



Alcoholics Anonymous
Area C Eastern
Region NSW
Newcastle - Lower
Hunter - Central Coast

MINUTES OF AREA ASSEMBLY

Area C Web Site: www.aa-area-c.org

Copies of all Area C Minutes available in Area C forum under heading: Area C (Central Coast, Lower Hunter and Newcastle)

Date:	14 th July 2007		
Meeting Opened:	1.45pm		
Attendance:	Jim K – Freedom (Delegate)	Vince D – Shortland BB	
	Jeff J – Tarro YAH (Secretary)	Grant S – Tarro BBS	
	Mick K – Turning Pt	Ian M – Truth	
	Kevin S - Pelican	Steve J – Tarro BBS	PI
	Sue – Wallsend	Kay - Toronto	
	Keith - Pelican		
Apologies:	Mick E - Treasurer	Mick S – Turning Pt	
	John C - Freedom		
Traditions Read By:	Ian M – Truth		
SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jeff J – Tarro			
<p>In this quarter we have seen the passing of one of the Area's favourite sons Andy A of the Civic. What a gap this man has left in his wake. Andy was the GSR of his group, he was the D.C.M of the Newcastle District and the Institutions coordinator, organising members to talk to newcomers at Kirkwood house, Lakeview lodge and Linguard hospital. Andy attended Kirkwood house himself as often as he could and was always enthusiastic about working with the newcomer. Andy you are greatly missed around here by us all, and I am sure you have been welcomed with both arms where you are now. Wishing you love and peace always.</p> <p>Sadly this area also lost Bob Q of the Raymond Terrace Group a sober member there for over 30yrs, becoming a member at the first meeting of the group. Bob had endured a long illness and was unable to get to many meetings in the past couple of years; however he still managed to touch some hearts in the fellowship. Rest in Peace Mate. Our condolences and best wishes go to James Q (Bob's son) and Family.</p> <p>Minutes of the previous month's meeting distributed and accepted as read.</p>			
Business Arising:	Nil		
Moved Accepted :	Grant S – Tarro BBS	Seconded :	Ian M - Truth
CORRESPONDENCE			
INWARDS: AA Around Australia – Box 459 (New York) – CSO notification of National Conference – National Office annual stocktake last week of June – Flyers for 43rd National Conference in Adelaide 1 st – 4th November 2007.			
Outward: Email to Sensis re white pages listing.			
Business Arising:	Nil		
Moved Accepted :	Ian Truth	Seconded:	Vince D – Shortland BB

AREA CHAIR REPORT: Naomi - Grassroots

No Report – Not advised of absence.

Business Arising:**Moved Accepted :****Seconded :****Treasures Report as at 13/7/2007**

Opening Balances:	Achiever Passbook	\$5984.69
	Cheque Book	\$ 943.51

Incoming Money:**Donations:**

1. Area C Meeting Donations		\$ 23.50
2. Freedom	(48)	\$ 50.00
3. Pelican	(49)	\$ 50.00
4. Karuah	(53)	\$ 50.00
5. Boolaroo		\$ 50.00

Total Donations		\$223.50
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Incoming from Literature:

1. Freedom	(50)	\$ 72.60
2. Pelican	(51)	\$ 35.10
3. Turning Point	(52)	\$ 24.50
4. ?? Big Book Purchase		\$ 17.60

<i>Literature sub-total</i>		\$149.80
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Total Incoming Money		\$373.30
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Outgoing Money: (via cheque)

1. National Office for Literature		\$194.91
2. Jeff.J. (phone connection, mail-out of minutes etc.)		\$146.90
3. Bank Charges – clearance fee x 3		\$ 1.20

Total Outgoing		\$343.01
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Transfer: \$4984.69 from Passbook to Cheque Book (as Area directed)

Closing Balance	Achiever Passbook	\$1005.47
	Cheque Book	\$5909.02

Balances include:	Interest on Achiever Passbook	\$5.47
	Interest on Cheque Book	\$0.53

During the time passed since the last report there has been a designated float and a petty cash fund established. I will only record a balance for these during each report; however a comprehensive balance sheet will be kept and your inspection is invited at any time.

Float Balance	\$ 50.00
Petty Cash Balance	\$111.00

Business Arising:

Nil

Moved Accepted :

Mick K – Turning Pt

Seconded :

Ian - Truth

Area Delegates Report: Jim K – Freedom

In the past 3 months I have been visiting Groups in Lake Macquarie as well as doing my national committee works and keeping up to date on AA National Business.

I have attended Newcastle district, Port Stephens Lower Hunter District, Events Committee, and PI&CPC committee meetings. As well I have provided information to Vince D for the preparation of our convention 2010 bid.

