

AREA B ASSEMBLY MINUTES
WESTERN REGION of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

27th October, 2018, 1.00pm

12 Step House, 88 Bawdan Street, Willagee

1. Meeting opened 1.05pm
2. 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts read
3. **Attendees:** Lesley (Beaconsfield Women's Group), Jenny (South Fremantle Steps), Ron M (Bunbury), Don R. (Armada), Dennis D (DCM Peel District), Louise E (Mandurah), Martin S (Cloverdale), Trish (Fremantle Literature Group), Tom (Fremantle Sunday Beginners Group), Sally (Early Risers Beaconsfield), Corky (Kalamunda), Ann (Medina GSR), Paul J (WR Trustee), Lesley R (GSR Willagee Living Sober, Registrar Area B), Dom H (Fremantle Literature Group, Area B Delegate), Oliver (Willagee Tuesday Just For Today, Chair Area B), Lyndal (Beaconsfield Big Book Study Group, Area B PI Coordinator), Kylie Y (Turning Point Rockingham), Kerry I (The Peoples Group Rockingham), Sri V (Maddington New Beginning), Melanie R (Willagee Tuesday Just for Today), Joyce B (Medina Group), Jaymie A (Fremantle Unity Group, Secretary Area B).
4. **Apologies:** Hilary R (GSR Fremantle Hospital Friday Group), Sue B (Kalamunda Group), Damien T (Corrections Coordinator Area B), Brad (Treasurer Area B), Clare S (Early Risers Beaconsfield, Alt. Delegate Area B), Michelle (Mundijong), Nadia (Turning point GSR).
5. **Previous minutes:**
Minutes from meeting held on 28th July 2018 accepted by Don R, seconded by Ron M.
6. **Correspondence In:**
 - Various Area B committee correspondence,
 - Bank statements,
 - Area A Minutes,
 - Letter from General Service Board
7. **Correspondence Out:**
 - July 2018 Area B Minutes sent to all members, Area A and CSO
 - Various Area B committee correspondence
 - General Service Conference 2018 topics distributed to all members
8. **2018 Conference topics discussion:**
List of conference topic numbers and descriptions

Conference Policies and Admissions Committee

- **TOPIC #002/2018** – Can and should dogs be allowed at AA meetings.
Vote: majority no
- **TOPIC #006/2018** – Resolve that urgent legal action be taken against “AA Vic” for breaches of AA copyright.
Vote: yes – five (5), no – seven (7), abstain- zero(0)
- **TOPIC #007/2018** – The General Service Conference advise the General Service Board to take the action outlined in the General Service Conference 2018 Topics document to resolve the threat by the “AA Reviver” to the Australian AA Fellowship”
Vote: yes – sixteen (16), no – zero (0), abstain – one (1)
- **TOPIC #014/2018** – Increase awareness of Delegates to Conference and the fellowship as a whole of the role the GSO plays in the functioning of AA in Australia and that these functions are essential to its survival
Vote: yes – fourteen (14), no – zero (0), abstain – two (2)
- **TOPIC #025/2018** – Seek legal counsel regarding the use if the letters “AA” and the words “Alcoholics Anonymous” by AA Reviver Inc and produce another “Cease and Desist letter to AA Reviver Inc stating that the name of AA ought not be brought into public controversy by the production of materials implying they are endorsed by AA as a whole.
Vote: yes – sixteen (16), no – zero (0), abstain – one (1)

Conference Report Charter and Service Manual Committee

- **TOPIC #012/2018** – Abolish the practice of inviting AA members to speak during the dinner dance at National Conventions
Vote: yes – zero (0), no – twelve (12), abstain – five (5)

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- **TOPIC #024/2018** – Authorise a guideline on hints and suggestions on internet safety to be available for use in AA online and print publications
Vote: yes – seventeen (17), no – zero (0), abstain – zero (0)
- **TOPIC #028/2018** – The Australian Service Manual should be made available in large print format
Vote: yes – twelve (12), no – three (3), abstain – one (1)
- **TOPIC #030/2018** – That Guidelines 30 (pg 160) be amended as follows:
 - Under the heading Finance, it currently states ‘as for Regional Forums, the Board will pay for a National Office staff member or Board member, preferably the Chair of the relevant Trustees Committee to attend the Forum’
Suggest replacing this sentence with –

