



Area C Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

20 Apr 13, 14.30 Hrs - Merewether (Turning Point)

READ TRADITION TWO: Ian M. - Truth

ATTENDANCE: Andrew M- Scone (GSR/Chairman Area c), Ian M – Truth (PS&LH DCM), Paul F – Fellowship Of The Spirit (GSR/Newcastle DCM), Vince D – Freedom (GSR/PI Co-ord/Ex Delegate), Jim K – Fellowship Of The Spirit (ALT GSR/Ex Delegate), John C – Tarro HAH (Ex Delegate), Grant S – Shortland BBS (GSR), Jocelyn D – Swansea WIR (GSR/Treasure), Pat C – Tarro YAH (GSR/Sec), John S - Terrigal BBS (GSR), Elaine S - Terrigal ID/Speakers (GSR/Treasure), John C - Gosford Beginners (GSR/DCM Gosford/Brisbane Waters), Richard P - Wyong Beginners (GSR), Gary S - Gorokan ID (GSR), Ric C,- Long Jetty Beginners (GSR/DCM Northlake's), Nigel – Observer.

APOLOGIES: Mal C – The Annex (Treatment Facility Co-Ord), Phoebe – Swansea WIR (Registrar), Phil G - Branxton (Delegate), Tom – Raymond Terrace Mon (GSR), Ray D - Woy Woy Spiritual Concept (GSR/DCM Peninsula), Ash J - Berkeley Vale Steps & Trads (GSR/DCM2 Wyong/Tuggerah Lakes).

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved: Ian M Seconded: Vince D Vote: **Accept**

BUSINESS ARISING: Jim K, questioned whether or not Andrew could fill the role of Alt Delegate & Chairman as he was representing Scone which is outside of geographical boundaries of Area C. This generated a lot of discussion with Andrew explaining the way and history of Scone and Muswellbrook becoming involved in Area C. It was decided that the Area would seek guidance from GSO.

Action Item: Pat C to write to GSO outlining the issue and requesting guidance.

Reports:

Delegate's Report: Annex A - (Read by Pat C)

Seconded: Pat C Vote: Accept

Secretary's Report: Nil

Correspondence **In:** 1. AA Around Australia (Copy available @ aa.org.au)
2. Email John S to Phil G (including reply) re 'Notice of Motion' - Central Coast forming own Area. @ Appendix 1
Out: 1. Email to GSO re current Area C Eastern Region Office Bearers. @ Appendix 2

Treasure's Report: Annex B

Seconded: Andrew Vote: Accept

Drafted by:

(Original signed)

Pat C

Secretary Area C

Approved by:

(Original Signed)

Andrew M

Chair Area C

Delegates Report

Hi all at the Assembly, First of all I would like to apologise for my absence as I am unable to get time off work. (My co-worker took this run off and I am unable to get time off as well). I have not done a lot as your Delegate so far but am still learning the ropes from Vince. I attended the national convention on the sunshine coast at Easter and was a very relaxing time (as the committee intended it to be) I met with the Chairman of next year's Adelaide committee and had a good discussion with him on things to do on the lead up to the convention, also discussed this with members of the sunshine coast committee. Two things that came to light in these discussions was the importance of fund raising and the need to set up a website (they raised around \$80,000 of business through their website). Some of the sunshine coast committee have offered to address our committee in the future to help us with our convention. The girl, Olga who was their web master indicated that she might be interested in helping us set up our site as well,

At the Central Coast Rally I had a good discussion with John Starr concerning the forming of an Area on the central coast, I indicated that the population in both areas were large enough to support this move and we were willing to support them any way we can but at the end of the day it is up to the national conference to ratify this move.

Cherie and I will be setting off at the end of May to record the port rally then on to Mackay for the NQ Round up and back to Morven for their rally then the Dinosaur tag-a-long through west Qld then off to Alice Springs to start the Territory tag-a-long. We will be away for about three months but will keep in touch while we are away.

