



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](http://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)

<b>Date:</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2007	
<b>Meeting Opened:</b>	2.00pm	
<b>Attendance:</b>	Andy A – Civic	Vince D – Shortland BB
	John C – Freedom	Grant S – EMBB
	Mick K – Turning Point	Ian M – Truth
	Mick E – Tarro (Treasurer)	Steve J – EMBB PI Coordinator
	Sue – Wallsend	Jeff J – Tarro (Secretary)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Naomi – Grassroots (Chairperson)	Phil M – Kurri
	Keith T – Pelican	
<b>Traditions Read By:</b>	Mick K – Turning Point	
<b>SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jeff J – Tarro</b>		
A quiet quarter as far as incoming and outgoing mail was at a minimum.		
My observations of the Area at this time, is there are a lot of things in the pipeline that will come to fruition in the near future (the next 6 months).		
Public information is a major work in progress and will provide us with newcomers, if members continue to do 12 <sup>th</sup> step work in this area. We would like to thank those members who have participated to date and encourage those that haven't to become involved as newcomers are our life blood to growth.		
We are requesting that people place their names and phone numbers on the 12 step roster and on the after hours phone list. See your group GSR for more information.		
Minutes of the previous month's meeting distributed and accepted as read.		
<b>Business Arising:</b>	Nil	
<b>Moved Accepted :</b>	Andy A – Civic	<b>Seconded :</b> Ian M - Truth
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>		
<b>INWARDS: AA Around Australia – Box 459 (New York)</b>		
<b>Outwards: Letter to CEO of Hunter New England Area Health by PI Coordinator</b>		

<b>Business Arising:</b>		Nil	
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<b>Moved Accepted :</b>	Ian M - Truth	<b>Seconded :</b>	Steve J – EMMB
<b>AREA CHAIR REPORT: Naomi - Grassroots</b>			
No Report - Naomi absent with family Business, Jim K filled in			
<b>Business Arising:</b>			
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<b>Moved Accepted :</b>		<b>Seconded :</b>	
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT: Mick E – Tarro as at 21/4/2007</b>			
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<b>Opening Balances:</b>	Achiever Passbook		\$4674.39
	Cheque Book		\$1193.51
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<b>Incoming Money:</b>			
<b>Donations:</b>			
1.	Area C Meeting Donations		\$ 25.30
2.	Freedom (40)		\$100.00
3.	Grass Roots (41)		\$300.00
4.	Grass Roots (42)		\$200.00
5.	Lambton Big Book (43)		\$ 90.00
6.	Pelican (44)		\$ 50.00
7.	Turning Point (45)		\$ 20.00
8.	Cessnock Steps (46)		\$ 25.00
9.	Tarro (47)		\$500.00
<b>Total Donations</b>			<b>\$1310.30</b>
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<b>Incoming from Literature:</b>			
1.			\$00.00
<b>Total Incoming Money</b>			<b>\$1310.30</b>
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<b>Outgoing Money:</b>			
1.	Cash Cheque (post box, hall hire, BBQ etc.)		\$250.00
<b>Total Outgoing</b>			<b>\$250.00</b>
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<b>Final Balance</b>	Achiever Passbook		\$5984.69
	Cheque Book		\$ 943.51
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<b>Business Arising:</b>		Nil	
<b>Moved Accepted :</b>	Andy A – Civic	<b>Seconded :</b>	Jeff J - Tarro
<b>Area Delegates Report:</b>			
Area delegates Report – Assembly 21-4-2007			
I have visited a few groups within the Areas Boundaries in the last 3 months, numbers have been up and there have been a few new members and returning members.			

I attended the Sydney 2007 Convention and Networked with quite a few people. One in particular was a young American with quite a few years up he told me some of the things that they used to help the young members stay away from the first drink, he agreed to contact me with more details in the future.

Our comities are starting to function and things are looking great for growth in committee numbers, the PI committee is going ahead in leaps and bounds. I have been attending our hospital and detox programmes as an observer and have participated as a speaker in Lake View and Lingard. I will be attending Kirkwood house in the near future in the same capacity.

I have applied for visitation rights to the Cessnock Jail to observe and participate there as well. I have also laminated some were in the region of 800 posters for our PI drive starting in the next few weeks.

Due to a Death in the family this is all I have done in this assembly period but hope to increase my work rate in the next assembly period.

