



Monthly Meeting

**Date:** 13 / 2/ 2009

Venue: Tarro Community Hall

Meeting Commenced: 1.20pm

Traditions Read by: Ian M

**Last Minutes voted as true and accurate reflection of the meeting.**

G.S.R. Present:

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| 1. Jim K DCM                  | 2. John C GSR Tarro BBS            |
| 3. Tom M GSR Raymond Terrace  | 4. Racheal W Area Delegate         |
| 5. Tracey C GSR Nelsons Bay   | 6. Rod O Alternate GSR Nelsons Bay |
| 7. Ryan A GSR Newcastle Steps | 8. Ian M GSR Truth Group           |

Apologies:

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. Lindsay LBBS | 2. Lenny H Grass Roots |
| 3.              | 4.                     |

AA Members:

- |                    |    |
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| 1. Jeff J Observer | 2. |
| 3.                 | 4. |

**Secretary Report:**

Jim K Acting Secretary

**Incoming:**

Newcastle Family Services programs for 2010

Notification of intention to apply for Liquor Licence. (Tradition 10 "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.")

Letter from Lord Mayor about what he has done about our letter asking for assistance with a drop in center office. (He had forwarded it on to the General Manager.)

Letter from the General Manager of Newcastle Council. (To be discussed in General Business)

**Out Going:**

None.

## Report

I have checked the mail box fortnightly and arranged the venue for this week's meeting, I thank John C for arranging the venue and Tarro Big Book for supplying the incidentals. As instructed by District I have started the new bank account for District its name is Newcastle District AA, I have handed the account check book over to Ian M (Treasurer) and he has transferred the balance into it from the old account.

Jim K

## D.C.M. Report:

As DCM I attended a Religious Youth rally at the Town Hall, John C also attended we had a good afternoon and carried AAs recovery message to a lot of people, that as they get older will know where to come for help and the older organizers will know where to send people for help now when needed, a good result for AAs attraction policy.

I will be recommending to the District that we do a post out of meetings lists to Groups accompanied with a what to do if there are changes to your meeting details and ways of donating to AA details I recommend that we send with this a copy of the Donations Pamphlet and the new Group Conscious Pamphlet.

Jim K

## Treasurers Report:

Ian M – Truth

\*The Greater Building Society account has been finalized & the money transferred to NPBS check a/c: “Newcastle District AA”.

Balance as at	\$ 2093.46
<b>Incoming</b>	
Interest	\$ 0.87
Total:	\$0.87
New Balance:	\$ 2,094.33
<b>Outgoing</b>	
Telstra A/Cs:	\$375.16
	\$ 85.64
Jim K reimbursement for commencing a/c:	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$ 488.80
Current Balance:	\$ 1605.53

**Business Arising:** Email discussion regarding Telstra charging us \$299.00 for the new line connection & diversion to Ian M's house. After some 2 dozen emails with Richard from Telstra he is going to arrange a credit of \$170.00 down to \$129.00. This will take 2 or 3 billing cycles.

**Literature Report: 13-02-2009** Ian M – Truth  
 Greater Newcastle District Literature Account  
 29/10/2009 -----12/02/2010

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
11/01/2010	Truth		\$103.80	\$773.66
20/01/2010	Tarro BBS		\$52.80	\$669.86
19/01/2010	CHQ-860002-00 PRESENTED	\$364.60		\$617.06
18/01/2010	SHORTLAND BBS		\$92.15	\$981.66
11/01/2010	MORISSET		\$17.60	\$889.51
07/01/2010	SHORTLAND BBS		\$44.00	\$871.91
29/12/2009	MERCY COMMUNITY SERVICES		\$36.10	\$827.91
18/12/2009	RAYMOND TERRACE MONDAY		\$50.00	\$791.81
08/12/2009	CHQ-860001-12 PRESENTED	\$10.83		\$741.81
03/12/2009	VINCE D		\$20.00	\$752.64
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

The new account is known as “Literature Alcoholics Anonymous” and remains with Newcastle Permanent Building Society.

Outstanding monies are;..... Turning Point.....\$145.00

Business Arising: At our last meeting it was decided to cancel the outstanding books money owed to us from the gaol.

Stock value is approximately.....\$1400.00 + 773.66 = \$2173.66

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**P.I. Coordinator:** Vacant

**Hospital Coordinators Reports:**

**Lakeview Detox Unit:**

Getting between 8 and 10 each meeting going well need another female presenter and thanks to Julie for filling in while we get one.

Jim K

**Lorna House Alcohol Unit:**

We have not done our first presentation for the New Year yet.

Jim K

**Mc Cauley unit**

The Mc Cauley unit has been averaging 6 in attendance 4 male & 2 females. Generally 4 with alcohol & 2 with drug problems.