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Treasurer's Report for period 01/01/2013 to 18/04/2013

OPENING BALANCE 1112.01

INCOME

14/02/13	Hamilton 8PM	50.00
22/03/13	Lambton BB Study	36.00
06/04/13	Freedom Group	50.00
13/04/13	Scone	500.00
13/04/13	Swansea WIR	300.00

TOTAL INCOME 936.00

EXPENSES

29/01/13	Levy Fee Natl Office	615.00
31/01/13	Bank Clearance Fee	.50
08/03/13	Area Delegate Expenses	146.00
31/03/13	Bank Clearance Fee	.50

TOTAL EXPENSES 762.00

CLOSING BALANCE 1286.01

*Respectively submitted by Jocelyn D
Area C Treasurer
18/04/2013*

Newcastle District of Alcoholics Anonymous
March 2013 Report to Area Assembly

Newcastle District is a manageable size within the geographical boundary of the Hunter River to North, Pacific Ocean to East, Glebe Rd to South and Union St to West. The Groups at present are, City Group Newcastle East, Sunday; Fellowship Of The Spirit Group Newcastle, Monday and Saturday; Newcastle Steps Cooks Hill, Wednesday; Grass Roots Hamilton South, Friday; Turning Point Merewether, Saturday.

Presently members are conducting public information visits to the 24 major Hotels and Clubs within the District. Publicans and Club Managers have been able to co-operate by taking our laminated 'There is a solution' posters, for display within their premises.

Members are invited to the Trivia Night and Auction to be held on the Saturday 25th May at St Andrews, Layman St Newcastle, from 7pm Entry \$5 with free tea and coffee. Please bring an item for the auction table. AA books, CDs, artwork, handicrafts etc. would be welcomed. Proceeds to be split between Area C, Newcastle District and Port Stephens Lower Hunter District.

AREA C Assembly (20th April 2013)

Port Stephens & Lower Hunter District of Alcoholics Anonymous
District Committee Member Report

- 1....Helpers are required for our AA Helpline. Please contact Ian M on 0428 699 700.
- 2....Cessnock groups are organizing their annual One Day Rally for August. Date & time to follow.
- 3....This District is having a stand at the annual Tocal Field Days on the 1st weekend in May (Fri 3rd May – Sun 5th).
- 4.... This District is also organizing a Speakers night on 11th May at Turning Point meeting hall with the three ladies from our area that went to India to form AA for women in India.
- 5....The District has \$2756.95 in available funds.
- 6....Tea Gardens Friday night & Nelson Bay Tuesday night meetings both require support.
- 7....Area literature fund has \$1200.00 in available funds.
Yours in Service

Ian M

District Committee Member
Port Stephens & Lower Hunter District

Helpline Report to Area C Assembly
20-04-2013

Our helpline is going well, however we are still looking for volunteers to participate.

The days available are Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday from 6am – 6pm. Also Saturday night is available (6pm – 6am Sunday).

Any help is welcome.

Helpline Co-ordinator

Ian M

Thursday 7 Th March 2013

Area C Public Information Committee and
Eastern Region National AA Convention
Care of Vince Dudgeon

MY COPY

Email to AA members of Area C

Good morning, It is sometimes difficult for me to communicate the messages of the assistance Alcoholics Anonymous needs from you, my fellow members. I learnt a saying early in AA "You alone can do it, but you can't do it alone" and that applies to many situations.

We have the opportunity to carry A A's message of recovery to members of the Community by manning a stand at the Tocal field days at Tocal, which is just outside Maitland from Friday 3 rd Saturday 4 th & ending on Sunday 5 th of May, this year. Cost last year for a stand was \$150

We need three members, each four hour shift, to help over the three days of the weekend. I am prepared to do two four hour shifts, possibly Friday morning & another day, if needed. We need more members to do this.

The other opportunity we have to meet together in fellowship is to hear our Three Female Members who went to India to do Twelve step work by assisting the women in India break the image that exists in that country, of women going to Alcoholics Anonymous. Could we use this fantastic opportunity to hear these ladies, raise funds for the 2015 National AA Convention in Newcastle & meet over dinner? This unique event could be arranged on a Friday or Saturday evening, around 7 pm at one of the following venues: Freedoms meeting place Charlestown Library, Turning point meeting place in Glebe road Merewether or Tarro's hall in Tarro, are there any other suggestions? We could have either a B B Q or Kebabs on the Bar B Q plus salad. My wife Lorraine would be willing to help with arranging & assisting preparation & serving the food. Donation of food & desert would be wonderful (My sweet glands are starting to salivate at the thought of Lorraine's deserts hence my enlarged tummy). The Cost to include hire of the Hall, Cost of Food etc, plus a donation to 2015 would \$25 a head, reasonable.

