



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)

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2007

Meeting Opened: 12.40pm

Attendance: Jim K – Turning Pt (Delegate)

Keith T – Pelican

Jeff J – Tarro YAH (Sec)

Michael L – Tarro BBS

Grant S – Tarro BBS (Chair)

Joe D – Tarro YAH

Mick E – Tarro YAH (Treas)

Ian M – Truth (Lit)

Steve J – Tarro BBS (P.I.)

Garry C – Tarro BBS (DCM)

Brian Mc – Cessnock Steps

Vince D – Shortland BBS

Apologies: Phil M – Kurri Steps

Traditions Read By: Mick E – Tarro YAH

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

There has been a lot of activity in the area with the upcoming rally, with invitations being sent to Doctors in the Newcastle area inviting them to our Public Meeting. The Public meeting notification has also been placed in Community Notice Boards in Television – Radio & Papers as per the Traditions. The scene is set for a wonderful rally!

Minutes of the previous month's meeting distributed and accepted as read.

Business Arising: Nil

Moved Accepted : Gary C – Tarro BBS

Seconded : Mick E – Tarro YAH

### CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS: Letter from Alanon addressed to Steve J (Alanon coordinator)  
Junk Mail

Outwards: Nil

Business Arising: Nil

Moved Accepted : Gary C – Tarro BBS

Seconded : Mick E – Tarro YAH





announcements to be played on TV and Radio.

I have visited and talked to many Groups within the Area in the last 3 months and have designed 2 new web sites for Newcastle and Central Coast and a direct link to online minutes site for Greater Newcastle District and Area C Address is <http://newcastle-aa.org.au/yabb/YaBB.pl>, while also designing an online shop for the Area to consider implementing.

I also prepared my conference report for the Conference folder and have been to the National office on about 5 occasions doing things for area groups including arranging insurance cover letters.

Regards

Jim K

Delegate Area C Eastern Region Panel #48

**Business Arising: Nil**

**Moved Accepted : Gary C – Tarro BBS**

**Seconded : Keith T – Pelican**

**PHONE CALLS RECEIVED ON 4964155**  
**MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2007**

**SUMMARY OF CALLS:**

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| JULY               | 19               |
| AUGUST             | 14               |
| SEPTEMBER          | <u>14</u>        |
| <b>TOTAL CALLS</b> | <b><u>47</u></b> |

The above calls were split as follows;

|  | July | Aug | Sept |
|--|------|-----|------|
|--|------|-----|------|

|                                      |    |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|----|---|---|
| General enquiries including Meetings | 12 | 7 | 9 |
| Requests for help or advice          | 7  | 7 | 5 |

|  |                  |                  |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | <b><u>19</u></b> | <b><u>14</u></b> | <b><u>14</u></b> |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|

**STATISTICS.**

**47 CALLS OVER 92 DAYS = APPROX 1 CALL EVERY 2 DAYS.**

Kevin S

**The GREATER NEWCASTLE D.C.M. REPORT: Gary C – Tarro BBS**  
**I am learning the Job and will have a more comprehensive report next assembly.**

**Business Arising: Nil**

**Moved Accepted : Ian M - Truth**

**Seconded : Mick E – Tarro YAH**

**INSTITUTIONS REPORT  
DETOXES / TREATMENT CENTRES**

**LAKEVIEW LODGE REPORT.  
MONTHS OF JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER 2007**

**Meeting Details**

|        | <u>Alcohol</u> | <u>Drugs</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
|--------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| JULY   | 21             | 22           | 25           | 18             |
| AUGUST | 27             | 24           | 30           | 21             |
| SEPT   | 23             | 23           | 20           | 26             |

All scheduled meetings were held and there were very few problems .

My thanks to irish Kev for his co-operation.

**KIRKWOOD HOUSE REPORT  
MONTHS OF JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER 2007**

Kirkwood house meetings are going well with the addition of Vince D to assist Irish Kev. All regular meetings were held during the period.

Kevin S.

