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**MINUTES OF AREA ASSEMBLY**

**Area C Web Site: [www.aa-area-c.org](http://www.aa-area-c.org)**

**Copies of all Area C Minutes available at: [www.aa-area-c.org/All Area C Minutes.htm](http://www.aa-area-c.org/All Area C Minutes.htm)**

**Date: SATURDAY 8 TH JANUARY 2011.**

**Held At Charlestown Library function room (Freedom Group's Meeting Place )**

**Meeting Opened: 10.15 am**

<b>Attendance</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Position</b>
Mick E	Morisset	Out going Area Chairman
John C	Tarro BBS	Out going Area Treasurer
Jeff J	Tarro	Tarro Thursday G S R
Vince D	Freedom & Shorthand	Area Delegate
Louise M	Tarro Big Book	Tarro Big Book G S R
Ryan A	Fellowship of the Spirit	Newcastle District D C M
Jim K	Fellowship of the Spirit	G S R
Ian M	Truth	Lower Hunter District D C M
Carl F	Newcastle City	G S R
Nick H	Tarro Big Book	Observer

**Quorum Achieved:**

**Paul Fellowship of the Spirit Observer**

<b>Apologies</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Position</b>
Judy		
Tom M	Raymond Terrace	G S R

**SERENITY PRAYER WAS SAID BY ALL.**

**As this was our Annual General Meeting, Our Chairman Mick E asked that we suspend ALL business & move into Elections for the New Committee. This was agreed to.**

**Mick E vacated the Chair, & Delegate Vince D asked for nominations for Chairperson**

**Chairpersons Position.**

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**Carl F nominated Paul, who declined nomination. Ian M nominated Carl F who accepted nomination, seconded by Ryan A. Jim K nominated Louise M, who accepted nomination, this was seconded by Ian M.**

**Louise M was elected Chairperson of Area C. Congratulations Louise**

**Treasurers position,**

**Vince D nominated Judy S, seconded by Louise M, Judy had advised him in a phone conversation that she would be available to stand for Treasurers position, Jim K said that she would have to be a G S R of a group to stand. Vince D was not certain if Judy was a G S R of Freedom.**

**Carl F nominated Ryan A who declined nomination. This position was left in abeyance till we hear from Judy S.**

**Secretaries Position**

**.Jim K nominated Carl, seconded by Ryan A, Carl accepted the position, no more nominations, then Carl F is our new Area Secretary. Congratulations Carl. Jim K agreed to assist Carl in using our Areas lap top computer.**

**Area Activities Position.**

**We had no nominations for this position. Vince D agreed to do it assisted by Ian M on a temporary basis, until we have another nomination, to fill this position. ( Secretaries Note, THAT THIS POSITION RAISES MOST OF THE FUNDS FOR THE DELEGATE TO GO TO CONFERENCE)**

**Registrars Position.**

**As Area C Delegate Vince D is already doing this job, & he will continue to do it.**

**Hospitals & Institutions Co Ordinator.**

**Lenny S has still 12 months to run on his 2 year term, as Goals Co Ordinator.**

**Jim K nominated Mick E, seconded by Vince D, for H & I co ordinator, Mick accepted nomination. Carried unanimously. Congratulations Mick.**

**District Co ordinator.**

**Jim K nominated John C who declined nomination.**

**Courts Co ordinator.**

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**Tom M is currently doing this job, VERRY WELL. Without Tom being present, we hope Tom will continue with Courts Co ordinators position.**

**Public Information Co ordinator.**

**Vince D still has 12 months to run with this position.**

**Area Website Co ordinator.**

**Jim K is our Web site co ordinator & will continue in this position.**

**END OF AREA ELECTIONS FOR 2011**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT.INCLUDED IN WITH GENERAL BUSINESS.**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Vince D had email discussions with Andrew m from Scone Group about Scone Group forming an District & joining Area C. Jim K pointed out that this is incorrect, & asked Vince to email Andrew & correct this situation. Vince D agreed to do this.

Jim K wanted Vince D to visit ALL groups in Area C & talk to them about,being a part of this Area. Jim also mentioned Delegates expenses to do this would be around \$1,000. Mick E said he didn't think it was necessary for Vince D to do this as it has been tried before, & it doesn't work.

The topic of visiting groups was merged by a discussion on emailing groups as well as mailing them. Jim K mentioned that email & group addresses are on the Areas laptop computer, as well as the delegates address, secretaries address & minutes, to keep record of Area minutes. Vince informed Jim K that he has a wife, family Grandchildren & a job which doesn't allow him this to change for invoicing, emailing, etc. on his home computer,then changing to Areas laptop computer, to read & respond to Area emails, emails from National Office & other Delegates.