I have been preparing a new approach for our Courts program in conjunction with Tom our court coordinator. We have a prepared letter for the Assembly to consider today. For half of the 3 months I was on 24/7 call on our new contact number, handing that over to Kevin S a month or so ago to bring us up to our roster start date.

I have prepared some where in the region of 700 Pi posters with our new number and web address and laminated them for our PI campaign.

All together I have had a very busy three months there is a lot of meetings in other districts I have done as well what is mentioned above.

Yours in Service

Jim King

Business Arising:	Nil
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Moved Accepted :	Ian – Truth	Seconded :	Mick K – Turning Pt
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DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

LAKE MACQUARIE DISTRICT (Currently inactive)

Business Arising:	Nil
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Moved Accepted :		Seconded :	
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NEWCASTLE DISTRICT: No DCM

Due to Andy's death – there is no report.

Business Arising:	Nil
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Moved Accepted :	Mick E – Tarro	Seconded :	Vince D – Shortland BB
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LOWER HUNTER & PORT STEPHENS DISTRICT: Ian M - Truth

1...Literature sales via District from National Office are good. Groups purchasing literature since last area meeting are; Kurri Steps, Kurri As Bill Sees It, TarroBBS, Tarro Young at Heart, Truth group, Cessnock Steps & this District.

We were sent an order from National Office, which was ordered back in April & fulfilled then. Rather than returning it, we have kept it & will pass on as groups require more stock.

2....Lennie S has this week changed to max security section. This may be a further opportunity to carry our message. Other meetings will continue as usual. Another cessnock member has been approved to go inside for meetings.

3...AA at a Glance leaflets with our new ph. No. & area C web site stamped on them, have been handed to Lorn Dr Surgery on Thursday 12/07 (contact: Dr Sylvia Ireland ph.4933 2622). She also took 3 x AA A4 PI posters.

4...At last District meeting, because of lack of other Districts, it was decided to meet prior to Area C meetings at the same venue & probably to amalgamate District meetings into Area. This is due to a general lack of support from groups in the Area C region. However, this can only be decided with Area approval.

5...District account balance is currently \$1075.36. With literature expenses & payments, our balance soon will be approximately \$775.00.

We will have in stock 5 x Big Books, 10 x pocket Big Books & sundry brochures in stocks including approximately 3,500 x AA At a Glance, & 50 x laminated A4 PI posters.

6...Branxton 3pm Wednesday meeting is still on, except during school holidays.

Hit the Wall next meeting will be 18/08/07. This will cover both 1st August & 1st September meetings.

7... Tarro BBS has altered its guidelines in an effort to promote more newcomer participation.

Yours in Service - Ian M - District Committee Member
Port Stephens & Lower Hunter

Business Arising:	Nil
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Moved Accepted :	Grant S – Tarro BB	Seconded :	Steve – Tarro BB
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CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS REPORT: No Report

**REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS REPORT:
DETOXES / TREATMENT CENTRES**

INSTITUTIONS 12 STEP OPPORTUNITIES

LAKEVIEW LODGE REPORT: APRIL-MAY--JUNE 2007.

Meeting Details:	Alcohol	Drugs	Males	Females
APRIL	26	20	28	18
MAY	27	24	30	21
JUNE	20	24	24	20

All scheduled meetings were held and there were very few problems .

Past and present members, who have attended the Detoxes over past years, attended the Funeral of Andy A, our Co-ordinator, who passed away during the period. Andy's contribution was substantial and he will be missed both in Service and as a friend.

My thanks to Irish Kev for his co-operation.

KIRKWOOD HOUSE REPORT

APRIL-MAY-JUNE 2007.


No report for this period due to the death of kirkwood coordinator Andy A. Steps have been taken to ensure a report in future.

Kevin S.

Lingard Hospital Report – July 2007

Everything continues to run smoothly. We have a full roster of 6 volunteers and our monthly visits continue to garner a lot of interest from the patients and support from the staff. We are getting regular calls for 12th step work, and in the past three months several patients have attended meetings as a result of this work.

