



REPORT

56th AUSTRALIAN GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

THURSDAY 6th - SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2014

Novotel Hotel
Cnr. Grand Parade & Princess Street
Brighton Le Sands, NSW

Conference Theme:

LOVE & SERVICE

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SECTION 1

INFORMATION

**CONFERENCE THEME:
LOVE & SERVICE**

**AGENDA
56th AUSTRALIAN GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE
NOVOTEL HOTEL
CNR. PRINCESS STREET & GRAND PARADE, BRIGHTON LE SANDS, NSW**

Thursday 6th – Sunday 9th November 2014

| Date & Time | Session |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Thursday 6th Nov | |
| 12.30pm – 1.30pm | Lunch |
| 1.30pm – 3.15pm | Meeting of the General Service Board |
| 1.30pm – 3.15pm | Delegates & Observers Meeting |
| 3.15pm – 3.45pm | Afternoon Tea |
| 3.45pm – 4.30pm | Recital of Declaration of Unity |
| | Reading of Twelve Traditions (long form) |
| | Reading of the Twelve Concepts |
| | Roll Call/Getting to know you – self intro |
| | Opening address – Chairman - GSB |
| | Presentation on Conference theme |
| 4.30pm – 6.00pm | Report Charter & Service Manual Committee International Committee |
| 6.00pm – 7.30pm | Dinner |
| 8.00pm – 9.30pm | Treatment Facilities Committee |
| | Correctional Facilities Committee |
| Friday 7th Nov | |
| 7.30am – 8.30am | Breakfast |
| 8.30am – 8.40am | Preview Days Events |
| 8.40am – 10.30am | Policies & Admissions Committee |
| | PI&CPC Committee |
| | Finance Committee |
| 10.30am–11.00am | Morning Tea |
| 11.00am – 1.00pm | Remote Communities Committee |
| | Literature Committee |
| | Conference Committee on Trustees |
| 1.00pm – 2.00pm | Lunch |
| 2.00pm – 3.15pm | Conference Agenda Committee |
| 3.15pm – 3.45pm | Afternoon Tea |
| 3.45pm – 4.30pm | World Service Delegates Reports & questions |
| 4.30pm – 5.00pm | Report on T&CF Forum & questions |
| 5.00pm – 5.30pm | Regional Forum 2014 Reports & questions |
| 6.00pm – 7.30pm | Dinner |

**CONFERENCE THEME:
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| Date & Time | Session |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Saturday 8th Nov | |
| 7.30am – 8.30am | Breakfast |
| 8.30am – 8.40am | Preview days events |
| | Reading of Administrative Procedures |
| 8.40am -10.30am | Trustees Nominating Committee Report |
| | Conference Committee on Trustees Report and voting on recommendations |
| | Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee Report and voting on recommendations |
| | Conference Policies & Admissions Report and voting on recommendations |
| 10.30am–11.00am | Morning Tea |
| 11am – 1.00pm | Trustees' T&CF Committee Report |
| | Conference Treatment Facilities Committee Report and voting on recommendations |
| | Conference Correctional Facilities Committee Report and voting on recommendations |
| | Trustees' International Committee Report |
| | Conference International Committee Report and voting on recommendations |
| | Trustees' Finance & Budgetary Committee Report |
| | Presentation of Financial Report and Acceptance |
| | Conference Finance Committee Report and voting on recommendations |
| 1.00pm – 2.00pm | Lunch |
| 2.00pm – 3.15pm | Trustees' Literature & Archives Committee Report |
| | Conference Literature Committee Report and voting on recommendations |
| | Trustees' PI&CPC Committee Report |
| | Conference PI&CPC Committee Report and voting on recommendations |
| | Trustees' Remote Communities Report |
| | Conference Remote Communities Committee Report and voting on recommendations |
| 3.15pm – 3.45pm | Afternoon Tea |
| 3.45pm – 5.00pm | Trustees' General Service Conference Committee Report |
| | Conference Agenda Committee Report and voting on recommendations |
| | Date and theme of Conference 2015 |
| 5.00pm – 5.15pm | Selection of Eastern Regional Trustee Selection of North Eastern Regional Trustee Ratification of Class A Trustee election. |
| 5.15pm – 5.30pm | Bids for National T&CF Forum 2016 Bids for National Convention 2018 |
| 5.30pm – 5.45pm | Bids for 2015 Regional Forums |
| 6.00pm – 7.30pm | Dinner |

**CONFERENCE THEME:
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| Date & Time | Session |
|------------------------|--|
| Sunday 9th Nov | |
| 7.30am – 8.30am | Breakfast |
| 8.30am – 8.40am | Preview day's events |
| 8.40am – 9.00am | Floor Actions |
| 9.00am – 10.30am | Ask It Basket – Conference inventory questions |
| 10.30am–11.00am | Morning Tea |
| 11.00am– 12.00pm | Ask It Basket – Conference inventory questions |
| 12.00pm – 12.30pm | Chairman's Closing Remarks + Farewells |
| 12.30pm – 1.00pm | Group photographs |
| 1.00pm – 2.00pm | Lunch |
| 2.00pm – 2.30pm | Meeting of General Service Board |

DELEGATES' & OBSERVERS' MEETING
GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE
THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2014
1:30PM – 3.15PM
AGENDA

WelcomeAndrew T

From Topic to Advisory Action.....

 Committees Lachlan B

 Discussion & Decision..... Ian P

How Conference Votes.....

 VotingAndrew T

 Minority Voice..... Tim B

 Third Legacy Procedure..... Paul M

How do I have a say?

 Self Introduction Natalie G

 Floor ActionsAndrew T

 What's on Your Mind/Ask It Basket/Conference InventoryPhil G

Wrap Up Andrew T

 Questions & Answers..... All

ROLL CALL
AREA DELEGATES
TO THE AUSTRALIAN GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

| | AREA | PANEL NUMBER | YEAR |
|-----------------------------|------|--------------|------|
| CENTRAL REGION | | | |
| Seija L | A | 56 | 2014 |
| Andy P | B | 56 | 2014 |
| NORTH EASTERN REGION | | | |
| Ian P | A | 54 | 2012 |
| Paul M | B | 56 | 2014 |
| Paul M | C | 55 | 2013 |
| SOUTHERN REGION | | | |
| Melinda M | B | 56 | 2014 |
| Tim B | C | 55 | 2013 |
| Terence H | D | 54 | 2012 |
| Ray M | E | 56 | 2014 |
| EASTERN REGION | | | |
| Emma M | A | 55 | 2013 |
| Pat L | B | 56 | 2014 |
| Phil G | C | 55 | 2013 |
| Mark S | D | 56 | 2014 |
| Lachlan B | E | 55 | 2013 |
| Greg H | F | 56 | 2014 |
| Andrew T | G | 54 | 2012 |
| Mandy G | H | 55 | 2013 |
| NORTHERN REGION | | | |
| Katharine T | A | 55 | 2013 |
| WESTERN REGION | | | |
| Natalie G | A | 55 | 2013 |
| Ann A | B | 55 | 2013 |

