

Peel District Meeting 8 August 2020

Minutes of the Peel District meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous:

Location: Mundijong United Heritage Church

1. Open

Susan (DCM) opened the meeting at 1:32pm welcome extended to all in attendance especially the visitors and alternate GSR's.

2. Present

Susan B Peel DCM; Peter S Mundijong Monday; Samson Armadale; Marilyn Mundijong Women's meeting Wednesday; Kerry I Area District Prisons and PI and GSR Rockingham Peoples Group; Dennis Doran Mandurah GSR Thursday Serenity Group Meeting; Joyce Courts Rep Medina Group full in GSR; Lesley R Port District and Literature Rep Melaleuca Prisons, Maxine Rockingham Peoples Group Alternate GSR, Isobel Rockingham's Turning Point Alternate GSR; James Prisons Rep Casuarina Sunday Beginners Group Fremantle.

3. Apologies

Don R Peel District Treasurer

4. Reading of 12 Traditions by Marilyn; District Purpose by Don R. Susan also added preamble, read by Samson.

5. Minutes

Moved Marilyn, seconded Pete: That the minutes of the Peel District Meeting held on 13 June 2020 be adopted as a true record without amendment.

Carried

6. Business arising (review of action items list):

| Item | Update/Outcome |
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| 31 | Complete – money not required |
| 32 | Complete |
| 37 | Ongoing – none in stock 7 provided to Mandurah – 8 more required |
| 38 | Complete – James and Lesley – no update on funds in CSO for Prisons <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lesley reports Melaleuca was run by private firm, spiritual underbelly. Maria was running for a year, needed to expand as numbers grew. Lesley does service once or twice a move with pool of volunteers grown to 12. Happy to sponsor for one hour before meeting run. There was a COVID takeover back to Dept of Justice. Liaison occurring to get us back in. Inductions to occur. No longer allowed to use library and banners were thrown out during handover. Sam sent report to Area B to fund banners. Banners now sourced. Women get a lot out <i>Women in Prison</i> publication. Women prisoner running own group on Saturday – between 6 and 14 women attend. Current coordinator very pro treatment and 12 step programs. Hoping it will remain as AA friendly as it was. Would like help to get particular book. Thoroughly recommend to people to find our more. Induction held.James reports he attends Casuarina for a couple years – lost interest as had spate of people apply over new year period. Made all people reapply |

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| | after COVID. One member attending was refused his renewal with no explanation – did sort it out and he is able to go back again. A lot of people in prison take AA very seriously, worth saving. Great value in it. Thinking of ordering literature to come to his house from CSO. Night and day when you don't have someone on your side, still making it work. Program related stuff did occur whilst we couldn't have meetings. Far from a waste of time. Message is being carried, doing worthwhile job. |
| 39 | Ongoing |
| 40 | Complete |
| 41 | Ongoing |
| 42 | Complete |
| 43 | Ongoing – DCM to write result to Area |
| 44 | Ongoing – DCM to write result to Area |
| 45 | Complete |
| 46 | Complete |

Action item list updated accordingly.

7. Correspondence:

7.1. Correspondence IN: See Appendix A

7.2. Correspondence OUT: See Appendix A

*Moved Kerry I, Seconded Marilyn: That the inward correspondence be received and that the outward correspondence be endorsed. **Carried***

8. Treasurers Report (see Appendix B - Reports)

Provided in advance to the meeting from Don R: From the correspondence, note that the Perth CSO website has the incorrect banking details for Peel District (though the CSO Treasurer had the correct information). The website information has now been corrected and the Serenity should now include our account details. The issue arose when we received an email from the Mandurah Serenity Group advising of a donation to Peel District.

At my request, the P&N Bank has provided me with an additional cheque book. I suggest consideration be given to adding two (or more) names to the authorised signatories (e.g. the District Chairperson and the District Secretary). This would facilitate financial transactions being completed by reducing the need for additional travel for the sole purpose of signing cheques.