James Q - Lingard Hospital Coordinator

Business Arising: Nil			
Moved Accepted : Grant S – Tarro BB		Seconded: Ian – Truth	
Tomago Detention Centre: <i>Currently no meetings</i>			
COURTS PROGRAMME : Tom M – Raymond Terrace			
12 Step Volunteers needed for Court Program		Contact:	49873249 0419681636
Tom - Raymond Terrace :			
No Report			
Business Arising: Nil			
Moved Accepted :	Vince D – Shortland BB	Seconded :	Grant S – Tarro BB
EVENTS & WORKSHOP COMMITTEE REPORT:			
“No Report”			
Business Arising:	Nil		
Moved Accepted :		Seconded :	
PI COMMITTEE REPORT: Steve J - EMBB			
Business Arising:	Nil		
<p><u>A). The 2007 Phone & 12 Step Plan: Steve J TBBS</u></p> <p>Whilst we have had problems bringing the Phone & 12 Step rosters & training to a conclusion we have had great success in the Poster campaign. We have up approx. 114 Posters in the Lower Hunter District. We have approx. 7 up in the Newcastle/Lake region with another 80 or so in the wild.</p>			
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<p>We ask that anyone who is aware of people interested in volunteering for 12 step work or answering the Phone to please forward them to Steve J 0419 495 804 or Jeff J 0404 817 369 or your local GSR.</p>			
<p>The Initiate & Measure July/Aug/Sept points to date are:</p>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1). July - Collate Data from Rosters 2). July - Telephone Techniques Training Delivered. Date decided after roster data compiled. 3). July – Implement Roster & Call diversion, measure effectiveness & address any issues. 4). July – The Area C Phone Number is now in the White pages & Yellow pages. 5). August – TV broadcasts of AA approved announcements. 6). September – Radio broadcasts of AA approved announcements. 			

7). September – PI Poster & Pamphlets, targeting gaps on an ongoing basis.

8). September – Newspaper Announcements ongoing. Ian M requires members to write there AA story in 150 words for a weekly column to be published in the Maitland mercury. Please forward the stories to Ian M or your local GSR.

B). The 2007 PI Health Plan: Jim K Freedom

Jim K is going to look after this area of PI for the time being. We have received a response letter to our proposal from a representative of the Hunter New England Area Health CEO. Jim K will look at other avenue's we can take. Thanks Jim.

C) 2007 Schools PI Plan: Mick E (Boatie Mick) TYAH

The PI Schools plan is currently at the Research & Development stage. Mick E has done research into the schools program with the help of Jim K. Mick E is currently looking for members & speakers. If you know of anyone interested could you please forward them to Mick E or Steve J 0419495804. Thanks.

D) 2007 AI Anon/Alateen Plan: Grant S TBBS

The PI AI Anon/Alateen plan is currently at the Research & Development stage. Grant S is currently looking for members. If you know of anyone interested could you please forward them to Grant S or Steve J 0419495804. Thanks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in PI, you are doing a fantastic job/service, informing the still suffering Alcoholic there may be a solution to his problem through AA. God Bless you all.

This concludes the PI committee report in Total.

Yours in the spirit of the fellowship,

Steve J

Moved Accepted : Vince D – Shortland BB

Ian M – Truth

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Smart ring and number display to distinguish AA service on phone, was discussed.
2. Emergency numbers to be placed on diverter phone volunteers sheets for incorrect calls.
3. Vince D presented booklet acquired from Newcastle Council with facilities and Accommodation, which was quite impressive. This was to do with the bid for the 2010 Australian Convention which Area C would like to hold in Newcastle.

Vince and Committee will now produce a detailed overview of how this can be achieved by this Area and present it as a bid to the National Office (GSO) of AA.

4. It was decide that the formation of The Greater Newcastle District – Area C be put in place. This District will include all of the Newcastle and Lower Hunter, this was decided due to the duplication of positions and the time involved to, carry out the meetings involved with the duplication.

This will make us more efficient and give us more time for our primary purpose of helping the sick Alcoholic.

The District will meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 1.30pm.
 The Area will meet every 3 months inclusive of the above.

Next meeting will be 11th August 2007 at 1.30pm
Venue: Tarro Community Hall – Northern Avenue Tarro

Business Arising: Nil

Moved Accepted : Vince D – Shortland BB **Seconded :** Ian - Truth

NOTICES OF SERVICE POSITIONS VACANT:

All positions will be reviewed, due to the amalgamating of the Districts.

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 borders.

REMINDERS:

RALLIES, BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Meeting Closed in Harmony, Unity and Good AA Fellowship with the Serenity Prayer at: 4.15pm

NEXT MEETING:	1.30 pm – 11th August 2007 Tarro Community Hall Northern Avenue Tarro
E-mail:	Area Secretary < secretary@aa-area-c.org PI/CPC < pi@aa-area-c.org Literature email this address to get an electronic price list and electronic order form: < literature@aa-area-c.org
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Donate to Area C:	Bank Name: Newcastle Permanent building Society Account Name: Alcoholics Anonymous BSB: 650400 Account Number: 960962709 Have Group Name or initials Added: ie; Stockton