**GENERAL SERVICE BOARD
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA**

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------|
| CLASS A TRUSTEES | | | |
| Rodger B | | | 2012 |
| Maurice S | Deputy Chairperson | | 2013 |
| Mark G | | | 2014 |
| GENERAL SERVICE TRUSTEES | | | |
| Bruce M | | | 2014 |
| Mike E | | | 2014 |
| REGIONAL TRUSTEES | | | |
| Mary P | Chairperson | North Eastern | 2011 |
| Tom G | | Eastern | 2010 |
| Douglas K | | Central | 2013 |
| Kerry S | | Western | 2014 |
| Mick C | | Southern | 2014 |

OTHER VOTING MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

| | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|------|
| Sharon R | World Service Meeting Delegate | 2012 |
| Tony V | World Service Meeting Delegate | 2014 |
| Valerie M | General Service Office Manager | 1996 |

NON-VOTING

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------------|------|
| Vanda R | Trustee Emeritus | 2010 |
| Tony C | General Service Office | 2002 |
| Chris S | General Service Office Office | 2011 |
| Cherie G | Caring & Sharing Tape Library | |

CONFERENCE 2014 COMMITTEES

POLICIES & ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Katharine T (A/NR) (Chairperson)
Lachlan B E/ER (Alt. Chairperson)
Melinda M B/SR
Terence H D/SR (Alt. Chairperson)
Pat L B/ER
Andy P B/CR
Ray M (E/SR)
Bruce M (General Service Trustee) (Trustee Liaison)
Mark S D/ER
Sharon S (World Service Delegate)
Vanda Rounsefell (Trustee Emeritus)
Valerie M (Co-ordinator)

PUBLIC INFORMATION & CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Ann A B/WR (Chairperson)
Paul M C/NER (Alt. Chairperson)
Paul Mo B/NER
Mark S D/ER
Seija L A/CR
Tim B C/SR
Douglas K (Chairperson Trustees' PI&CPC Committee)
Tony C (Co-ordinator)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mandy G,H/ER (Chairperson)
Natalie G A/WR (Alt. Chairperson)
Andrew T G/ER
Greg H F/ER
Emma M A/ER
Phil G C/ER
Ian P A/NER
Maurice Smith (Chairman Trustees' Finance Committee)
Mike E (General Service Trustee)
Chris S (Co-ordinator)

REPORT CHARTER & SERVICE MANUAL COMMITTEE

Ian P A/NER (Chairperson)
Lachlan B E/ER (Alt. Chairperson)
Melinda M B/SR
Greg H F/ER
Tim B C/SR
Ann A B/WR
Mark S D/ER
Pat L B/ER
Terence H D/SR
Rodger Bull (Chairperson Trustees' Literature Committee)
Vanda Rounsefell (Trustee Emeritus)
Tony C (Co-ordinator)

CONFERENCE 2014 COMMITTEES

TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Tim B C/SR (Chairperson)
Emma M A/ER (Alt. Chairperson)
Andrew T G/ER
Pat L B/ER
Natalie G A/WR
Katharine T A/NR
Paul Mo B/NER
Andy P B/CR
Melinda M B/SR
Ian P A/NER
Tom G (Chairperson Trustees' Treatment Facilities Committee)
Tony C (Co-ordinator)

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Terence H C/SR (Chairperson)
Mandy G H/ER (Acting Chairperson)
Mark S D/ER
Seija L A/CR
Phil G C/ER
Lachlan B E/ER
Ann A B/WR
Paul M C/NER
Chris S (Co-ordinator)

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Lachlan B E/ER (Chairperson)
Ann A B/WR (Alt. Chairperson)
Greg H F/ER
Mark S D/ER
Tim B C/SR
Natalie G A/WR
Andy P B/CR
Rodger Bull (Chairman, Trustees' Literature Committee)
Tony V (World Service Delegate)
Chris S (Co-ordinator)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

Paul M C/NER (Chairperson)
Mandy G, Eastern Region (Alt. Chairperson)
Terence H D/SR (Chairperson)
Ian P A/NER
Paul Mo B/NER
Andrew T G/ER
Kerry S (Western Regional Trustee) Trustee Liaison
Vanda Rounsefell (Trustee Emeritus)
Tony C (Co-ordinator)

CONFERENCE 2014 COMMITTEES

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Natalie G A/WR (Chairperson)
Paul M C/NER (Alt. Chairperson)
Andy P B/CR
Paul Mo B/NER
Emma M A/ER
Phil G C/ER
Mandy G, H/ER
Seija L A/CR
Andrew T G/ER
Katharine T A/NER
Mary P (North Eastern Regional Trustee)
Sharon S (World Service Delegate)
Tony V (World Service Delegate)
Valerie M (Co-ordinator)

CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE

Andrew T G/ER (Chairperson)
Ann A B/WR (Alt. Chairperson)
Andy P B/CR
Ian P A/NER
Katharine T A/NER
Melinda M B/SR
Bruce M (Chairman, Trustees' General Service Conference Committee)
Valerie M (Co-ordinator)

CONFERENCE REMOTE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Phil G C/ER (Chairperson)
Seija L A/CR
Ian P A/NER
Katharine T A/NER
Emma M A/ER
Pat L B/ER
Melinda M B/SR
Ray M (E/SR)
Mary P (Chairperson, Trustees' Remote Communities Committee)
Valerie M (Co-ordinator)

CONFERENCE ETIQUETTE STATEMENT

Experience has shown that the Conference will run smoothly if the following practices are adopted by all Conference members.

1. Prior to Conference, become familiar with all sections of the Conference folder, particularly the sections of committees of which you are a member.
2. Prior to Conference, become familiar with voting procedures – in committees, during full Conference sessions and the Third Legacy procedure.
3. Prior to Conference, become familiar with Conference Administrative Procedures.
4. Be punctual for committee and full Conference sessions.
5. Know what committees you are on and where they will be meeting.
6. Refrain from chatting while other Conference members are at the microphone.
7. Turn off mobile phones during committee and Conference sessions.
8. Refrain from making comments about another Conference member's personal appearance.
9. Refrain from using words that are dismissive, such as 'nonsense', 'ridiculous' etc. if you are disputing another Conference member's opinion or commenting on a topic. All topics should be treated with respect, as they have been submitted by members.
10. Refrain from 'campaigning' in an attempt to get an applicant elected to a Conference position.
11. Please be aware that the costs of your room (for yourself), organised meals and Conference Room expenses are covered by the General Service Board. Your Area will be billed for any additional expenses you incur unless settled by the end of Conference.
12. Should you elect to make your own travel arrangements, you may submit a claim for reimbursement, providing receipts. Travel expenses cannot be offset against any hotel expenses you may have incurred.

THE TWELVE STEPS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

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THE TWELVE TRADITIONS (The Long Form)

Our A.A. experience has taught us that:

One – Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.

Two – For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.

Three – Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

Four – With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

Five – Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity *having but one primary purpose* – that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Six – Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A. – and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.

Seven – The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

Eight – Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.

Nine – Each A.A. group needs the least possible organisation. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York*. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine***. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

Ten – No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues – particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

Eleven – Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.

Twelve – And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

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** Australian National Magazine AntennA and Newsletter AA Around Australia

THE TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE

CONCEPT I

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

CONCEPT II

When, in 1955, the AA groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference - excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter - the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

CONCEPT III

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relationship between the groups, the Conference, the AA General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision".

CONCEPT IV

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation", taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

CONCEPT V

Throughout our world services structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

CONCEPT VI

On behalf of AA as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognises that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

CONCEPT VII

The Conference recognises that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the AA purse for its final effectiveness.