‘The Board will pay for the National Treatment and Correctional Facilities Coordinators and the Chairs of the Trustees Treatment and Correctional Facilities Committees to attend if available. The Forum Committee is responsible for funding any other invited guests to attend’
Vote: yes – nine (9), no – one (1), abstain – five (5)
- **TOPIC #031/2018** – Inaccurate information on page 90 of the Australian AA Service Manual is removed.
Vote: yes – sixteen (16), no – zero (0), abstain – zero (0)

Conference International Committee

- **TOPIC #013/2018** – Advise the fellowship of the amounts raised as a result of fundraising efforts for the Brown Paper Bag over the Founders Week.
Vote: yes – fifteen (15), no – zero (0), abstain – two (2)
- **TOPIC #015/2018** – Rescind Advisory Action #029/2013
Vote: yes – sixteen (16), no – zero (0), abstain – zero (0)

Combined Treatment Facilities and Special Needs/Correctional Facilities Committees

- **TOPIC #001/2018** – To combine the PI&CPC and TCF National Forums into one national 2 yearly event to be held over 3 days on the Queens Birthday Long Weekend
Vote: yes – sixteen (16), no – zero (0), abstain – zero (0)
- **TOPIC #029/2018** – General Service Conference discusses what the Fellowship can do to ensure Advisory Action 049 (month of March be recognized as National Treatment and Correctional Facilities Month) is effected
Vote: yes – fourteen (14), no – zero (0), abstain – three (3)

Conference Public Information and Co-operation with the Professional Community

- **TOPIC #004/2018** – Have listed on national or local websites or meeting lists if an AA meeting is ‘child-friendly’ or ‘non-child friendly’
Vote: yes – zero (0), no – seventeen (17), abstain – zero (0)
- **TOPIC #009/2018** – Create a 2019- long national PI sub-committee to co-ordinate events that allow the press, media, book festivals etc. to report on and celebrate the 80th anniversary of the first publishing (1939) of ‘Alcoholics Anonymous’
Vote: yes – nine (9), no – four (4), abstain – three (3)
- **TOPIC #010/2018** – Replace the current PI poster ‘A.A. It Works’ with a contemporary option
Vote: yes – sixteen (16), no – zero (0), abstain – zero (0)
- **TOPIC #011/2019** – currently AA Australia lacks a simple, easy-to-read document that outlines PI basics at a grass root, individual member level.
Vote: yes – twelve (12), no – zero (0), abstain – four (4)
- **TOPIC #032/2018** – Investigate enhancing the Meeting Search Function on the National Website to include the area and Region each listed meeting nominally falls under, based on the meetings geographical location
Vote: yes – nine (9), no – two (2), abstain – one (1)

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Conference Finance Committee

- **TOPIC #016/2018** – AA Australia recommence printing the US 4th Edition Big Book alongside the Australian 2nd Edition Big Book
Vote: yes – thirteen (13), no – zero (0), abstain two (2)
- **TOPIC #017/2018** – That topic #017/2017 voted into Advisory Action be Revoked
Topic rejected - it was noted that advisories are in place for two years and a revote cannot occur prior to this timeframe.
- **TOPIC #021/2018** – AA Around Australia is published electronically only
Vote: yes – three (3), no – ten (10), abstain – two (2)
- **TOPIC #022/2018** – AA Around Australia is a monthly rather than a 6-monthly publication
Vote: yes – zero (0), no – fourteen (14), abstain – two (2)

Conference Remote Communities Committee

- **TOPIC #008/2018** – The Remote Communities Workbook is reviewed by conference and if agreed is available as a resource to the fellowship and added to Guideline GL-035 Remote Communities as suggestions on how to carry the message to members/groups and professionals in a remote setting
Vote: yes – fourteen (14), no – zero (0), abstain – one (1)

Conference Literature Committee

- **TOPIC #003/2018** – A separate section containing 10 of the original stories from the Big Book be added to the next Printing of the Australian Edition of the Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous
Vote: yes – seven (7), no – five (5), abstain – three (3)
- **TOPIC #018/2018** – That all Literature is displayed on the website in pictorial form
Vote: yes – fifteen (15), no – zero (0), abstain – one (1)

Conference Agenda Committee

- **TOPIC #026/2018** – Provision is made in the Conference Agenda Committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure document for the presentation of *Minority Reports* to the General Service Conference
Vote: yes – zero (0), no – ten (10), abstain – four (4)

8. **Business arising from previous meeting – 28th July**

- Proposal for Steps Workshop – Brad H
Chair to follow up with Brad H and gain further information regarding proposal.

