

AREA B ASSEMBLY MINUTES
WESTERN REGION of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

5th May, 2018.

12 Step House, 88 Bawdan Street, Willagee

1. Meeting Opened at 2:04pm
2. Read 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts
3. **Present:** Oliver (Chairperson Area B, Willagee Just for Today Tuesday), Lesley (Treasurer Area B, Willagee Living Sober Monday GSR), Dominic (Delegate Area B, Fremantle Thursday Night Literature Group), Sue B (Registrar Area B, Kalamunda Group), Clare S (Alternate Delegate Area B, Beaconsfield Early Risers GSR), Damien T (Prisons and Institutions Delegate Area B), Paul J (Western Regional Trustee), Lyndal T (Area B PI, Beaconsfield Big Book Wednesday GSR), Jon D (Beaconsfield Big Book Wednesday), Daniel M (Beaconsfield Early Risers), Dennis D (DCM Peel District), Tracey B (Fremantle Spiritual Concepts Group), Robert C (Ardross), Don R (Armadale GSR), Darren E (Forrestfield), Brad H (Medina Tuesday Night), Jenny S (South Fremantle Steps GSR), Darren K (WAYPAA), Jane J (Dunsborough Saturday Group), Audrey F (Dunsborough Into Action Wednesday Group), Jaymie A (Coolbelup Group)
4. **Apologies:** Kerry I (People's Group Rockingham GSR), Dave B (Busselton Monday and Thursday GSR), Kerry S, Caz (Mundijong), Lesley F (Port District Chair)
5. **Previous Minutes:**
Business arising from meeting held on 10th Feb 2018.
 - Election of Area B office bearers – following on from item d) of general business; *“A motion was put forward that the incumbent office bearers [except for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate] relinquish their current positions immediately and a new committee be formed”.*
 - The term of the new committee will be until February 2020, except for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate who will rotate off in 2019.
 - Election of Chairperson: Oliver L nominated (by Don) 2nd (Lesley R) elected unopposed.
 - Election of Secretary: Jaymie nominated (by Dominic) 2nd (Darren) elected unopposed
 - Election of Treasurer: Brad nominated (by Darren) 2nd (Don) elected unopposed
 - Election of Public Information Representative: Lyndal nominated (by Brad) 2nd (Darren) elected unopposed
 - Election of Institutions Representative: Damien nominated (by Clare) 2nd (Lyndal) elected unopposed
 - Election of Alternate Corrections Representative: Daniel M nominated (by Damien) 2nd (Lesley F) elected unopposed
 - Election of Registrar: nominated Lesley R (by Sue) 2nd (Don)Minutes Accepted: Sue Seconded: Damien
6. **Correspondence In:** Various Area B committee correspondence, Bank Statements; Area A Minutes; Port District Minutes and correspondence, Area A Delegate 'Inventory / Structure Review', CSO correspondence.
7. **Correspondence Out:** Feb 2018 Area B Minutes sent to all members, Area A and CSO, Various Area B committee correspondence.
8. **Area B Committee Reports:**
 - a) **Chairperson – Oliver**

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Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the 2018 National Convention Host Planning Committee in delivering a very successful and well-attended national convention over Easter. As an attendee, I felt that the program was diverse and well considered. Significant events like these require years of service to deliver and the Host Planning Committee and other volunteers did a marvellous job.

A new Area A committee was voted in at their February assembly, I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their service, and wish the incumbents the best of luck in their new roles. I look forward to working with Area A on matters arising in the Western Region requiring the attention of both Areas.

It is clear that often the same devoted servants find themselves in AA service. Of course, we all have a degree of self-interest in doing service; it assists in maintaining our sobriety and enriching our understanding of the diversity and scope of AA. However, for AA to flourish into the future, we need to encourage members into service. Maybe this is not being communicated adequately to the membership. Maybe the membership takes these 'prodigies of service' for granted, hoping that someone else takes on these roles? I believe that the reality falls somewhere between these extremes.

My exposure to AA service beyond the group level came when my sobriety was well established. Until then, I was happy to assist different home groups I had in numerous capacities. Here I learnt about the traditions and the triangle of service, unity and recovery. At some point, I was introduced to service as a GSR, mostly due to the encouragement of one older sober member. From this point, my understanding and appreciation of the AA has only deepened.

