



Alcoholics Anonymous
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MINUTES OF GREATER NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

Date: 14-6-2008

Meeting Opened: 1.40pm

Attendance:

Ray (Morisset GSR)

**John C (TBBS Alternate
GSR)**

Ian M (Truth)

(Acting Sec) Jim K (Turning Point)
(Treas) Mick E (Morisset)
(Chair) Cornelius (Tarro YAH)

Apologies: Grant (TBBS GSR)

Vince D (Freedom GSR) Kim (Turning Point GSR)

(Michael H Kurrie GSR)
(Tom (Raymond Terrace))

Traditions Read: Ian M

Secretaries Report:

Correspondence: Email

Hi,

I am new to AA and have a quick question? I've heard of home groups etc and I'm wondering if you have to have one home group only. I'm currently attending a meeting a day. There are two meetings in particular that I'd like to have as "a home group" and perhaps do service at both - they are two very different meetings, one spiritual and one more ID only, and because I'm so new I'm getting a lot out of both types? Can you do service etc at two home groups??? I haven't wanted to ask this question at either meeting as yet, for fear of offence because I'm still learning how things work. With thanks and kind regards, Mandy

reply

Hi Mandy

You can be a member of more than one group and you can do Group Service, Secretary, Treasurer and so on at more than one group, but GSR (General Service Representative) and above can only be done at one group also CSR - (Central Service Representative) can only be done at one group. This is because you can only vote at one group conscious and represent the decisions of one Group's Conscious at your

District and Area or your Central Service Office (Intergroup).

We have a three part disease Body, Mind, and Spirit and we have a three part solution.

For the Body - The Unity segment of circle and the Triangle. (The Traditions are its 12 Spiritual Principles.)

For the Mind - The Recovery segment of circle and the Triangle. (The Steps are its 12 Spiritual Principles.)

For the Spirit - The Service segment of circle and the Triangle. (The Concepts are its 12 Spiritual Principles.)

***The Circle and triangle is also an ancient spiritual symbol
Meaning mind, body and spirit, together as one.***

Unity service recovery circle and triangle emblem was here
As you can see it's an Equilateral Triangle so all parts are supposed to be done equal.

Hope this helps.

Regards

Jim

PS if you have any more questions don't hesitate to ask

Hello everyone,

NEWYPAA is coming to Sydney again!

NEWYPAA stands for New South Wales Young People In AA. For many years now, we've been putting on a convention, organised by young people, for EVERYONE.

It's become one of the true highlights on Australia's AA calendar. This year should be no exception.

We encourage all people, from around Australia, and around the world, to come take advantage of some great sharing, caring and fellowship. And to maybe shed some inhibitions on the dance floor on the Saturday night.

The details are as follows:

NEWYPAA Convention

Friday – Sunday October 10-12, 2008

Citigate Hotel,

169-179 Thomas St, Haymarket

\$45/\$20 concession for weekend registration, \$25/\$10 concession for day registration.

NEWYPAA 2008 Dance

Saturday, October 11

8pm-midnight

Citigate Hotel,

169-179 Thomas St, Haymarket
\$20/\$10 concession

We hope to see you at the convention, and would be grateful if you could pass this information on to your local AA members.

Regards,

Toby

For the 2008 NEWYPAA committee

Hi Tom,

Just clicked on this page when I saw Court !!! what do you actually do ??? I am sober now for 15 years and now my son is battling with it as well !!! he has a long history, and is facing Court (Toronto) in July. he lives in the Salamander Bay Area and I have let him know there are Meetings there On Tuesday and Thursday evenings and I have left it to him. Do you do some type of Court Support ??? Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards
Cheryl M

Forwarded to Tom Raymond Terrace for him to deal with.

Hi,

I am a fairly new AA member, and my home group is at Raymond Terrace.

I have just returned from the Defence AREP program I have a question.

Currently I do not have a car license, and was wondering if you had a database of people who could help me attend meetings/steps/anything AA?

If not all good, I will see my group Monday 8PM and ask there.

Regards,

Paul

Hi Paul.

If you talk to Tom I am sure he can help, the Thursday Steps Meeting in the Terrace can probably help to or the Medowie meeting on Wednesday because it is closer from them if you can't get the help there contact me and will see what I can do.

Regards

Jim K

monday night berkeley vale starts at 7.00pm not 8.00pm as stated in meetings list could you please update this info

Had Website Updated.

Business Arising:

None

Moved Accepted : John C
Treasurers Report

Seconded : Ian M

District Treasurers Report as at 14/6/2008

Opening Balances:	Greater Access Passbook Account	\$903.54
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Incoming Money:

Donations:

1. NIL DONATIONS		\$ 00.00
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Total Donations		\$ 00.00
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Total Incoming Money		\$
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Outgoing Money:

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Total Outgoing		\$.00
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Closing Balance:	Greater Access Passbook Account	\$903.54
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The following statements are the treasurers' thoughts and opinions only and are not to be read as the belief of the DISTRICT as a whole:

As can be seen the statement sheet again is very much like some peoples recovery; very stagnant and not much worth reporting on. The following is a summary list of the groups that have donated to the district since I have been Treasurer.

