



MINUTES OF AREA ASSEMBLY

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Date: Saturday 9th January, 2010

Meeting Opened: 1.05pm

Attendance		
Name	Group	Position
Jim K	AA	DCM
Lenny S	Cessnock Living Sober	GSR
Ryan	Newcastle Steps	GSR
Karen	Cessnock Steps	Secretary
Mick	Morisset ID	GSR
Alex	Kurri Steps	GSR
Ian M	Rutherford Truth	GSR
Lindsay	Shortland BBS	Alt GSR
Lenny H	Grassroots	Alt GSR
Tracey C	Nelson Bay	GSR
Rod O	Nelson Bay	Alt GSR
James Q	Newcastle City	Outgoing Secretary
Mic E	Morisset	Chairman
Dennis C	Central	GSR

Quorum Achieved: Yes

Apologies		
Name	Group	Position
John C	Tarro BBS	Treasurer

Traditions Read By: Ian M

Election of Officers

Secretary – Lindsay from Shortland BBS accepted a nomination by Ian M and was elected unanimously.

Events Coordinator – Ian M accepted nomination and was elected unanimously.

Alternate Delegate – No-one as nominated, expressions of interest invited.

PI/CPC Coordinator – Still vacant, expressions of interest invited.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Business Arising from the Minutes of the previous Assembly:

None.

Motion to accept the Minutes of the previous Assembly as read moved Ian M seconded Jim K.

Incoming Correspondence:

- Minutes of the Central Coast District for 3rd November, 2009.
- Box 459, Fall 2009.
- Letter from Adelaide CSO re interest in establishing a National Central Services Forum.
- AA Around Australia Dec 2009.
- Email re vacant National PI & CPC coordinator and alternate positions.

Outgoing Correspondence:

None.

Business Arising: None.

After general discussion of correspondence

moved Jim seconded Lindsay that Secretaries report be accepted.

AREA CHAIR REPORT:

Chairman indicated that he had nothing to report other than making visits to lots of groups.

AREA DELEGATES REPORT:

Rachel briefly outlined her experience at Conference. Rachel identified the quality presentations and identified the difficulties delegates were experiencing.

Business Arising: Delegates report will be completed for next assembly

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Opening Bal 4259.39

Receipts

Tarro Big Book	50.00	
Umina Group	50.00	
Boomerang Group	50.00	
Cessnock Steps	130.00	
Lambton Big Book	50.00	
Nelson Bay	200.00	
Tarro YAH	200.00	
Jim K	25.00	
Bolton Pt	100.00	
Interest	0.18	
Total Receipts		855.18

Expenses

Delegate Expenses	2208.00
Area Meetings	115.00
Bank Charges	1.00

Total Expenses	2324.00
Closing Balance	2790.57

Business Arising: Importance of the Events Committee's fund raising to the Area was re-emphasised based on the current balance in the bank account.

Moved **Jim** seconded **Lindsay** that Treasurers report be accepted.

CENTRAL COAST D.C.M. REPORT:

Minutes for November 2009 sent.

GREATER NEWCASTLE D.C.M. REPORT:

DCM

Since the last assembly I have been busy with my commitments to the Goal, Hospital & Detox programs as well as my commitments to the 24 hour help line making group visits impossible but have been in contact with the Lord Mayor's office and resupplied them with a copy of our letter requesting assistance with a drop in centre office meeting room in Newcastle still waiting on an answer.

Jim K DCM

Business Arising: None.

TREATMENT CENTRES & CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES REPORT:

Hospitals Coordinator Jim K

Most rehab & hospital programmes have been in recess over the Christmas New year holiday break will recommence early January.

As the Hospitals Coordinator I think we need to have all presenters from Central Coast & Newcastle attend the next Area Assembly for the formation of the Area Hospitals Committee and the election of the new Hospitals Coordinator. We need to get our Committees meeting before each Area Assembly and coming up with reports & recommendations to the Area assembly. I think that our Goals Coordinator should do the same with all Goal presenters from the Central Coast and Newcastle as well.

We need to invite Central Coast & Newcastle District PI/CPC Coordinators and interested people to attend the next Area assembly to get our PI/CPC Committee back working to come up with reports and recommendations for the Area assembly.

To help facilitate this I think we should have our next Area assembly on the Central Coast.

McCauley Unit – Vince D

We have not had our first meeting for the year there yet as the unit has been closed over the Christmas period.

Lakeview Lodge – Jim K

First meeting of the year was held Thursday night at 6.00 pm Ryan & Lou reported it was very successful after the 1 hour meeting they were there for another hour or so answering questions.