Following the last Area Assembly in February, it seems apparent that we in Area B could better integrate the concepts of service, unity and recovery. Firstly, Service. I hope I can encourage all members to be aware of the guidelines and procedures set out in our Australian-based literature, specifically the Australian Service Manual and Guidelines. This literature is available freely online and is an invaluable resource for all members. The election of new office bearers today, in accordance with the Service Manual, brings us into alignment with Area A, and I would like to thank our Area Delegate Dominic, for bringing this important issue to our attention at the last assembly.

This brings me to second side of the AA 'triangle', Unity. My personal perspective on the last assembly is that the dissolution of the previous committee was rushed. As chairperson, I encourage members to allow adequate time for motions to be discussed and voted upon. If time is not available, the committee will discuss further between the assemblies, or raise the issue at the following assembly if a vote from the wider membership is required. We have been voted in as trusted servants, and I hope we can fulfil this remit for you. Unity means working together as a functioning committee between the meetings. Unity also means that members try to adhere to the guidelines, no matter what personal perspectives they have. I hope to lead Area B forward with a reinvigorated attention to AA service structure, both at the assemblies and between.

Finally, Recovery. A member I met in my early sobriety used to repeat the following mantra; "Work the paradox of the program." Without recovery, we cannot attempt to be of service, or bring unity to a situation. However, where service or unity is lacking, personal recovery can be challenging. AA is full of miracles based upon developing some form of spiritual concept, sobriety and fellowship, and I am certainly one of those. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

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b) Outgoing Treasurer – Lesley

| AREA B TREASURER'S REPORT 11th Feb to 3rd May 2018 | | |
|---|--|--------------------|
| | Direct Contributions from Groups | Amount |
| | Fremantle Serenity Group (3 x \$10 donations) | \$30.00 |
| | Just For Today Group Willagee | \$150.00 |
| | Living Sober Group Willagee | \$80.00 |
| | Beaconsfield AA Big Book | \$138.03 |
| | Armadale Group | \$150.00 |
| | Mandurah Steps Group | \$18.00 |
| | Individual Donation (George at Beaconsfield AA Big Book) | \$10.00 |
| | Sub Total | \$576.03 |
| | 60/30/10 Contributions distributed by CSO | Amount |
| | Area B Split January to March 2018 | \$593.57 |
| | Sub Total | \$593.57 |
| | TOTAL GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS | \$1,169.60 |
| Thank you to all groups for your ongoing support through donations. Please help to identify your deposit by making sure that your group name is put on the deposit slip or EFT reference message. If you are contributing through deposits to the CSO you must state that your deposit is to be distributed 60/30/10 or 50/30/10/10, otherwise it will all stay with CSO and Area B will not receive the donation. You can also make direct deposits to Alcoholics Anonymous Area B - BSB# 066156 ACC# 00901566 | | |
| | Item | Cum Balance |
| Starting Balance | As per bank statement - February 6th 2017 | \$1,244.93 |
| Income | Direct Group Contributions | \$576.03 |
| | 60/30/10 Contributions from CSO January to March Split deosited 20th April | \$593.57 |
| | Tradition 7 - Area B Assembly - 10th February 2018 | \$52.50 |
| | Interest - (Nil Interest on Society Account) | \$0.00 |
| Total Income | | \$1,222.10 |
| Expenses | chq. # 000544. 19th Feb2018 to CSO E.Perth for Area B Literature Acct. | -\$200.00 |
| | chq. # 000545. 1st March2018 for WA Alc&OD's Conf Exhibition Fee to Area A PI Rep. | -\$250.00 |
| | chq. # 000546. 11th April2018 to Gen Service Office, Sydney for 2nd Quarterly Levy | -\$750.00 |
| | chq. # 000547. 1st May2018Generation Next. 50% Registration Fee to Area A PI Rep. | -\$110.00 |
| | chq. # 000548. 1st May2018 Annual Rent Payment to Willagee Clubhouse | -\$80.00 |
| Total Expenses | | -\$1,390.00 |
| Closing Balance | | \$1,077.03 |
| BANK BALANCE | 3-May-17 | \$1,077.03 |