Yours in Service  
Jim K

<b>Business Arising:</b>	Nil
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<b>Moved Accepted :</b>	Ian M – Truth	<b>Seconded :</b>	Grant S – EMBB
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## **DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT**

### **LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT (Currently inactive)**

<b>Business Arising:</b>	Nil
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<b>Moved Accepted :</b>		<b>Seconded :</b>	
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### **NEWCASTLE DISTRICT: Andy A - Civic**

#### **Greater Newcastle District Report Jan--Mar 2007**

Bank Balance \$263.19 I would like to thank all the Groups that purchased AA Literature through the District. Jim K & I have been to Sydney several times and while down there have enjoyed the Fellowship--Thank You.

I would like to thank Jim K for his time and patience in laminating the Posters for ALL DISTRICTS to distribute.

There have not been any inter district meetings due to my participation in a medical procedure that involved a lot of travel and time--I apologise for this.

The PI Committee is progressing well and is forging ahead with all procedures coming to fruition.

I have attended as Greater Newcastle District Committee Member - 2 Area C PI Committee meetings & 1(one) Area C Entertainment Committee Meeting

ANDY A (DCM)

<b>Business Arising:</b>	Nil
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<b>Moved Accepted :</b>	Mick E – Tarro	<b>Seconded :</b>	Vince D – Shortland BB
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### **LOWER HUNTER & PORT STEPHENS DISTRICT: Ian M - Truth**

District Committee Member Report 21/04//2007

1....Literature sales via District from National Office are strong. Groups purchasing literature since last area meeting are; Kurri Steps, EMBBS, Truth group, Cessnock Steps & this District (AA at a Glance leaflets to hand out & 10 x pocket edition Big Books & 12+12's for Cessnock Gaol.

2...Maitland Mercury has been most generous & helpful in spreading the AA message to our local region by producing a full page article about alcoholism in the Good Friday edition. They also want us to give them a starting time asap. re writing a column in the paper on a weekly basis to do with AA. They suggested about six members write a column on a rotational basis. They are also willing to publish a local group meeting times list in the paper on a weekly basis.

3...Lennie S & a few other members are doing their best at going to Gaol meetings & The Glen (rehab) meetings. Volunteer numbers are increasing for the gaol, three new members have been approved to go & one is pending approval. If you would like to give it a try, please contact Lennie. Many thanks to those who have picked up the ball.

4...New meeting at Upper Allyn River camping area has leaflets going out. Hopefully there will be more people at the next meeting on 5th May @ 2pm.

5...AA at a Glance leaflets with our new ph. No. & area C web site stamped on them, have been given to Cessnock, Tarro, EMBBS, Truth & Kurri groups for distribution. Cessnock has already put out 200 (thanx Brian).

6...Truth Group has put out 30 AA PI posters around the Maitland & Rutherford locality. Such places as the Family Hotel (opposite Maitland Hospital), the Hospital, Melbee House, all Four Council Libraries, Maitland Leagues Club, Aboriginal Employment Services, Rutherford Community Hall, Coles at Rutherford in their Staff room, Video Ezy, IGA's front window & Maitland City Bowls & Rec Club at Rutherford.

Some places not able to put posters in, due to window display policies were; Building Societies, Chain stores, blood donor centres & Xray/bodyscan facilities.

A least there is a start.

7...District account balance \$570.51.

Literature has been delivered to Cessnock, Tarro & EMBBS during the last week. Once payment has been received balance will be \$1048.41.

Yours in Service

Ian M - District Committee Member

<b>Business Arising:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
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<b>Moved Accepted :</b>	<b>Grant S – EMBB</b>	<b>Seconded :</b>	<b>Andy A – Civic</b>
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**INSTITUTIONS REPORT:** Andy A - Civic

**DETOXES / TREATMENT CENTRES**

**INSTITUTIONS 12 STEP OPPORTUNITIES**

*All members of AA are requested to pass the message on to all other members as to Service Work.*

At the moment there is a very small number of members in service work and The Area is requesting that members who are willing to do service work in Institutions e.g.

Kirkwood House, Lakeview Lodge, Tomago Detention Centre

Here are the following requirements:-

**Kirkwood House:** Two (2) years sobriety required to attend Kirkwood House.

Kirkwood House is attended **every second Monday from 1.30-2.30 pm**

**Lakeview:** Two (2) years sobriety is required to attend on your own & Six (6) months sobriety is required to assist in the company of a person of 2 years sobriety or more.

Lakeview is every **Thursday from 10.00-11.00 am** and every **Sunday 4.00-5.00 pm**.

