



Alcoholics Anonymous
Area C Eastern
Region NSW
Newcastle - Lower
Hunter - Central Coast

MINUTES OF AREA ASSEMBLY

Area C Web Site: www.aa-area-c.org

Copies of all Area C Minutes available in Area C forum under heading: Area C (Central Coast, Lower Hunter and Newcastle)

Date: 19-4-2008

Meeting Opened: 1.33 pm

Attendance:

Michael H Kurri GSR	Jim K Delegate James Q Turning Point GSR	Jeff J Phone Coordinator Michael S Bolton Point GSR
Keith T Pelican GSR Grant S TBBS Alt GSR	Lenny S Cessnock LS GSR	Mick E Morisset Treasurer

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Apologies: John C TBBS

Traditions Read By: Lenny S Cessnock

SECRETARY'S REPORT Jim K

As Acting Secretary.

I prepared the last minutes and I would like to thank Jeff J and James Q for the use of their notes in the preparation of the minutes.

I also help arrange this Assembly.

Yours in Service

Jim King

Secretary

Moved Accepted : Jeff J

Seconded : Mick E

CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS:

1. Bank Statement from Perm presented to Treasurer.

2. AA 2008 Pamphlet with all contact detail for USA service offices.
3. AA around Australia.
 - a. Reminding all groups that on the June 10 it is the Brown Paper Bag Collection to help carry the message in Asia pacific, help with the cost of Translating AA literature and other things as well.
 - b. Make all donations payable to General Service Board of AA.
 - c. Usually the Brown Paper bag is One Weeks Donation at your group on or around June 10th.
4. A Booklet from the World Services show all AA approved literature.

Outwards: NO OUTWARDS Correspondence.

Business Arising: None

Moved Accepted : Jeff J

Seconded : Mick E

AREA CHAIR REPORT:

As the incoming Chairman of the Area C Assembly I wish to thank the Area for the opportunity to be of service. I believe my role as Chairman is simply to facilitate Area Assemblies to provide all local groups and their members with an inclusive forum for communication and cooperation in delivering service to the countless sick and suffering alcoholics in our local area, whether they be AA members or not. I look forward to working together with rest of the Area Executive and GSRs to this end, and hope that during my tenure as Chairman I can do my small part to assist the Area in supporting the local groups in carrying out service work in our Area.

James Q (Turning Point)

Moved Accepted : Mick E

Seconded : Jeff J

Area Delegates Report:

As Area Delegate I have been in touch with the organising committee for the Eastern Region Forum to try to have some ideas brought up for discussion at regional forum these are.

1. Combined Nation PI/CPC and T&CF Coordinator – Paid Senior Position at National Office. (discussed to see what Areas think)
2. Eastern Regional Forum that has:

- a. An Eastern Region PI/CPC Coordinator and Committee.

This committee will be made up by the PI/CPC Area Coordinators. Its responsibilities will be to come up with a coordinated approach for PI/CPC for the Eastern Region and implement it. Reporting to the National PI/CPC Forum and National PI/CPC, T&CF Coordinator and the Area Committees to report back to Groups.

Some things to Look at are: NSW and ACT wide TV announcements and billboards.

- b. An Eastern Region T&CF Coordinator and Committee.

This committee will be made up by the T&CF Area Coordinators. Its responsibilities will be to come up with a coordinated approach for T&CF for the Eastern Region and implement it. Reporting to the National T&CF Forum and

National PI/CPC, T&CF Coordinator and the Area Committees to report back to Groups.

Some things to Look at are: Arranging contacts within their Area for prisoners released from jails.

- c. A delegates meeting with the board member in charge of This Years Topics attending to explain and give appropriate background for this years Topics.

So Area Delegates can go to district and Area assemblies better able to explain the topics for this year.

- d. An ongoing 5 year plan.

Within Area C I have been attending Groups on a daily basis on the Central Coast and Newcastle Lower Hunter.

Yours in Service

Jim King

Area Delegate.

Moved Accepted : Lenny S

Seconded : Jeff J

The GREATER NEWCASTLE D.C.M. REPORT:

No Report

Moved Accepted :

Seconded :

INSTITUTIONS REPORT:

DETOXES / TREATMENT CENTRES

As acting Hospitals and Detox Coordinator I have been doing the presentations at Lakeview Detox.

I would like to Thank Ray, Vince D SBBS and Lenny Grass Roots for their help with the Thursday presentations.

We have been getting about 10 attendees each Thursday.

Averaging out at about 6 Alkies to 4 Drugies.

When I ask the drugies these two questions about alcohol.

1. Do they have a physical Craving and a mental obsession (explaining in alkie Speak what that is)
2. If given good enough reason can they stop for good.

About one in 4 answer as an Alkie would so I have helped One in Four to know what their real problem is.

We are seeing a lot more in the last few months that come out of the detox and go to AA meetings that we used to.

Vince D Kirkwood

Michael from Kurri Steps & I on average have 12 people attending each fortnight our talk are well received.

