



Area C Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

10th January 2015 10.00 A.M @ St Andrew's Laman St Newcastle
Meeting opened 1.00 p.m

READ TRADITION TWO: Ian M

ATTENDANCE: Ian M (D.C.M Port Stephens & lower Hunter D.C.M), Andrew (Scone Group) Paul F (D.C.M Newcastle district) Phoebe (registrar), Paul B (G.S.R F.O.T.S) Rhonda (Scone Group)

APOLOGIES: Phil G (Delegate),

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: no meeting held due to Forster Rally

The D.C.M's report and post Conference report was read by Andrew as follows:

Area C Eastern Region Delegates Report

Phil Garland 10th January 2015

Firstly let me apologise for not being able to attend the area assembly as I have run out of annual leave and am unable to take time off from work.

The conference is over for another year with some mixed results. I would like to thank all of Area C for allowing me this opportunity to attend the 56th National Group Conscious of Australia - known as the national conference, without the money, effort and time of all Area C Service People and all members that contribute at service meetings I would not have had the absolute privilege of attending the national conference for the last 2 years. Thank You!!! Until you attend in person it is hard to explain the honour you as an Area have given me.

The theme for this year's conference was "**Love & Service**"

While there was not as many topics as most times, we were still very busy with dealing with current topics and reviewing the topics from previous years.

The voting was as follows: If you would like a full copy of these results please email me: eagle697@outlook.com

Topic 001 – Revoke 2013 Actions (NO) 23 (YES) 10 (ABSTAINED) 0

Topic 002 – Change Boundary (NO) 1 (YES) 32 (ABSTAINED) 0

Topic 003 – Group Funds (Topic Rejected)

Topic 004 – GSB Approach National Corrections (Topic Rejected)
 Topic 005 – Service Items (Topic Rejected)
 Topic 006 – Contract With Optus (Topic Rejected)
 Topic 007 – Duration Of National Convention (Topic Rejected)
 Topic 008 – Asia/Oceanic Convention (Topic Rejected)
 Topic 009 – National Convention 2018 – Perth (Carried YES With A Show Of Hands)
 Topic 010 – Donation To Contribution (NO) 0 (YES) 33 (ABSTAINED) 0
 Topic 011 – Replace USA With Australia (Carried YES With A Show Of Hands)
 Topic 012 – Short 2 Minute Video (NO) 0 (YES) 30 (ABSTAINED) 3
 Topic 013 – Finance Committee (Topic Rejected)
 Topic 014 – Report On Richmond VIC (Topic Rejected)
 Topic 015 – Victorian CSO (Topic Rejected)
 Topic 016 – Include VIC CSO Helpline (Topic Rejected)
 Topic 017 – Reinstate Literature Supply To VIC CSO (Topic Rejected)
 Topic 018 – Recognise AA VIC As Entity (Topic Rejected)
 Topic 019 – Archivist Rotate 4 Years (NO) 1 (YES) 32 (ABSTAINED) 0
 Topic 020 – Regional PI Co-Ordinator (NO) 5 (YES) 28 (ABSTAINED) 0
 Topic 021 – Donate \$2000 Asia/Oceania Secretariat (NO) 0 (YES) 33 (ABSTAINED) 0
 Topic 022 – Guideline Correctional (NO) 1 (YES) 32 (ABSTAINED) 0
 Topic 023 – Remote Communities (NO) 4 (YES) 29 (ABSTAINED) 0
 Topic 024 – General Service Conference Rejecting 2 Yearly (NO) 1 (YES) 32 (ABSTAINED) 0
 Topic 025 – Statement Added To Guidelines (NO) 1 (YES) 32 (ABSTAINED) 0

I represented Area C Eastern Region on these committees:

1: The Finance Committee **2:** Correctional Facilities
3: International Committee **4:** Conference Remote Communities Committee

Australian events

2015 The Eastern Regional Forum (NSW, ACT) – HOST Area A Coffs Harbour NSW

2015 Friday 24th June 4pm Deadline For 2015 Topics To Conference

2015 Theme For Conference – “A Spiritual Gift”

2016 Treatment & Correctional Facilities (T&CF) – Host Townsville NTH QLD

Eastern Regional Trustee position has rotated from this years conference, our previous trustee was Tom Grigg. After extensive voting our new trustee was voted in, PAUL BUDGEN, our nominee Vince Dudgeon came in at a close 2nd

AREA DELEGATES REPORT

(As Posted in 56th Australian General Service Conference Report)

Area C covers the area starting north of Sydney and continues up to Scone in the Hunter Valley. We have two active Districts, one covering the central Newcastle area and the other covering Upper Hunter, Port Stephens and the outer Newcastle areas. There are approximately 50 meetings in the northern end of the area with an average of twelve members in each meeting and approximately fifty six meetings in the Gosford area with an average attendance of twelve or so.

We have regular District & Area Meetings but would like the attendances to be stronger. The members attending have good input and keep the Area running ok.

We have been very busy organizing next year's annual convention with the workload gearing up as the event draws closer. We appear to be on track with our tasks at this stage. The major raffle prize has been purchased and is ready to go. We are currently working on the program for the event which should be finalized soon.

Some of the activities conducted during the year are a three day stand at the annual Total Field Day Total. This was well attended by both members and the general public with plenty of inquiries from the general public, we handed a lot of pamphlets out over the three days. We have two annual rallies in the area, one on the Central Coast (Gosford) and the other at Morisset (Newcastle District). These were also well attended with both committees making a small profit.