9. **Area B Committee Reports:**

- a) **Chairperson – Oliver**
Nil report
- b) **Treasurer – Brad** (please see summary over page)

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AREA B TREASURER'S REPORT 20th July to 26th October 2018

	Direct Contributions from Groups	Amount	
	Armadale Group	\$100.00	
	Rockingham Peoples Group	\$25.00	
	Medina Group	\$200.00	
	Mandurah Group Steps Group	\$40.00	
	Beaconsfield Early Risers Group	\$100.00	
	Beaconsfield Big Book Group	\$50.00	
	Armadale Group (Cash)	\$300.00	
	Fremantle Serenity Group	\$20.00	
	Living Sober Group	\$80.00	
	Just For Today - Willagee	\$20.00	
	Cheque from a Group?	\$30.00	
	Sub Total	\$965.00	
	60/30/10 Contributions distributed by CSO	Amount	
	Area B Split July to October 2018 (see other table)	\$414.00	
	Sub Total	\$414.00	
	TOTAL GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,379.00	

Thank you to all groups for your ongoing support through donations. Please help to identify your deposit by making sure that your group name/number 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		Balance
Starting Balance	As per bank statement - July 2018		\$1,476.77
Income	Direct Group Contributions	\$965.00	
	Oldtimers Meeting Art Auction (Prisons Fund)	\$860.00	
	60/30/10 Contributions from CSO January to March Split deposited 6th July	\$414.00	
	Tradition 7 - Area B Assembly - July 2018	\$77.50	
	Interest - (Nil Interest on Society Account)	\$0.00	
Total Income		\$2,316.50	\$3,793.27

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Expenses	chq.579 31st Aug 2018 3rd Quarter Levy. (\$750) Gen Service Office Sydney.	-\$750.00	
	chq.580 30th Aug PI Funds	-\$150.00	
	chq.578 2nd Aug Damien/Corrections Assembly	-\$830.00	
	Cash to PI Literature account at CSO	-\$200.00	
	Cash donation to South West District	-\$140.00	
Total Expenses		-\$2,070.00	
Closing Balance			\$1,723.27
BANK BALANCE	26/10/2018		\$1,723.27
\$830 is specifically for Damien and the Prisons Fund, donated from the Old-timers Auction			
	There are copies of CSO split printed for GSR's to see. There are copies of the Area B statements for GSR's information.	Prudent Reserve	\$830.00
	This Quarter saw the payment of the 3rd Quarters' Levy to The General Service Board of AA Australia, Sydney. Deposit books are available by emailing me (areabtreasurer1@gmail.com). Thank you to groups for their support to Area B this Quarter. <u>**Effective balance is \$33.27. Brad H. Treasurer Area B</u> <u>26th October 2018</u> Effective Balance = bank balance less \$750 + \$80 = less \$830 Prudent reserve.	Effective Balance	\$33.27

c) Delegate - Dominic H

Since our last assembly I have taken part in two teleconferences to set the agenda for the forthcoming conference to be held in Sydney next week end. Just to give you all an idea of how conference works. Delegates and board members arrive on either Wednesday or Thursday depending on the distance we have to travel. Thursday starts off with an address by the Chairman of the board reading of the traditions steps and concepts then we break up and have a delegates meeting, and the board members have a separate meeting the board is made up of the trustees from the different regions around the country our trustee is Paul J. The delegates meeting are a time to get to know each other and introduce the new delegates to the format for the week end.

Friday

This is spent in our various committees discussing the topics I am on three committees - the agenda, remote communities, and PI&CPC committees. After discussion a recommendation on the topic is decided on.

Saturday

The chair of each committee presents the recommendation to conference which again is made up of all delegates and trustees and following discussion a vote is call for on that particular topic. So this continues until all the topics have been voted on.

Following the topics we then here bids for the National Convention and any regional forums.

Sunday

We hear any floor actions these are items which did not come through as topics but a delegate felt it was important enough to bring up as a floor action. There is all so an ask it basket so at any time over the week end a question may be placed into this basket and read out on Sunday. Then we wind up with a post conference delegates meeting and say our good buys.

Once again I would like to thank area for allowing me to be your voice at conference And with God's help I hope I can serve you well.

Dom advised that Clare S will be assuming the role of the Area B delegate in February and the role of Alternate Delegate will be the be available. Members are requested to bring nominations for the Alternate Delegate position to the February meeting

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d) Western Region Trustee – Paul J

The 60th Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous is happening in the first weekend of Nov 2018.