*Moved Pete, seconded Maxine; That the Treasurer's Report be received. **Carried.***

9. Special Agenda items (see Appendix C)

The following discussion was held:

9.1 Conference Topics Timeline

Marilyn reviewed her special agenda item. Conference in November. Group should receive conference topics in mail by early September which gives two months. Area meets second week of November. Provides 8 weeks but generally time lag. Proposed at least two months' notice, so group can familiarise themselves. Propose through Area B trustee the topics are sent out in August. Recommend two meetings to discuss topics.

Motion moved: Propose a letter is sent to Area B Delegate that Conference Topics are sent out in early August to allow groups sufficient lead in time to discuss topics and provide responses. Carried.

Action item 47: Propose a letter is sent to Area B Delegate that Conference Topics are sent out in early August to allow groups sufficient lead in time to discuss topics and provide responses.

9.2 Peel District Workshop Suggestions

Susan reviewed her special agenda item. Dennis discussed there are a lot of new committees and groups and there are many people who don't know about structure or topics or how conference works. Kerry I suggested a forum on starting from scratch – newcomers in a group. Marilyn difference between a meeting and a group.

Motion: Peel District Workshop 22 Nov via Zoom with the Topic difference between a meeting and a group.

Action item 48: Peel District Workshop Planning for 22 Nov via Zoom with the Topic difference between a meeting and a group.

10. Reports (See Appendix C)

10.1 DCM

Actions from report: Nil

10.2 Prisons Report

Kerry I reports Karnet is back on. Banksia has age limits and limits on sobriety.

10.3 Public Information/Schools Report

No representative. Joyce and Kerry still do PI. Josh has resigned as PI did Kwinana library set up, sent AA cards to Senior citizen club in Kwinana. Infor to refuge in Rockingham and cards to Coles.

10.4 Courts Report

Nil Action from report

10.5 Hospitals and Institution

No rep

Reports received Don, seconded Kerry I.

11. GSR's (Action from reports or additional information)

1. Mandurah – Dennis elected new secretary – Dennis new GSR
2. Armadale – apologies for not sending report. Sent \$400 to GSO. May have anniversary for group in September.
3. Medina Tuesday meeting – 15-20 people going well.

12. Peel District Pamphlet

Sunday AA Armadale meeting to be amended to advise changed to online (Zoom).

Action item 49: Sunday AA meeting Armadale on Zoom

13. General Business

1. Josh resignation as PI. Thank you to Josh for his service.
2. Old timers 17 October – held at Kwinana Anglican Church.
3. James – handout recently about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Big Book – request for stories – James to send to District Secretary.

14. Approval of expenditure

Nil approvals.

15. Summary of action items

As listed

16. Date and time of next meeting

10th October 2020 1:30pm Kwinana Anglican Church

17. 7th Tradition

Completed

18. End of meeting

Meeting closed at 1516hrs

Action item list



| Action item No | Action item | Responsible person | First raised | Planned completion date | Status |
|----------------|--|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------|
| 37 | 15 additional District Packs be approved (to compliment current 9 in stock) to be provided to Mandurah for an information session/workshop – remainders not used to be returned to district. | Susan B | February 2020 | October 2020 | Ongoing |
| 39 | Contact Area B Secretary to confirm current list of GSR's for District. | Susan B | June 2020 | October 2020 | Ongoing |
| 41 | Speak with Joyce to extend rent time from 1:30 – 3:00 to 1:30 to 3:30pm and Joyce be asked to arrange with church officially. If rent is increased this is approved. | Kerry I | June 2020 | October 2020 | Ongoing |
| 43 | GSR's to ask groups if they would support Perth hosting Convention 2023. This should include responsibilities to fundraise, plan or run the event. Update – DCM to write to Area B with result - supported | Susan B | August 2020 | October 2020 | Ongoing |
| 44 | GSR's ask groups if they feel an Area B Newsletter would be useful. Information about what is happening in the area. By subscription. Update – DCM to write to Area B with result - supported | Susan B | August 2020 | October 2020 | Ongoing |
| 47 | District to write letter to Area B: Propose a letter is sent to Area B Delegate that Conference Topics are sent out in early August to allow groups sufficient lead in time to discuss topics and provide responses. | Marilyn | August 2020 | October 2020 | Ongoing |
| 48 | Peel District Workshop Planning for 22 Nov via Zoom with the Topic difference between a meeting and a group. Susan B to send out notifications and set up Zoom meeting. | Susan B | August 2020 | October 2020 | Ongoing |
| 49 | Add Sunday AA meeting Armadale on Zoom Peel District Pamphlet | Don R | August 2020 | October 2020 | Ongoing |


