AVP WA NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2024



Workshops for March and April 2024

Mar 12 – 14: Karnet T4F Mar 16 – 18: Acacia (Mainstream) Basic Mar 25 – 27: Wooroloo Basic

April 6, 13: Community Basic Mount Lawley April 9 – 11: Bunbury Prison PRU Basic April 16 – 18: Karnet Basic

April 20 – 22: Acacia (Mainstream) Basic April 27 – 29: Acacia (Protection) Basic

Bring a Friend Day and AGM

Mar 9: Quaker Meeting House, Mount Lawley

Mid-Year Gatherings

May 11: QMH Mount Lawley
June 1: Acacia (Protection AM, Mainstream PM)
June 5: Wooroloo Prison Farm AM

Bring a Friend Day and AGM

We are very excited about our *BRING A FRIEND DAY* on Saturday 9th March.

This is a wonderful opportunity for friends to have a taste of what AVP is all about.

We will make your friends very welcome with **Pizza** and other goodies, so please invite one or more friends to join us for a couple of hours of **AVP style fun and sharing**. We promise not to pressure them into signing up for a workhop (although of course we will have a registration form available just in case!)



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The *Bring a Friend Day* will be closely followed by the excitement of the *AVP WA AGM*, which I KNOW you are all hanging out for!

When – Saturday March 9th

Where – Quaker Meeting House, 35 Clifton Street, Mount Lawley

Agenda – 12.00 – 12.30 Pizza Lunch

12.30 – 2.30 Fun and Sharing AVP style

2.30 - 3.00 Afternoon Tea

3.00 - 3.30 AGM (visitors can make themselves comfortable in the house, or make use of the beautiful surroundings out the back of the house for the duration of the AGM.

Workshop Evaluations and Sign-up sheets

For consistency of **evaluations**, please use the latest version. We no longer have a space for participants to add their names to evaluations, but a **sign-up sheet** is available in the kits which facilitation teams may use to make report writing easier.

If you run out of evaluation sheets, please either print some more copies, or contact Selene.

THE AVP-WA WEBSITE

Our website (<u>www.avpwa.org</u>) is partly for information to the public, but also a resource for all of us as facilitators. There is a login function for members where we have access to all the workshop reports, annual reports, newsletters etc.

Most of us should have login user names and passwords but if you have forgotten yours we need to regenerate since there is no "forgotten password" function. So if you would like a new password issued please get in touch – avp.wa1@gmail.com

Similarly please let us know if you have information you feel would be valuable to have on the website.

Finally, we encourage you to interact with our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/AVPWA/

Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in joining a little group to help our organisation thrive?

There are three opportunities:

- 1) We really need to extend our reach into the community. It's essential we train more community facilitators to work in the prisons. Would you be willing to be part of a group that works on our **marketing** and workshop promotion?
- 2) This year is the **30th anniversary of AVP-WA**! It would be great to have a significant event to celebrate this. If you think you would enjoy to help organise this please get in touch.
- 3) There are still a couple of vacancies left for the **2024 management committee**. Consider if you'd like to nominate at the **AGM on March 9th**.

As our organisation grows so does the work, time and effort needed to sustain it. Any input from our volunteer facilitators is greatly welcomed.

Governor Stirling High School

We are currently negotiating with Governor Stirling High School to get a **Youth Programme** running in the near future. This will most likely take place over a number of weeks (maximum two hourly sessions), so will be a considerable, but hopefully rewarding commitment.

Please contact Selene if you would like to know more about the programme, and perhaps volunteer as a co-facilitator.

Editor's note

An AVP WA newsletter is published monthly.

If you have any news, photos, inmate contributions or new things you've tried in workshops, please send them to Selene, our newsletter editor.

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Need more information?

For details of upcoming workshops or facilitator days, to volunteer to help facilitate a workshop, or just to find out more about AVP, please contact Selene, our administrator.

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