



Monthly Meeting

Date: 08 /12 / 2007

Venue: Tarro Community Hall

Meeting Commenced: 1.35pm

Traditions Read by: Jeff J - Tarro

GSR's Present:

1. Mick K – Turning Pt
2. Ian M – Truth
3. Michael H – Kurri Steps
4. Jim K – Turning Pt (Delegate)
5. Joe D – Tarro YAH
6. Jeff J – Tarro YAH
7. James Q – Raymond Tee Steps (Lingard Hospital coordinator)

Apologies:

1. Grant S – Tarro BBS
2. Keith - Pelican
3. Gary C – Tarro BBS
4. Steve J – Tarro BBS

AA Members: Nil

Secretary Report: Jeff J – Tarro YAH

We have had no correspondence “In” and we have had no correspondence “Out”, a quiet month.

I would like at this point to state my intention of vacating my position as Secretary at the upcoming elections.

I will also be vacating my position as GSR in my group to make way for the other members in the Tarro YAH group, to be able to share in the pleasures and joys of service to the AA service structure.

I have been one of the CSR's or GSR's for the Tarro Group for 20yrs now and I feel new blood is required for the continuation of strength and purpose in AA.

I will be available to the Incoming Secretary to assist in a smooth handover of the responsibilities of this office.

I have had a magnificent time representing my group to District and Area C and I thank everybody for their assistance and commitment over the past 20 yrs.

Business Arising: Nil

Moved Accepted: Ian M - Truth **Seconded:** Jim K – Turning Pt

Chairperson Report: Grant S – Tarro BBS
No Report Given – Could not attend, apology sent.

Treasurers Report: Mick E – Tarro YAH

District Treasures Report as at 8/12/2007

Opening Balances:	Greater Access Passbook Account
\$343.19	

Incoming Money:

Donations:

- 1. No donations received since last report – cash on-hand of \$ 100.35 deposited*

Total Donations	\$.
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Total Incoming Money	\$
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Outgoing Money:

1. \$.00

Total Outgoing	\$.00
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Closing Balance:	Greater Access Passbook Account
\$443.54	

This report supplied after the meeting – Report had been misplaced on day of meeting.

Business Arising: Yes / No

Moved Accepted: Seconded:

D.C.M. Report: Gary C – Tarro BBS

No Report Given – Could not attend, apology sent.

G.S.R. Reports:

Cessnock Living Sober – Lenny S

No Report Given – Did not attend.

Cessnock Steps - Brian

No Report Given – Did not attend.

Freedom – John C

The Freedom Group will have its **last** meeting on Friday 21st December at 5.30pm.

Pelican – Keith T

No Report Given - Could not attend, apology sent.

Shortland BBS – Vince D

No Report Given – Did not attend.

Tarro BBS – Steve J

No Report Given – Could not attend, apology sent.

Tarro YAH – Joe D

All going well! Numbers down a couple of weeks ago. Can no longer attend Group
Conscience due to work commitments will address to group.

Truth – Ian M

Average attendance per week of 10 members. Maitland mercury doing article on AA and
new group.

Turning Point – Mick K

All going well!

Moved accepted: Ian M – Truth Seconded: Mick K – Turning Pt

Area C Phone Report - 29/10/2007 – 09/11/2007

During the last 2 weeks I have noticed both women & men calling the AA helpline.

Fri 2/11...Brett R from Wallsend on Fri night called wanting people to see him that
night. After a few calls to members we arranged a 12th step call. However Brett decided

to change that to Sat morning. At 11.30pm A Dad & Mum team called, concerned about their 17 year old daughter. They did not call back.

Sat 3/11...Gary C & I did a 12th step call with Brett R & his partner. Brett came to the Walk in meeting with me & seemed keen to go on with it.

5.30pm Tanya phoned about her teenage children visiting her Ex husband, of 15 years, at Cessnock Gaol. "He fills their heads with lies about me." "What can I do?"

Sun 4/11...A part time member called & said how well he was going, 3 months sober this time. I asked if he would like a lift to a meeting. "No I'm ok."

Sunday night he turned up at Truth meeting, drunk & having been in a fight.

Mon 5/11..11.57am Tom from N,cle having trouble & wanted to Know where Mon meetings were.

12.17pm Robert from Stockton called wanted to know where & when meetings are in the city now. He has been before. I told him of the James Fletcher meeting.

3.00pm Darren B who did go to Muswellbrook meetings was coming out of rehab & wanted to know about meetings in N,cle.

Tues 6/11..3.30 Brian F called, ashamed with himself for busting. I called around to see him after 4.00pm & ended up taking him to Tarro BBS meeting.

A man called wanting help. He does naturopathics at Uni & felt lost & controlled by alcohol. I suggested he might like to go to a meeting. He did not call back.