There are copies of CSO split printed for GSR's to see.
 There are copies of the Area B statements for GSR's information.
 This Quarter saw the payment of the 2nd Quarters' Levy to The General Service Board of AA Australia, Sydney. Deposit books are available by e mailing me (areabtreasurer1@gmail.com).
 . Thank you to groups for their support to Area B this 1/4.
****Effective balance is \$247.03. Lesley R. Treasurer Area B 3rd May 2018**

The low levels of donations are a cause for concern, perhaps Area B Committee should address this through organising a fund raiser event.
 Those GSR's available to volunteer to help please email ideas to areabtreasurer1@gmail.com

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Suggested that GSRs take back to their groups the fact Area B does not have a prudent operating reserve longer than three months. Direct donations to Area B from group could help here.

c) Delegate – Dominic H

- Dominic outlined his role as delegate
- Mentioned the number of Area B reps on the HPC
- Various PI opportunities undertaken – well received
- Attended Busselton Round up – provided positive feedback
- Spoke to intention of AA groups wanting to form a South West District
- Room at the Art Gallery in Bunbury booked for 28th July 3pm Assembly and then an AA meeting at 7pm (same date as founding of AA in Western Australia) – spoke to encouraging area B for providing financial support.

d) Western Region Trustee – Paul Jones

The board met in Sydney on Saturday 17/02/2018. A first for the board was that, due to austerity measures, we only met for 1 day instead of the usual 2 days. Therefore, there was not any long discussion about current matters before the board.

The convention was a smashing success and all reports have been extremely positive. We had 890 attendees, 50 of which were visitors from the public or treatment centres, and the event was self-supporting.

A massive thank you to all the Host Planning Committee members, their sub-committees, all who volunteered, raised funds, groups who contributed and all members who attended to make this a convention to remember.

I am privileged to be of service and if I can help in any way, please call or email me. 0427856422 pdjnz@hotmail.com

e) Public Information Representative – Lyndal

Matters arising from previous business

- Previously approved funds were used to purchase literature stands and literature, minor amount left.
- I contacted the Fremantle Herald, outcome ongoing. Other print sources contacted. Outcomes in report.
- Ordered and received Doctors packs and have distributed some. Have not provided AA questionnaire on clipboard as intended, action ongoing.
- A list of Area B meetings obtained to use for PI efforts and literature distribution.

General PI Business

- A roster of members attended the 2018nWA Alcohol and other Drug Conference, 21st March 2018 Reference information available. The conference papers are now available on the WANADA and MHC websites. My standout is Professor Tanya Chikritzhs – Alcohol Policy Research, National Drug Research Centre, Curtin University - Why is cancer alcohol's best kept secret? It's about keeping the truth about health effects of cancer from alcohol away from the consumer.
- I have been gathering a contact list of volunteer members for various areas within PI work, which is looking good! (See attached document of PI Service being done, ongoing and future directions)
- Liaison with Area A PI Rep – general affairs, upcoming events, Generation X and Kelmscott Senior High School Health Expo.

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- Liaison with Joyce and Kerry the Peel District PI Reps, informing me of the role and actions.
- Linked in with Dave, National PI Rep via email and a PI Facebook Group
- PI Sub-committee - first meeting on 19th May, Kwinana to be held to co-ordinate and increase Public Information through a wide span of avenues.

Finances I would like to request for funds totalling \$450 from receipts where funds had been previously approved. The make up of this request is \$50 petty cash, \$50 for literature stamp set, \$50 stationary set, \$50 for library letter kits and workshop/informal presentation kits, \$150 for 2 public events and general pamphlets and packs to be co-ordinated and distributed to organisations and services in the community, \$50 for literature.

Damien made a motion to approach Port District for the funds 2nd Darren. Motion passed.