Other P I activities included talking the Principal of Smith St Medical Centre & Discussing AA with Doctors & leaving a Big Book at Appletree Medical Centre in Charlestown

Warm Regards.

Vince Dudgeon
P I Area C & member of 2015 Host planning Committee

THINGS TO TAKE TO TOCAL.

Small spare table, seats with cushions

AA banners Steps, Traditions I am Responsible, The Serenity Prayer.

Big Big Books

Little Big Books

Little & medium size 12 & 12's

Pamphlets

Price list of Literature

4 Table cloths

Members who may come.

Ladies

Juliette Ramsay, Chris Smith, Yvonne, Margaret Draft, Dolly, Cathy O'Rhiordan Phoebe, Wendy (SWIR) Cheryl Bailey, Chris Freebody, Jackie, Cherie Garland, Des Harris.

Men

Ian Morrow, Pat Cronin, Michael Lowe, Brian McCredie, Lenny Steel, Vince Dudgeon Postie Paul Cory, Denis Carroll. Gary Reid, Grant Sheather, Irish Kevin, Phil Garland, Andrew Millar

Gaol Coordinator Report 20 Apr 13

Cessnock N.S.W. Gaol Meetings –March 2013

Minimum Security

Numbers of meetings held = 3 – (1 was cancelled due to AOD Worker on leave).

Total Inmate Attendances for month = 31

Maximum Security

Numbers of meetings held = 1 – (1 was cancelled due to AOD Worker on leave).

Total Inmate Attendances for month = 14

Protection Wing

Numbers of meetings held = 1

This is an at call meeting. **Total Inmate Attendances for month = 9**

Thanks to those members on the roster who make themselves available.

The new Gaol is now open. All those on the roster need to arrive 30 minutes earlier so that they can get there Iris and Finger prints check done at the new centre. We are still awaiting to see if the meetings there will be on a Thursday.

**Lenny S – Cessnock Living Sober
Gaol Roster Co-ordinator**

John S to Phil G dated 13 Apr 13

Hi Phil

Hope you had an enjoyable time at the National Convention on the Sunshine Coast at Easter

We have just received an information sheet on Area C activities from Vince Dudgeon

I notice the next Area Assembly is to be held on Saturday 20th April at the Tuning Point Group meeting location Uniting Church Hall, 178 Glebe Road Merewether

Would you kindly list on the Meeting Agenda the following matter:

Notice of Motion

1-A change to the existing Area C boundary to allow for a new Area to be formally commenced on the Central Coast of NSW

For your information our Central Coast Area mailing address is PO Box 461, Terrigal NSW 2260, our Delegate's contract No is 4384I 05I

Please acknowledge receipt of this email

Best wishes to you & Cherie

Regards

John Starr

Phil G reply to John S dated 13 Apr 13

Thanks for that John, I will put this items on the Agenda. We had a great time at the convention very friendly atmosphere and good fellowship, they had over 1000 registrations the committee told us. We might see you at the assembly. Yours in service Phil Garland.

Please find attached a list of the new Area C office Bearers as elected at the Area assembly
19 Jan 2013.

Yours in fellowship
Pat Cronin

REGION: Eastern **AREA:** C

AREA MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 196 Jesmond NSW 2299

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>FULL NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>TELEPHONE/FAX/ E-MAIL</u>
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<u>CHAIRPERSON:</u>	Andrew Millar (As Above)?	
<u>SECRETARY:</u>	Pat Cronin 1A Chester St Stockton NSW 2295	0407 071 669 patcronin64@bigpond.com
<u>TREASURER:</u>	Jocelyn Davis 11 Corona Street Hamilton East, NSW 2303	0426 212 406 jocelynddavis@gmail.com

DATE DELEGATE ELECTED: 19 Jan 2013