Lorna House – Jim K

Lorna House is still yet to have its first presentation for the year our work load will be less this year because they are going to try to turn the 8 week program into a 10 to 12 week program.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Cessnock Gaol – Lenny S. (Cessnock Living Sober)
Cessnock N.S.W. Gaol Meetings – December 2009

Minimum Security

Members – Brian & Yvonne – Cessnock Steps, Eric – Terrigal Beach, Ian – Rutherford, Jim K – Turning Point Group – Lenny S – Cessnock Living Sober

Numbers of meetings held = 3

Total Inmate Attendances for month = 18

Maximum Security

Members - Brian & Yvonne – Cessnock Steps, Eric – Terrigal Beach, Ian – Rutherford, Jim K – Turning Point Group – Lenny S – Cessnock Living Sober

Numbers of meetings held = 3

Total Inmate Attendances for month = 19

Protection Wing

Brian & Yvonne – Cessnock Steps, Eric – Terrigal Beach, Ian – Rutherford, Jim K – Turning Point Group – Lenny S – Cessnock Living Sober

Numbers of meetings held = 3

Total Inmate Attendances for month = 14

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

COURTS PROGRAMME REPORT: Tom M. (Raymond Terrace)

No report.

12 Step Volunteers needed for Court Program Contact Tom (Raymond Terrace) on: 49873249 OR 0419681636

TC&F 12th STEP OPPORTUNITIES

All Groups are requested to pass the message on to their members regarding the need for people to undertake 12th Step Work in Treatment Centres. At the moment only a very small number of members are active in this work. The Area is seeking members who are willing to do service work in Institutions.

Kirkwood House, Lakeview Lodge, here are the following requirements:

Two (2) years sobriety to attend Kirkwood and Lakeview on your own & Six (6) Months sobriety to assist in the company of a person of 2 years sobriety or more.

Kirkwood House is attended every second Monday from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm.

Lakeview is every Thursday from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

Lingard Hospital is visited every second Tuesday at 6.30 pm.

For further information please contact:

Jim K - 0425215693 - Lenny 0438299320

Thank you for your consideration.

Webmasters Report

Area C

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2010	95	116	456	457	10.06 MB

Connect to site from

Origin	Pages	Percent	Hits	Percent
Direct address / Bookmark / Link in email...	72	64.2 %	72	64.2 %
Links from an Internet Search Engine - Full list	19	16.9 %	19	16.9 %
- Google 18 18				
- Yahoo! 1 1				
Links from an external page (other web sites except search engines) - Full list	21	18.7 %	21	18.7 %
- http://thickmom.com 6 6				
- http://theinvestblog.com 4 4				
- http://aimtrust.com/aim/r/60008 3 3				
- http://intranet.hne.health.nsw.gov.au/other_useful_links 2 2				
- http://www.bing.com/search 2 2				
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http://www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/communityorgs/16404.html 1 1				
- http://www.c-c-metro.ru/15-3.php 1 1				
- http://home.vicnet.net.au/~aoig/ 1 1				
- http://www.aism.edu/default.aspx 1 1				

Newcastle

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2010	19	23	41	41	496.72 KB

Central Coast

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2010	26	29	77	77	799.07 KB

EVENTS & WORKSHOP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Rally Raffle – Details of raffle were discussed, and raffle tickets and flyers were made available to groups. The major Prize is a 81cm HD LCD valued at around \$600.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

Jim discussed a mail-out to inform groups in the Area about the information groups need to be up to date with their contact information and how to donate to district and area.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Jim K put forward the following amendments to the Area Guidelines.
A motion to have this amendment sent to groups was not seconded, so no further action will be taken.
- Jim K put forward a suggestion for a topic to be put to conference re a possible new pamphlet. The suggested contents of the pamphlet are attached.
- A vote of thanks was given for the hard work and assistance of the outgoing position holders, including Jim K (former Area Delegate), James Q (outgoing Secretary), and all other servants.

NEWSLETTERS, CATALOGUES, ETC (Available to all members on asking)

Caring & Sharing Tape Catalogue/Floppy Disc
AA Around Australia (September 2003 edition onwards)
Map of Area boundaries

UPCOMING RALLIES, BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Morriset Rally – 5th, 6th and 7th February, 2010 – WEC Camp Nentoura Road, Morrisset – contact Mick 0402523331, Chris 0414855484, Jason 0438883899 – details on area website
Newcastle Rally – 5th, 6th and 7th March, 2010 – Uniting Church Hall 178 Glebe Road Merewether – details on area website
Turning Point 4th Birthday – Uniting Church Hall -178 Glebe Rd, Merewether

Assembly closed in Harmony, Unity and Good AA Fellowship with the Serenity Prayer at 3pm.

NEXT ASSEMBLY: Saturday 17th April, 2010, beginning at 10.30am with a general get together and BBQ lunch, Assembly to commence at 1.30pm. Proposed venue Terrigal Beach, details TBA.

AREA C CONTACT INFORMATION:

Area Secretary : secretary20@aa-area-c.org

PI/CPC : pi20@aa-area-c.org

For Literature: email this address to get an electronic price list and electronic order form:
literature@aa-area-c.org

POSTAL ADDRESS: PO Box 196 JESMOND 2299

24hr Phone: 49641555

Web Address: www.aa-area-c.org

Account details for Group or Individual donations to Area C:

Bank Name: Newcastle Permanent building Society

Account Name: Alcoholics Anonymous

BSB: 650-000

Account Number: 960962709

Please include a comment indicating Group Name or initials: e.g. Stockton