CONCEPT VIII

The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (1) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

CONCEPT IX

Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of AA must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholic Anonymous.

CONCEPT X

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority - the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and Bylaws.

CONCEPT XI

While the trustees hold final responsibility for AA's world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Therefore, the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

CONCEPT XII

General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the AA Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others: that all important decisions be reached by discussion vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that through the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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A MESSAGE FROM BILL W

Bill gave this talk in 1954 in front of a group of A.A.s in Fort Worth, Texas. He spoke at length about A.A. history, and specifically, of the development of the Third Legacy:

(A 4 minute recording of Bill delivering the following message was then played):

... So there was a long discussion, in which I had a sad falling out with a good many of my friends, some of whom had been trustees, and it was quite a bitter and harrowing chapter in our affairs, which none of you know about.

This struggle, to see whether this movement would always be headed by a self-perpetuating hierarchy of oldtimers, or whether these affairs, so vital to the welfare of A.A. all over the world, should be turned over to you.

And finally, after six years of hassling about it, I finally got the consent of the Board of Trustees to come out to you, and tell you this story and to say:

Here is a means, which in an experimental form, we have put in a pamphlet marked 'The Third Legacy.'

Here is a means by which you can get some delegates and state committeemen and send folks up to New York, to take charge and to take over what is now your business.

And so why don't you come up there and look this deal over, and the trustees will agree to make themselves responsible to you instead of to nobody.

And you look it over and see what you think about it, and if at the end of four years you like the way that it's temporarily laid out, then we'll drive a plug in this thing, then we oldtimers up there, including yours truly, will say, "Look folks, these vital services are yours, to have and to hold."

This Conference of delegates shall hereafter be the custodians and the guardians of our Traditions. This is yours. This is the remainder of your Third Legacy. Will you accept it?

So, since 1951 we have been holding these yearly Conferences, to see whether this movement was interested enough, was responsible enough, felt those services were worthwhile enough, to maintain so long as God will need this society.

And I think it's the conclusion of every delegate who has been there that yes, we should take these things over.

So, in 1955 we purpose to hold an International Convention, at which time, on behalf of the oldtimers, and of Smithy and me, we shall say to you, here is the remainder of your Third Legacy.

This Conference shall become our successor.

To you we hand the last torch. Carry on. Face your destiny with surety and courage, and God love you.

WHY DO WE NEED A GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE?

The late Bernard B. Smith, non-alcoholic, then Chairman of the North American Board of Trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting in New York:

“We may not need a General Service Conference to insure our own recovery. We do need it to insure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to insure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined to alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in AA that rebirth which brought us back to life.

We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must insure can never invade AA. We need it to insure AA against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect AA against disintegration while preventing over integration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services.

We need it to insure that changes within AA come only as a response to the needs and the wants of AA, and not of any few. We need it to insure that the doors of the halls of AA never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to insure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is”.

DECLARATION OF UNITY

This we owe to AA's future

To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united.
For on AA unity depends our lives
And the lives of those to come.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS FEBRUARY 2014

The Board resolved that Sharon R and Maurice Smith would work on revising the Board Consciousness document, but that in the meantime, this document should be included in the information pack for new Trustees. The Board requested that details of our insurance policy also be included.

The Board resolved that, with reference to Advisory Action #020/2013, Regional Trustees should liaise with their Areas to obtain information on whether groups were adopting local treatment facilities. This information should be included in the Trustees' Treatment Facilities Chairperson's report to Conference.

The Board resolved that Vanda Rounsefell would prepare a document providing information on Alcoholics Anonymous to the Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs requesting a submission. The Board agreed that it should be stressed that assistance from Alcoholics Anonymous was free of charge.

The Board resolved that an advertisement be placed in the March edition of AA Around Australia, the National Website and the Service Website seeking members for a social media team to maintain a prudent presence on Facebook and Twitter. The Board further resolved that Douglas K be appointed Chairperson of the Social Media Team.

The Board resolved that David Brown would discuss with his colleagues in correctional services, a request for David Brown and Vanda Rounsefell to deliver a paper to the Correctional Services Administrators Conference.

The Board resolved that Michael E be appointed as General Service Trustee for a four year period, effective immediately.

The Board resolved that following a satisfactory interview, Mark Gardiner be elected as Class A Trustee for a five year period, effective immediately after the interview.

The Board resolved to authorise expenditure of USD 10,930 after 1st July 2014, being fees for 2 Australian World Service Delegates to attend the 2014 World Service Meeting in Poland.

The Board resolved that Bruce M be appointed as Chairperson of the Trustees' General Service Conference Committee for a two-year period, effective immediately.

The Board resolved that legal advice be sought regarding the matter of Rusvic Pty. Ltd. taking out public liability insurance on behalf of Victorian and New South Wales groups, so that the Board could provide advice to the Fellowship if there was any risk to those groups covered by both policies.

The Board resolved that the February 2015 meeting be held in Perth and that it be held 14th-15th February 2015.

The Board resolved to host a 'meet the members' session, limited to 100 members only, during the July Board meeting, and that the session include the structure play.

The Board resolved that the Management Group should seek legal advice on whether writing a letter to Moray & Agnew denying liability for a public liability insurance claim would be appropriate. If the advice from the solicitor is affirmative, the letter be sent forthwith.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS JULY 2014

The Board resolved that, as there appeared to be some confusion, Vanda Rounsefell and Valerie M would write an article on the difference between PI&CPC and T&CF work for publication in AA Around Australia and for general distribution.

The Board resolved that the section on Regional Trustees in the service manual should be reviewed next year and that previous work done on this should be included in the Board folder.

The Board resolved that a recommendation be made to Conference that Guideline 22 be amended to include information on the correctional facilities correspondence service, and suggestions for the safety of members.

The Board resolved that pictorial and other literature suitable for members with literacy difficulties be clearly identified in the literature list, and that CSOs be invited to do the same.

The Board resolved that the purpose of the membership survey be placed as a discussion item on the Conference PI&CPC Agenda.

The Board resolved that a feasibility study of the 2016 Australasian Convention be carried out by the Venue Selection Committee and that the Trustees' Co-ordination & Review Committee review the Minutes of the meeting and then report back to the Board prior to Conference.

The Board resolved that a recommendation be made to Conference that the General Service Conference be held every two years and that, accordingly, Area Delegates' terms be extended to four years. The reasons for this recommendation were that Conference has not been self-supporting for some time, funds would be available for other projects, the Fellowship would have more time to research and develop topics for Conference consideration, the World Service and Asia Oceania Service Meetings are held every two years.

The Board resolved that staff salaries be increased immediately by 4%, backdated to 1st July 2014. The Management Group would obtain information on salary packaging by 30th September 2014.

The Board resolved that the responsibility to review arrangements for Regional Forums could be removed from the Trustees' Co-ordination & Review Composition, Scope & Procedure Document.

The Board resolved that unnecessary promotional material and links, and the reference and link to the website designer's website be removed from the website of 2015 Newcastle Convention. There could be a list of hotels with website addresses, but no pictures or links.

The Board resolved that the Management Group should come back to the February Board meeting with recommendations for setting up Convention bank accounts.

The Board resolved that Guidelines 14 and 15 be reviewed and recommendations for changes be brought back to the February Board meeting for submission to the 2015 General Service Conference.