Appendix A:

Correspondence

In out between 7 June 2020 and 1 August 2020

7.1 Correspondence In

| Date received | From | Title | Comment |
|---------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| 29 June 2020 | Area B Secretary Jaymie | Correspondence with Peel District | Confirming Peel District Secretary email added to list |
| 29 June 2020 | CSO | Peel District minutes | Email from Sue confirming April and June 2020 minutes on Peel District Page on the website. |
| 5 July 2020 | Mandurah Steps | Email | Confirm correspondence to Mandurah Steps to be via email mandurahsteps@outlook.com |
| 13 July 2020 | Clare Szmekura Area B Delegate, Western Region | 300 Club Donations |  300 Club Flyer.pdf  300 CLUB LETTER.pdf |
| 21 July 2020 | CSO | Peel District Bank account | Advising amendment for Peel District Banking details on CSO website updated and the Serenity Editor also copied in. |
| 25 July 2020 | CSO Treasurer | Peel District Bank account | <p>Thanks for your email. I've checked CSO's bank account for the account details we have for Peel District and the account details are the same as the information you've provided. I've also checked CSO's webpage and the bank details for Peel District are also the same. The details on under "The Office". We have BSB: 806-015, account number: 01542759.</p> <p>At the moment the Serenity Magazine is on hold pending the outcome of the AGM (tomorrow). However, I'll make sure that the incoming Serenity Editor adds the Peel District banking details to the Group Donation Plans at the back of the Serenity.</p> <p>Please don't hesitate to contact me for any further queries.</p> |

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| 31 July 2020 | Area B | Minutes of May 2020 meeting |  May 2020 Area B Assembly Minutes.p |
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7.2 Correspondence Out

| Date sent | To | Title | Comment |
|--------------|-----|--|---|
| 27 June 2020 | CSO | Peel District Meeting Minutes 13 June 2020 | Email sent to add email of minutes from June 2020 meeting to CSO Website |
| 28 June 2020 | CSO | Peel District Meeting Minutes missing from website | Email sent regards missing April 2020 minutes from CSO Perth Website |
| 21 July 2020 | CSO | Peel District Bank Account | Email advising CSO that Peel District Banking details on the Officer Web Page are incorrect. This may be confused with Port District account details. |

Appendix B:

August 2020 Reports

DCM Report

AUGUST 2020 DCM REPORT Peel District Committee Member report to the Peel District August 8th 2020 As 'covid 19' is not over yet getting to a meeting is more important now than ever. Thanks to the Area Delegate for help with health suggestions for groups to keep us safe. It was suggested to follow local health authorities for appropriate actions. Most groups have re-opened their live meetings in the district: Rockingham Sun 7pm; Fri 7:30pm; Fri 12pm; Wed 12pm; Mon 7pm; Secret Harbour 12:30pm; Safety Bay Sat 6pm; Mundijong Fri 6pm; Mon 7pm; Fri 7pm; Wed 7pm; Byford Thurs 7pm; Mandurah Sat 7pm; Fri 12pm; Tue 6:30pm; Sun 10am; Thurs 7:30pm; Wed 10am; Armadale Fri 8pm; Wed 7:30pm; Sat 10:30am.