**Moved Accepted :** Mick E – Tarro YAH                      **Seconded :** Gary C – Tarro BBS

**Jails Report**

**Cessnock Gaol: Minimum Security**

**3/9/07**

**Inmates – 2**

**AA Attendee: Brian Mc – Cessnock Steps**

**17/9/07**

**Inmates – 4**

**AA Attendee: Ian – Rutherford, Cheryl - Branxton**

**Cessnock Gaol: Maximum Security**

**3/9/07**

**Inmates – 9**

**AA Attendee:**

**Brian Mc – Cessnock Steps, Cheri S Cessnock Living Sober**

**17/9/07**

**Inmates – 9**

**AA Attendee: Brian Mc – Cessnock Steps, Cheri S Cessnock Living Sober**

**Cessnock Gaol: Protection Wing**

**10/9/07**

**Inmates – 4**

**AA Attendee: Geoff & Dick – Terrigal**

**24/9/07**

**Inmates – 7**

**AA Attendee: Richard & Eric - Terrigal**

**10/9/07**

**Inmates – 10**

**AA Attendee:**

**Brian Mc – Cessnock Steps, Cheri S Cessnock Living Sober**

**24/9/07**

**Inmates – 9**

**AA Attendee: Brian Mc – Cessnock Steps, Cheri S Cessnock Living Sober**

24/9/07

Inmates – 5

AA Attendee: Brian Mc – Cessnock Steps, Cheri S  
Cessnock Living Sober

**We have vacancies for anyone wishing to join the roster for the Maximum and Protection Wing on a Monday from 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm and 2.15 pm to 3.00 pm respectively.**

**Thanks you everyone who participated during the last month to carry the message into the Goal.**

**Brian Mc  
Gaul Co-ordinator**

### **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.

The Area is requesting that members who are willing to do service work in Institutions e.g.

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

**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:**

**Kevin S - Lenny 0438299320**

Thank you for your consideration.

**Business Arising:**

**Moved Accepted : Gary C – Tarro BBS**

**Seconded : Ian M - Truth**

**RALLY COMMITTEE REPORT :**

**No Report**

**Business Arising:**

**Moved Accepted :**

**Seconded :**

**EVENTS & WORKSHOP COMMITTEE REPORT: Ian M – Truth**

**Events Committee Report.**

1..The Trivia Night on 25/08/07 at Tarro Hall was a great success. Most people had lots of fun. The evening raised \$269.00 for the Area.

A Big thank you to Chris S for the auction idea, it not only broke the night up but amassed quite a tidy part of the \$269.00.

2. Events committee will organize lunch for the Newcastle Rally of freshly made sandwiches at the venue. They will also be organizing the dinner time BBQ & it will be held from 5.00pm – 7.00pm Saturday 13/10/07, before the Public Meeting at 7.30pm.

3. The committee's next planned event will hopefully be another beach BBQ in mid February, similar to the 2007 event.

4. Late March we are hoping to hold a walkathon followed by a picnic lunch.

5. Hopefully we will get to hold a replacement event for the previous Christmas in July sometime late June or early July.

Stand in Co-ordinator

Ian M

**Business Arising:**

**Moved Accepted :** Gary C – Tarro BBS

**Seconded :** Vince D – Shortland BBS

**PI COMMITTEE REPORT: Steve J – Tarro BBS**

**Area C – PI Committee Report 6<sup>th</sup> October 07**

**A) The 2007 Phone & 12 Step Plan:** Steve J TBBS

I am happy to announce that the Phone & 12 step plan has just about reached the maintenance stage with just a few points to finish the initiation stage.

The Initiate & Measure Oct/Nov/Dec points to date are:

- 1) Oct – Confirm the roster with phone volunteers
- 2) Oct – Telephone Techniques Training was delivered to participants' on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Special thanks to the trainers Jeff J & Gary C.  
Another date of ? has been scheduled for the rest of the phone volunteers. Could we please pass this information on to the rest of the volunteers?
- 3) Oct – Implement Roster & Call diversion, measure effectiveness & address any issues.
- 4) Oct – The 24/7 Helpline **49641555** is now in the Online White Pages, the mistake made in the white pages has been rectified. Thanks Jeff J.
- 5) Oct – AA approved announcements have been issued to the TV & Radio stations for broadcasting. There was an unforeseen delay as most TV &

Radio stations did not keep the copies previously provided some time ago and we had to order & pay for more copies. We now have some stock which will come in handy for the next awareness campaign. Thanks to Jim K for his help in this matter.

Also we ask that anyone who is aware of people interested in volunteering for 12 Step work to please forward details to Steve J (Mob: 0419495804), Jeff J (0249641344) or your local GSR.

B) The 2007 PI Health Plan: Jim K Freedom

Jim K will look at avenue's we can take. Thanks Jim.

C) 2007 Schools PI Plan: Mick E (Boatie Mick) TYAH

The PI Schools plan is still at the Research & Development stage. Mick E is currently looking for members & speakers. If you know of anyone interested could you please forward their details to Mick E, thanks.

