



February Monthly Meeting

Date: 14 / 02 / 2009

Venue: 3 Avard Close - Thornton

Meeting Commenced: 1.30pm

Traditions Read by: Jim K

G.S.R. Present:

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| 1. John C – Tarro BBS (Area C Treas) | 2. Jim K – Turning Pt (Delegate) |
| 3. Mick E – Morisset (Treas) | 4. Jeff J – Tarro YAH (Ph Roster) |
| 5. Ian M - Truth | 6. Michael L – Cessnock L/S |

Apologies:

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| 1. Lenny S - Cessnock L/S | 2. Michael H – Kurri Steps |
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Attending AA Members: Nil

Election of Officers:

DCM: (Chairperson)	Jim K	Elected unanimously, 2 yrs to serve
Treasurer:	Ian M	Elected unanimously, 2 yrs to serve.
Secretary:	Jeff J	Elected Temporary - Position vacant
P.I Coordinator:	Michael H	Elected unanimously, 2 yrs to serve
Institutions Coordinator:	Lenny S	2 yrs to serve
Lakeview Coordinator:	Jim K	1 yr to serve
Kirkwood Coordinator:	Michael H	1 yr to serve (opt - 1 addtnl yr)
Lingard Hospital:	James Q	1 yr to serve
Lorna House Coordinator:	Jim K	1 yr to serve
Courts Coordinator:	Tom M	1 yr to serve (opt – addtnl yrs)
Events Committee Coordinator:		Position vacant
Rally Committee Coordinator:		Position vacant
Phone Roster Coordinator:	Jeff J	1 yr to serve

Secretary Report: Jim K - Turning Pt

I arranged the District meeting for this month, checked the mailbox for mail as well as checked the email accounts. I arranged all correspondence to be delivered to the appropriate people and had the required background material needed for the District Meeting, at the meeting.

Business Arising: Nil

Moved Accepted: Mick E - Morisset

Seconded: Ian M - Truth

District Committee Member: Position was Vacant

Treasurers Report: Mick E - Morisset

HAND – OVER REPORT

District Treasurers Report as at 13/2/2009

Opening Balances: Greater Access Passbook Account
\$1561.39

Incoming Money:

Donations:

1. Meetings Donations (2 nd last meeting)	\$ 13.00
2. Meetings Donations (last meeting – 3/1/09)	\$ 24.50
3. Turning Point Donation #11	\$ 45.00
4. ? 16/10/09 NB:SDA – Contact	\$180.00
5. Interest	\$ 0.37

Total Donations
\$262.87

Total Incoming Money
\$262.87

Outgoing Money:

Total Outgoing **\$ 0.00**

Closing Balance: Greater Access Passbook Account
\$1824.26

With this report I hand over **\$213.85** in cash that was raised at the Morisset rally via drink sales using the Honesty system. This figure is profit and I suggest that it be used as a seed fund for the organization of the Newcastle rally later this month.

Yours in Vigilance and Service
Mic.E – Morisset/Tarro – YAH.

Details for making donations:

Account details:

Who: Greater Building Society Ltd.
Type: Passbook Account – Greater Access
Name: Greater Newcastle District of Alcoholics Anonymous
BSB: 637000
Account Number: 716060829

Any money or cheques can be given to your groups GSR who will pass it on to me. If this happens at the monthly District meeting it will be included in the next months report.

Alternatively, your group can now use the details provided above to make direct deposits or any other form of transaction (a simple note to me about this would be appreciated but not mandatory, allowing easier and more accurate balances to be acquired).

The new signatories on this account are: Ian M, Jeff J and Mick E.

Business Arising: Nil

Moved Accepted: Ian M

Seconded: Jeff J

Lakeview Detox Unit: Jim K – Turning Pt

5 women and 6 men attended from Lakeview, 6 alxies and 5 drug users of various drugs. Jim K Turning Point and Lou from Doyalson, who usually does the presentations on Sundays, had a meeting before the presentation with the Head Charge Nurse and arranged to consolidate the presentations to one day.