The Board resolved that a topic be submitted to Conference requesting that the following statement be added to Guidelines GL-14 and GL-15:

In line with Tradition 11, if you are using social media groups to provide information on your event, ensure that any pages are set up as secret pages, accessible only by members who have elected to join the group. Members should not be added without their prior permission.

ARTICLE ON CONFERENCE THEME: LOVE & SERVICE

Dr. Bob said you can summarize the program of Alcoholics Anonymous in to two words: Love and Service.

Getting sober and helping others do the same is what AA is. The Washingtonians sobered people up but tried to carry too many messages. AA Groups are made up of many different people who, in many cases, perhaps would not come together if it weren't for the common bond of alcoholism and probably not stay together if it were not for our common solution. None of us would know about the solution if we ignored the concept of Love and service.

A fundamental truth we know is that in order to stay sober ourselves we must help the next drunk through the door. Nothing else matters more to my sobriety and yours -- not our religion, our politics, or what we do for a living. The focus of AA groups can't waiver from our primary purpose to help newcomers to get sober and support members to stay sober as we are a place of abstinence and continuous sobriety. 'We" achieve this through the vital principals of recovery Love and Service. I'm ok Jack does not sit well in AAs overall health or our own.

From the book Alcoholics Anonymous: "In spite of the great increase in the size and span of this Fellowship, at its core it remains simple and personal. Each day, somewhere in the world, recovery begins when one alcoholic talks with another alcoholic, sharing experience, strength, and hope." A simple but life saving act of love and service that has saved many people around the world from the misery of active alcoholism.

Through acts of service attending meetings, sharing, washing up, service positions, 12 step work, I have learned how to love myself, fellow alcoholics, my family and society. "We finally begin to see that all people, including ourselves, are to some extent emotionally ill as well as frequently wrong, and then we approach true tolerance and see what real love for our fellows actually means." Step ten (12&12)

After sitting in countless AA meetings, group conscience, district meetings, Area meetings and conference I am grateful for the gift of tolerance of my own short comings and others. As the Big book says I am now more useful to society as a result of this service where I have exposed myself to different opinions that my own "real tolerance of other peoples shortcomings and view points and respect for their options are attitudes that make use more useful to others." BB pg 19

The gift of service is we are rewarded "We find ourselves in possession of a degree of honesty, tolerance, unselfishness, peace of mind, and love of which we thought ourselves quiet incapable." Step 12 (12&12)

I am very grateful to have the opportunity to offer service and love back to the fellowship as a Delegate. I wish us well for the 2014 conference as "We make honesty, tolerance, and true love of man(delegates & board members) and God the daily basis of living" for next four days while we as humble servants offer love and service to AA Australia.

In service Ann Atkinson WR Area B Delegate

SECTION 2

REPORTS

AREA DELEGATES REPORTS 2014

EASTERN REGION

Area A

Hi My Name is Emma M and I'm an Alcoholic,



Area A is situated in the North Eastern part of NSW, it runs along the East Coast of NSW from Tweed Heads down to Forster/Tuncurry, then runs back out to Lightning Ridge and the NSW/QLD boarder is our top boundary.

Area Assemblies are held 4 times per year, they are: the third weekend in February, the third weekend in May, the third weekend in October and the first weekend in December. The Area Assemblies are rotated around the Area and Districts or groups can bid on hosting assemblies at each area assembly. The assemblies are held over the Saturday and Sunday of these weekends, beginning on the Saturday from 1pm til 5pm, then we go out for dinner on the Saturday night and attend a local meeting. On the Sunday we start back at 9am and finish at 12pm, lunch is provided by the hosting group or district. Each Assembly has a specific focus, the October assembly is a pre-conference assembly, The December assembly is the post conference assembly, February assembly alternates each year between an inventory assembly and May assemblies are topics for conference assemblies.

Area A has a total of 9 Districts, 109 groups, 128 meetings. There are a 5 out of 9 very active districts in the Area, who send their DCMs to Area and Groups also send their GSRs. We have some Districts currently in recess and two Districts have reported to have reformed.

The Area Officer positions are, Area Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chair, Area Treasurer, Area Secretary and Area Registrar. There is also 4 Sub committees The Area Archives Committee, PI & CPC Committee, T& CF Committee and more recently the Area Website Committee. The Area Committee will be rotating positions in December this year, all positions will be available apart from the Alternate Delegate and Delegate positions.

We have a web site www.aanswarea.org and a website committee dedicated to the administration and upkeep of the website. We also have position specific email addresses ie chair@aanswareaa.org, delegate@aanswareaa.org etc.

Within Area A we have a number of rallies, some of these held annually for many years. Some of these include: Uralla Bush rangers rally in February, Port Macquarie in May/June, Lightning Ridge In June, The Rally in the Heart at Ballina in August, The Byron Bay convention in October and the Rally in Forster. A Rally was also hosted by the Banana Coast District in August this year in Sawtell.

Area A continues to help carry the message and to educate others in General Service. We have our own challenges, but we emphasise the importance of structure in our meetings. Area A has seen the need for new technology in carrying the message and it has been an interesting experience discovering how to best use these technologies and continue to practice the traditions. I would like to invite anyone who wishes to attend an Area A assembly to come along, you are always welcome.

Yours In Service
Emma M
Delegate, Area A, Eastern Region.
delegate@aanswareaa.org

Area B

This year we are focusing on getting the Committee meetings up and running to compliment the Assemblies and to ensure action items are completed. The Committee are a dedicated group who are all trying to increase the number of groups participating in service by sending GSRs and adhering to the 7th Tradition. The Area is conducting a service day in November to spread the service message.

It was great to attend the weekend at Wombeyan Caves which is held every February. It is hosted by the 6th Chapter Men's Group and well attended by AA and Alanon. The big fireplace is always busy and draws members to attend the meetings and even the rain didn't dampen the fellowship.

I attended the CSO Council and was disappointed by the lack of group interest; however it may have been due to lack of advertising and the also that it was held on a long weekend. It was also a time for job rotation which is important in AA, yet it appears to be difficult to find people willing to step into the roles.

The ACTYPAA committee put on a great weekend and it was good to see that some attendees of the Adelaide Convention planned their trip to include attendance in Canberra. Young people doing service is not only beneficial to their sobriety but also for the fellowship as a whole as they take over the service roles from the older sober members.

Another event that I attended was the Merimbula birthday in May, they held two meetings one on Saturday night and a spiritual concepts on the Sunday. Wonderful weekend of sharing and fellowship and I recommend it to other members who like to travel. My accommodation was pretty cheap as I stayed in the YHA, I also got an opportunity to do some site seeing around the lovely township. A small group of dedicated service people put on an excellent Founders Day which was well attended by all groups and Rehab Members. The e literature table did an excellent trade and I think the biggest seller was the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Big Book.

It was really good to meet the board in Sydney, I did think that we were invited to actually witness the board meeting however this was not the case, It Did turn out to be a very informative session. I was fortunate to get a lift with and spend the weekend with an AA couple and we had a great weekend.

My job in Canberra got cut however I was fortunate to get a new one which is located in Queensland. So I need to tend my resignation as the Delegate, I am very sad to have to resign as being at Conference last year was an amazing experience. Hopefully I will be able to attend at another time in a different role.

There was a couple of items that I feel were left unresolved one of these is the geographical scope of Area B from National Office and the one that can best be covered by the Area. This decision will impact on The Southern Highlands and Bindanoon.