D) 2007 AI Anon/Alateen Plan: Steve J TBBS

Initial contact has not been reciprocated from the main Newcastle Office, however the local AI Anon group at Raymond Terrace are more than helpful. It may be more beneficial for the Secretary to contact the local group when required, rather than try and force any relationship from the main office. I will forward the AI Anon/Alateen Plan onto the secretary for safe keeping until required.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in PI, you are doing fantastic job/service. I regret that due to personal circumstances, I will be resigning as the PI Co-ordinator effective as of now. However I will be available to the new Co-ordinator the initial stages to enable a hand-over scenario as/when required. I also have all the recent documentation (including templates) to forward in both hard and soft copy to the new Co-ordinator when known.

This concludes the PI Committee Report in total.

Yours in the spirit of the fellowship,

*Steve J*

**Business Arising:**

**Moved Accepted : Vince D – Shortland BBS**

**Seconded : Ian M - Truth**



**COURTS PROGRAMME :****No report this assembly due to computer mal functions**12 Step Volunteers needed for Court Program Contact Tom Raymond Terrace : 49873249  
0419681636**Business Arising:****LITERATURE REPORT: Ian M – Truth****Current Balance Literature fund - \$638.34**

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**Current Stock**

| <b>Description</b>   | <b>Price</b>   | <b>Quantity</b> | <b>Total</b>    |
|--|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Big Book Standard</b>   | <b>\$17.60</b> | <b>6</b>        | <b>\$105.60</b> |
| <b>12 x 12 Standard soft</b>   | <b>\$12.40</b> | <b>1</b>        | <b>\$12.40</b>  |
| <b>Big book Pocket Edition</b>   | <b>\$0.05</b>  | <b>5</b>        | <b>\$25.00</b>  |
| <b>12 x 12 pocket</b>  | <b>\$0.05</b>  | <b>8</b>        | <b>\$40.00</b>  |
| <b>Daily Reflections</b>   | <b>\$0.15</b>  | <b>2</b>        | <b>\$30.00</b>  |
| <b>As Bill sees it (soft cover)</b>  | <b>\$21.50</b> | <b>2</b>        | <b>\$43.00</b>  |
| <b>Living Sober</b>  | <b>\$8.25</b>  | <b>6</b>        | <b>\$49.50</b>  |
| <b>Came to Believe</b>   | <b>\$9.00</b>  | <b>3</b>        | <b>\$27.00</b>  |
| <b>24hrs a day (Not conference approved) will not be restocked when stock runs out</b> | <b>\$27.5</b>  | <b>2</b>        | <b>\$55.00</b>  |
| <b>AA Group handbook</b>   | <b>\$2.20</b>  | <b>15</b>       | <b>\$33.00</b>  |
| <b>A newcomer asks</b>   | <b>\$0.55</b>  | <b>10</b>       | <b>\$5.50</b>   |
| <b>Is AA for me</b>  | <b>\$1.10</b>  | <b>5</b>        | <b>\$5.50</b>   |
| <b>Making a start in AA</b>  | <b>\$0.75</b>  | <b>20</b>       | <b>\$15.00</b>  |
| <b>S AA for you</b>  | <b>\$0.50</b>  | <b>50</b>       | <b>\$25.00</b>  |
| <b>12 Concepts of World Service (Bk)</b>   | <b>\$7.95</b>  | <b>1</b>        | <b>\$7.95</b>   |
| <b>The District</b>  | <b>\$0.20</b>  | <b>10</b>       | <b>\$2.00</b>   |
| <b>Inside AA Australia</b>   | <b>\$1.10</b>  | <b>5</b>        | <b>\$5.50</b>   |
| <b>This is AA</b>  | <b>\$0.55</b>  | <b>10</b>       | <b>\$5050</b>   |
| <b>44 Questions</b>  | <b>\$0.85</b>  | <b>10</b>       | <b>\$8.50</b>   |
| <b>Is there an Alcoholic in your life</b>  | <b>\$1.10</b>  | <b>30</b>       | <b>\$33.00</b>  |
| <b>Message to teenagers</b>  | <b>\$0.01</b>  | <b>200</b>      | <b>\$2.00</b>   |
| <b>AA at a glance</b>  | <b>\$0.02</b>  | <b>3,000</b>    | <b>\$60.00</b>  |
| <b>Area C Beginners Envelopes</b>  | <b>\$3.50</b>  | <b>18</b>       | <b>\$63.00</b>  |
| <b>I am responsible cards</b>  | <b>\$0.25</b>  | <b>40</b>       | <b>\$10.00</b>  |
| <b>Daily moral inventory card</b>  | <b>\$0.25</b>  | <b>40</b>       | <b>\$10.00</b>  |
| <b>Anonymity Card</b>  | <b>\$0.25</b>  | <b>40</b>       | <b>\$10.00</b>  |
| <b>Just for today</b>  | <b>\$0.25</b>  | <b>140</b>      | <b>\$35.00</b>  |
| <b>12 Steps x 12 Traditions card</b>   | <b>\$0.25</b>  | <b>40</b>       | <b>\$10.00</b>  |
| <b>PI posters 7 pack</b>   | <b>\$2.00</b>  | <b>7</b>        | <b>\$14.00</b>  |
| <b>Set of 5 Slogans un-laminated</b>   | <b>\$10.00</b> | <b>2</b>        | <b>\$20.00</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>   |                |                 | <b>\$767.95</b> |