PI Actions Feb – May 2018

Libraries

| Date | Libraries | contact | Action | Outcome |
|---------|-----------|--------------------------|--|---|
| 4/4/18 | Fremantle | Visited Under renovation | Visit later | |
| " | Melville | Visited Under renovation | Visit later | |
| " | Spearwood | Visited Not taking PI | Go to their online community information base | continuing |
| | Coobellup | visited | Set up display and pamphlets | Very receptive contact Mirando Radja 94113833 |
| 26/4/18 | Cockburn | visited | To email display person seek formal permission to and deliver pamphlets and make a display | continuing |

Miscellaneous

| Date | | | Action | |
|--------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 4/4/18 | See city council community services tab | | | |
| 4/4/18 | Meeting place | | Info delivered | Very welcoming |
| | Womens health centre | Approach for women's health day | | |
| 4/4/18 | Headspace | | Info delivered, follow up in time | Very welcoming follow up if they want AA |

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| | | | | presentations |
| | Noongar street patrol | | | |
| | RTR fm Social issues | Radio interview | To explore | |
| 5/5/18 | Source Al-anon cards to offer out | | | |
| | Call Ravensthorpe Police | Email from CSO I called Esperance AA to approach Sargent for help in dealing with the alcohol problem and to promote AA. Sydney AA sent Ravi some literature | Esperance explored a volunteer to go but came back in the negative | Follow up call to Ravensthorpe and to Esperance |
| 5/5/18 | Info stand at the Fremantle markets | | | |
| 4/5/18 | St Pats Day Centre | Meeting with Traci Cascioli Day Centre Manager | Very responsive, took literature, wants more, particularly Aboriginal focused lit. Will approach staff to have us do info sessions | Provide more literature |

Government Agencies

| Date | Government Agencies | Action | Future Action | Notes |
|--------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------|
| 4/4/18 | Courts in Freo | Info delivered | | |
| 4/4/18 | Fremantle Justice Complex | " | | |
| 4/4/18 | Community Justice Services | " | | |
| 4/4/18 | Fremantle Family Violence Service | " | | |

Hospitals and General Practices

| Date | Contact Point | Action | Action | Comment | Future |
|-------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| April | Canning Medical Centre Freo | Literature for waiting room | It will be passed to management | New refit does not have room for community pamphlets | Seek outcome in time |
| April | | My GP took professional pack | | Accepting of it | Provide GP packs to members through home groups and |

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| | | | | | PI reps |
| 5/5/18 | Fremantle Hospital Mental Health Services | Spoke to Kelly Ryan, to email her formal introduction and literature, she will pass to Drug and Alcohol Nurse and Consumer Advisory Group | | | Email Kelly Ryan Seek members to attend |
| April | Bentley Hospital mental health unit | Attended informal sharing with Bec and made contact with Maria (staff) | | | Collect and educate volunteers to continue the service Find a Treatment Facilities Rep |
| | Doctor Nelson | | | | Rep to approach |
| | The Street Doctor | | | | |

Prisons

| Date | Contact point | Action | Future Action | Notes |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| April | Damian T Kerry S | Waiting for word from Mauz, Melaleuca Remand and Re- Integration Facility | | I have email contacts of volunteers |

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AA Ads in hard copy and digital publications

| Date | Source | contact | Confirmed ad will go in | Outcome |
|--------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| 3/4/18 | Community news groups | Query sent via their website | no | Follow up call to Fremantle Herald 94307727 |
| 3/4/18 | Little Aussie Directories | Yes, email | One ad per year in N/S directory Info in every issue under 'what's on and useful numbers' | 10/4/18 Will be in next issue South May North June alternates |
| April | The Meeting Place | Face to face | Is in their program | continuing |
| March | WANANDA (from WADrugs Conference) | Face to face | We appear in their Green Book Directory, yet to sight, intend to | continuing |

Media

| Date | Contact point | Action | Future Action | Notes |
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| March | Kent | Contacted Freo Radio | ? | |

f) Outgoing Registrar – Sue B

In Area B we have **59** meetings in the Metro area and we have **33** Country meetings. This is meetings, not groups. Listed in Serenity are **4** Prison meeting places - Casuarina, Hakea, Karnet and Murdoch/Wandoo. I don't know how many actual meetings take place and nor do I know the status of prison meetings in Albany or Bunbury as they are not listed. All of our meetings (except Prisons) are listed on the GSO Find A Meeting feature, with Google maps attached.

We recently got in touch with all Country Contact members listed in Serenity and the updated list will appear from the June issue onwards.

