



**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
**Greater Newcastle District**  
**Area C Eastern Region(NSW)**  
**Australia**  
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## MINUTES OF GREATER NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

<b>Date:</b>	<b>8-9-2008</b>	
<b>Meeting Opened:</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>(Sec)</b>	<b>Jim K (Acting)</b>
<b>Jeff J (Tarro)</b>	<b>(Treas)</b>	<b>Mick E</b>
<b>I Morrow (Truth)</b>	<b>(Chair)</b>	<b>Cornelius</b>
<b>John C (Tarro BBS)</b>		
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Vince D (Freedom)</b>	<b>Michael H (Kurri)</b>
	<b>Tom M (Raymond Terrace)</b>	<b>Grant S (Tarro BBS)</b>
<b>Traditions Read:</b>	<b>John C</b>	
<b>Minutes of last meeting Confirmed as True and Accurate Account:</b>		<b>Yes</b>
<b>Secretaries Report:</b>		
<p>Hi Jim.  Please see the request below.  Would you kindly pass this on to a suitable Group or members for their attention ?  I have acknowledged receipt of the request and let the lady know that we've passed it on to local members for action.</p> <p>Thanks and regards,  Tony  National Office of AA Australia  48 Firth Street, ARNCLIFFE NSW 2205  +61 2 9599 8866  +61 2 9599 8844 (fax)  <a href="http://www.aa.org.au">www.aa.org.au</a></p> <p>Dear Alcoholics Anonymous,</p> <p>As a prominent community advocate against drugs, I am frequently told off by drug addicts and alcoholics. As these people are being rather obvious, I thought it might be a good idea to hand them some of your contact information. I would like to hand it out when I hand out the contact details of Narcotics Anonymous. It may get rid of some of these people and it may also save some of these poor sods. Some of these people appear as if they are starving to death.</p> <p>If you could send some of your business cards and pamphlets to (Address Deleted because minutes public property), I would greatly appreciate it.</p>		

Please remember that you are an inspiration to many. You are not only saving the lives of the people who come to you but also saving the lives of the people influenced or attacked by these previously drug addicted people.

Yours sincerely,

Juanita (Name Deleted because minutes public property)

### **Response**

Hi Juanita.

My Name is Jim, I am the Area Delegate for Area C which is comprised of Newcastle, Lower hunter, Port Stephen, Lake Macquarie and Central Coast. The National Office has passed your email onto me to action.

Over the years we receive a lot of communications from people requesting information be sent out to an address and when sent we have to our detriment found out that the person living at that address has not requested that information.

Your email address is a yahoo address that anyone can have without proof of who they are, I have used the online white pages and you don't have a phone in the name supplied registered to that address.

In this instance it is standard practise by our Area to request you supply a phone number so we can talk and check this is a legitimate request for help, I am sure you can understand the reaction it could cause for unsolicited AA pamphlets to arrive at someone's address.

Regards

Jim

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**To:** [aa.newcastle@aa-area-c.org](mailto:aa.newcastle@aa-area-c.org)

**Subject:** Postage Information please

Hello,

I am not very computer literate. I would like you to send me any pamphlets you have regarding the services you offer for Alcoholics Anonymous. I am in need of counselling myself.

A friend is helping me with this email so I wont be able to reply if you return a message. Please post relevant pamphlets/information to:

Address Deleted because minutes public property

Regards,

Name Deleted because minutes public property

### **Response**

Hi (Name Deleted because minutes public property )

If you would like to ring on 49641555 we could talk, we get prank emails asking that we send pamphlets to people and if you are not the actual person that lives at that address it causes distress for that person and bad publicity for AA.

The number supplied is a 24 hour 7 days a week manned AA number and whoever you speak to will help you in anyway they can.

I hope this does not put you off because it is not meant to we are hear to help not hinder but I am sure you can see the possible consequences of sending information to a prank address. Please keep in contact any way you can our web site is <http://www.aa-area-c.org/> and there is a lot of information there.

Regards

Jim

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**Date:** 17/07/2008 2:02:29 PM

**To:** [aa.newcastle@aa-area-c.org](mailto:aa.newcastle@aa-area-c.org)

I wish to know where and when AA meetings are held. I live in (Address Deleted because minutes public property)

Thank you; Michael.

**Response**

Hi Michael

This web site has all the meetings for Newcastle Lower Hunter and Central Coast on it in an easy to navigate format:

<http://www.aa-area-c.org>

Hope this helps if you need more information here is the Newcastle 24/7 help line number 49641555 they can give you meeting times and places.