Living Sober – Cessnock	\$ 20.00
Freedom	\$ 30.00
Tarro – Young at Heart	\$250.00
Tarro – Big Book Study	\$120.00
Truth – (Rutherford, I think)	\$ 40.00
Cessnock	\$ 50.00

TOTAL **(it's not hard to add up)**

There was also a cheque from Living Sober – Cessnock \$ 30.00, but this had to be deposited into the Area account because of an anomaly in who the cheque was made out to. Please see correct detail at the end of this whinge.

Another opinion is this – now take out the two donations from the groups at Tarro and the bottom line is even worst (as you can see if you forget about YOURSELF for just a minute).

As a result of this situation, I took it upon myself, in consultation with other District and Area members, to alter a **decision** that was made at the last District meeting (one that I was unable to attend due to other commitments):

As such, the payment for the Billboard of \$100 a month has been set up to be transferred on the 20th of each month from the Area Cheque Account until further notice. This will come up for Business arising and discussed further today.

I apologise in advance to anyone who is offended by my spray (recall this is only my opinion) and I thank the loyal few who support the Service Structure of AA.

Yours in Vigilance and Service
Mic.E – Morriset/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 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).

Secretary asked if whole report should be included or just figures (Voted unanimous whole report should be included in Minutes)

Mick explained that because of low balance in District funds automatic payments for the Billboard at the top of Brunner Rd Adamstown will be taken out of the Area Bank Account.

Moved Accepted : Ray **Seconded : John C**

District Chairperson's Report

Booked the Hall for today's meeting.

Cornelius

Moved Accepted : Ian M **Seconded : Jim K**

District Committee Members Report

Has visited a few groups.

Cornelius

Moved Accepted : Mick **Seconded : John C**

GROUP Reports

Tarro Big Book Study Group

PI – What is group doing with doctors, ministers, hospitals, Police, Posters (shopping centres, dole office, charities, parole and such)

Numbers attending meetings: Average 22 about 80% Men 20% women

Getting about 8 members per meeting under 6 month sobriety. Have been Donating to Area and donated to District today. (will be in next tressures report)

Attendance - Up

Donations - About same

Tarro Young At Heart Group

PI – What group doing with doctors, ministers, hospitals, Police, Posters (shopping centres, dole office, charities, parole and such)

Numbers down averaging about 30 – 35 about 80% men to 20% Women

Getting a few new AA Members attending.

Donating to Area and District.

Attendance - Down

Donations - About same

Truth Group

PI – What group doing with doctors, ministers, hospitals, Police, Posters (shopping centres, dole office, charities, parole and such)

Averaging about 10 about 90% Men to 10% Women with more women attending the last week.

Donating to Area and District.

Attendance - Same

Donations – About Same

Maitland Topic Group

PI – What group doing with doctors, ministers, hospitals, Police, Posters (shopping centres, dole office, charities, parole and such)

Averaging about 5 about 80% men to 20% Women

Needs Support.

Attendance – Down

Donations – About Same

Turning Point Group

PI – What group doing with doctors, ministers, hospitals, Police, Posters (shopping centres, dole office, charities, parole and such)

Averaging about 20 about 75% Men to 25% Women.

Will not be donating to Area or District at moment because we as a Group have started an Alcohol Awareness PI Campaign involving us buying and distributing posters and 2 pamphlets to Doctors and health related Facilities in Newcastle Business Centre Merewether the junction.

We as a Group are asking if the literature Fund could pay for the needed posters

and pamphlets above the \$100 starting money we have. This will involve about \$150 which we will pay back over the next few months.

Voted unanimous yes by District.

Attendance – Down

Donations – about same

Morisset Group

PI – What group doing with doctors, ministers, hospitals, Police, Posters (shopping centres, dole office, charities, parole and such)

Averaging about 6 to 8 AA members plus the Farm Rehab.

Needs support by AA members.

No follow up in regards to people that leave the farm to enable them or encourage them to continue to come to AA meetings (Need Ideas the relapse rate high)

Saturday Breakfast Meeting will not be happening in the foreseeable future and have been asked to take it off the meetings list.

Attendance– Down

Donations – about same

Business Arising: None

Moved Accepted : Mick E

Seconded : Ian M

General Business

The Newcastle Rally was discussed and a speakers committee was formed its job is to pick a core group of speakers that are at each meeting to speak (done just before meeting) and arrange in advance speakers for Old Timers meeting.

General Discussion about AA and matters affecting AA at moment.

Moved Accepted : John C

Seconded : Ian M

Meeting Closed in Harmony, Unity and Good AA Fellowship with the Serenity Prayer at: 2.40 pm

NEXT MEETING: Morisset 9-8-2008

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