Morning Tea
- 10.30 - 12.00pm "Watching out for anger and resentment"
- 12.00 - 1.00pm Lunch
- 1.00 - 2.30pm "First things first"
- 2.30 - 3.00pm Afternoon Tea
- 3.00 - 4.30pm "Easy does it"
- 5.30 - 7.00pm Dinner
- 7.30 - 9.00pm Public Meeting
- 9.00pm - 12.00am Dance

## SUNDAY

- 8.30 - 10.00am "Letting go of old ideas"
- 10.00 - 10.30am Morning Tea
- 10.30 - 11.30am Spiritual Meeting
- 11.30 - 12.00pm Farewells

# First Things First.

# Easy Does It...

## SPECIAL INTEREST MEETINGS

(Open to all)

### SATURDAY

- 8.30 - 10.00am LGBTQ
- 10.30 - 12.00pm Old Timers
- 1.00 - 2.30pm International
- 3.00 - 4.30pm Indigenous

## WORKSHOPS

### SATURDAY

- 8.30 - 10.00am Traditions
- 10.30 - 12.00pm Service
- 1.00 - 2.30pm Money and Spirituality
- 3.00 - 4.30pm Sponsorship

## CONTINUOUS MEETING

### SATURDAY

- 8.30 - 4.30pm

# REGISTRATION

Register and pay online at [www.aaconvention.org.nz](http://www.aaconvention.org.nz)

OR Send this form with a cheque payable to:

(Only available to NZ residents)

National Convention 2020, PO Box 10139, Phillipstown, Christchurch 8145

(Cheques payable to AA National Convention 2020)

## PERSONAL DETAILS - 1 FORM PER PERSON

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name on your name tag \_\_\_\_\_

AA \_\_\_\_\_ AI-Anon \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

How many years of sobriety do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

Airport Pick-up Requested

## REGISTRATION

Weekend Registration \$75.00

Early-Bird Registration \$70.00

(Register by 1 January 2020)

1 Day Registration \$55.00

## CATERING (Final close off for meals 10 January 2020)

Friday BBQ Dinner \$35.00

Saturday Lunch - packed bag \$15.00

Saturday Dinner (incl. dance) \$45.00

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is available at St Andrew's College at \$55/person/night twin or quad share including breakfast, linen/towels, tea and coffee facility.

For details see [www.stac.school.nz/boarding](http://www.stac.school.nz/boarding)

Friday night \$55.00

Saturday night \$55.00

More Accommodation and Transport options are available online at [www.aaconvention.org.nz](http://www.aaconvention.org.nz)

(All prices are quoted in New Zealand Dollars and inclusive of GST)