Yours in Service
Diane C

Area C

Area C covers the area starting north of Sydney and continues up to Scone in the Hunter Valley. We have two active Districts, one covering the central Newcastle area and the other covering Upper Hunter, Port Stevens and the outer Newcastle areas. There approximately Fifty meetings in the northern end of the Area with an average of twelve members in each meeting and approximately fifty-six meetings in the Gosford Area with an average attendance of twelve also.

We have regular District and Area meetings but would like the attendances to be stronger. The members attending have good input and keep the Area running OK.

We have been very busy organizing next year's annual convention with the work load gearing up as the event draws closer. We appear to be on track with our tasks at this stage. The major raffle prize has been purchased and is ready to go. We are currently working on the program for the event which should be finalized soon.

Some of the activities conducted during the year are a three day stand at the annual Local Field Day .This was well attended by both members and the general public with plenty of inquiries from the general public, we handed a lot of pamphlets out over the three days. We have two annual rallies in the area, one on the Central Coast and the other at Morrisset hosted by the Newcastle District. These were also well attended with both committee's making a small profit.

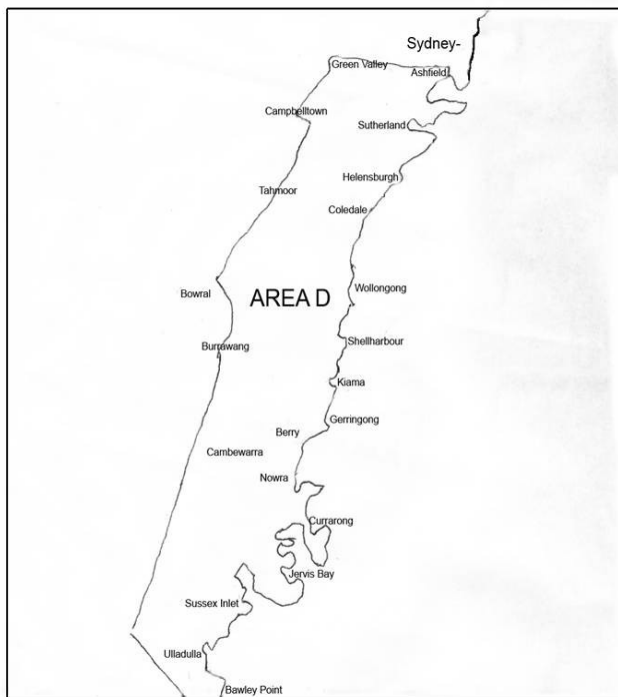
Our goal visits are going well with a good roster working at the Cessnock goal. A member and I attended an information meeting at the GSO to discuss ways of getting the message into goals and hear some ideas that other areas are doing with their T&CF programs, we had a very informative session at the meeting.

Yours in Service Phil G,
Area C Delegate.

Area D

Hi Friends, my name is Mark S and I'm an alcoholic. My Home Group is the Nowra Primary Purpose Big Book Study Group and it is a privilege to write my first report to the General Service Conference.

Area D encompasses parts of southern and western Sydney and continues south through the Illawarra, parts of the Southern Highlands and the Shoalhaven as far south as Bawley Point.



Area D currently holds four Assemblies a year and the Assemblies are rotated between Sutherland, Wollongong and Nowra. There are over 100 meetings held weekly in Area D.

My first year as Delegate has kept me busy and I have enjoyed meeting new people and catching up with others I have known for many years. I attended the Wollongong Central Service Office Executive Committee Meeting on May 19 2014 and was given the opportunity to talk about areas of service and make sure we were not going to duplicate any AA work. Thank you to the hard working office staff who made me feel welcome.

I took up the invitation to meet with the Trustees of the General Service Board, World Service Delegates and General Service Office Staff on July 12 2014 at Brighton Le Sands. It was a great opportunity to connect with enthusiastic and passionate members talking about PI/CPC and T and CF work. This initiative to meet with the board was very helpful and gave me an overview of our World Wide Fellowship. A role-play was also used to explain how the General Service Structure works in regard to reaching the alcoholic who still suffers. It was all very informative and helpful to any member looking at participating in our third legacy or just wanting to see the bigger picture beyond the group.

Our Area committee is still in need of an Alternate Delegate and a Chairperson. We are hoping to fill these roles soon and they remain an ongoing Agenda Item at each Assembly. Our dedicated Treasurer is doing a great job but he needs to rotate off also. Thanks to all Groups in the Area who continue to support Area D both financially and spiritually.

The Area has been active in reaching the alcoholic who still suffers through both PI and CPC Work.

Police Stations and Ambulance Stations:

We continue to visit and leave literature, A4 Posters, contact numbers and meetings lists.

Bankstown CDAT Drug and Alcohol Forum: 11/4/14

Two Members attended this Forum on 11/4/14 at Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre. This was a great opportunity to network with other Service Providers. Bankstown Council, CDAT and a Youth Worker requested an AA Power Point Presentation which was sent by email. Literature and local meetings lists were taken by other services.

CPC Presentations to Welfare Students Bomaderry TAFE Campus: 6/5/14

We have been carrying out an annual CPC Presentation to the Certificate 4 Welfare Students at Bomaderry TAFE. We have built a strong relationship with the Campus Welfare Teachers and conduct the presentation for their Module "Introduction to Community Services" which fits well and our visits have become part of the student's lesson plan.

Generation Next: AA Information Stand Sydney Town Hall 30/5/14

This conference was held for the Mental Health and Well-Being of Young People. Areas D, G and H worked on this project since February this year. It began with our National PI and CPC Coordinator and grew into an ongoing united effort from the three Areas and the GSO. The Conference was attended by 1200 representatives and a number of Guest Speakers were present. This was a great opportunity to reach a wide array of Service Providers all at the same time. We were able to connect with many workers in the Youth Field, in particular those who work with young people who may be afflicted with alcoholism. A big thank you to all involved particularly the GSO for the impressive sign.

Naidoc Celebrations: AA Information Stand Nowra Showground 9/7/14

We had an Information Stand at these annual Indigenous celebrations which are held at the Nowra Showground. It is an opportunity to reach the public and also to network with other service providers.

Wiggio: Area D uses Wiggio a free web application that makes it is easy to work in groups. This allows the Area Committee and all members to keep in touch about service projects, AA events, post flyers and other relevant information between our Assemblies. Assembly Minutes are also posted. All posts are emailed directly to all members. Currently we have over 80 members as contacts including Wollongong and Croydon Central Service Offices.

Festival of Daring Ideas [Formerly Eastern Regional Forum] 6/9/14

I attended the Festival of Daring Ideas which was hosted by Area G at the North Sydney Leagues Club. I enjoyed the enthusiastic and passionate Fellowship throughout the day. It was great to see the different presentations from one of our World Service Delegates Sharon R and our National PI and CPC Coordinator Leigh F. The Great Debate topic "WAS AA BETTER IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS?" was very spirited and humorous and a great way to end the day. Thanks to all involved.

In Service Mark S
Area D Eastern Region

Area E

Area E, Eastern Region spans all of the Northern Sydney and Northern Beaches areas in Sydney. This covers over 80 registered meetings throughout the area. Area E is very well serviced by our Northern Sydney Central Service Office (NSCSO). The NSCSO sells literature, produces a monthly newsletter, maintains a well-staffed telephone roster both during business and after hours and supports the AA 1800 number.