One topic from the board regards the AA Reviver in NSW selling imported Conference Approved literature (imported from other countries) to groups in NSW & around Australia. Not only does this impinge on the licensing agreement between AA World Services & the General Service Board (GSB) of AA Australia, it has the potential to undermine the current service structure, while also denying AA Australia of funding to carry the message through the profit from literature sales.

As with all decisions at conference 2018 this will be guided by God, as worked through the group conscience.

One of my goals on the GSB is to try to improve the communication between the GSB and the fellowship as a whole as I believe this will greatly improve harmony within the fellowship.

Please Register for

Australian National Convention 2019 Canberra 18th-22 April 2019

<https://www.aanatcon2019.com.au/>

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 T (please see report below)

Update from PI branches	Member	Current starting point	Outcomes
Schools	Tracey Sri	Waiting to hear from schools she has approached. Sri has done talks at his local Willagee school for years. He said that the need for this year is finished.	Tracey to source members in other Area B locations to approach their local schools
Hospitals	Lisa H Tuija 2 members	Lyndal to hand Toxicology Unit at RPH to Area A PI Spoke to patients and staff t Alma St.	Tuija identified need, delivered literature and spoke to staff. Initial contact has been made. Over to Area A. Tuija distributing literature to her local hospitals and related.
Police Stations	Lyndal	Numerous posters that suit the police station setting were distributed	Continue to distribute through meetings to ask members to help. AA fact sheets and business cards to be provided as well.
Courts	Sally H	Sally is waiting for the relevant court person to call her in for a meeting to identify the need of AA	Sample literature and guidelines provided to Sally.
Public Events/ Co-op with prof	Lyndal	Presentation to AODs, professional telephone counsellor Women's Health and Well Being expo at Cockburn	Presentation received well. Booked for another presentation for affiliated phone support service.
Corrections Report from Forum in Byron Bay	Damien		
Publications	Tom		
Various PI work	From all members	Kerry and Joyce are pivotal in Area B PI work. If you ever need some inspiration or direction please look these treasured guiding members.	

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- AA basics handout to be circulated with minutes

f) Registrar – Lesley R (please see summary below and over page)