Vince D mentioned, that he will make up a form for groups to fill in, with their Groups mailing , emailing addresses, which he will take to the Morisset, Central Coast & Newcastle Rallies. After these 3 rallies Vince will start to visit groups. Mick E agreed to assist Vince in making up this form.

Jim K asked Vince D to email & mail out the Outcome of Topics, from the 2010 Conference to AA members in our Area. Vince will ask Valerie Manager of National Office to email him these & for Vince to distribute them to groups.

Jim K informed the Area meeting that the Newcastle District Rally will be held on Friday 11 th, Saturday 12 th & Sunday 13 th of March this year at the same place as last year, Turning Point Groups location, Uniting Church Hall, Grebe Road Merewether.

The Raffle conducted by the Area raises funds for toward the Delegates Fees to Conference.

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The Newcastle District will forward \$500 to the Areas Activities Committee for the raffle prize, which the Area will agree to guarantee to repay the Newcastle District.

The Districts to organise a meeting

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance \$1754.90 We are \$750 short of fees for sending our delegate to conference.

Treasurers report accepted unanimously

DELEGATES REPORT.

Delegate Vince Read out his Goals for this Area.

To have 4 Districts formed by the Central Coast, eg

Peninsular District covering Woy Woy, Umina & West Gosford.

Gosford District covering Springfield, East Gosford, Gosford Springfield Wamberal,

Terrigal District Terrigal Speakers & beginners, Kincumber & Saratoga groups

Wyong District - Wyong, Doyalson, Berkley Vale, Budgewoi, San Remo, Toukley & Gorokan groups.

Newcastle Districts

Newcastle District

Newcastle City Newcastle Steps, Fellowship of the Spirit, Grass Roots, Civic, Open doors, Turning Point groups

Lake Macquarie District

Warner's Bay, Freedom, Pelican

Lower Hunter & Port Stephens District

Nelson Bay, Medowie, Tarro Thurs night, Tarro Big Book, Raymond Terrace, Karuah,

Increased Donations to Districts & Area.

AREA Newsletter.

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**Outgoing Correspondence:**

**Business Arising:**

<b>Moved Accepted :</b>		<b>Seconded :</b>	
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**NEWCASTLE D.C.M. REPORT ( ATTACHED )**

<b>Moved Accepted :</b>		<b>Seconded :</b>	
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**TREATMENT CENTRES & CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES  
REPORT:**

**TREATMENT CENTRES**

**Kirkwood House. Now called Mc McCauley**

Vince D said that we have an average of 7 prospects attend these sessions. Two Women & 5 Men

**Lakeview Lodge** – Jim K. (Turning Point)

**Lingard Hospital** – James Q. (Turning Point)

**Lorna House** – Jim K. (Turning Point)

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

**Cessnock Gaol** – Lenny S. (Cessnock Living Sober)

NO REPORT.

The Glen Annexe at Greeta

Meetings are held on Saturday at 7.30 pm at the Rehab. They are desperate for local members to attend I September Dave & Dollie & My self were the only members to attend. Anyone wishing to go on the roster, please Contact Lenny S on 0438 299320 or 02 4016 0003.

**COURTS PROGRAMME REPORT:** Tom M. (Raymond Terrace)

Raymond Terrace Court. Magistrate Mike Allan

AA member in Attendance Tom M

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Only one referral to Tom.

Toronto Court

Magistrate Ms Goodwin.

Referral

By Magistrate Solicitors by Tom M 3

Newcastle & Belmont were not attended by an A A member

**Business Arising:** None.

<b>Moved Accepted :</b>		<b>Seconded :</b>	
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**12 Step Volunteers needed for Court Program Contact Tom (Raymond Terrace) on: 49873249 OR 0419681636**

### **TC&F 12<sup>th</sup> STEP OPPORTUNITIES**

All Groups are requested to pass the message on to their members regarding the need for people to undertake 12<sup>th</sup> Step Work in Treatment Centres. At the moment only a very small number of members are active in this work. The Area is seeking members who are willing to do service work in Institutions.

**Kirkwood House, Lakeview Lodge, here are the following requirements:**

Two (2) years sobriety to attend Kirkwood and Lakeview on your own & Six (6) Months sobriety

to assist in the company of a person of 2 years sobriety or more.