So now instead of doing presentations on Sunday at 6pm and Thursday at 10.30am we will be doing the presentations on Thursday at 6pm, we now have up to 3 new presenters that can present 2 men and one woman on rotating weeks.

We delivered as requested more of the arrange literature even though they still had enough for a few more weeks, the meeting ended with good harmony with Lakeview very satisfied with the new arrangement.

The new format worked well and the attendees joined in and a good meeting resulted.

Kirkwood House Report:

Michael H – Kurri Steps

5 x Patients: 3 with alcohol problems, 2 with cannabis problems, all men.
Michael H - Kurri Kurri Steps, Garry C - Tarro Big Book Study, Jim K Turning Point, talked at Kirkwood on Monday using the new format the District is trying in all T & CF facilities. The new format seemed to work well with the attendees participating and working in with the presenters well.

Lorna House Report:

Jim K – Turning Pt

Jim K Turning Point presented at Lorna House using the new format with 7 alcoholics, 4 women and 3 men, the format was well accepted with all attendees participating well and questions after the presentation going for 20 minutes.

Lingard Hospital Detox Report: James Q – Turning Pt

As of 17th Feb we have resumed fortnightly visits to the Woodlands Ward. The presentations are on every second Tuesday, starting at 6.30pm and generally run for an hour or so, depending on attendance and participation. At present one female member and myself are on the roster. Of course we can always use more people, provided that:

1. They are aware of and agree to abide by the guidelines the District has prepared for visiting institutions; and
2. They are committed and able to reliably front up. The single biggest problem I have had as coordinator of the visiting program at Lingard is the lack of reliability of volunteers. Anyone wishing to participate must consider whether they can make a commitment and actually follow through with it.

In addition, I have approached the staff again about the possibility of running a meeting at Lingard. The previous difficulties with having a meeting there were in relation to holding the meeting on the ward. It is possible that a venue may become available off the ward, and if this does eventuate I will explore the potential for starting a meeting there that both patients and AA members can attend.

Yours in service,
James Quinan
Lingard Hospital Coordinator

Literature Coordinator Report:

Jim K – Turning Pt

We have around \$500 in the bank waiting for checks to arrive as payment for, delivered orders, that's why it is around and not exact.

In stock: We have around \$200 worth of pamphlets.

2 Boxes of Big Books. (money owing for one) 16 Big Books per box.
10 Soft Covered 12 x 12
10 Living Sober
10 Came to Believe
10 Daily Reflections

10 Emotional Sobriety
20 pocket 12 x 12
20 pocket Big Books
2 Pass it On
2 Dr Bob and the Good Old-timers'
1 Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age
1 Large Print Big Book
1 Large Print 12 x 12
2 hard Cover 12 x 12 Pocket Editions
5 As Bill see's It Soft Covers

Moved Accepted: Ian M - Truth

Seconded: Mick L – Cessnock L/S

24rh Helpline Phone Report:

Jeff J - Tarro YAH

We have achieved a full roster again this month, of which I am much appreciative.

I would like to express my thanks to all the members of the Greater Newcastle District of AA, who have put themselves out and taken a spot on the Newcastle AA Helpline roster, some of whom have held a position for over a year. My sincere gratitude to you.

There are those too that pick up more than one position per week and those that pick up much more than that, to them the highest accolade, well done true and faithful servant.

We have had some movement on the roster and those that have rotated off are Kerry (Hope), Vince D (Shortland BBS) and Steve H (Shortland BBS). I would like to thank these members for their support and for taking the time to make themselves available to the sick and suffering Alcoholic in our Area. It is very much appreciated! Thank You!

To the members that have rotated on, a very warm welcome, Lenny S (Cessnock Living Sober), Brian Mc (Cessnock Steps) & James Q (Turning Pt).

I appeal to any AA member in the Greater Newcastle district that would like to have a position on our Helpline Phone Roster to contact me and discuss, what the position entails and any training that you feel you may require to come up to speed, do not hesitate to contact me on **49 641 344** or **0409 641 304**. ***12 months sobriety is required.***

We are also looking for Women & Men to go onto the 12 Step Roster.
12 months sobriety required.

This is 12 Step work at the coalface! Help us help the Sick and Suffering Alcoholic!