**Ian M****Literature Co-ordinator****Moved Accepted : Vince D – Shortland BBS****Seconded : John C Freedom**

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Conference Topics:**

| <b>Topic No.</b> | <b>For</b> | <b>Against</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>Comment</b>                    |
|------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1.               | 0          | 0              | All            | Topic not clear – more info req'd |
| 2.               | All        | 0              | 0              |                                   |
| 3.               | 4          | 7              | 1              |                                   |
| 4.               | All        | 0              | 0              |                                   |
| 5.               | All        | 0              | 0              |                                   |
| 6.               | 5          | 7              | 0              |                                   |
| 7.               | All        | 0              | 0              |                                   |
| 8.               | 0          | All            | 0              |                                   |
| 9.               | 10         | 2              | 0              |                                   |
| 10.              | 9          | 2              | 1              |                                   |
| 11.              | All        | 0              | 0              |                                   |
| 12.              | 2          | 9              | 1              |                                   |
| 13.              | All        | 0              | 0              |                                   |
| 14.              | 1          | 4              | 7              |                                   |
| 15.              | 4          | 5              | 2              |                                   |
| 16.              | All        | 0              | 0              | Split into A & B                  |
| 17.              | 0          | 10             | 2              |                                   |
| 19.              | 8          | 2              | 1              | Joe left                          |
| 20.              | 8          | 2              | 1              |                                   |
| 21.              | 9          | 2              | 0              |                                   |
| 22.              | 10         | 1              | 0              |                                   |
| 23.              | 10         | 1              | 0              |                                   |
| 24.              | 0          | All            | 0              |                                   |
| 25.              | 7          | 3              | 1              |                                   |
| 26.              | All        | 0              | 0              |                                   |
| 27.              | 9          | 0              | 1              | Michael L left                    |
| 28.              | 8          | 1              | 1              |                                   |
| 29.              | All        | 0              | 0              |                                   |
| 30.              | 0          | 6              | 4              |                                   |
| 31.              | 0          | 9              | 1              |                                   |
| 256.             | 2          | 7              | 1              |                                   |

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**Motion:**

**Moved:** Steve J – Tarro BBS

**Seconded:** Vince D – Shortland BBS

**“That a working party/committee be setup to work out the Constitution & local standing orders to run our meetings, that would suit Area C & District.**

**That they look at adopting the memorandum of association with the applicable local amendments, which are relevant, by utilising the Service Manual, Traditions and Concepts.**

**That this committee will present the material to the Area, District to approve.”**

**Voted in Unanimously**

**Working party consists of: Steve J, Ian M, Grant S, Jim K, Jeff J & Mick E**

**NOTICES OF SERVICE POSITIONS VACANT:**

**P.I. Coordinator. (Handover and support from out going coordinator)**

**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 borders.

**REMINDERS:**

**RALLIES, BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL EVENTS**

**“CESSNOCK STEPS – 4TH BIRTHDAY MEETING”**

**When: 6.30pm Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

**Where: Salvation Army Hall – Cumberland Street – Cessnock**

**Fellowship & nibbles during and after the meeting.**  
*Please come along and join us in this celebration.*

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**“TRUTH GROUP’S – 2<sup>ND</sup> BIRTHDAY MEETING”**

**When: 7.30pm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

**Where: Salvation Army Hall – 1A Bunning Avenue – Rutherford**

**Fellowship & nibbles during and after the meeting.**  
*Please come along and join us in this celebration.*

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

**NEXT MEETING:**

Area Secretary < [secretary@aa-area-c.org](mailto:secretary@aa-area-c.org)

E-mail: PI/CPC < [pi@aa-area-c.org](mailto:pi@aa-area-c.org)

Literature email this address to get an electronic price list and electronic order form: < [literature@aa-area-c.org](mailto:literature@aa-area-c.org)

**POSTAL ADDRESS:** PO Box 196 JESMOND 2299

**Phone:**

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

**Bank Name:** Newcastle Permanent building Society

**Account Name:** Alcoholics Anonymous

**Donate to Area C:** BSB: 650400

**Account Number:** 960962709

**Have Group Name or initials Added:** Stockton