Regards

Jim

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**Business Arising:**

**No Business Arising**

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<b>Moved Accepted :</b>	<b>Ian</b>	<b>Seconded :</b>	<b>Cornelius</b>
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**District Committee Members Report**

I have visited a few groups and found Meetings stable but with a few problems.

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<b>Moved Accepted :</b>	<b>Ian</b>	<b>Seconded :</b>	<b>John</b>
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## Treasurers Report

### District Treasurers Report as at 9/8/2008

<b>Opening Balances:</b>	<b>Greater Access Passbook Account</b>	<b>\$903.54</b>
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#### Incoming Money:

##### Donations:

1. District Meetings Donations (6 people in attendance)	\$ 24.60
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<b>Total Group Donations</b>	<b>\$ 00.00</b>
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<b>Total Incoming Money</b>	<b>\$ 24.60</b>
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#### Outgoing Money:

1. Rent for the venue – (\$22.50)	\$ 22.50
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<b>Total Outgoing</b>	<b>\$ 22.50</b>
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<b>Closing Balance:</b>	<b>Greater Access Passbook Account</b>	<b>\$905.64</b>
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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).

<b>Moved Accepted :</b>	<b>Jim K</b>
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<b>Seconded :</b>	<b>John C</b>
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<b>Literature Report</b>			
Medowie, Turning Point, Kurri Kurri Streps, and Pelican have brought Literature we have a current stock valued at about \$400 and a Bank Balance of \$667.87.			
<b>Moved Accepted :</b>	<b>Jeff J</b>	<b>Seconded :</b>	<b>John C</b>
<b>Registrars Report</b>			
I have visited all but 10 Groups out of the 50 meetings we have in the Greater Newcastle District and have got current Postal contact details for those groups, I hope to have all Group postal contact details within 2 weeks.			
<b>Moved Accepted :</b>	<b>Ian</b>	<b>Seconded :</b>	<b>Jeff J</b>
<b>GROUP Reports</b>			
<b>(Tarro BBS) Group</b>			
We are getting a few new members with the meeting averaging about 17 with male to female ratio 80 -20			
<b>Attendance - Stable</b>			
<b>Donations - Stable</b>			
<b>(Tarro Young at Heart)</b>			
We are getting a few new members 3 to 4 with the meeting averaging about 25 with male to female ratio 75 -25			
<b>Attendance - Stable</b>			
<b>Donations - Stable</b>			
<b>(Truth) Group</b>			
We are getting a few new members 1 or 2 with the meeting averaging about 11 with male to female ratio 91 -11			
<b>Attendance - Stable</b>			
<b>Donations- Stable</b>			
<b>(Turning Point) Group</b>			
We are getting a few new members 2 or 3 with the meeting averaging about 25 with male to female ratio 80 -20 have started a group PI campaign.			
<b>Attendance - Stable</b>			
<b>Donations - Stable</b>			
<b>(Morisset) Group</b>			
We had a good Group conscious which promoted good Group Unity, some visitors are attending, 2 new members that where not associated with the farm. Averaging about 30 with male to female ratio 90 - 10			
<b>Attendance - Stable</b>			
<b>Donations - Stable</b>			

## General Business

It was raised by John C that our meetings lists should have our Logo and all contact details on them.

**Passed Unanimously**

*Our web Site Coordinator is currently in the process of completing this and hopes to have it finished by next GND Meeting.*

It was raised by John C that our GND web site should be Named Newcastle District's Service Office not Newcastle District's CSO.

**Passed Unanimously**

*Our web Site Coordinator has completed this.*

It was raised by Jim K that we as a District should as a trial try to complete what our registrar found groups wanted:

1. Mail out of meetings Lists
2. News Letter.

**Passed Unanimously**

*As secretary I hope to have the printing and mail out ready by 24-8-2008.*

It was raised by Jim K that we also print 500 pamphlets for the Newcastle Rally that is booked for the 28-2-2009 to 2-3-2008 and include them in the mail out.

**Passed Unanimously**

*As Secretary will have the printing done in time for mail out 24-8-2008*

We are going to have a raffle for the rally and Ken from the Cessnock Groups is suppling the first prize.

It was discussed and decided that we have a competition to Name the News Letter with the prize being 5 CD set of Don P (Wichita).

General discussion on GND services.

<b>Moved Accepted :</b>	<b>Mick E</b>	<b>Seconded :</b>	<b>Ian M</b>
Meeting Closed in Harmony, Unity and Good AA Fellowship with the Serenity Prayer at:			<b>3.30 pm</b>
<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>	<b>Tarro Community Hall 13-9-2008 Starting at 1.00 pm</b>		
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