Yours in the Fellowship of the Spirit

Jeff J (Tarro YAH) – Phone Roster Coordinator

**Cessnock N.S.W. Gaol Meetings: Lenny S – Cessnock Living Sober
January 2009**

Minimum Security

5/1/09 –

Members – Brian – Cessnock Steps
 Yvonne – Cessnock Steps
Inmates - 6

12/1/09

Members – Dick – Terrigal Beach
 Geoff – Terrigal Beach
Inmates – 8

19/1/09

Members – Ian – Rutherford
 Cheryl - Branxton
Inmates - 8

26/1/09 – Cancelled – Public Holiday

Members – John R – Gosford Kookaburra Group
 Eric – Terrigal Beach
 David – Gosford Kookaburra Group
Inmates –

Maximum Security

5/1/09

Members: Brian – Cessnock Steps
 Cherie S – Cessnock Living Sober
Inmates: 8

12/1/09

Members: Brian – Cessnock Steps
 Cherie – Cessnock Living Sober
 Lenny S - Cessnock Living Sober
Inmates: 9

19/1/09

Members – Brian – Cessnock Steps
Lenny S - Cessnock Living Sober
Inmates - 0 Members attended. No Inmates due to gaol problems

26/1/09 – Public Holiday

Members - Brian Mc – Cessnock Steps
Cherie S – Cessnock Living Sober
Lenny S – Cessnock Living Sober
Inmates –0

Protection Wing

5/1/09

Members - Brian – Cessnock Steps
Cherie S – Cessnock Living Sober
Inmates - 3

12/1/09

Members – Brian – Cessnock Steps
Cherie – Cessnock Living Sober
Lenny S - Cessnock Living Sober
Inmates - 4

19/1/09

Members – Brian – Cessnock Steps
Lenny S - Cessnock Living Sober
Inmates - 0 Members attended. No Inmates due to goal problems

26/1/09 – Public Holiday

Members - Brian Mc – Cessnock Steps
Cherie S – Cessnock Living Sober
Lenny S – Cessnock Living Sober
Inmates –0

**Lenny S – Cessnock Living Sober
Gael Roster Co-ordinator**

Events Committee Coordinator Report: Nil

General Business:

1. Moved by John C and Seconded by Jeff J that the GND Printer and Scanner go with the new Secretary, when elected, until then will remain with Jim K.
Voted in Unanimously.
2. Moved by Mick E and Seconded by Ian M - That the Newcastle Permanent Achiever Account – known as the GND Rally Passbook. Began its life as the Entertainment Committee of AA has been reported in Area as Area funds when actually it is a district item, this Passbook will now be reported on as a GND item.
Voted in Unanimously.

Closing Balances: Achiever Passbook 14/02/2009	\$1000.00
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3. Moved by Mick E and Seconded by Jeff J, that the GND P.I. Kit go with the new GND P.I. coordinator, when elected and until then will go to Michael H the Area C PI Coordinator.
Voted in Unanimously.

4. Presented was a written Agreement with Lakeview Detox Unit as known by the District at this time, also attached was a Meeting Format and a Clearance Form for the Lakeview Detox Unit. It was moved by Jeff J and seconded by Mick L that the Agreement, Meeting Format and the Clearance Form be adopted by the GND.
Voted in Unanimously.

4. Moved by John C and Seconded by Mick L that the AA Helpline Phone 0249 641 555 will now be paid for by the GND.
Voted in Unanimously.

News Letters, Catalogues, CD's etc:

Caring Sharing Tape Library - Cherie E [eaglechez@hotmail.com]

Upcoming Events:

Rallies:

Newcastle Rally: 27th Feb 09 to 1st March 09

Central Coast Rally: March 09

Group Birthdays:

Meeting Closed in Harmony, Unity and Good AA Fellowship with the Serenity Prayer		3.15pm
	at:	
NEXT MEETING:	Commences: 1.00pm Date: Saturday - 14th March 09 Venue: Jeff's Place – 3 Avard Close Thornton Contact: H: 4964 1344 M: 0409 641 304 Reports: Email: jeffizzy@bigpond.com.au	
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