Don raised concern over the Armadale Group still being listed as 3 separate groups: suggested to speak directly to CSO office.

g) Corrections Representative –Damien T

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Financial Report -

Donations from Groups

- 3/5/18; \$110 donated from the Armadale Group for prison literature.
- 20/4/18 \$200 from Beacon Group for prison literature.
- 23/3/18; \$50 from Beaconsfield Early Risers Group for prison literature.
- 11/2/18; \$300 donated from and from Old Timers Meeting hosted by the Peel District for prison literature.
- 10/2/18; Port District \$400 to buy Banners and literature for Expos

Spending at CSO

3/4/18; \$220 PI literature, 6/4/18; \$60.90 PI literature, 12/4/18; \$24.10 Literature for Hakea, 11/2/18; \$21.80 12&12 x 1 selection of pamphlets and info for Casuarina, 20/2/18; \$17 Service Manual? \$343.80; Total spending at CSO this period

\$495.70 Credit left at CSO as of 5/5/18

Progress Report

3/5/18 - Ongoing discussion with Maureen from Melaleuca Remand and Reintegration Facility, she is keen to proceed and called me again today re; a meeting with Lyndal, Kerry and myself and to discuss clearance options

26/04/18 - Received the report from National Corrections Coordinator Maureen Bernard meeting with the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and the Operations Manager of Corrections Queensland. This report is available on request.

12/4/18 - Posted 2 Big Books to Hakea for the library and put together a package of DVDs, pamphlets and information for corrections professionals for Kellie Vaughan, the acting vice superintendent. The discussion about setting up a new meeting there is progressing slowly. Need help.

5/4/18 - Received an email from Narelle Buchanan asking for pamphlets and information in the Outcare and visitors centre at Casuarina. I used the serenity mags and pamphlets I had in the box from the Wandoo meeting and stocked them up. This needs to be replaced every month or so.

2/4/18 Report from the Convention

Corrections workshop well attended and attracted several new applications for clearance. Casuarina Prison gave Narelle Buchanan clearance to attend the weekend as their representative. Narelle attended several meeting, met with Vanda, and some other service trustees and the new National Corrections Coordinator, Maureen Bernard. Unfortunately, none of our request to the prisons for attendance from inmates was accepted however I did receive replies thanking us for the invitations.

31/3/18 Melaleuca Remand and Reintegration Facility contacted AA with regards to getting a meeting set up and running in their facility, Kerry and Lyndal have decided to co-op this task as it is a women's prison and I cannot attend.

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27/3/18 - The meeting in Karnet is reading a step each week, so I took the 12&12s from Wando to Karnet

26/3/18 - Picked up the AA material from Wandoo Reintegration Facility there was banners and a box full of Big Books and 12 & 12s. I have distributed these amongst the other prisons as they were needed. The Big Books mostly went to guys in Casuarina that had asked to be sponsored or go through the steps, as has now become the tradition.

23/3/18 - Last meeting of Wandoo. It was sad to say goodbye to the guys, but most of them have been transferred down to Karnet where they have been attending the AA meeting there with good results.

21/3/18 - Received an email from Kellie Vaughan, the acting vice superintendent at Hakea requesting support for the meeting as they now have over 1000 inmate. We are currently in discussion about changing the meeting to a Sunday and trying to restart it. I am curtly seeking interested members to get involved in starting a new meeting there. Need help.

20/2/18 - Received an email from Wandoo Reintegration Facility notifying us of the facilities impending close and a date for the last meeting which will be the 23/3/18. I have made arrangements to pick up the banners and box of literature after the last meeting. I sent an email thanking the prison for access over the past years. The tread of correspondence is available for viewing on request.

17/2/18 - Received a letter from the Host Planning committee requesting Darren C (an inmate from Casuarina Prison) as a guest speaker for the National Convention. Which I forwarded on to Narelle Buchanan. The host planning committee also offered to sponsor two of the inmates from Wandoo if the facilities would give them a day release.

15/2/18 - I sent out invitations to the National Convention with a flyer and an itinerary to all the prisons south of the river.

11/2/18 - Received a request from Correction at Casuarina wanting to understand how groups run and the service structure of AA works. So I put together a section of pamphlets, a 12&12 and the Group handbook and posted off the package. This has come about due to the interest in and growth of the AA meeting there. The guys are involved in the meeting, set it up, chair it and have their own secretary. It's very encouraging and would not have happened without the support of Narelle.