Our gaol visits are going well with a good roster working at Cessnock gaol. A member and I attended an information meeting at the GSO to discuss ways of getting the message into gaols and hear some ideas that other areas are doing with their T&CF programs, we had a very informative session at the meeting.

Yours In Service,
PHIL GARLAND
Area C Delgate

The Chairperson declared positions vacant to include:

Treasurer,
Chairperson
Secretary
Registrar

The vote was as follows;

Ian nominated himself as Treasurer .-voted unanimous
Ian also nominated for the Chairperson-voted unanimous
Andrew was nominated as Secretary-voted unanimous
Paul F nominated as Registrar-voted unanimous
Andrew will remain as alt-.Delegate.

The committee thanks those who rotated out and those who accepted their positions.

Secretaries report: nil

Treasurers report:

Area C Treasurer's Report 07/01/2015

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
19/11/2014	FROM FREEDOM		\$100.00	\$532.31
07/11/2014	Fots Newcastle:988438909 TFR		\$8.80	\$432.31
28/10/2014	SAT & TUES STEPS CESSNOCK		\$100.00	\$423.51
17/10/2014	GBS Internet:The Glen		\$100.00	\$323.51

Newcastle D.C.M report:

District members have been involved in carrying the message outside AA meetings. Members are

involved with the Belmont Hospital, Cessnock Goal and AA Helpline.

Coordinators are looking for more volunteers to assist with service work. The helpline has a vacancy for Saturdays 6am to 6pm, contact Paul F (0400415915). The Prisons 12 Step would like more volunteers for Thursday service, contact Paul B Q402077735). Members for all Districts are welcome to participate.

Groups within the District have been visited regularly and invited to join in the service structure of A.A. At present the Fellowship of The Spirit Group and Newcastle Steps GSRs have attended District meetings. Turning Point and Newcastle East Topic Discussion have yet to elect GSRs to attend. The remaining meetings are not represented at District. All meetings were grateful to accept updated meetings list that the District created. City Group has resolved to keep their Sunday meeting open rather than close from January 2015.

The AA Helpline is funded by the Districts within Area C. In December 2014 there was a charge from Telstra of \$130 for the redirection of the old number for the next 12 months, otherwise monthly charges are generally in the region of \$75 for the phone service. Telstra bills tabled for viewing.

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Paul F

DCM

Port Stephens and lower Hunter D.C.M report:

.Muswellbrook groups are holding a one day Rally, with income going towards 2015 Convention, on Saturday 17th (next Saturday). It starts at 9.00am with two morning meetings & a public meeting after lunch. Please support our Upper Hunter members. We have also done a 15 minute radio interview for the ABC which will be played before the rally.

.The annual Morisset/Newcastle regional Rally will be held again on the 1st weekend in February 2015 6th,7th,8th.

.Literature sales for the District have been strong. I will be topping up a lot of stock next week. A/C balance is currently \$2509.01

.Mater hospital meeting has recommenced last week for 2015.

District Committee Member

Ian M

Literature report: included in D.C.M report

General business:

1/ Vince suggested an invitation be sent to our new Eastern regional Trustee, Paul B to attend our Area assemblies.-all agreed it would be prudent to forward the invitation to Paul and also to forward copies of our Area Minutes to Paul as well.

2/ The one day Rally /public information meeting being held in Muswellbrook on 16/1/15 beginning At 9.00 a.m. the attendants at the assembly were ask to mention the rally to get more support.

3/ Paul F suggested that a “post out” of the 60/30/10 plan brochure will be included with the registrar questionnaire. We are asking all groups to fill in the registrars questionnaire and to support the promotion of service work at ALL levels (Group/District/Area).

4/ there was a general discussion regarding the upcoming National Convention and although this is not directly Assembly business it was pointed out that Conventions require the support of local groups to help with the day to day running and therefore we allowed the discussion to happen. A major point that was made was that as we have now about 9 weeks till the Convention are we allowing ourselves enough time to complete everything we need to do and should we consider bringing the next H.P.C meeting forward . The Area committee contains 4 members who are also on the H.P.C and all agreed it needs to be considered..It was decided to approach the H.P.C secretary and Chairperson for appraisal with the Assembly Committee strongly agreeing it should be considered.

Next meeting: S.W.I.R , Swansea at 12.00 on 18/5/15(confirmed by Phoebe)

Meeting closed at 2.30 P.M with the Serenity Prayer

Please note: to get to the C.U.S.A rooms where the Muswellbrook 1 day rally/P.I meeting is you: come into Muswellbrook and follow the signs to Tamworth-when you go through the roundabout at Muswellbrook go to the next set of traffic lights and turn right –go to the roundabout past the wooly’s petrol station and turn right again-the car park is a couple of hundred metres up on your right had side and then follow the signs to the rooms.

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Public Information Meeting

**With special guest speaker Councillor Martin Rush
Mayor of Muswellbrook**

**2:00PM, SATURDAY 17 JANUARY,
2015**

**CUSA ROOMS, OLD ST JAMES
SCHOOL**

SOWERBY ST, MUSWELLBROOK

Come along and enjoy some afternoon tea on us, be
inspired and discover the truth about AA.

“There is a better way, and it is being lived among us