This year, Area E welcomed our new chairman Steven Connolly. Steve has taken over chairing the committee meetings and organising the Area Assemblies. The last area assembly in June was well attended and very well catered and featured an audio presentation of "How Bill says it" with the idea of encouraging service through hearing the story of AA from our founder Bill W. We also had a presentation from the NSCSO Office Manager Cheryn Porter. I gave a presentation on what it means to be an Area Delegate.

Our Alternate Delegate Sean Hall has setup an innovative email management system to help us improve and manage our email communications within the area. Area E has now voted on adopting a subscriber list for its members using a service called Mail Chimp. The service is free while we have less than 2,000 subscribers and send less than 12,000 emails a month. It has the ability to create great looking emails, newsletters, event invites, notices etc. It is colourful and can include images. It also has great marketing tracking features like measuring open rates, click rates, i.e. how many people opened the email, how many people clicked on the link to the event page, who is actually genuinely engage with our correspondence. It also gives the members a private and easy to manage unsubscribe option, should they want to stop receiving information. And at an Area E Event we can upload new subscribers by asking them to add their detail on a iPad and it automatically uploads to the database. There are a number of PI initiatives in the works such as a Pharmacist mail out, a public noticeboard campaign and a AA highway sign near the NSCSO.

Saad, our Group Liaison person is diligently going to different meetings spreading the word on the benefits of service.

Our local groups still remain diligent keeping hospitals and treatment centres well stocked with literature and our H&I roster is always a waiting list!

As we do not have any correctional facilities in the area the committee does not feel the need to have a T&CF position filled. I have been filling in for that position on an as needs basis. I recently attended the Melbourne T&CF forum where I presented on my work with the Prisons CD-ROM.

In Service,
Lachlan B
Area E, Eastern Region Delegate, Panel 55.

Area F

Hello everyone,

A very large Area. I took over this role from Allie B, she left very big shoes to fill. She has done and continues to do great work in promoting unity in Area F.

AREA F STATISTICS:

- Over 40 meetings per week
- Area committee filled positions Treasurer (Wagga Wagga), Secretary(Mudgee), Delegate(Dubbo)
 - Always difficult to fill these Service roles in this Area. We have had 2 Chairmen resign this year. Currently, we have an interest in the Chairman role. We have no alternates.
 - 2 assemblies conducted this year and a third planned for the Condobolin Intergroup on 20th September 2014.
 - Assemblies are, whenever possible, on the same day and same location as an Intergroup meeting. Distance and cost does not always make it possible.
- It is not all doom and gloom and slow growth is being experience. From the feedback received
 - There is a heightened awareness in the Area to having a Delegate.
 - There is a growing knowledge with respect to 60/30/10.
 - Group consciences are more informed.
- Districts
 - Wagga Wagga is the single District in Area F. It is well formed, has regular meetings and is active in its locale.
 - After a trip to Broken Hill it was noticed that there was a shortage of literature. Wagga Wagga District collected literature donations from other groups in the Area and sent them on. Broken Hill now has literature donated by the more financially secure groups in the Area.

AREA F FINANCES

At the time of writing this report we have covered 3 of the 4 levies for attendance at the 2014 Service Conference. We are currently running a raffle to raise funds.

INTERGROUP

- Continues to be active in Area F. I missed the last one in Forbes. However, I did hear that the nibbles were great.
- Other towns are showing interest in Intergroup. Goulburn, not previously in Area F, is interested.

EVENTS

On the 13th September Wagga District had a workshop, BBQ and Auction where they gave presentations on Service and Structure. I did not attend but the auction raised some funds for Area and it was described as a unifying and fun experience. Participation from older members was well received and very much appreciated. Finally, thankyou to Area F for allowing me to participate. Keep it simple.

Yours in service,
Greg H
Dubbo Steps 7pm Sundays

Area G Sydney Inner West, CBD and Eastern Suburbs

Noteworthy

1. Members continued to carry the message in Sydney gaols and the Sydney Forensic Hospital by holding regular meetings in institutions
2. We have established an Area G website www.areagaa.org
3. Continued to hold meetings in local rehab and treatment facilities
4. Literature packs have been delivered to treatment facilities throughout Area G (See below)
5. The Message Area G newsletter continued to be produced and distributed in Area G
6. Members continue to participate on the roster for the telephone diverter, operated through the Sydney City CSO
7. Continued cooperation with the Sydney City CSO.
8. Continued to support the General Service structure and the Unity of AA by making regular cost equalisation contributions to support Delegates from all over Australia to attend Conference
9. Hosted the Festival of Daring Ideas, (Eastern Regional Forum) which was a great success (see below)

AA Meetings

Area G is located in the heart of Sydney and covers the vibrant Inner City, beautiful Eastern Suburbs and beaches and the urban wilds of the Inner West.

We have over 130 meetings per week including

- ID and Recovery focussed meetings
- Breakfast meetings and lunchtime meetings
- Gay, lesbian and transgender AA meetings
- Meetings held in treatment facilities
- Women's meetings
- Men's meetings
- A Koori meeting
- Meditation meetings
- A meeting for lawyers

- A young people's meeting
- A walking meeting.

Highlights

AA Festival of Daring Ideas (FODI)

In September 2014 we Area G hosted the AA Festival of Daring Ideas (FODI) which was an effort to re-brand and reinvigorate the Eastern Regional Forum. We formed a committee and put together a program with a focus on what AA is doing well. A web site was set up to help us promote the event. This enable us to post information, flyers and the program.

We kept the event to one day, and held it on the same day and in the same venue as CaberAA (which is an evening of performances by talented AA members). People who had travelled for FODI were able to get a discount on CaberAA tickets and stay for that event also.

Speakers including our International Delegate and National PI Coordinator brought their presentations to life with fascinating human stories and amazing photos. One of my favourite pieces of feedback from the day was that "people shared instead of giving presentations."

Registration for FODI was free, with an optional 7th Tradition taken on the day. This was supplemented by donations for the Area and from the CSO. The day started with "speed dating", which enabled members to meet the board, GSO staff, Delegates and others in the service structure in 5 minutes bursts, before rotating. People were encouraged to continue conversations over a number of 20 minutes breaks during the day.

We also ran build a website workshops and information sessions about AA online. These sessions were held concurrently with other sessions and some people expressed disappointment that they were not able to get to everything they were interested in.

At the peak (in the morning) we had approximately 80 people in attendance, with numbers dropping to around 50 – 60 over the course of the day.

The day ended with a fun event as teams did battle in the "Great Debate" in an effort to win the Dr Bob Platter.

An online Survey was set up with a link to gather feedback. We received 17 responses which have been overwhelmingly positive.

Delivery of AA Literature into Institutions

Area G in collaboration with the Central Sydney CSO has prioritised delivering literature to treatment facilities in our area. In the 2013 / 14 year 22 rehabs and detoxes have received \$2380.00 worth of literature (about \$80 each presented in a unique AA symbol calico bag) Not one has refused further support including institutions that do not have a 12 Step focus.

10 of the facilities have regular AA meetings involving support from Area G groups. 4 have compulsory attendance in 12 Step programs for clients.

We are currently awaiting approval from the CSO for further funding to provide additional AA literature where it is needed in our Area.

