

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
**MINUTES OF THE WESTERN REGION AREA B MEETING**  
**AT 1.30PM, 2 APRIL 2022 HELD ONLINE**

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**Present:**

Trish O – Chair	Sophie – Alt GSR Fremantle Beginners Meeting
Lesley F – Area Delegate	Kalani – GSR Fremantle Beginners Meeting (arrived late)
Kerry I – DCM Peel District	Christine – GSR Fremantle Spiritual Concepts
Alison – Secretary (Minutes)	Don R – GSR Mundijong Group (Monday)
Raji – Treasurer (Left Early)	Tuija – GSR Rockingham People’s Group
Jann – 2023 HPC Communications Committee	Lachie – GSR Beaconsfield Big Book Study
Coleen – 2023 HPC/Rockingham Peoples Group	

**Apologies:**

Lesley R – District Committee Member – Port District/Living Sober Group  
Cheryl – GSR Spearwood Steps Meeting

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**1. OPENING**

**1.1 12 Traditions and the Group Conscience**

The meeting opened with the reading of the Twelve Traditions and statement on the Group Conscience.

**1.2 Introductions**

Each member identified themselves and their service position.

**1.3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the Area B Assembly held 27 February were tabled by the Chair (*screenshare*) and the following amendments/corrections were requested:

- (a) Lesley F’s service position to be corrected to Area Delegate; and
- (b) Apologies for February meeting from Kerry I (Peel DCM), Tuija (Rockingham People’s Group GSR) and Don (Mundijong Group GSR) to be listed in minutes.

Subject to the above amendments Lesley F moved the minutes be accepted. Seconded Raji. Passed.

**Action: Alison to make amendments and provide minutes to Central Service Office**

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**2.1 Area B Meetings: Dates - Serenity - Zoom Meeting Setup**

- Dates for Area B meeting have not been provided to Serenity (deadline for March edition past at February meeting when dates were decided).
- A meeting venue (Sullivan Hall was booked) and/or the zoom meeting ID were not available to list in time for the April edition.
- Zoom account/subscription for Area B not created and remains an action item to be discussed under General Business when looking at future meeting formats for Area B.

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### 3. REPORTS

#### 3.1 Area Delegate – Lesley F

- Attended the March meeting of the 2023 Host Planning Committee, related various work and preparation underway for next years convention. Also advised HPC has no upcoming events to fundraise for convention.
- Coleen was able to speak to the meeting on preparation and planning activities being carried out by the HPC.

#### 3.2 Treasurer – Raji

(Raji had left meeting sick)

- No report given.
- Trish shared on screen a of transactions of the Area B bank account which was provided by Raji.
- Don asked that we remind groups to give their meeting ID/meeting reference when depositing/transferring money into (both) Area (and District), so as to assist in the record keeping duties of the Treasurer and to ensure all groups contributions are duly recognized.

Requested that a friendly reminder be sent out to all groups in Area B.

**Action: Alison: When circulating Area B Minutes include note requesting group's meeting ID/ a reference is provided when depositing/transferring contributions to Area/District's bank account.**

- Deposits of funds by CSO from groups under the 60/30/10 plan are processed on a regular basis. No summary is provided with deposit(s) of which the group's contributions are being received..

**Action: Alison to email Tamika at CSO to enquire about CSO deposits - receiving summary of groups contributed.**

**Action: Raji to provide Treasurer's report each meeting showing contributions received from groups over the last reported period.**

**Action: Alison to provide Raji with a treasurer's report template for use at Area meetings to show (group's contributions , a balance sheet for each period, funds held in reserve and available money) at each meeting.**

#### 3.3 Mundijong – Don, GSR

- Final BBQ for the summer season will be held next week.
- Don advised whilst there are some core homegroup members, there is low attendance and asked for support for the meeting.

**Action: Support needed for Mundijong from members in the Area/District – let others know.**

#### 3.4 Fremantle Spiritual Concepts Group

- Meeting has relocated to Sullivan Hall in White Gum Valley, at this venue for 12 months (it is hoped in the future the Group will return to Fremantle Hospital).
- The meeting has approximately 15 – 30 members at meeting each week and follows the COVID safe protocols.

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- Group Consciences are held monthly and the Group's donation plan also includes Alma Street (sic) [established Fremantle Hospital].

Discussion was held on suitability of donating money directly to hospital. It was established that the hospital did not charge rent and this arrangement has been an historical one to see the group was self supporting. Suggested to be in line with traditions that contributions could be in the form of

AA Literature. Christine was happy to take this back to her group for discussion at their Group Conscience.

Action: Christine to discuss form of contributions to Fremantle Hospital with her group at their Group Conscience meeting.

### 3.5 Beaconsfield Big Book Study - Lachie

- Lachie reported the meeting is well attended with 20 – 30 members at the meeting each week.
- Solid home group membership, welcomed new home group members to BBBBS in recent weeks.
- Group Conscience meetings held monthly.

### 3.6 Rockingham People's Group – Tuija

- RPG hosts multiple meetings a week.
- Core home group of 6 members and meetings are well attended.
- Group Conscience meetings held monthly.
- Members from Serenity Lodge attend the Friday night meeting, however due to COVID restrictions/measurers, this arrangement currently on hold.
- The group is organizing AA notice to be listed in the local newspaper.