Some are continuing with their online formats concurrently running with their open live meeting. Dunsborough Sat 9am. Some groups have stayed closed, to face to face, deciding to stay online until a vaccine is developed. Kwinana/Medina Tuesday 6pm tele-conference; Kwinana Thursday 8pm 'zoom'; Rockingham Sunday 11am 'zoom'; Armadale Sunday 6pm 'zoom'

It can be easy to isolate, stay home, lots of changes going on in this time, so if you can, give a fellow a phone call regularly to see how they're going and if there is a need to help another member please do so. Encourage them to investigate online meetings or help with transport to a meeting. Pass on the 'how' of the program.

Who is the Peel district? The peel district is made up of AA groups who wish to inform the community around them, in which they meet, that AA exists. We take AA literature to public libraries, police stations, or where there is a notice board we can ask the organiser if we can place an AA poster or flyer to let the public know that there is help available. Think of where you found AA and that's where we can carry the message to. To date we have twelve members at the district; roughly six GSR's and 4 voted in committee members.

Groups represented are Armadale, Byford, Mundijong, Rockingham, Kwinana and Mandurah. We have a geographical demarcation –west to the ocean-east to Tonkin Hwy-north to Armadale Road and south to Waroona. The map is in the GSR pack. So any groups in this catchment area are welcome to vote a member to attend the peel district meeting as their GSR. Also the meeting is open to any member interested to visit. You don't need to be in a group to attend. We encourage visitors and observers.

Where are we at currently? Well we meet every two months; we have service positions filled except Public Information, Libraries, Prisons and Schools. Committee members in the Peel are one third through our two year service positions. We then rotate to allow a new member to do the service work with our help. We hope to stay in the district meetings to assist the newcomer to district service. We are going very well, maintaining out unity, until we can lure and hoodwink newcomers to district. I attend because it helps me to keep coming back. It's interesting service. I like to be organised and it's great knowing I've been helpful to someone.

What are our donation goals? As we heard at the assembly the GSO, or the General Service Office in Sydney who liaises with the GSB or the General Service Board and publishes and imports AA literature, is asking for donations. The office runs on the sale of AA literature and as the pandemic has affected sales we are encouraged to help donate directly to them. We buy literature from our 2

CSO or Central Service Office in Claisebrook; Perth City near the RPH; to give to GSR's, and prison and PI service members for distribution in the institution.

300 club letter and flyer has been distributed. 300 groups/members from the Australian fellowship to pledge the financial responsibility to maintain a general service office.

What have we done since last we met? We have helped groups connect digitally with meetings using social media platforms such as 'Zoom' and 'Skype'. We have provided Melaleuca Women's Remand Centre with literature. We have donated to the Serenity group and the GSO. We have asked groups if they'd like to host the 2013 National Convention, if they'd be interested to receive a digital newsletter from the Area B about service between the Area and the annual Conference. We have planned Conference topic discussion forums for your group to participate and to learn about how a topic works.

What are we doing at the moment? We have made up service literature for members to give to public agencies. The University/Tertiary Student pamphlet, the Peel District Community Service pamphlet showing meeting times and dates and 'An Open Invitation to Health Professionals and other Interested members of the community' double sided flyer; for GSR's to distribute into the community.

What are our service plans for 2020? Peel district service plans are to support the GSR in learning about their role, sharing information about their group to other groups and to share AA literature in their suburb.

Refer to action table: **Action Item 37** Mandurah GSR Louise has received 7 Peel District GSR Packs. I'm ordering 8 more for Mandurah to make up the 15 they requested way back in May 2020 for their planned workshop.

Action Item 38 Since February this year: on behalf of the committee I have invited correctional service representatives to visit us the Peel district meeting to share their experiences in service and to advise us of any assistance we could help them with in carrying the message into the prison. Members from; Hakea prison Ned, Melaleuca women's remand centre Maria B, Karnet prison Jon and Area B corrections coordinator James M. were contacted via email to visit today. We are very thankful for their participation.