10/2/18 - Discussion with HPC about inviting Darren Campbell (inmate at Casuarina) to be a guest speaker at National convention. They will formalise a letter for me to forward on.

10/2/18 - Port District donated \$400 to Corrections and PI Area B to buy Banners and prison specific literature for Prison Expos, Workshops and PI Stands. I now have the banners printed up and a briefcase of books and DVDs and pamphlets. The banners are for Area B in general, but the literature is Corrections specific. Anyone needing the banners can contact me.

Prisons of Area B

1. Albany Prison (Lethal Parameter Maximum Security)

Cherry T and John R continue to keep the doors open, numbers are low, but there are a few regulars. Area B can continue to support them with literature, and I can visit them in July.

2. Casuarina Prison (Maximum Security)

The meeting is well attended by inmates. There is a strong desire from the guys to do the steps. We have now been given access to the small kitchen in the chapel as well, and

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it is common for two guys at each meeting to be working on the steps with a sponsor in the side rooms. Could do with more support from outside members attending the meeting, especially those willing to sponsor. We are hearing reports from the inmates that have done the steps that they are now sponsoring the other inmates too. Overall, very exciting atmosphere, a strong service structure has been adopted by the inmates that run the meeting, and the meeting is taken very seriously, as is the program. It's a privilege to be a part of what is happening in there, much thanks to James M, Dan M, Barbara B and George M for their consistent support.

3. Karnet Prison (Minimum Security)

Very much the same as above, only not as many inmates attending. Meeting has 5-8 regular members, with one or two newcomers each week. Needs support from members. Inmates are often transferred between facilities and maximum and minimum complexes, so when guys come here from Casuarina or Wandoo, we already know them, which has helped a lot.

4. Wandoo Prison (Reintegration Facility)

Now closed permanently.

5. Bunbury Prison

No Report

6. Hakea Prison

I have not been able to find members to attend due to the meeting being held on a Thursday during work hours. Currently trying to restart the meeting on a weekend so that we can get some members to attend.

9. District Committee Member (DCM) Reports:

a) **Peel District** – Report not received.

b) **Port District** – Support for PI – Film night & PI information service event at the Willagee Club House 30th June 2018

c) **WAYPAA** – Western Australia is hosting AUSYPAA again this year.

10. General Service Representative (GSR) Reports

a) Willagee Living Sober Monday: Lesley R, GSR –

No radical or indeed moderate differences to report, as thankfully our friendly group remains viable thanks mainly to newcomers and returning members and occasional visitors from further afield. Consider dropping in when able and enjoy our friendly supportive meeting where a round-robin reading from the book "Living Sober" sets the scene for sharing about anything relating to your alcoholism. We invite attendees to share experience strength and hope either inspired by the chapter or when recent new member present, to share their story of what it was like, what happened and what it is like now. This last quarter the group financially supported Area B.

b) The People's Group, Rockingham, Kerry I, GSR –

Our three mtgs are well attended with newcomers and a good healthy group structure. We have three mtgs. Frid. Nite is our speaker mtg followed by reading a passage from Came to Believe and 5 minutes share. Sunday night is Traditions mtg and Sunday morning is a Promises Mtg. We welcome newcomers with little bb and newcomers pack, offer sponsorship and split 7th tradition and at times give to Prisons for literature. Our Peel District held a Steps day last Sat. It was a wonderful day of sharing on the principles of the steps with 12 speakers. About 45 - 50 members came with great food and fellowship. A portion of money received will be donated to Prisons. Our new Area PI was present with a great literature set up. Our District also set up AA stand at Mundijong library for three weeks.