10.30pm Kim called half under the weather wanting help from near Stroud. She works 7 days a week & didn't want to go to local meetings.

Wed 7/11..My wife & I had lunch at Dungog & were able to speak with Kim from last night. She knows she has a problem & wants to do something about it. She said she can probably get to Sunday Truth meeting 11/11.

Thurs 8/11..Leo from Ray Tce called wanting to know how he can help his wife. I spoke with him about Alanon & talked with Chris S from Alanon. Leo's wife did not wish to go to meetings in Ray Tce. I also invited them to Truth on Sunday night. Leo phoned Christie & told her of his call to AA & she agreed she has a problem, called me back & may come to Sun night meeting.

Arna from Luskintyre called after having spoken with other members. Her husband is very jealous of men. I did put her in contact with Cheryl from Branxton meeting.

Yours in Service - Ian M

Area C Phone Report - 09/11/2007 – 30/11/2007

Fri 9/11...Posted Kim from Dungog a pocket edition Big Book from Area C literature stock..... I called Brett from Sat 03/11 12th step call again & he has a new job but has not been to a meeting this week & feels good.

Mon 12/11...Phoned Arna (in the arvo) from Luskintyre to check on her situation. She had not heard from any other AA members. She said she is now living in Kurri. I mentioned the Mon morning meet at Kurri & the Branxton 7.30pm meet & Kurri Thurs 11.30am.

Tues 13/11...Dianne from Maitland phoned wanting help. She drinks approx a cask a day. She also went to Maitland Tues meet a few times & didn't like a woman there. Asked a male to mentor her & it got serious on his behalf. I took her to TBBS that night. ...Geoff M called after about 6 months break & I took him to the meet that night as well. ...I called Brian F, left a message & texted him with no success. ...9.05am A lady from the Central coast wanted to help a friend of hers who is drinking too much. I gave her our website details & let her know where the meetings were near her for tonight.10.15pm A lady from Toronto called needing help Her grandma had died & she was in court troubles but did not want to go to meetings. After all, she said, she was a drug & alcohol counselor.

Sat 17/11...Phoned Arna & left her a message about Cessnock Steps 6.30pm meeting. Texted Brian F again...no reply.

Sun 18/11...Tony called Brian Mc because he was at Cessnock Steps about a month ago, wanting the address of a meet in Nowra at 10.00am. Brian gave him our no. I checked the Reviver & gave him details..

Mon 19/11..10.00am. Candice phoned from Tea Gardens wanting to know where rehabs were. I phoned a no. in the front of the yellow pages & got some info. I called her back, gave her the info & we spoke for 45 minutes about alcoholism as a disease, Al-anon, Al-ateen, Miracle Haven & the three fold problem. I also gave her Chris S from Al-anon's ph. no.. We also discussed meetings, the area C web site & the Salvation Army web site which had details about Miracle Haven rehab. I did explain we are not affiliated and they do run the AA 12 step program. She said she will get her partner, Jay, to call me this evening. ...1.10pm I received a call from Robyn at Nelson Bay. She was drunk & didn't want to go to local meetings because she had a bad experience at one about 3 months ago. I told her I would try to get a female member to call her back. I eventually arranged for Tom M to get Robyn from Raymond Terrace to call her. ...2.00pm Alma called from Jewells. She is concerned about her son who is living with her at home. He is 33 yrs old, has just had a bust up relationship, does not have a licence & admits he has a problem. Darren's father is an alcoholic & is divorced from his mum. Alma got our phone no. from the local website. I let her know he will be welcome at meetings & so will she if it's an open meeting, which most are. ...I phoned Kim from Dungog / Stroud to make sure she got the pocket Ed. Big Book sent last week. She did & is reading it. ...11.30pm Emma called. She was around AA Tarro / Maitland about 4 years ago & even though she is not drinking as much now as then, she recognizes she has a problem & wants to do something about it. Her Mum has had a stroke & has Cancer & does not have good chances of survival. This recent news has brought about more drinking.

We spoke for 25 minutes, she still has a Big Book from before I told her I will try to get a lady AA member to call her tomorrow arvo. Emma & her husband don't live together now. Emma also has two children with her (a 2 yr old & a 7 yr old).

Tues 20/11...4.45pm Matthew from Jesmond called & has not been to an AA meeting before but wanted where a meeting is tonight. I gave him Birmingham Gardens, Toronto & Tarro. He has recently split up from his wife & kids.

Wed 21/11...Dianne called again crying, so over the next two days I sought permission & gave her a few AA ladies phone numbers.

Thurs 22/11...Rob McGregor (4961 2686) (AA councillor from Mercy Community Services) from Tighes Hill phoned wanting to know if AA had any meetings with specific child minding facilities. I said to the best of my knowledge "No". I also mentioned that most members don't mind children at meetings & are usually willing to help out. AA itself does not have such a facility available. We also discussed getting him some "AA at a Glance" leaflets soon.