	Mtg Suburb	Grp#	GROUP NAME	Mtg DAY	Mtg Start	
1	ALBANY - country x 2	62	Albany Central Group	Mon, Fri	10am; 8 pm	2
2	ARDROSS	87	Ardross Spring Group	Wed	8pm	1
3	ARMADALE	46	Armada Group	Wed	7.30pm	2
	ARMADALE	46	Armada 'Living Sober' Meeting	Fri	8.00pm	3
	ARMADALE	46	Armada Steps & Trads Mtg	Sat	10.30am	4
4	BEACONSFIELD	7	Beaconsfield W's Topics Prom's Gp	Tue	6pm	5
5	BEACONSFIELD	32	Beaconsfield BB W'shop Group	Wed	6pm	6
6	BEACONSFIELD x 5	25	Beaconsfield Early Risers Grp	Mon-Fri	7am	11
7	BUNBURY *	35	Bunbury Prison Meeting			1
8	BUNBURY-country	52	Bunbury Saturday Group	Sat	11am	3
9	BUNBURY-country	63	Bunbury Wed Steps Meeting	Wed	7pm	4
10	BUNBURY-country	90	Bunbury "We're not a glum lot" Grp	Sun	9am	5
11	BUNBURY-country	122	Bunbury Big Book Study	Mon	6pm	6
12	BUNBURY-country	143	Bunbury Friday Group	Fri	8pm	7
13	BUNBURY-country	183	Bunbury MIDDAY Group	Wed	12noon	8
14	BUSSELTON-country	6	Busselton Group	Thur	7pm	9
15	BUSSELTON-country	91	Busselton Men's Meeting	Tue	7.30pm	10
16	BUSSELTON-country	123	Busselton Steps Meeting	Mon	7pm	11
17	BYFORD	120	Byford Steps Group ***NEW	Thur	7pm	12
18	CANNING VALE	15	Canning Vale Billabong Group	Sat	6pm	13
19	CANNING VALE*	68	Hakea Prison Meeting	Thu	12.45pm	2
20	CANNING VALE*	36	Melaleuca Women's Rem & Reint Facility	Sat	10.30am	3
21	CASUARINA*	92	Moving Forward' AA Meeting	Sat	1.00pm	4
22	CLOVERDALE	171	Cloverdale Group	Mon	7pm	14
23	COLLIE - country	180	Collie Group	Tue	7.30pm	12
24	COOLBELLUP	23	Coolbellup Group	Tue	7pm	15
25	DUNSBOROUGH-country	24	Dunborough 'Into Action' Group	Wed	10.30am	13
26	DUNSBOROUGH-country	145	Dunborough AA Group	Sat	9am	14
27	EAST VICTORIA PARK	163	E. Victoria Park Lit Topics Grp	Tue	7pm	16
28	ESPERANCE-country	54	Esperance Group	Thur	7.30pm	15
29	FORRESTFIELD	187	Forrestfield 'Road to Recovery' Grp	Tue	7.30pm	17
30	FREMANTLE	12	Fremantle Sunday Beginners Grp	Sun	4pm	18
31	FREMANTLE	19	Fremantle Serenity Group	Wed	10.15am	19
32	FREMANTLE	37	Fremantle Maritime Group	Fri	12noon	20
33	FREMANTLE	47	Fremantle Unity Group	Wed	7pm	21
34	FREMANTLE	66	Fremantle Sp'l Concept Grp	Sun	10am	22
35	FREMANTLE	95	Fremantle Sat Af'n AA Grp	Sat	12:30pm	23
36	FREMANTLE	126	Fremantle Doctor Group	Mon	8pm	24
37	FREMANTLE	146	Fremantle AA Literature Grp	Thur	7pm	25
38	FREMANTLE	??	Fremantle Big Book Study ***NEW	Fri	6pm	26
39	FREMANTLE South	164	S.Fremantle Steps Group	Sat	10.30am	27
40	GLEN FORREST	97	Glen Forrest Wmn's Group	Fri	10am	28
41	GLEN FORREST x 2	31	Glen Forrest Group	Mon & Wed	7pm	30
42	GOSNELLS	98	Gosnells Recovery First Group	Thur	7.30pm	31
43	GOSNELLS	147	Gosnells Group	Fri	8pm	32
44	GOSNELLS	165	Gosnells Wednesday Grp	Wed	10.30am	33
45	GOSNELLS	181	Gosnells "Storybook" Meeting	Thur	10.30am	34
46	HIGH WYCOMBE	148	High Wycombe Steps Grp	Tue	7pm	35
47	KALAMUNDA	129	Kalamunda Group	Thu	7pm	36

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48	KALAMUNDA	149	Kalamunda 'A New Freedom' Mtg	Mon	12 noon	37
49	KALGOORLIE-country	166	Kalgoorlie 12-1:1-12 Grp	Wed	12noon	16
50	KALGOORLIE-country x 2	101	Kalgoorlie/Boulder Group	Mon, Fri	8pm	18
51	KARNET *	172	Karnet Prison Meeting	Tue	7pm	5
52	KELMSCOTT	102	Kelmscott Altered Attitudes Grp	Fri	10.30am	38
53	KWINANA	5	Kwinana-Medina Group	Tue	6pm	39
54	KWINANA	130	Kwinana Town Group	Thu	8pm	40
55	KWINANA	28	Kwinana-Medina Step-Up Mtg	Sat	11am	41
56	MADDINGTON	167	Maddington New Beginings Grp	Tues	10.30am	42
57	MANDURAH-country	10	Mandurah Steps Group	Wed	7pm	19
58	MANDURAH-country	17	Mandurah Women's Group	Wed	10am	20
59	MANDURAH-country	13	Mandurah BB Beginners Grp	Tue	6.30pm	21
60	MANDURAH-country	40	Mandurah 'Cooper St' Grp	Sat	7.00pm	22
61	MANDURAH-country	72	Mandurah Recovery Grp	Fri	12noon	23
62	MANDURAH-country	103	Mandurah Group	Tue	12noon	24
63	MANDURAH-country	150	Mandurah Men's Meeting	Thur	7.30pm	25
64	MANJIMUP-country x 2	104	Manjimup Group	Mon, Thur	6.30pm; 7.30pm	27
65	MARGARET RIVER x 2	57	Margaret River AA Group	Tue, Fri	7.30pm; 10.30am	29
66	MOUNT BARKER-country	76	Mt Barker Plantagenat Grp	Tue	7pm	30
67	MUNDIJONG	21	Mundijong Women's Grp	Wed	7pm	43
68	MUNDIJONG	133	Mundijong Group	Mon	7pm	44
69	MUNDIJONG	154	Mundijong Chapter 6 M.C. Group	Fri	7pm	45
70	NORTHAM-country	79	Northam Group	Tue	7pm	31
71	PINJARRA-country	81	Pinjarra Steps Group	Mon	7.30pm	32
72	RIVERVALE	9	Rivervale "Carry The Message" Group	Sun	1:30pm	46
73	ROCKINGHAM	8	Rockingham Peoples Gp	Sun	7pm	47
74	ROCKINGHAM	8	Rockingham Peoples I.D. Grp	Fri	7.30pm	48
75	ROCKINGHAM	112	Rockingham "The Turning Pt" Grp	Mon	7pm	49
76	ROCKINGHAM BEACH	8	Rockingham Peopl's Gp Promises Mtg	Sun	11.00am	50
77	ROCKINGHAM x 2	82	Rockingham Discussion Group	Wed, Fri	12noon	52
78	ROLEYSTONE	113	Roleystone AA Group	Sat	7pm	53
79	SECRET HARBOUR	114	Secret Harbour Group	Mon	12.30pm	54
80	SOUTH LAKES	139	South Lake C/light Group	Sat	6pm	55
81	SPEARWOOD	43	Spearwood ABC Steps Grp	Thu	7.00pm	56
82	WANNANUP-country	169	Wannanup Spiritual C. Grp	Sun	4.00pm	33
83	WILLAGEE	2	Willagee/Beaconsfield Grp	Fri	8pm	57
84	WILLAGEE	14	Willagee 'Just For Today' Grp	Tue	7.30pm	58
85	WILLAGEE	29	Willagee Promises Meeting	Tue	10.30am	59
86	WILLAGEE	86	Willagee Sat.Night St & Tr Grp	Sat	7.30pm	60
87	WILLAGEE	118	Willagee Recovery Group	Sun	7pm	61
88	WILLAGEE	158	Willagee Mon "Living Sober" Grp	Mon	10.30am	62