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c) Busselton Monday and Thursday, Dave B, GSR –

The Busselton group has been preoccupied with the 2018 Round Up that was successfully held on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of April. Attendance numbers were down this year but it was none the less a very successful event. This year we had a guest International Speaker (Dr Reshie J) who spoke at the Public Meeting on Friday night to kick off the weekend. This year for the first time we catered the event ourselves and received glowing compliments for the food and meals. We will continue doing this in future as it galvanised the membership and got more South West groups involved. In short it was a great weekend.

d) Armadale Group, Don R GSR -

Armadale continues to run 3 meetings each week. Numbers for Wednesday Night ID meeting vary from 10 to 18. The number of newcomers has been significant. Saturday Morning Steps and Traditions meeting is well up with 10-13 usually attending. Friday Night Living Sober meeting (focusing on newer members) has also grown with many first timers from Wednesday coming on Friday as well. The Friday Night meeting is focusing on a different book each month. For May they are back to reading *Came to Believe*. Monthly Group Conscience Meetings were deferred several times, but the most recent Group Conscience was very well attended with a number of the new comers staying to observe. Service positions were rotated, except where a current occupant had only recently taken on a role.

11. **Other Committee Reports:** No reports.

All Reports – Accepted: Don Seconded: Brad

12. **General Business:**

a) Proposed South West District:

There has been interest for some time in the possibility of creating a unified district in the South West and now with the kind assistance of Delegate Dom, and valued committee members from other districts willing to offer their time and support, we were able to hold an Informal Meeting at the Busselton Round-Up. A wealth of information was shared by those in attendance. One set of Service Manuals was kindly given to assist in Guidelines being observed as we move forward. Members from Bunbury, Busselton, Dunsborough and Margaret River Meetings were represented, along with visitors attending the Round-Up.

Confirmation was made that there are now enough interested and committed parties available to proceed and that each of the groups represented would return to their groups and confirm their inclusion and support. Decision made to reconvene before the Area B Assembly – this was done successfully on 3rd May 2018. Further meeting to elect office bearers in accordance with AA Guidelines scheduled and invites to be sent to local groups for those interested in attending.

The Objective

- Hold formal meeting Monday 14th May 8.30 pm - Busselton Rooms
- Form District with the Appointment of South West District Committee Members in accordance with Guidelines
- Have the next Area B Meeting held in Bunbury to coincide with 71st Anniversary Celebrations
- To have South West District Represented in future Assemblies

The Opportunity

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- Exists to extend service roles in the South West District
- Exists to form a dedicated Public Information Team servicing the South West District
- To support and foster inclusion and growth in Groups in the South West ever mindful on our Primary Purpose

Our Proposal

Is that the next Area B Meeting take place on 28th July 2018 at 3pm. This will give those attending the opportunity to stay on and celebrate the 71st Anniversary of the Bunbury Group.

Further, we ask Area B Committee consider extending their support financially in relation to the purchase of 2 further sets of Guidelines and Service manuals and for the Purchase of Public Information start up Materials. We are happy to be guided by those with more experience regarding this procedure and preferred materials. At present we have members undertaking a count of Hospitals, Institutions, Educations Facilities and the like. No doubt this will provide a clearer picture as to where funds could be allocated as we move forward. At present there are considerable numbers of enthusiastic people willing to do service and presenting a unified message utilising Public Information Guidelines is of utmost importance in ultimate goal of spreading the AA message and reaching our primary purpose.

Conclusion

In concluding this Proposal is a collaborative affair and has been put together with the goal of Representing the South West District and its members, of Providing Public Information to those in the frontlines within the region and ultimately to remain focused on our Primary Purpose –
“” ...to stay sober and to help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

Thank you for your consideration, Audrey F - Secretary Dunsborough Wednesday Group, Jane J - Secretary Dunsborough Saturday Group, Ron - GSR Bunbury Group.

Discussion around District Boundaries

Proposed that \$140 be donated to the new South West District group when they have established a bank account and that in the interim that the South West Group coordinate with Area B PI rep to access funds available in the Area B PI literature account held at CSO moved: (Clare) 2nd (Lyndal)

propose a motion to form a sub-committee to determine district boundaries (Lesley F) 2nd (Sue) passed

c) Suggestion for the Steps Workshop as conducted by Peel District (see flyer):

13. Previous Action Items:

- a) Location of next Area Assembly – Bunbury venue? July 28th?
- b) Possibility of holding workshop on service structure prior to next Area Assembly in SW. **Discussed - deemed to be too much at this point better to be held separately at a later date.**

14. 7th Tradition: \$83.90

15. Close with Serenity Prayer

16. Next Assembly: **July 28th 3pm Bunbury Art Gallery, 64 Wittenoom St.**