Action Item 39 Our current list of Peel district GSR contact details for the Area secretary will be confirmed for next meeting; ongoing action.

Action Item 46 District workshops and sharing sessions; we decided for this year to possibly plan for these in 2021.

Our last Area B assembly was held on Saturday May 2nd please and my previous District report was tabled on Saturday June 13th. Our next Area B Assembly is Saturday 1st August 2020 Sullivan Hall, 2 Nannine Avenue, White Gum Valley.

Area B service members are Secretary Trish O, Chairperson Lesley F, Registrar Jacqui W, PI rep Tamra S, Hakea prison Ned, Melaleuca women's remand centre Maria B, Karnet prison Jon, Area B corrections coordinator James M. Area B Delegate Clare, Western Regional Trustee Paul J. Treasurer alternate Brad until new treasurer is voted in.

2020 Conference topic registration forms were submitted before May the 2nd and are being approved for the November conference by the conference agenda committee.

The 55th Australian National Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous with AI-anon and AI-ateen participation will be a virtual experience this year due to covid; theme being 'A Vision for You 2020 Toowoomba'. 2 October 2020 – 4 October 2020 AEST; register now on the World Wide Web at www.aanatcon2020.com.au

We are encouraged to submit a proposal to host the 2023 national convention here in WA in three years time. Perth or a regional city? We need to submit a bid-budget to the GSB this year by November 2020.

Two internet sites worth mentioning are aa.org.au and aaservice.org.au where more general service information like the history of AA in Australia, conference approved literature with price lists, member news and reference materials useful for sharing with the Peel district can be sourced. And www.aamixer.com a digital Aust. Magazine of AA.

Group information goes to the CSO and the GSO to maintain a certificate of currency of public liability insurance purposes, groups help to defray costs as a whole fellowship if any PL insurance, voting, making decisions and for up to date group contacts, meeting times, day and venues. Ask your GSR to help fill it out for you.

Can we vote in an Alternate DCM please? This is only so I can train a new member to help us.

Who to thank as a DCM: Thank you Pete for your service as our secretary; for emailing out reminders, announcements, introducing us to modern digital formats and helping us to keep in touch. Thanks to GSR's for your willingness to do service between your home group, other groups around, us and area. Thanks to the Area B correctional members for your time and help.

Who to thank personally: thank you district members for your tolerance and patience. I aim to be more respectful of the service procedures and personnel.

In unity, service and recovery, Susan B Peel DCM 0421840502

PS: What the DCM does please refer to the Australian AA Service Manual pp 36 -38 Group registration forms please refer to the Aust. AA Service Manual pg29