**Tomago Detention Centre:** A special clearance is required (that can be organised by Lenny S.)

Tomago Detention every **second Saturday Afternoon**

**Any further information please contact:**

**Andy A - 0415960567 or 49460042 Lenny 0438299320**

Thank you for your consideration.

**Business Arising: Nil**

**Moved Accepted : Mick E – Tarro                      Seconded: Grant S - EMBB**

**Tomago Detention Centre: *Currently no meetings***

**RALLY & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT : Michael S – Turning Point**

**Events Committee Report 21-4-07**

The activities committee met on 14-4-2007 at Turning Point Venue at Merewether, 90 Mins before the Turning Point Meeting and an event has been scheduled for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

An exciting day has been planned and to be coordinated by Boatie Mick and Ian Morrow. Fliers are being distributed to groups so the event can be promoted. BBQ and Sandcastle module comp to be held at Stockton Beach, fishing and beach volley ball will also be organized on the day.

The committee also discussed the results of the survey that was sent around the groups earlier this year giving the activities committee some great feedback about events that members would be interested in attending.

See you on Saturday.

Yours in Service - Michael. S.

**Rally waiting on venue booking confirmation.**

**Business Arising: Nil**

**Moved Accepted : Ian M – Truth                      Seconded : Mick K – Turning Pt**

**EVENTS & WORKSHOP COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Business Arising:**

**Moved Accepted :**

**Seconded :**

## **PI COMMITTEE REPORT: Steve J - EMBB**

### **Area C – PI Committee Report 21<sup>st</sup> April 07**

It was decided by the Committee to establish an AA awareness campaign & subsequently provide mechanisms to support the 12 step work this awareness campaign would generate.

The 2007 Phone & 12 Step Plan was created by the committee.

Goals, timelines and actions required were discussed and agreed upon by the committee.

The committee decided to split up the Timelines into 3 sections Preliminary & Setup, Initiate & Measure and Maintain & Improve.

The Preliminary & Setup Mar/Apr/May points to Date are outlined below:

- 1). March - Phone 02 4964 1555 set-up complete. Diversion enabled. Message bank to be enabled a.s.a.p.
- 2). April – Phone Guidelines & roster Templates formulated
- 3). April – Telephone Techniques Training designed. Trainers Appointed – Jeff J & John C.
- 4). April – Phone Roster, 12 step roster & PI poster & pamphlet distribution recruitment. Area C assembly & GSR's informed and provided material.
- 5). April – There were some Preliminary Announcements in Newspapers with more to come in May. Ian M has taken on the role as Newspaper liaison, thanks for the great work thus far Ian M. The committee has put in action points to target more Newspapers in the region. The committee has also created mechanisms to capture information & measure response.
- 6). May – Collate Data from Rosters, PI posters & Pamphlet locations.
- 7). May – Telephone Techniques Training Delivered. Date decided after roster data compiled.
- 8). May – Implement Roster & Call diversion, measure effectiveness & address any issues.
- 9). May – Assess & move onto Initiation Stage.

The Initiate & Measure June/July/Aug/Sept points to date are:

- 1). June - Address any unresolved issues from Preliminary stage if any. Focus still on Newspapers, Posters & Pamphlets.
- 2). July– Phone Number in White pages & Yellow pages.
- 3). July – Ongoing training process. Refresher if required. Trainers Appointed – Jeff J & John C. Training Dates appointed – if required?
- 4). August - TV broadcasts of AA approved announcements.
- 5). September - Radio broadcasts of AA approved announcements.

This concludes the 2007 Phone & 12 Step Plan points thus far with further developments to

be provided to the Area C assembly at the next scheduled meeting. I would also like to extend my heart felt gratitude to the people on the committee who are doing such a fantastic job!

Please see the file attachment below for the actual 2007 Phone & 12 Step Plan in full detail.



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On another front it was decided by the committee to target the Chief Executive of the Hunter New England Area Health for his endorsement to arrange appointments with the coordinators of:

1. Junior Doctor training units (both medical and psychiatric)
2. Doctors and psychologists at: Kirkwood House, Lakeview and Lorna House
3. Nurse Educators and Nurse Consultants at the James Fletcher Hospital and John Hunter Hospital facilities

With the view of providing health professionals with another ongoing cost effective treatment for Alcoholism, where other avenues have been exhausted. We proposed the collaboration could include:

1. Ongoing support and education sessions for clinicians within Hunter New England Health – an AA member would be scheduled to participate annually in the aforementioned training sessions to explain what AA does and how we can be of benefit.
2. Provide information on AA and its approach to the treatment of alcoholism, dispelling myths, and providing up to date statistics on worldwide membership.
3. Expanding services already provided by Area C at units such as Lakeview and Kirkwood House to other Drug and Alcohol units within the Hunter New England Health Area.