Vince D

**Lingard Hospital:**

Vacant

**Gaols Coordinator:**

**Cessnock N.S.W. Gaol Meetings – January 2010**

**Minimum Security**

**Members** –Brian & Yvonne – Cessnock Steps, Eric – Terrigal Beach, Ian – Rutherford, Jim K – Cheryl – Branxton - Lenny S – Cessnock Living Sober

**Numbers of meetings held = 4**

**Total Inmate Attendances for month = 28**

**Maximum Security**

**Members** - Brian & Yvonne – Cessnock Steps, Eric – Terrigal Beach, Ian – Rutherford, Cheryl – Branxton - Jim K – Lenny S – Cessnock Living Sober

**Numbers of meetings held = 4**

**Total Inmate Attendances for month = 41**

**Protection Wing**

Brian & Yvonne – Cessnock Steps, Eric – Terrigal Beach, Ian – Rutherford, Cheryl – Branxton - Jim K – Lenny S – Cessnock Living Sober

**Numbers of meetings held = 4**

**Total Inmate Attendances for month = 16**

The Minimum Security meeting is now on a Monday afternoon 3.30 to 4.30pm on a permanent basis. Those on the roster will now need to be available from 12.30pm to 4.30pm when their turn comes around.

**#####Anyone on the Gaol Roster who would be available to do a meeting on Saturdays at 6.30pm to 7.30pm at Tomago Weekend Detention & Parole Centre, contact Lenny on 0438-299320 (Male or Female). These would be held fortnightly and your turn would be monthly or bi-monthly. Inmates are from Hunter and Central Coast.**

Lenny S – Cessnock Living Sober Gaol Roster Coordinator

## 24hr Help Line Report:

February – Mid March 11/02/2010

Coordinator.....**Ian M**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>1/02/2010</b> <b>Pos 1</b> Jim K am	<b>2/02/2010</b> <b>Pos 3.</b> Jim K am	<b>3/02/2010</b> <b>Pos 5.</b> Lenny S am	<b>4/02/2010</b> <b>Pos 7.</b> Ian M am	<b>5/02/2010</b> <b>Pos 9.</b> Jim K am	<b>6/02/2010</b> <b>Pos 11</b> Jim K am	<b>7/02/2010</b> <b>Pos 13</b> Ian M am
<b>Pos 2</b> James Q pm	<b>Pos 4</b> Vince D pm	<b>Pos 6</b> Ian M pm	<b>Pos 8.</b> Brian Mc pm	<b>Pos 10.</b> Ian M pm	<b>Pos 12</b> Jim K pm	<b>Pos 14</b> Richard pm
<b>8/02/2010</b>	<b>9/02/2010</b>	<b>10/02/2010</b>	<b>11/02/2010</b>	<b>12/02/2010</b>	<b>13/02/2010</b>	<b>14/02/2010</b>
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<b>15/02/2010</b>	<b>16/02/2010</b>	<b>17/02/2010</b>	<b>18/02/2010</b>	<b>19/02/2010</b>	<b>20/02/2010</b>	<b>21/02/2010</b>
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<b>22/02/2010</b>	<b>23/02/2010</b>	<b>24/02/2010</b>	<b>25/02/2010</b>	<b>26/02/2010</b>	<b>27/02/2010</b>	<b>28/02/2010</b>
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The roster shows am / pm (0600 – 1800 Day or 1800-0600 Night). During the day there seems to be an average of 3 – 6 calls & at night ...not as many. Of the callers we seem to get close to 1/3 – 1/6 to their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Quite a few are sent by the courts or parole.

**People wanting to go onto the roster can contact Ian M on 0428 699 700. & would be most welcome in helping out.**

## Courts

**Tom from the Raymond Terrace Group will be starting up the Courts program at Raymond Terrace Court at the next sitting anyone wishing to do work for AA at the Courts around Newcastle please give Tom a ring he could use some help.**

**Rally Committee Coordinator: James Q**

No Report

**G.S.R. Reports:**

No Group reports this month.

**General Business:**

It was vote to do a mail out of 20 Meeting lists with a who to contact for Literature, Meeting changes and how to donate information sheet, at the same time we would send out a District Pamphlet, Donations Pamphlet, Group Conscious pamphlet and a diagram of AAs Service structure.

The District Committee member Jim K asked for instruction how to proceed after the reply from the Newcastle Council part of the reply follows. "I wish to advise that an investigation by Council officers has been unable to identify any available Council owned premises for less than commercial rental that meets the requirements of Alcoholic Anonymous Greater Newcastle District." No instructions were given on how to proceed to the DCM as Jeff J raised some issues.

Jeff J Tarro Group raised some issues about the proposed District Office after much discussion it was decided that Jeff J would write a letter to all Newcastle Groups asking their expectations of what type of office would be appropriate for Newcastle or if the Groups think we need an office and would support it.

General discussion on AA maters.

**News Letters, Catalogues, CD's etc:**

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

**Upcoming Events:**

**Rallies:**

Newcastle 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> & 7th March Uniting Church Hall Glebe Rd Merewether

**Group Birthdays: 35<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Raymond Terrace Group on the 22-2-2010 meeting will start at 7.30 pm and go to 9.00pm followed by refreshments.**

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**Next Meeting:**

Commences: 1.00 pm

**Date:** 13-3-2010

Venue: To be announced

Meeting Closed in Harmony, Unity and Good AA Fellowship with the Serenity Prayer at:	3.20pm
NEXT MEETING:	13-3-2010
E-mail:	District Secretary < <a href="mailto:secretary@newcastle-aa.org.au">secretary@newcastle-aa.org.au</a> >
POSTAL ADDRESS:	PO Box 196 JESMOND 2299