Registrar's Summary October 2018

****2 NEW MEETINGS (Byford Steps and Freo Steps)

Metro Area B enjoys 62 meetings available weekly as at 24th October 2018.

There are 33 meetings held weekly across the Country region.

Prisons host 5 AA meetings each week (when able) across Area B.

Total Meetings = 100 Registered Groups in Area B total 88.

Yours In Service, Lesley R. Registrar Area B October 25th 2018.

Lesley advised that she is currently trying to assemble a list of GSRs across Area B for correspondence. Members are requested to please email Jaymie Area B secretary at areabasec@gmail.com with updates for the list.

g) Corrections Coordinator – Damien T

Reporting Period; 28/7/18 – 27/10/18

FINANCIALS

Donations From Groups

\$200.00 6/8/18; Rockingham People's Groups;

\$108.60 2/10/18; Rockingham People's Groups;

\$1110.00 3/10/18; Old Timers Nostalgia Day Auction

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Spending at CSO

\$99.00	6/08/18 Literature for Melaleuca women's prison
\$101.25	31/08/18 Literature for Albany
\$56.35	6/09/18 Literature for Melaleuca women's prison
\$84.00	28/09/18 Literature for Karnet Prison
\$88.50	25/10/18 Literature for Hakea Prison
\$44.60	2/10/18 Literature for Melaleuca women's prison

\$473.70 Total spending at CSO this period

\$ 328.10 Credit left at CSO as of 26/10/18

PROGRESS REPORT

13/10/18; Old Timers Nostalgia Day auction

Thanks to the very generous donation of a beautiful painting by an anonymous member and a handcrafted crochet blanket by an anonymous member from Mandurah, the Old Timers Meeting raised \$1110.00!! Invites to staff in corrections was posted out and the Operations Support from Casuarina Prison was in attendance on the day.

- Bill W & Bob S Painting = \$860
- Crochet blanket = \$200
- Anonymous Donation = \$50

24/10/18 Casuarina Prison

Next Friday Casuarina Prisons will open a second AA meeting with a Big Book focus. Thanks to Dan M and collaboration between the Operations Staff Narelle Buchanan who has made this possible

25-27/8/18; National Treatments and Corrections Forum Byron Bay

Damien T returned from the T&CF Forum with a wealth of information, and the report and financials are available on request for all interested. My heartfelt thanks to Area B and the Districts and Groups that made this possible.

22/8/18 Albany Prison

Damien was able to attend the Albany Prison meeting while working in Albany in August the meeting remains open (see report below).