We are waiting a response from the Chief Executive of the Hunter New England Area Health.

Please see the file attachment below for the actual letter.



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This concludes the PI committee report in Total.

Yours in the spirit of the fellowship,

*Steve J*

<b>Business Arising:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
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<b>Moved Accepted :</b>	<b>Grant – EMBB</b>	<b>Seconded :</b>	<b>Ian M – Truth</b>
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<b>COURTS PROGRAMME : Tom M – Raymond Terrace</b>
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# Area C Court Report Jan 2007

(Court coordinator Tom Mulley)

## Newcastle

Name of AA Person in Attendance	Tom M
Name of Attending judge	Monahan, Wakley
Number of Referrals	3
Comments or how referred by Judge or whoever	
Magistrate	1
Solicitor	
Aboriginal support person	
Self	2

## Raymond Terrace

Name of AA Person in Attendance	Tom M & Ben M
Name of Attending judge	Sharon Cruise
Number of Referrals	3
Comments or how referred by Judge or whoever	
Magistrate	1
Solicitor	1
Aboriginal support person	
Self	1

## Toronto

Name of AA Person in Attendance	Tom M
Name of Attending judge	Bryan Wilson
Number of Referrals	3
Comments or how referred by Judge or whoever	
Magistrate	2
Solicitor	
Aboriginal support person	
Self	1

## Belmont Court

Name of AA Person in Attendance	
Name of Attending judge	
Number of Referrals	
Comments or how referred by Judge or whoever	
Magistrate	
Solicitor	
Aboriginal support person	
Self	

**12 Step Volunteers needed for Court Program**

49873249  
0419681636

**Contact: Tom - Raymond Terrace :**

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Moved Accepted :** Jeff J – Tarro

**Seconded :** Jim K – Freedom



<b>GENERAL BUSINESS:</b>		
<p>1. Vince D – Raised the question, can we apply to hold the National Convention in Newcastle in 2010 ( 3 years away)?  <b>The proposal was moved by Vince D and Seconded by Mick K.</b>  The proposal was discussed and it was decided that Vince D &amp; Mick K are to do a survey and report back to Area at the next assembly 14<sup>th</sup> July 2007.  <b>The survey would consist of things like Airport Availability, Convention Centre, Accommodation etc.</b>  <b>Vince &amp; Mick will also form a core amount of members willing to form a committee to see the project through to a successful consummation. Voting - Unanimous</b></p> <p>2. Mick K waiting on confirmation that the Turning Point venue will be available for The Newcastle Rally this year, will advise ASAP. Details of rally still to be clarified.</p> <p>3. 5 year plan for Area C will be presented at next assembly.</p>		
<b>Business Arising:   Nil</b>		
<b>Moved Accepted :</b>	<b>Grant S – EMBB</b>	<b>Seconded :   Ian M - Truth</b>
<b>NOTICES OF SERVICE POSITIONS VACANT:</b>		
<b>NEWSLETTERS, CATALOGUES, ETC (Available to all members on asking)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caring &amp; Sharing Tape Catalogue/Floppy Disc</li> <li>• AA Around Australia (September 2003 edition onwards)</li> <li>• Map of Area borders.</li> </ul>		
<b>REMINDERS:</b>		
<b>RALLIES, BIRTHDAYS &amp; SPECIAL EVENTS</b>		
<p><b>Tarro Group celebrating 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday</b>  <b>Time and Date: 7.30pm – 9pm Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007</b>  <b>Venue: Tarro Community Hall - Northern Avenue Tarro</b>  <b>All welcome – bring a plate of food along if you want – Supper provided.</b></p> <p><b>City Group celebrating their Birthday</b>  <b>BBQ before meeting</b>  <b>Time and Date: pm - pm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2007</b>  <b>Venue: Public School Hall – Cnr Union &amp; Laman St – Newcastle</b></p>		
<b>Meeting Closed in Harmony, Unity and Good AA Fellowship with the Serenity Prayer at: 4.15pm</b>		
<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>	<b>2 pm – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2007</b> <b>Uniting Church Hall</b> <b>Crn Boulevarde &amp; Carey St</b> <b>Toronto</b>	

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