



Monthly Meeting **Date:** 5/12/2009 **Minutes of last meeting accepted as true and accurate.**

Venue: Tarro Community Hall

Meeting Commenced: 1.05pm

Traditions Read by: Ian M

G.S.R. Present:

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| 1. Ian M (GSR Truth) | 2. John C (GSR Tarro BBS) |
| 3. Ryan (GSR Newcastle Steps) | 4. Tom (GSR Raymond Terrace) |
| 5. Rachael W (Area Delegate Nelsons Bay) | 6. Jim K (DCM) |
| 7. | 8. |

Apologies:

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| 1. Lenny S (GSR Cessnock) | 2. Lindsay (GSR Shortland BBS) |
| 3. Dave B (GSR Grassroots) | 4. |

AA Members:

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| 3. | 4. |

Secretary Report:

I prepared the minutes for the last assembly and checked the mail box twice during the month; I arranged for John C to book the hall for this meeting and would like to thank him for booking the venue. If we can find a person to do the District Secretaries job this week I will put my name forward to be Area Secretary at the next Area Assembly, if we don't I won't be able to because as the DCM of the District it is my responsibility to see that the Greater Newcastle District and its Business is run successfully so I will still be doing the Acting Secretaries for it.

I have installed all the required programmes on the Secretaries laptop and have all the Minutes that I had access to installed on the laptop for anyone to see as well the www.newcastle-aa.org.au site has all those minutes available on it.

Incoming

1. Letter about a Meeting of all Central Service Office within Australia from Adelaide CSO.
2. Box 459 newsletter.
3. Letter about 6th Annual Louisiana Corrections Conference

4. Hi Jim

Sorry it has taken me so long to get back to but I have been off work and also trying to confirm a date and time for the workshop. The date is the 10th of November at 7pm in Karuah at the Karuah Centre. The Centre is on the left hand side as you come into Karuah it used to be an old BP service station site. I hope it is still possible for you to attend

Thank you again

Cheers

Leona

Drug & Alcohol Counsellor

Clinical Drug & Alcohol Services

Regional Health Services Karuah

5. Dear friend

I am a mum that needs some phone numbers so I can get help for a son who at this time is in Darwin but dose live in Port Augusta and he is at this moment sure that all of his family has shut down from me and Ron to his siblings and I do want him to have these contact as I'm sure he has needed u and your help for so long. Though he won't admit

Please help his Mum

Outgoing

1. Answer incoming 4 - Due to late advice of venue had no time to ask Karuah Group to do this so I did it (Jim K)
2. Answer incoming 5 - The national office of AA would be best suited to give you Darwin numbers its number is. (02) 9599 8866
3. Answer to incoming 6 - A copy of all meetings within 10k was send to him.

Jim K

Business Arising:

None

Moved Accepted: John C

Seconded: Ian M

D.C.M. Report: Jim K

I Dropped into the Lord mayor's office on Friday 4-12-2009 and asked his Personal Assistant how our request for Assistance from the Newcastle Council for Office space was going, she promised to get back to me some time Monday after she has talked to the Lord Mayor and the Council Managers Personal Assistant who was away today to find out exactly where our request for Assistance was up to.

At the moment the time I am devoting (70 hours per week) to keeping our AA help line fully maned has meant I have little time for attending meetings and doing the other jobs required of a DCM but I do know that all our service commitments at Hospitals, Rehabs and Goals are running well and I thank Vince D and his crew at the McCauley Unit and our presenter Jim K at Lorna House both at the Mater Hospital, Lakeview Detox at the Belmont Hospital - Ryan, John C, Naomi C, Jim K, Julie S, Nigel M, Lou, Mick E, Lenny H, Lindsay, and the Cessnock Goal Roster that is led by the Coordinator Lenny S for their great work and commitment especially those coming up from the Central Coast, I apologize to those not named on the Goal Roster and McCauley unit I knew a few but not all so I thought it fairer if I could not name all to name no one.

I have one year left on my commitment to the Greater Newcastle District as its DCM if anyone is interested in taking over the job, speak to me and I can train you up so it's only a small step into the Job.

Treasurers Report:**Ian M – Truth**

Balance as at 14-09-2009		\$ 1353.76
Incoming		
Donation from GND meeting		\$ 42.40
Interest		\$ 0
Donation from Shortland BBS Group		\$ 50.00
Donation Cnock Liv Sober Group		\$ 20.00
Donation for 24hr phone M'land		\$ 120.00
Sundry		\$ 7.55
Donation from Tarro Yah.		\$ 400.00
Donation from Truth Group		\$ 50.00
	Total:	\$ 689.95
	New Balance:	\$ 2043.71
Outgoing		
	Telstra A/C	\$ 71.55
	Total:	\$ 71.55
	Current Balance:	\$ 1972.16