Fri 23/11...1.00pm A caller wanted NA phone no.

Sat 24/11...10.30am a caller wanted OA phone no.

Sun 25/11...8.45pm Cam called from home in Brisbane. His wife (Lorissa) is staying at Caulette with her elderly, sick parents. She wants to go a rehab or something. She knows she needs help. Neither her parents nor her have a licence. I said I would get a lady to call her tomorrow, then I got Danny from Medowie, who suggested Tom M from Ray Tce may be better or quicker to contact her. Between Danny & myself we will get someone to contact her tomorrow & possibly even get her to a meeting tomorrow night
...9.20pm Dianne called to let me know she was 4 days sober & would like to go to another meeting on Tuesday. I let her know I intend going to Laguna on Tues night & she said she would come too.

Wed 28/11...10.30pm Ben from Merewether called. Today he had a car accident & a fellow on a push bike was taken to hospital. It was Ben's 3rd PCA in 7 yrs. His girlfriend Heather eventually found out & was not happy. He wants to stop drinking because he can see bad patterns emerging in his life. Ben is a concreter so I gave him details of night time meetings around Newcastle.

Thurs 29/11...11.00am Leroy called. He already had 2 bottles of port. He is a pensioner & lives with his 13yr old daughter. He has been to rehab once in 2000 when he was taking ice & speed as well & living on the streets. I suggested he may wish to call Ted from the Walk In group & get to a meeting today. He said he will.

Fri 30/11...3.00pm Brian from Soldiers Point called wanting to know about meetings. I directed him to Nelson Bay meeting tonight & gave him Harry's ph. no.
Yours in Service - Ian M

Area C & Districts Literature Report. 10/11/2007

Since our last District meeting on 08/09/07 when our bank balance was \$600.12, we have ordered & paid for more literature & delivered it to the necessary groups & individuals.

17/09/2007	DEP CHEQ		\$106.80	\$706.92
21/09/2007			\$22.00	\$728.92
24/09/2007			\$17.60	\$746.52
02/10/2007			\$30.00	\$776.52
08/10/2007			\$30.00	\$806.52
09/10/2007	CHQ-590033-40 PRESENTED	\$138.18		\$668.34
15/10/2007			\$60.00	\$728.34
16/10/2007	CHQ-590034-50 PRESENTED	\$45.44		\$682.90
23/10/2007	CHQ-590035-60 PRESENTED	\$172.93		\$509.97
24/10/2007			\$10.00	\$519.97
05/11/2007	LITERATURE		\$18.00	\$537.97
05/11/2007			\$100.45	\$638.42
07/11/2007	LITERATURE		\$18.00	\$656.42

With payment for literature we have purchased for our current stock, the account balance will be \$598.24.

We also now have & own literature in stock ready for distribution to the total value of: \$831.70.

The blanked out sections of the above statement are donations or payments from groups for literature purchased.

Yours in Service - Ian M - Literature Person

Area C & Districts Literature Report.

Start Date

09/11/2007 End Date 08/12/2007

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
12/11/2007	DONATION		\$25.00	\$681.42
13/11/2007	CHQ-590036-70 PRESENTED	\$58.18		\$623.24
14/11/2007	LIT		\$69.20	\$692.44
21/11/2007	LIT		\$52.80	\$745.24
03/12/2007	LIT		\$53.00	\$798.24
04/12/2007	CHQ-590037-80 PRESENTED	\$250.97		\$547.27
05/12/2007	LIT		\$27.20	\$574.47

The "LIT" sections of the above statement are donations or payments from groups or individuals for literature purchased.

With payment for literature we have purchased for our current stock & two donations, the account balance will be \$574.47.

I have sent a pocket edition of the Big Book to a person who called on the 24hr helpline. Also I delivered to Rob McGregor (D&A councillor at a care centre @ 32 Union St, Tighes Hill), 400 x "AA at a glance" leaflets & one Big Book for their reference & use.

We have also ordered a set of five AA banners for the Area to loan to groups starting up.

We also now have & own literature in stock ready for distribution to the total value of: \$769.00.

Yours in Service: Ian M - Literature Person

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**Area C/ Greater Newcastle District
Events Committee Report.**

1. Events committee lunch was successful & bbq dinner went well even though we were a little short of food for the bbq.
2. The committee's next planned event, the Stockton beach BBQ in mid February is still looking good for the 2nd Sunday, the 13th.
3. The Maitland, Tarro, Kurri, Cessnock groups planned 08/03/2008 Steps day followed by a P.I. meeting hopefully will become an Area C event.
4. The planned late March walkathon followed by a picnic lunch will probably have to be put off to April because of the AA Convention in Adelaide.
5. Hopefully we will get another member or two to help with planning of the replacement event for the previous Christmas in July.