### 3.7 Fremantle Beginner's Group – Sophie, Alt GSR – Kailani GSR

- (Sophie Reported)
- Fremantle Beginners Group has low attendance 10 members each week (usually predominately male).
- The Group is not currently following a donation plan as no funds are available following meeting expenses (i.e. rent for the venue).
- The group has recently started holding monthly group conscience meetings.
- The meeting would benefit from support (especially women) by members in the Area.

Action: Support needed for Fremantle Sunday Beginners meeting, women members welcome

### 3.8 Living Sober – Lesley R (GSR?)

(Lesley R apology – report via Chair.

- Living Sober meeting is running well, the group is contributing to GSO.

### 3.9 ABC Steps Group – Cheryl, GSR

(Cheryl apology – report via Chair)

- Living Sober meeting is running well, the group is contributing to GSO.

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### 3.10 District Committee Member – Peel District – Kerry I, DCM

- Meetings in Peel District are strong with only minimal impact felt from COVID disruptions and restrictions.
- Recently held Peel District Service anniversary event which was an enjoyable day and strong reminder that groups and members are encouraged to be part of general service, outside the homegroup GSR.

## 4. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 4.1 Service Positions

**Carron has resigned from her role on Area B leaving the position of Area Registrar vacant.**

Vacant service positions on the committee were noted as follows:

- (a) Area Registrar;
- (b) Alternate Delegate;
- (c) Public Information, Cooperation with Professional Community; and
- (d) Treatment Facilities and Correctional Facilities.

The chair asked if there were any nominations for the above positions. With none received made the positions remain vacant.

***Action: Members were asked to help by advising their groups and announcing at meetings service positions are available/opportunities at Area B.***

### 4.2 Host Planning Committee

Jann spoke to the meeting regarding the 2023 National Convention.

#### **Contributions by Groups**

- Action: Area B Groups were requested to send their preferred address (email/PO Box/Street address) for the donation receipt to be sent to – this can be done via email to [aanatcon2023@bigpond.com](mailto:aanatcon2023@bigpond.com)

#### **2022 National Convention**

- The 2022 National Convention in Melbourne is coming up, 22 – 24 April 2022. Spruiking and calling for members to register for 2023 National Convention in Perth will begin on the completion of the upcoming 2022 convention.

#### **Website**

- The website for the 2023 National Convention in Perth is now live!
- [www.aanatcon2023.com.au](http://www.aanatcon2023.com.au)
- members asked to spread the word.

#### **Registration/Fundraising**

- Members can register via the website or via paper form. Jann happy to note different payment methods available to suit members (eft/electronic/cheque etc).
- The fundraising thermometer will once again be featured in the Serenity magazine for members to see.

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### 4.3 Area B Meetings

- Further to earlier discussions on venue availability and obtaining a zoom account for Area B meetings, it was discussed whether the meetings be online or return to a hybrid setup (i.e. in person and on line) Members were in favor of online – making attendance accessible and inclusive for all groups of Area B.
- Alison moved that Area B move to online meetings for a period of 6 months. Seconded Lesley. Carried.

Action: Trish to obtain zoom subscription for the Area B chair account; and create Area B meetings invite for Saturday 4 June, Saturday 6 August and Saturday 1 October thereby generating a recurring meeting ID and password.

Action: Alison to advise calendar of events, meetings list, serenity magazine and CSO of upcoming Area B meeting dates – with the meeting ID and password to access/attend.

### 4.4 Communications

Noted there had been communication difficulties, largely due changeover of positions on committee/ gaining access to email accounts. Alison requires access to the Area B secretary email from Clare and will then have access to contacts and groups email addresses.

- To improve the communication, it was agreed that going forward Meeting minutes will be circulated to members from the Area B secretary email;
- Members to send reports to the Area B secretary (via the area B secretary email) prior to the meeting; and
- Meeting agenda and reminder will be sent out from the Area B secretary email prior to the meeting.

Action: Alison to follow up with Clare to obtain access to the Area B Secretary email account and circulate minutes to members from the Area B Secretary email Account.

Action: Members to send through their report prior to next meeting.

### 4.5 COVID

- Trish raised the topic of COVID asking for the Groups experience with compliance to related health directives (i.e. masks). It was noted by the meeting this can be a dividing issues. It was flagged that with easing of restrictions in the future this would see masks wearing no longer a requirement.
- However, in the meantime being a requirement of the venues where meetings take place, (Kerry confirmed she had confirmed this with venues) members should be wearing masks at these meeting, AA not being exempt and groups encouraged to remember AA having no opinion on outside issues.

### 4.6 General

- Trish opened the floor to the meeting for ideas and thoughts on the future meetings of Area B.
- It was agreed that members need to be encouraged into General service – outside of the homegroup, announcing upcoming meeting dates, improved communication and better accessibility for attendance at Area B via Zoom in the future will hopefully increase Area B's effectiveness.

### 4.7 Congrats – Christine & Lachie

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- A special welcome/congratulations were given to Christine and Lachie, for being part of and attending their first Area Meeting as GSR's!

### **5. CLOSE**

There being no further business the 12 Concepts for World Service were read followed by the closing of the meeting with the reading of the Serenity Prayer.

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM ‘**

**1.30PM, SATURDAY 4 JUNE 2022**