Lingard Hospital Coordinator's report 19th April 2008

It is my pleasure to report that Turning Point group agreed at their most recent group conscience in February to accept responsibility for supporting the AA visiting program at Lingard Hospital, both financially in terms of providing literature and in terms of group member involvement in visiting patients of the Woodlands Ward each month. I see this as a positive development, with an AA group accepting responsibility for 12th step and PI/CPC work at an institution in their immediate geographical location, and hope that in future other groups may follow suit.

I would also like to express my appreciation for those members who have participated in visits to Lingard over the past 2 or so years, and hope they will continue to make themselves available for this service work.

James Q (Turning Point)

Yours in Service

Jim King

Coordinator Hospitals and Detoxes.

Moved Accepted : **Jeff J**

Seconded : **Michael S**

RALLY COMMITTEE REPORT :

No Report Committee just starting at present

Moved Accepted :

Seconded :

EVENTS & WORKSHOP COMMITTEE REPORT:

No Report Committee just starting at present

Moved Accepted :

Seconded :

PI COMMITTEE REPORT:

As acting Pi coordinator I have put further PI on hold till the new phone books are out so our phone number will be in the white pages were the announcements point customers to.

Yours in Service

Jim King

Coordinator PI/CPC

Moved Accepted : **Lenny S**

Seconded : **Jeff J**

COURTS PROGRAMME :

Newcastle March	
Name of AA Person in Attendance	V ince D
Name of Attending judge	Mick Monahan Mrs Trusscott
Number of Referrals	
Comments or how referred by Judge or whoever	
Magistrate	3 referrals
Solicitor	2 from Solicitors/Barristers
Aboriginal support person	
Self	
Raymond Terrace	
Name of AA Person in Attendance	Tom M
Name of Attending judge	Col Elliot
Number of Referrals	4
Comments or how referred by Judge or whoever	
Magistrate	
Solicitor 2	
Aboriginal support worker	
A.A. Phone, Jim. 1	
Self 1	
Toronto	
Name of AA Person in Attendance	Tom M
Name of Attending judge	Jackie Tradd
Number of Referrals	Nil I attended each Wednesday
Comments or how referred by Judge or whoever	
Magistrate Salvation Army Officer	
Solicitor	
Aboriginal support person	
Self	

Moved Accepted : **Mick E**

Seconded : **Michael H**

LITERATURE REPORT:

Current Stock Report

Current Stock Description Bank
Account Bal \$:327 Inventory \$ Amount

1	The Best of Bill (soft cover)
1	AA for the Woman
1	Pass It On
1	12 x 12 (large print)
1	Big Book (large print)
1	AA Comes of Age
1	12 Concepts Illustrated (pamphlet)
2	Came to Believe
3	Daily Reflections
3	12 x 12 (pocket, hard cover)
3	Dr. Bob & The Good Oldtimers
4	As Bill Sees It (soft cover)
5	Living Sober
5	Inside AA Australia
5	Is AA for Me?
6	Emotional Sobriety: The Next Frontier
7	What Happened Poster
7	Can't Stop Poster
7	Girls Night Out Poster
7	The Co-Founders of Alcoholics
Anonymous	
8	AA Tradition - How It Developed

8	Home Alone Poster
8	Party Animal Poster
8	Liquid Lunch Poster
9	12 X 12 (standard size, soft cover)
9	This is AA
9	Stress Relief Poster
10	Big Book (pocket size)
10	12 x 12 (pocket size)
10	How It Works
10	The District
15	Starters Pack
15	The AA Group Handbook
20	44 Questions
20	Making A Start In AA
25	Big Book - "Alcoholics Anonymous" -
Standard	
32	Is there an Alcoholic in your life?
35	I Am Responsible Card
40	Anonymity Card
42	Is AA for You?
63	The AA Group Secretary
98	Just for Today Card
146	Message to Teenagers
149	Memo to a Group Treasurer
2649	AA at a Glance

Monthly Buying From National Office Report

<i>Amount</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>OrderDate</i>	<i>District/Area</i>
50	A Newcomer Asks	11/04/2008	Lower Hunter Port Stephens
11	Big Book (pocket size)	11/04/2008	Lower Hunter Port Stephens
10	12 x 12 (pocket size)	11/04/2008	Lower Hunter Port Stephens
6	12 X 12 (standard size, soft cover)	28/03/2008	Lower Hunter/Port Stephens
5	Living Sober	28/03/2008	Lower Hunter/Port Stephens
3	Big Book (pocket size)	28/03/2008	Lower Hunter/Port Stephens

1	12 x 12 (pocket size)	28/03/2008	Lower Hunter/Port Stephens
20	Big Book - "Alcoholics Anonymous" - Standard	11/04/2008	Lower Hunter Port Stephens
6	12 X 12 (standard size, soft cover)	11/04/2008	Lower Hunter Port Stephens
50	Is AA for You?	11/04/2008	Lower Hunter Port Stephen