Business Arising: None**Moved Accepted:** John C**Seconded:** Ryan**Literature Report:****Ian M – Truth****Literature Report: 02-12-2009 Ian M – Truth**

Bank Account Name: Literature AA

29/10/2009 -----03/12/2009

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
02/12/2009	Uncleared Cheques \$70.70		\$0.00	
30/11/2009	SHORTLAND B.B.S.		\$70.70	\$732.64
30/11/2009	T.B.B.S.		\$60.00	\$661.94
30/11/2009	FREEDOM		\$35.20	\$601.94
25/11/2009	BRANXTON		\$10.85	\$566.74
25/11/2009	BRANXTON		\$99.40	\$555.89
24/11/2009	CHQ-860003-10 PRESENTED	\$1,085.41		\$456.49
20/11/2009	TARRO YAH		\$30.00	\$1,541.90
16/11/2009	MORISSET GROUP		\$116.70	\$1,511.90
10/11/2009	MORISSET GROUP OF AA		\$75.20	\$1,395.20
10/11/2009	PS & LH DISTRICT AA		\$1,300.00	\$1,320.00
29/10/2009	DEPOSIT-CASH		\$20.00	\$20.00

At the end of October the district finalised the old (Port Stephens and Lower Hunter District of Alcoholics anonymous) building society account. The area C treasurer, John C, has the old district cheque book and there remains a balance of \$4.27.

As shown above the \$1300.00 cheque from the old to the new account was cleared on 10/11/2009. The new account is known as "Literature Alcoholics Anonymous" and remains with Newcastle Permanent Building Society.

Outstanding monies are; Cessnock Gaol.....\$100.00
Shortland BBS (Terry).....\$42.25
" BBS (Vince).....\$17.60
Truth.....(Jim).....\$17.60

P.I. Coordinator: Harry – Nelson Bay

No Report tendered.

Hospital Coordinators Reports:

Lakeview Detox Unit: Jim K – Turning Pt

Going along smoothly and we are seeing clients from Lakeview come into AA

Lorna House Detox Unit: Jim K – Turning Pt

We had 4 women 3 men at the last meeting of the year at Lorna House next year they are going to make their 8 week programme a 12 week programme so AA will only need to present every 12 weeks, we are starting to see people from this programme come into AA so its going well.

McCauley Unit: Vince D Shortland BBS

Last week at the McCauley Unit, we had 5 - 3 ladies & 2 blokes, we average 8 - 2 ladies & 6 blokes per meeting.

Lingard Hospital: James Q – Turning Pt

No report tendered

Gaols Coordinator: Lenny S – Cessnock L/S

Lennys daughter had her baby this week and Lenny has been too busy to submit a report we wish Lenny and his family a joyful Charismas and congratulate him and Sherrie on their new granddaughter.

24hr Help Line Report:

No report tendered

Rally Committee Coordinator: Vacant

No report tendered

G.S.R. Reports:

Tarro BBS:

Average attendance: 22 Going well getting some court attendees' and 4 to 5 ladies at most meetings usually 1 or 2 New members per meeting.

Truth: Ian M

Average attendance: 15 attendance picking up usually 3 to 4 Ladies per meeting, 2 new members per month.

Newcastle Steps:

Average attendance: 3 needs support no women attending remember the meeting starts at 7.30 pm not 6.00 pm.

Nelsons Bay:

Average attendance: Tuesday Steps - 9 - 50/50 men and ladies the new venue at Anna Bay Lutheran Church 163 Gan Gan Rd is now in the reviver and usual summer attendance should be back to normal soon.

Average attendance: Friday ID 15 longer sober women dropping off but young women in sobriety averaging 1 or 2 a month, both meetings going very well.

Raymond Terrace:

Average attendance: 15 few women each week and a few from the Courts programme each week, meeting picking up and going good.

General Business:

It was passed that the money owed for Literature by Cessnock Goal would be considered a donation to the Goal programme.

It was Passed that if we aren't eligible for a free upgrade to Windows 7 that the District would buy a copy for \$72 to replace vista on its Laptop as vista is a memory hog and Windows 7 isn't.

Area Delegate Rachael W asked the District:

1. That the Area could hold the Raffle at this year's Greater Newcastle District Rally.

Result: Yes

2. That the Area could continue to purchase the Raffle prize out of the Greater Newcastle District Rally Bank account and repay the District out of its profits or Funds.

Result: Yes

3. That the Area could continue to fund its Newcastle events out of the Newcastle District Rally Bank account and repay the District out of its profits or Funds.

Result: Yes

General Discussion on AA issues.

News Letters, Catalogues, CD's etc:

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

Upcoming Events:

Rallies: Newcastle Rally 4th to 6th of March Uniting Church Glebe rd Merewether

Group Birthdays:

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Meeting Closed in Harmony, Unity and Good AA Fellowship with the Serenity Prayer at:		2.40pm
NEXT MEETING:	February 13th 2010 Venue to be decided	
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