Treasurer

Peel District Treasurer's Report August 2020

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| 1/04/2019 | interest Credit | 0.02 | | 934.54 | 791.49 | 143.05 | 934.54 |
| 4/04/2019 | CSO Jan-Mar Split: | 50.00 | | 984.54 | 841.49 | 143.05 | 984.54 |
| | Rockingham Peoples Gp \$20 | | | | | | |
| | Rockingham Peoples Promises \$30 | | | | | | |
| 6/04/2019 | Tradition 7 | \$29.00 | | 1013.54 | 841.49 | 172.05 | 1013.54 |
| 6/04/2019 | Hall Rent | | 15.00 | 998.54 | 841.49 | 157.05 | 998.54 |
| 8/06/2019 | Tradition 7 | 42.00 | | 1040.54 | 841.49 | 199.05 | 1040.54 |
| | Hall Rent | | 15.00 | 1025.54 | 841.49 | 184.05 | 1025.54 |
| 8/06/2019 | Sally K for Stationery & card holders | | 85.10 | 940.44 | 841.49 | 98.95 | 940.44 |
| 8/06/2019 | Sally K advance for stationery | | 14.90 | 925.54 | 841.49 | 84.05 | 925.54 |
| 1/07/2019 | interest Credit | 0.02 | | 925.56 | 841.51 | 84.05 | 925.56 |
| 24/07/2019 | Rockingham Peoples | 37.50 | | 963.06 | 879.01 | 84.05 | 963.06 |
| 10/08/2019 | Proceeds from Workshop Raffle | 50.00 | | 1013.06 | 879.01 | 134.05 | 1013.06 |
| 10/08/2019 | District Pack items | | 127.34 | 885.72 | 751.67 | 134.05 | 885.72 |
| 10/08/2019 | Donation for Hakea Little Big Books | | 50.00 | 835.72 | 751.67 | 84.05 | 835.72 |
| 10/08/2019 | Tradition 7 | 18.70 | | 854.42 | 751.67 | 102.75 | 854.42 |
| 10/08/2019 | Hall Rent | | 15.00 | 839.42 | 751.67 | 87.75 | 839.42 |
| 1/10/2019 | interest Credit | 0.02 | | 839.44 | 751.69 | 87.75 | 839.44 |
| 5/10/2019 | Tradition 7 | 49.90 | | 889.34 | 751.69 | 137.65 | 889.34 |
| 5/10/2019 | Hall Rent | | 15.00 | 874.34 | 751.69 | 122.65 | 874.34 |
| 17/10/2019 | Peoples Group Rockingham | 41.50 | | 915.84 | 793.19 | 122.65 | 915.84 |
| 20/10/2019 | CSO Literature Account | | 100.00 | 815.84 | 693.19 | 122.65 | 815.84 |
| 25/11/2019 | Proceeds from Workshop Raffle | 50.00 | | 865.84 | 743.19 | 122.65 | 865.84 |
| 12/12/2019 | CSO Oct-Nov Split | 173.15 | | 1038.99 | 916.34 | 122.65 | 1038.99 |
| | Mundijong \$10.00 | | | | | | |
| | Rockingham People's Group \$20.00 | | | | | | |
| | Rockingham Turning Point Gp \$143.15 | | | | | | |
| 14/12/2019 | Tradition 7 | 30.10 | | 1069.09 | 916.34 | 152.75 | 1069.09 |
| 14/12/2019 | Hall Rent | | 15.00 | 1054.09 | 916.34 | 137.75 | 1054.09 |
| 31/12/2019 | Mundijong GP | 10.00 | | 1064.09 | 926.34 | 137.75 | 1064.09 |
| 1/01/2020 | interest Credit | 0.02 | | 1064.11 | 926.36 | 137.75 | 1064.11 |
| 12/02/2020 | Mandurah Tue Fri | 160.00 | | 1224.11 | 1086.36 | 137.75 | 1224.11 |
| 1/04/2020 | Interest Credit | 0.03 | | 1224.14 | 1086.39 | 137.75 | 1224.14 |
| | CSO Jan-Mar Split | | | | | | |
| | Mundijon Womens Gp \$5.00 | | | | | | |
| 28/04/2020 | Rockingham Peoples Gp \$50.00 | 55.00 | | 1279.14 | 1141.39 | 137.75 | 1279.14 |
| 7/05/2020 | Anonymous Donation | 25.00 | | 1304.14 | 1166.39 | 137.75 | 1304.14 |
| 16/06/2020 | Kwinana Town Gp | 35.00 | | 1339.14 | 1201.39 | 137.75 | 1339.14 |
| 14/06/2020 | Bookmarks for District Packs etc | | 15.00 | 1324.14 | 1201.39 | 122.75 | 1324.14 |
| 18/06/2020 | Cheque 818650 | | 50.00 | 1274.14 | 1151.39 | 122.75 | 1274.14 |
| 26/06/2020 | Postage for District Letter | | 22.00 | 1252.14 | 1151.39 | 100.75 | 1252.14 |
| 1/07/2020 | interest Credit | 0.03 | | 1252.17 | 1151.42 | 100.75 | 1252.17 |
| 12/07/2020 | Donation to GSO | | 400.00 | 852.17 | 751.42 | 100.75 | 852.17 |
| 29/07/2020 | Mandurah Sunday am Gp contribution | 200.00 | | 1052.17 | 951.42 | 100.75 | 1052.17 |
| Provisional | | | | | | | |
| Approvals | Bookmarks for District Packs etc | 70.00 | | | | | |
| pre COVID19 | | | | | | | |
| approvals | Donation to Serenity Group Thursday | 100.00 | | | | | |
| | Little Big Books for Melaleuca Prison | 100.00 | | | | | |
| | 15 District Packs | ? | | | | | |