Andrew T
Area G Delegate

Area H

There are over 90 meetings in Area H and we have anywhere between 5 and 12 GSR's at the Area Assembly's which are held quarterly as well as a DCM from Macarthur District. We also hold two special topics for conference meetings to prepare topics and to compile voting from groups. We circulate minuted following each assembly and a newsletter.

This year we put forward 5 topics for conference 3 of which were accepted:

1. That conference produce a short (approx. 2 minute) video that can be accessed electronically targeted at AA members to advise and educate on why we need to be self-supporting financially and how members contributions are used. Accepted
2. That conference 2014 receive a full updated report from the GSB on the current status of the situation involving AA Victoria (Richmond CSO) and that time be set aside in the Agenda at Conference 2014 to discuss this matter. Rejected. NOTE: Several groups are concerned about this situation and feel that it is important that Unity and tolerance be our code. In Area H there is a strong sense that the conscience of AA cannot be heard on this matter if it doesn't get a hearing at the National Conference.
3. The Finance committee confer with the Trustees finance committee on ways to increase member contributions and that they report back to Delegates by the 31st May 2015 so that topics for conference 2015 can be entered with Clear Actions to be taken at the Area and group level. Rejected
4. The conference literature committee either replace the USA addresses or include the following Australian address on page 9 and the back cover of the "sure beats sitting in a cell" brochure (2012 revised addition.) Corrections Correspondence Services, C/O PO BOX A44, Arncliffe, NSW 2205. Accepted
5. That the literature committee replace the word donation with the word Contribution on the pamphlet entitled "Group Donation Plans". Accepted

PI work: The Area agreed to take on the project of participating at "mental health and wellbeing of young people" conference by Generation Next. This was held in Sydney on Friday the 30th May at Town Hall and had a great turnout of young people.

Blue Mountains & Western Sydney CSO: The 1300 national number has been changed to divert to the new number 0428 160 457 if dialled anywhere within the area from Parramatta to Penrith, Nepean, Hawkesbury, Blue Mountains and Central West.

Positions Vacant: We currently have two service positions vacant in Area H - Secretary and Chairperson.

Upcoming Events in Area H for the remainder of 2014

- NEWYPAA - 11-12 October 2014 at Novotel Parramatta

- Blue Mountains Rally, 1 - 2 November 2014 - Blue Mountains Rally, Lawson
- [Area H End of year Get together, Sun 23rd November from 10am -3pm at Kingswood Neighbourhood Centre, 19 Bringelly Rd., Kingswood.](#)

SOUTHERN REGION

Area B
REPORT NOT RECEIVED

Area C
REPORT NOT RECEIVED

Area D

Area D comprises of approximately 120 groups (not all attend the area meetings) we hold regular quarterly area meetings that alternate from city to country hosted by local groups; at a couple of previous meetings attendance was lower than usual, and apologies sent, (I think the cold and miserable weather had a little to do with it) and in the most recent meeting where topics were on the agenda there was a good turn up and much discussion.

The Southern regional treatment and corrections forum ,which was hosted by area D , went exceptionally well and the organizing committee, who worked consistently are pleased by the result The intergroups (northwest phone service and the prisons intergroup) which operate independently within the area still give a report for transparency.

The next area meeting will be an election meeting the vacant positions are Delegate and alternate, Area registrar and chairman.

In summary area D southern region is healthy, well and unified in the AA general service structure.

As this will be my last report to the conference that it's been a privilege to serve, I wish you all the best and I'm confident that the AA general service structure is in safe hands now and in the future. I'm sure that I will always remain humbled by the overwhelming experience accorded me by Area D and the general service Conference.

YIS
Terence H.

Area E

I have been sober since early July 2005 my Home Group is Sandy Bay Hobart.

Area E has reformed after a recess of several years and the 1st area assembly is scheduled to be held in Launceston on the 18th October 2014.

Regards,

Ray M

NORTH EASTERN REGION

Area A



Good day to all members, I must say it has been a privilege to be the Delegate for this area, I hold the responsibility bestowed upon me very highly. This Area is from North to Thursday Island south to Sarina and west to Mount Isa comprising three Districts, Cairns in the far north Townsville and Mackay in the south of the Area A.

It has been a very busy year for all Districts, the Cairns District has been conducting workshops for Treatment centres organised by several members there guided by Rebecca W and her band of diligent helpers, With the sad loss of a well-known member Jimmy Mac in Atherton early in the year the Kookaburra group is still operating in the Correctional facility at Lotus Glenn on

the Tablelands, led by our trusted member Painter John a protégé of Jimmy Mac. AA has been taking the message into this facility for the past 20 years, what an achievement!

In the early stages of the year AA was represented by a booth at the Medical convention that was attended by over 600 medical PR actioners maned by Mary P Regional trustee and the Area a PI Coordinator Brett F. we were well received and a lot of literature was distributed, and interest shown in our fellowship.

The National convention for 2017 is on the drawing board with two sub committees organised that is the Finance and fund raising committees with a raffle organised to date initiated by Painter John. The host planning Committee has been compiled, Chaired by our Regional Trustee Mary P. Treasure Fiona from Cairns, assisted by David W from Townsville and Sectary Mervin M.

The Townsville District held the North Queensland round up in June this Year which was reasonably attended by local and surrounding Districts about 75 attendees for the weekend, with the Area assembly being held over the weekend and was well attended.

The living sober social weekend was cancelled as the Townsville steering committee through the District GSR, s decided that holding two major social events was not going to be viable and the Area A Assembly meeting was rescheduled for the 27th of September.

The Mackay District lost one of their old timers in the early part of the year Mick D. he is sorely missed. The steering committee has been very active and forward thinking, we had a challenge of Distance and meeting availability to the distant member that was not able to attend due to circumstances of distance and family response ability, so they meet the challenge by introducing Skype on a trial basis, and this seems to be working very well. By holding a BBQ after the District meeting it has brought the District members together as a cohesive unit.

I attended the regional Forum in Brisbane at Kenmore library earlier this year in August, I learned a lot from the Forum and gained a better understanding on a lot of subjects including the twelve Concepts of World Service.

I have attended the National Treatment & Correctional Facilities Forum in Melbourne on the 29 through to the 31st of August 2014, and learned a lot about these vital services that AA provides to the Alcoholic in these facilities. Today (16/09/14)I received in the post my authority to visit the correctional facility in Townsville. I am still waiting for the authority for lotus Glenn on the Atherton Tablelands, I am confident that it will be forthcoming in the near future. In conjunction with the District DCMs, coordinators and volunteers to these facilities AA meetings will carry our message to the still suffering alcoholic that wants our assistance.

This Area is in a sound financial position where our prudent reserve has been maintained and has passed on our surplus to the appropriate offices.

Yours in service,
Ian P.
Area Delegate.
Area A North Eastern Region, Panel 54

Area B
REPORT NOT RECEIVED

Area C

Hi everyone my name is Paul and I'm thrilled to be attending my second conference as delegate and would like to send greetings of love and respect to all other members, groups, districts and areas plus heartfelt thanks for being part of our wonderful fellowship.

Area C assemblies are usually well attended and our legacy of unity is always our main theme. We are very fortunate to have hard working districts that put on rallies and workshops that are proving to be very popular. The Gold Coast district put on their annual rally and decided not to charge registration, but because of the popularity of this particular rally they made a substantial contribution to our area.