PRISONS OF AREA B

Albany Prison (Lethal Parameter Maximum Security)

Cherry and John R have kept the meeting going on Wednesday at 1pm. They said they get 1-2, but often no one comes. However, they are happy to keep doing service. John R has asked for a restock of Literature which I posted down on the 31/8/18 (see above)

Casuarina Prison (Maximum Security)

A second meeting is scheduled to open this month due to the enthusiasm of inmates and Dan M. The roster requires constant updating to keep 2 members attending each Saturday of the month, and there have been some changes. However, Dan, James and I attend regularly as the demand for sponsorship continues to be overwhelming. Two of us have been attending the prison as official visits to work through the steps with the guys privately, and there is a list of several guys waiting for a sponsor or at least someone to take them through the book. We continue to use the side rooms during the meeting, but obviously, this only caters to two at a time. There is a great service opportunity here for anyone wanting to sponsor people.

Karnet Prison (Minimum Security)

Karnet has grown rapidly and has a regular group of 12-16 guys each week. Dan M has continued to sponsor during official visits (private visit) there too. We now have reports of one of the inmates sponsoring at least two others in the group, and they have started their own Big Book study in the chapel on Saturdays. We have a roster but with only 4 members which means we alternate each week. We need more members attending.

Bunbury Prison

No Report

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Hakea Prison

The time of the meeting has made it hard to build a roster. However, Tom D and Darren K have been filling in on days I can't make it. We hope to build a Roster here as we have done in Casuarina, and are currently awaiting clearances for Kent K who has offered to attend regularly. The meeting is transient, but it is usually well attended with 6-12 inmates. However, we desperately need more members to help serve here.

Melaleuca Women's Prison

Maria continues to attend the new meeting in Melaleuca which is being well attended by about 10 women each week. There are a few women that have put in clearance applications however at this stage Maria is attending each week on her own and needs support in this role. Maria's fundraising efforts have been exceptional resulting in over \$300 for this period. Maria has also continued to encourage women on to the roster with her inexhaustible enthusiasm. However, it would be good to see some more members attending and supporting her to develop the roster.

- **Dan M has resigned as alternate Corrections Coordinator and this position is now open**
- After consultation with the Delegates of Area A and B and my Sponsor, I have decided to withhold making a bid for the 2020 T&CF on the grounds that Sydney have made one and it makes more sense to let a bigger state run it if they want to. I apologise for any inconvenience or disappointment this may have caused anyone.

Yours in Service
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9. **District Committee Member (DCM) Reports:**

a) Peel District - Dennis

I am pleased to introduce Louise, the recently appointed GSR for the Mandurah 'Cooper St' group. Mandurah Steps 41st anniversary meeting was well attended.

The Old Timers Day of Nostalgia hosted by the Medina group was a great meeting, well attended with excellent food and fellowship. A great day.

The district has put together a 'District Pack' which contains:

- A letter of welcome to the district
- The Group Handbook
- The District Pamphlet
- The Peel District CSP (Community Service Pamphlet)
- The Peel District GSR pamphlet

The packs have been distributed to all groups in the Peel District to encourage Groups to join us in carrying the message throughout our district.

There have been some enquiries, including registration and structure

Port District -Lesley

Lesley advised that Port District are planning a "Unity Day Barbeque" at Step 12 House in February.

The barbeque will provide an opportunity to increase awareness to the PI and CFC roles and how members can become involved and be of service.

It was noted that Port contributed \$500 to Lyndal for PI activities.

c) South West District - Ron

Inroads have been made with a database and mail outs within the district, with some positive responses beginning to filter through medical professionals and courts. It is important to have the right volunteers on board to assist with meeting the needs of the broader community and delivering literature etc. as required. We have once again put a call out there, with some interest in service, however it has been slow. The feeling is that people are waiting to see if the district and committee are moving forward. Currently a lot of work is been done by a few.

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Our initial outreach and mail-outs to all doctor's surgeries within the district has now been completed, along with all courts. Next are police stations which have been tabled, and schools, which we are still compiling a database on. This should be completed shortly.

The SW district has made contact with a number of Great Southern groups to offer our support and service. That offer has been taken back to the groups for discussion, with some interest being shown in assisting outreach.