Rockingham's People Group meeting

From Kerry I – we decided to continue the beach meeting on line. ID 621677135 Password 383906. Our two other meetings are face to face and are coming back to normal. About 12 members present at both.

Mundijong Monday meeting

From Pete S - Meeting has resumed face to face and the Group Conscience has decided to revert to our previous format pre COVID. The food will not occur at the speaker meeting probably until after the pandemic due to church capacity concerns. We have had 6 people on average attending meetings which is low. The group conscience has 6 people and is strong.

Mundijong Women's meeting

Stable home group membership with all positions filled. Returned to face to face meetings with COVID precautions in place. Donated directly to GSO

Mandurah Steps

The group is back up and running live meetings, with attendance improving but not yet to pre-COVID levels. The group conscience was well attended, and we donated what we could to assist GSO.

Appendix C:

Peel District Alcoholics Anonymous

AGENDA ITEM 9.1

ACTION ITEM No: 45

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| Meeting Date: | 8 th August 2020 |
| Placed on Agenda By: | Marilyn M Mundijong Womens Grp |
| Issue: | Limited for Groups to discuss and decide on Conference topics |
| Attachment: | <i>Nil</i> |
| Background Information: | |
| <p>Conference is held in November. The groups should receive the conference topics by early September. As Area meet on the second weekend in November, the group must have made their decisions by then and the GSR for the group will attend District to provide the feedback.</p> <p>Although the Topics are meant to be distributed by early September, the groups routinely don't receive the conference topics until a few short weeks prior to responses being asked for. This gives most groups very limited time to discuss and think about the topics. In many occasions the topics are being decided upon by members at a group conscience or special meeting when it is the first time that they have even read or heard read out the topic giving no time for thought or reflection on the issue.</p> | |
| Proposed Solution: | |
| <p>At least 2 months notice, so groups can have time for an initial meeting to familiarise themselves with the topic and then come back at a second meeting to vote.</p> <p>GSO to be asked to circulate topics at the beginning of August, to allow for delays in mail delivery and collection by groups and allow time to schedule meetings.</p> <p>All groups to be encouraged to hold a minimum of 2 special meetings to review topics; One in September and one in October.</p> | |

Peel District Alcoholics Anonymous

AGENDA ITEM 9.2

ACTION ITEM No: 46

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| Meeting Date: | 8th August 2020 |
| Placed on Agenda By: | DCM Susan Bowerman |
| Issue: | |
| | District Workshop for 2021 |
| Attachment: | |
| | Nil |
| Background Information: | |
| <p>Due to Covid 19 this year we have had changes to our meetings so we thought we'd postpone a workshop till 2021.</p> <p>That being said we would like to know a subject or topic to hold a workshop or sharing session about.</p> <p>For GSR'S to ask your group members what would they like to discuss or learn about. Anything AA related. For example Steps, traditions, concepts, group service positions, meeting the public as a member, speaking in public on radio or schools, anonymity, sponsorship, how to reach out to the still suffering drinker, family member, writing your story for the serenity, play writing to perform on stage at fundraisers.</p> | |
| Proposed Solution: | |
| <p>Construct a flyer to give to members that request topics.</p> <p>Place an announcement into the serenity magazine asking for topics.</p> <p>Send out digital flyers via GSR email list.</p> <p>Make announcements in group conscience meetings for a topic.</p> <p>Make phone calls to sponsors/trusted friend's for topic ideas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ask other districts around Australia or other districts in Area B for their suggestions. | |