



# **Narcotics Anonymous**

## **Australian Regional Service Committee**

### **Guidance on Misinformation, Unity and our Primary Purpose – August 2025**

This information has been prepared by the Administration Committee at the request of the Australian Service Committee (ARSC) for the benefit of all Members.

Misinformation in any form has the potential to cause conflict and disunity in our fellowship, as well as distract us from our primary purpose.

As with all things in NA, decisions should be made via a group conscience and under the guidance and direction of a loving Higher Power.

Our Traditions remind us that we keep what we have only with vigilance, and that freedom for the group springs from our Traditions.

We will refer to both Tradition One (NA unity) and Tradition Five (primary purpose) below.

This information has been taken directly from our **Basic Text** and **It Works How and Why**.

- Our **first tradition** reminds us that our common welfare should come first, that our personal recovery depends on NA unity. Anything that has the potential to cause disunity in our groups or in our fellowship may impact on our own and others personal recovery. Our survival is directly related to the survival of the group and the fellowship. Unity is a must in Narcotics Anonymous. This is not to say that we do not have our disagreements and conflicts, we do. However, we can disagree without being disagreeable. We must live and work together as a group to ensure that in a storm our ship does not sink, and our members do not perish. With faith in a Power greater than ourselves, hard work, and unity, we will survive and carry the message to the addict who still suffers.
- **Our first tradition** goes further to say that we share an equal membership in NA, and we all have an interest in maintaining the unity that underlies its common welfare, which requires personal commitment and responsible action.
- Our **fifth tradition** reminds us that each group has but one primary purpose – to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. The purpose of this tradition is to ensure that an atmosphere of recovery is maintained. This can only be achieved by keeping our groups recovery-oriented. If our group purpose were anything other than to carry the message, many would die and few would find recovery. What is our message? Our message is that an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live. Our message is hope and the promise of freedom. When all is said and done, our primary purpose can only be to carry the message to the addict who still suffers because that is all we have to give.

### **Questions or Comments?**

If you have questions or comments regarding misinformation in our fellowship, please contact the ARSC Chair at [chair@na.org.au](mailto:chair@na.org.au)