**Kirkwood House Mc Cauley** is attended every second Monday from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm.

**Lakeview** is every Thursday from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

**Lingard Hospital** is visited every second Tuesday at 6.30 pm.

**For further information please contact:**

**Jim K - 0425215693 - Lenny 0438299320**

Thank you for your consideration.

### **EVENTS & WORKSHOP COMMITTEE REPORT:**

MORISSETT RALLY

FRIDAY 4 TH TO SUNDAY 6 TH FEBRUARY 2011 @ WEC CAMP NEUTORA ROAD MORISSETT

Newcastle District Rally

TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 11 TH SATURDAY 12 TH & SUNDAY 13 TH OF MARCH

Morrisset agreed to hold their Rally from Friday 4 th February till Sunday 6 th February

**Business Arising:**

### **PI COMMITTEE REPORT:**

In the RELOCATION of Freedom Group to Charlestown, Vince D has been going to Solicitors & other Business in Charlestown CBD. Turnbull Hill Lawyers has a rotating screen in their reception area for their clients to watch, while waiting for appointments, & NOW have 3 AA adds in their system. The feedback from Clients, on the AA adds has been

positive. 3 other Legal firms & 5 other business were approached & were happy to display the A4 Posters.

## **AREA REGISTRAR REPORT:**

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Our Newcastle Lower Hunter Group Details are needed to be updated, we have asked from permission to use the Central Coast CSO email & group address mailing list.

### **NEWSLETTERS, CATALOGUES, ETC (Available to all members on asking)**

Caring & Sharing Tape Catalogue/Floppy Disc.

AA Around Australia (September 2003 edition onwards).

Map of Area boundaries.

### **UPCOMING RALLIES, BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL EVENTS.**

PELICANS 16 TH BIRTHDAY 8 PM ON THURSDAY 20 TH JANUARY. ADDRESS CORNER PIRIWAL STS PELICAN.

FREEDOM MEETING AT 5.30 PM FRIDAYS CHARLESTOWN LIBRARY, CNR RIDLEY & SMITH STS

SATURDAY 29 TH JANUARY BOB O FROM DENVER COLORADO A DAY ON THE 12 STEPS @ WAVERLEY CONTACT JACINTA ON 0407009717 OR JEANETTE ON 48839888 \$15 & BRING YOUR BIG BOOK  
MORISSET RALLY Friday 4 th FEBRUARY TILL SUNDAY 6 TH

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT RALLY FRIDAY 11 TH, SATURDAY 12 TH & SUNDAY 13 TH MARCH @ TURNING POINT MEETING HALL UNITING CHURCH GLEBE ROAD MEREWETHER

CENTRAL CAOST RALLY FRIDAY 8 TH TO SUNDAY 10 TH APRIL @ CAMP BREAKAWAY SAN REMO

### **MEETING RELOCATIONS**

THURSDAY KOURI GROUP ID 10 AM NOW AT UNIT 3/24 HUDSON ST HAMILTON ( Behind Aldi Supermarket )

THURSDAY CENTRAL GROUP ID 8 PM SAME LOCATION UNIT 3/24 HUDSON ST HAMILTON ( behind Aldi Supermarket. )

NEXT AREA MEETING (The same weekend as Central Coast Rally )

SATURDAY 9 TH APRIL @ COOKS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL 10 AM START  
Contact Vince D 49439072 0410539072

### **AREA C CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**AREA CHAIRPERSON LOUISE TARRO**

**TREASURER VACANT**

**SECRETARY CARL F CITY**

**AREA ACTIVITIES VINCE D FREEDOM & SBBS**

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**REGISTRARS POSITION VINCE D FREEDOM & SBBS**

**HOSPITALS MICK E MORISSET**

**INSTITUTIONS LENNY S CESSNOCK**

**DISTRICT CO ORDINATOR VACANT**

**COURTS TOM M RAYMOND TERRACE**

**P I VINCE D SBBS & FREEDOM**

**AREA WEB SITE JIM K F O S**

**Area DELEGATE Vince D email [v.dudgeon@optusnet.com.au](mailto:v.dudgeon@optusnet.com.au)**

**AREA SECRETARY [secretary20@aa-area-c.org](mailto:secretary20@aa-area-c.org)**

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**24hr Phone: 49641555**

**Web Address: [www.aa-area-c.org](http://www.aa-area-c.org)**

**Account details for Group or Individual donations to Area C:**

**Bank Name: Newcastle Permanent building Society**

**Account Name: Alcoholics Anonymous**

**BSB: 650-000**

**Account Number: 960962709**

**Please include a comment indicating Group Name or initials: e.g. Stockton.**