We have had a successful liaison with Palmerston House in Brunswick Junction with a weekly in house meeting now scheduled for Tuesday evenings starting this Tuesday 30th October. This meeting is closed to the general public. Volunteers are required to fill out paperwork and undergo a police check. The rostered volunteers are strong representatives of the District, who carry the message of service, unity and recovery. SW District has thus far sponsored this meeting, providing banners, chips and literature to assist it starting and becoming self-supporting. Our goal is to assist establishing and chairing the meeting initially, and to encourage Sponsorship, Fellowship and ongoing service. We are hoping to provide a link between Palmerston and local AA once clients leave the facility. We want clients to have that link to AA and their local groups and/or sponsorship. Further work is required, to compile a list of contacts for the broader community that extend out past the SW District boundary as many of the clients come from further afield.

There is a possibility of proving future steps meetings in house, however initially we will be focusing on creating and stabilizing Tuesday night meeting.

SW district have created a database for mail outs and were delivering literature in the region as required including to police stations and schools.

It has been decided at a district level, that there is a need to have a dedicated phone number of SW enquiries, rather than people using their personal phone numbers. When the committee turns over, there needs to be a single consistent contact number which remains in place for all SW enquiries. Byron Bay group have provided their phone protocol which we will be adapting for our use. A phone has been donated and we are currently looking at the lowest cost options for a pre-paid. It is expected that this will be in place prior to the next Area B Assembly and that the contact number will be forwarded to the CSO.

PI is still intending to hold the proposed GSR workshops for the surrounding areas, however work load on the few has been considerable in the last couple of months, so time has been of a premium. Temporarily this has been put on hold until we can get more information together.

SW District members are now able to access a list of upcoming event dates via the secret Facebook group pages for Busselton and Bunbury. Propose outings such as treks, bowling, pistol shooting, water skiing and dinners, along with District and Area meetings are listed which gives us the ability to plan events well in advance to foster unity. This has been generally well received. Bunbury Sunday morning meeting will be returning to the CWA as it has outgrown its current room.

Bunbury Friday night meeting will be bringing its 8pm meeting forward to 7pm to foster inclusiveness for out of towners who have expresses their desire to attend, if it was earlier, and to allow for year round coffee and fellowship after the meeting. Both are planned to be communicated for change, with effect first week of January 2019.

In summary the SW District is starting to make some decent progress, with member enthusiasm starting to grow. Like all changes, progress is slow, but with continued progress and hard work, we are hoping that the district continues to step out and carry the message.

d) WAYPAA

Trish reported WAYPAA is hosting the AusPAA convention

There is an international speaker secured for the weekend – Marie from Tennessee

9 members are on the organising committee

The fun run at Lake Monger was a success

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10. **General Service Representative (GSR) Reports**

a) Living Sober Group: Willagee Clubhouse Mondays 10.30am – 12 noon - Lesley R.

The Living Sober Group home group number four established members with no new interest sustained this quarter. Our open meeting continues to fluctuate in attendance numbers, but remains financial and occasionally assists with literature to a Perth treatment centre and three GP's surgeries. A shared round-robin reading from the book "Living Sober" sets the scene for sharing about anything relating to your alcoholism. We would welcome new home group members to share in the service positions. Plenty of experience strength and hope have continued to be offered. During the last quarter the seventh tradition donated to Area B. Most weeks we head to the nearby café for our after the meeting meetings and fellowship between 12.00 and 1 pm.

b) The People's Group Rockingham – Kerry I

We have three meetings that belong to our group. We have monthly conscience meetings and hand out little BB's and newcomer packs to each newcomer and make them very welcome, invite them to belong to our group and offer sponsorship.

We have a healthy display of literature and AA books and a board featuring upcoming events. We have a speaker/literature meeting, a Promises Meeting and Steps/Traditions meeting. We have very active group members.

Our anniversary will be held on Sunday 16th December, please bring a plate, there will be a countdown and a raffle.

Due to time constraints groups were unable to provide verbal reports.

Groups were requested to email reports through to Jaymie at areabsec@gmail.com

11. **Other Committee Reports:** All reports accepted. Approved Lesley, seconded Dom.

12. **General Business:**

- **Bridge House** – Dom stated that Jim B the coordinator of the meeting in Bridge House was interested in reestablishing links with Harry Hunters which is run by the Salvation Army. Lyndal stated that she would be interested in connecting with Bridge House.
Lyndal to discuss with Jim B to see if AA could reestablish contact with Harry Hunters.

13. 7th Tradition - \$72.05

14. Meeting closed 4.40 pm with Serenity Prayer

15. Saturday 2nd February 1.00 pm , 12 Step House, 88 Bawdan St Willagee