



## Agenda

Area C Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

*To be held at 1a Dixon Street, Hamilton (Newcastle's CSO)  
Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (11.30am)*

**Meeting type: Area Assembly**

**Serenity Prayer** (said by all)

**Read Tradition Two:**

**Attendance:** Ian M (Truth Group), Jason C (Spiritual Concepts), Penny E (Living Sober, Umina), Catherine W (Central Coast), Terri-Anne (Avoca Womens), Andrew M (Scone), Brendan (Tarro Young at Heart), Kati D (3 Legacies), Adrian H (Umina Topic Sunday), Paul B (Eastern Regional Trustee)

**Voting:** 8

**Non-voting:** 2

**Apologies:** Women of Courage, Nic (Tarro Big Book Study)

**Minutes from previous meeting:** Accepted, no business arising.

**Reports:**

**Delegate:**

Received to complaints from two different groups in the Port Stephens & Lower Hunter District. As per Tradition Four, AA cannot tell groups what to do and Tradition Six we cannot lend the AA name to any other organisation.

**Secretary:**

Excited to have the opportunity to be of service to Area C. Thank you for the opportunity. There is nothing else to report at this time.

Yours in service,

Kati D

(Area C Secretary)

Ian stated that we have not received any mail except flyers for AA Rallies

**DCM Reports:**

**Newcastle District AA:**

In recess

**Port Stephens & Hunter District:**

DCM report for 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018

“Steps at Stocko” meeting is struggling and will close if attendance does not increase before the end of May. The meeting starts with a 20min Step 11 meditation at 5.30pm with the meeting beginning at 6pm finishing at 7pm. The meeting is held at the Stockton Scout Hall. The Scone meeting (Friday, 7.30pm) is needing some more support especially from women members.

There have been newcomers regularly at the Walk-In, 3 Legacies, Women of Courage and Spiritual Concepts which is a great sign that the AA message is being carried to those who still suffer.

Events happening in the District

- NEWYPAA: Guest speakers include Darren D (Sydney) & Pat (Sydney). It will be a great weekend for everyone in AA and Al-Anon. It will be held at Newcastle High School, Parkway Ave, Hamilton South, October 6 & 7. More details to come
- Tarro Young at Heart/Spiritual Concepts Meeting: Guest speaker Bob D (Las Vegas), 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Tarro Community Hall, Northern Avenue, Tarro. More details to come.

Yours in service,

Kati D (Port Stephen's & Lower Hunter DCM)

### **Help Line Report:**

Unanimous decision was made by all in attendance to support that this report is not needed in the Area assembly.

### **Literature Report:**

Unanimous decision was made by all in attendance to support that this report is not needed in the Area assembly.

### **PI Report:**

We do not have a PI co-ordinator for Area C.

Brendan S and Andrew M will provide a report for the next Area C assembly for the Port Stephens & Lower Hunter District.

### **Institutions report:**

### **Gaol Report:**

Treatment and Correctional Facilities co-ordinator for Area C is Penny as voted at the previous Area C assembly.

### ***Miruma***

Miruma is a residential diversionary program in Cessnock for female offenders with mental health and drug and alcohol abuse issues. 2 – 3 female AA members go their fortnightly on Fridays from 5pm until 6pm.

Each fortnight we read from 'Is AA for you?' and finishing the meeting with reading the 'Just for today' card.

The district is paying for the flyers at the moment, I asked if groups during the district assembly if they would like to donate literature to Miruma, which has been a great success with 10 pocket big books and a daily reflections book being donated by a group. There is usually 2-3 new residents in Miruma each fortnight we go out there. The girls seem to enjoy each meeting and most of them participate in the meeting.

The sobriety requirement to go to Miruma is 6 months. AA has been attending Miruma since September 2017.

Yours in service,

Kati D

(Miruma Co-ordinator)

### ***Cessnock Correctional Facility***

On 10th May I had a meeting with Kristy Tindall, the Manager of Programs and Chris Hughes, Programs Officer. They would like A.A. to start meetings in the new centre at Cessnock on either a Thursday morning or evening. Yet to be decided. The new Governor has requested A.A.

We will need members who would be interested to apply. I am forwarding on their email with the Clearance forms to you to distribute. Minimum of 6 months sobriety and will need to pass the Clearance. It is a male only Gaol but female members are welcome if a male member attends also. Members need to put 3 forms of ID photocopied to an A4 sheet with the Clearance form. They will then need to attend the Gaol and get it witnessed. Please pass on my number 0438-299320 to interested members.

Many thanks  
Lenny S.

### **Treasurers report:**

When the request comes for the next 2018 National Conference for the delegate levee for 3 & 4 the treasurer (Ian M) is authorised to pay it. (All in attendance agreed)

### **General Business:**

1. Topic's for conference – Re-new 'It Works' Poster  
Brendan suggested the a 'It Works' poster gets re-created because the current one is out dated. There will be a sub-committee formed to create the poster to be submitted to conference this year.
2. Central Coast Rally made \$3825 so a big thank you to all who came
3. Brown Paper Bag appeal for the Founders Day week (Week of the 10<sup>th</sup> June). If groups would like a brown paper bag with the bank details of the International Literature Fund please contact Ian M
4. Should the Area have CSO reports at the conclusion of the DCM report. Unanimous decision was made by all in attendance to support this.
5. Paul B will rotate out of the position of the Eastern Regional Trustee position at the end of 2018 after the National Conference, Vince D has nominated himself (via the Area C Delegate) to be the next Eastern Regional Trustee. Adrian put the motion that Vince D will be nominated at the next Eastern Regional Trustee, all voting members agreed to nominate Vince D as the Eastern Region Trustee.

**Next Meeting: 12pm, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018, CWA Hall Umina Beach  
2 Sydney Avenue,  
Umina Beach**

Meeting Closed at 1pm pm (With Serenity Prayer)