Group Monthly Sales Report

Amount	Description	Order Total	OrderDate	Group
5	Is AA for You?	\$120.35	2/04/2008	Bolton Point Steps
5	A Newcomer Asks	\$120.35	2/04/2008	Bolton Point Steps
5	AA at a Glance	\$120.35	2/04/2008	Bolton Point Steps
6	Big Book (pocket size)	\$120.35	2/04/2008	Bolton Point Steps
5	12 x 12 (pocket, hard cover)	\$120.35	2/04/2008	Bolton Point Steps
5	I Am Responsible Card	\$120.35	2/04/2008	Bolton Point Steps
5	Just for Today Card	\$120.35	2/04/2008	Bolton Point Steps
2	Big Book - "Alcoholics Anonymous" - Standard	\$83.65	28/03/2008	Pelican Group
2	12 X 12 (standard size, soft cover)	\$83.65	28/03/2008	Pelican Group
1	Living Sober	\$83.65	28/03/2008	Pelican Group
4	Is AA for Me?	\$83.65	28/03/2008	Pelican Group
2	Big Book (pocket size)	\$83.65	28/03/2008	Pelican Group
4	Just for Today Card	\$83.65	28/03/2008	Pelican Group

Moved Accepted : **Jeff J**

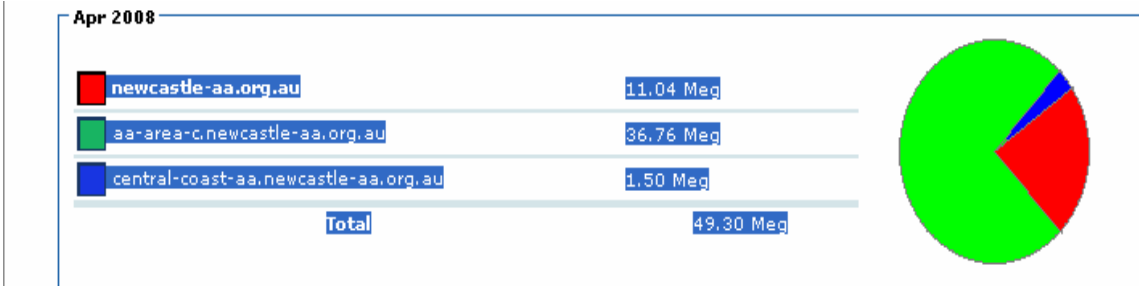
Seconded : **Michael H**

Web Sites Report

Web Site Coordinator.

I have the problem just about licked that has been troubling our web site. (People hacking it). And am in communication with Google to have the this site may harm your computer notification caused by people hacking our site. (Thanks to lenny S from Cessnock for reporting this to me.)

1. I have reinstated the old Forum that was lost on the site.
2. I am in the process of reparing electronic copies of all old Area Minutes to go on to a newly designed web page so they are available to all interested parties. (If you have any electronic copies of old minutes could you send them to me to save me a lot of typing.
3. Usage stats



Yours in Service

Jim King WEB SITE Coordinator

Moved Accepted : **Jeff J Michael S**

Seconded : **Michael H**

GSRs Reports

Pelican Group GSR Report 19th April 2008

The group is continuing to grow with a regular flow of visitors and newcomers. Over the past month we have had several new comers who are given starter packs and a Big Book and we haven't seen them since however the seed is sown and by the grace of God they may return.

Three new comers are attending on a regular basis and encouragement and support is offered.

At a group conscience on Thursday night Chris (hair) became our new secretary and Donna will mentor and assist her.

Our thanks to Donna for the service she has given our group.

We are still enjoying growing support for our group and are regularly seeing 16 plus at our meetings.

Because of work commitments I am unable at this stage to take on any additional service roles, but will continue to serve as gsr for the pelican group and attend Area and District meetings as often as possible.

God Bless

KeithT

Kurri Steps

Growing 12 to 20 50/50 men and women

Michael H

GSR

Bolton Point Steps

Averaging between 4 to 10 per meeting 5 members

Michael S

GSR

Tarro Big Book Study

Averaging 20 – 5 working members getting a lot of New AA attendies.

Grant S

Alt GSR

Moved Accepted :

Seconded :

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Business Carried over:

Big Book Workshop

Decided it is all right to sent email out advising of its details Start Date, Where happening, Time.

Yes by sense of meeting

New Business

The new Area C Guidelines are to be taken back to Groups to discuss and bring back their decision or amendments.

Yes by sense of meeting

Area Will meet every 3 months with Greater Newcastle District meeting on the 2 months in between

Yes by sense of meeting

Meeting Closed in Harmony, Unity and Good AA Fellowship with the Serenity Prayer at:

NEXT MEETING Area C: 12-6-2008 1.30 pm (Venue to be decided)

NEXT MEETING Greater Newcastle District: 10-5-2008 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm Tarro Community Hall Northern Avenue

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Literature email this address to get an electronic price list and electronic order form: <literature@aa-area-c.org>

POSTAL ADDRESS: PO Box 196 JESMOND 2299

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Bank Name: Newcastle Permanent building Society

Account Name: Alcoholics Anonymous

Donate to Area C: BSB: 650-000

Account Number: 960962709

Have Group Name or initials Added: Stockton