Stand in Co-ordinator - Ian M

General Business:

Ian M brought to our attention that we still have an outstanding bill for literature to be paid to the GSO office – Mick E (Treasurer) is across the situation and will send at his earliest convenience.

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Following is the format for the 12 step day and Public information forum put on by the Maitland Groups.

12 STEPS In The Right Direction

*A Day of listening & learning about how living the
12 steps of AA can change your life.*

****Lots of tea, coffee, milk, biccies, sandwiches for lunch & a BBQ for dinner.****

Format: Arrive from 9.00am

9.30 – 11.00...Steps 1,2,3. Hosted by Kurri Steps & Traditions Group.

11.30 – 12.30...Steps 4,5. Hosted by Tarro Big Book Study Group.

Lunch: 12.30 – 1.30pm

1.30 – 2.30...Steps 6,7. Hosted by Branxton Groups.

3.00 – 4.00...Steps 8,9...Hosted by Cessnock Groups.

4.30 – 6.00...Steps 10,11,12 Hosted by Tarro Young at Heart Group.

BBQ Dinner: 6pm – 6.45pm

7.00 – 8.30pm... **Public Information Meeting**

Opened by the Mayor of Maitland

(Members of the public are invited to attend the P.I.meeting & AA members will be anonymous except for 3 invited speakers identified by their 1st names).

Supper afterward...sponsored by the Maitland Groups of AA.

Where: *Maitland Polish Hall,
Grant St, Maitland.
Behind the Maitland Town Hall*

When: *Saturday 08th March 2008. 9.30am start.*

Day Registration \$10.00 per person includes *tea, coffee, bbq etc.

**For more info contact the local AA 24 hour helpline: 4964 1555 or members,*

** Phil M: 0409 042 095.**

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Following is the flyer for the same occasion that will be placed into the community.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

ABOUT

“ALCOHOLISM”

To be opened by the **Mayor of Maitland**

Honourable Clr Mr Peter Blackmore

Learn more about this insidious disease

Learn more about your brother, father, daughter, uncle, friends,
workmates, neighbours, sports mates etc,etc.

Alcoholism affects people from every walk of life:

Housewives, clerks, plumbers, dentists, doctors, nurses, priests, lawyers, labourers,
mineworkers, teachers, farmers, children, salespeople, politicians, footballers, actors,
rock stars, street walkers, the homeless, cleaners, aged carers, line workers, miners &
many, many more.

Be Open minded, don't be afraid, come along, listen & learn.

You may be able to help save someone's life.

EVERYONE IS INVITED

When: Saturday 8th March, 2008
7.00pm – 9.00pm

Where: Maitland Polish Hall
Grant St, Maitland
Behind Maitland Town Hall

*It is Free of charge & put on by the local groups of Alcoholics Anonymous.

* for more information please contact AA on: (02) 4964 1555.

The above was discussed and it was decided that a sub committee was required to distribute flyers and contact Doctors – Police – Clergy – Lions Clubs – Rotary etc. Ian M will address this, also Speakers are required and will be chosen by the committee.

News Letters, Catalogues etc:

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

Upcoming Events:

Rallies:

Morriset Rally is on the 1st to the 3rd of February 2008

Group Birthdays:

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Next Meeting:

Area C Assembly – “Annual General Meeting”

“This is the election of officers Assembly”

Date: 12-1-2008

Venue: ***Morriset Uniting Church Hall***
Bridge St, Morisset. (opposite High School)

Workshop: 11.00am – 12 noon

Workshop Topic: “AA Help Line” Information

Free Barbeque: 12.00 noon – 1.00pm
(Events committee to arrange BBQ & Food)

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Status of Service Positions:

The following will show the position held in Area C – Members name holding position and whether position vacant or time left to serve in position.

Chairperson	Grant S	–	Resigned (Family reasons)
Treasurer	Mick E	-	One more year to serve.
Area Delegate	Jim K	-	One more year to serve.
DCM	Gary C	-	Resigned (Family reasons)
Alt Area Delegate	Jeff J	-	Not eligible – position vacant
Secretary	Jeff J	–	End of term, position vacant
P.I Coordinator:	Steve J	-	Resigned - Position vacant
Hospitals Coordinator	Kevin S	-	Deceased – position vacant
Events Committee Coordinator	Mick S	-	Resigned - Position vacant
Rally Committee Coordinator	Mick K	-	End of term – position vacant
Literature Officer	Ian M	-	Resigned (Family reasons)

Meeting Closed in Harmony, Unity and Good AA Fellowship with the Serenity Prayer		3.20pm
	at:	
NEXT MEETING:	January 12 th 2008	
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