Area C North East Region is located from the Brisbane River down to Coolangatta and West to the borders and is going through the growing stages of active service of participation where some districts are thriving and some are just surviving. Through it all our service arms have done some great work.

Our public information committee has attended many functions to carry our message to, not only the public but to professionals who have shown a lot of enthusiasm at these functions including a morning tea that was very well attended at the Gold Coast. Our area has 8 prisons and the correction committee have contact and regular meetings in 7 of these. They receive a lot of help from the National Coordinator and that is a great encouragement for them. The women's prisons are especially full of enthusiasm and encouragement.

Our young people had their annual rally and it was a wonderful weekend with good attendance and a lot of support from encouraging older members. The committee and all who helped made a wonderful contribution to carrying our message to all who attended.

Our Hospitals and Institutions are looked after by various groups and are coordinated by our H & I committee.

Area C was able to hold our regional forum in August and it was a very informative 2 days where all who attended had the chance to share. Thanks to our outgoing Regional Trustee **Mary** for her dedication to carrying our message throughout Queensland. Special thanks to **Paul** from Area B and **Ian** from Area A for coming to make this a very warm forum. Some great ideas were mentioned and we will be following up on them.

To sum up for Area C we are going forward in a variety of meetings being held including 3 Traditions and 2 Concept Meetings and we are making slow but steady progress in the General Service Area.

Yours in the fellowship.

Paul M
North East Region
Area C Delegate

CENTRAL REGION

Area A

Hello, my name is Seija L and I'm an alcoholic. In May this year I was elected as the new Delegate for Area A, Central Region. I am a firm believer in service work. For me, I believe it helps me with my recovery. It may sound selfish and maybe it is, but I do want to give back to AA because it was there when I needed help. AA together with my Higher Power has given me a chance to live again.

On 24th of May 2014, Area A and Area B held joint Workshop to promote service work and the impact of it in the continuance of AA in South Australia. The day was very

successful with a great turnout and many members putting their hand up for service work. The main objective of the workshop was to re establish the AA structure as it was meant to be. Whilst many groups had their GSR's, there were no DCM's and the idea of Alternates was an unexplored territory. Needless to say, our structure looked deflated without proper District contribution. I am happy to report that our structure looks much more healthier now after the workshop and more people are putting their hand up for service work. One of the achievements from that workshop was the establishment of two new groups in the mining towns of Andamooka and Roxby Downs. Groups in our northern districts are looking out and helping each other. Our Northern Districts DCM is doing a mighty job in keeping them together and supporting them. Information is now flowing better to the Groups. Our newly elected Treasurer comes from the north which is great because they are fully committed and involved in our Area matters. Our Northern Districts hold the largest land mass in SA and the logistics can be daunting. The Area meeting has now separated from the Central Districts meeting, having them both together became very confusing and because of the increase in participating members, very messy. I am pleased to say, everything is as they should be or as the "The Australian AA Service Manual" shows.

On June long weekend we held our June long weekend camp (funny that)...Last year it was held successfully at the Gladstone Gaol and was supposed to be there this year too, but something came up during the year to make us reconsider. The camp venue was changed and we ended up having it at the Quorn Outdoor Education Centre, at the gateway to our beautiful Flinders Ranges. Once again our members showed the spirit of recovery and the turnout was a sign of solid support. God was on our side, giving us a perfect weather, although the nights were cold. Much fun was had by all, there's no doubt about us alkies, we know how to enjoy ourselves. Luckily, we have another Area camp coming up this year, the last weekend in November at Port Hughes, this gives a chance for our remote members in the north to join us for an area assembly if they wish.

Much work has been done in Area A to promote public awareness. Central District in particular is getting very active organising information folders which they plan to distribute to many public health services and other public venues. Our prisons, police and health services at north are still been taken good care of. Good work has been done there with information, AA prison meetings and posters at various public places including medical centers and doctors rooms. It is getting very exciting and I am proud to work alongside such enthusiastic members.

Seija L
Area A Delegate, Central Region

Area B

I would like to thank our outgoing delegate Robyn N for assisting me in taking over this position and thank her on behalf of Area B for all of her hard work over the passed three years.

Area B Central Region covers a large diverse area of South Australia incorporating the Riverland (Loxton, Renmark, Berri, Waikerie) The Adelaide Hills (Hahndorf, Aldgate, Stirling, Mt Barker, Strathalbyn) across to the Victorian boarder (Mt Gambier and Millicent), and The Fleurieu Peninsula (Goolwa, Victor Harbor, Yankalilla, Sellicks Beach, Aldinga, McLaren Vale, Hackham) and following the South Coastal Region to The City of Adelaide, the River Torrens being a boundary between Area A and Area B. We have a series of new members holding positions on the area committee as follows, Noeline Chairperson, Leanne M Secretary, Jamie S [T@CF](#) officer, Rob C P.I. Officer. We also have our treasurer Alison

Our meetings are still held on the last saturday of each month at the Repat hospital conference room, here in Adelaide.

We currently have 52no groups in our area split up into 4no districts, unfortunately we have been unable to get these districts up and running again.

Area B held a service promotion morning recently to encourage members to form the districts again, and although well attended no districts have been formed as yet.

The Treatment and Correctional Facilities

The Glenside Withdrawal Services

Glenside Withdrawal Services is a Detox Unit funded by the Government and the only withdrawal unit in SA apart from Acute Cases. (Both Joslin and Waranilla Units have closed). Our [T@CF](#) officer jamie facilitates this unit and assists in providing sober members of AA to attend every friday at 6.00pm to hold a 60 minute meeting. Literature is provided as requested.

The Woolshed

The manager of The Woolshed is very happy with the service AA provides there. We have 3no groups from within our area who provide an AA continuous attendance on 3 Tuesdays of the Month.

Again literature is provided on request

Mobolong Prison

The meetings at Mobolong prison are in temporary recess as we are struggling to get enough members willing to attend, the members who have been rostered on over the last three years has slowly diminished due to varying reasons, also we have assisted in getting members wishing to carry out this arm of service inducted and security checked to find out that they are not committed,

We are actively seeking out members wishing to commit to attending the prison.

P.I REPORT

PI has been moving along with members visiting various schools throughout the year and contacts have been made to wards at hospitals homeless shelters and youth workers

Gennext was a big success was loads of literature given out – is AA for you , AA for teenagers , SA meetings lists were the most popular and schools , youth workers , councillors and workplaces also asked for members to speak , 1 upcoming talk on September the 23rd to representatives of all catholic charities including centacare , St Vincent de paul , Catherine house who want to know about the AA recovery program Also as a result of our national PI we have been invited to take part in APSADs (Australasian society for alcohol and drugs) conference from November 9-13 at the Adelaide convention centre , 300 -500 professionals will be in attendance , other upcoming events include SANDAS were AA has been approached to meet and introduce speakers to members for references to organisations seeking support for alcoholics

Literature continues to be handed out to Rehabs , Hospitals , schools and workplaces and members are sharing on local radio still Purchasing our own AA banners have also been discussed

AA Adelaide Convention 2014

Area B's involvement in the Adelaide Convention 2014 was by means of a loan at the early stages of planning that has now been repaid. All of the area officers were involved at varying levels throughout the convention weekend. The convention was a real success.

Central Service Office

The Central Service Office is in Room 120, Level 1, 38 Gawler Place, Adelaide. Due to unforeseen circumstances Phillipa who had taken up the position as CSO administrator has stepped down and we have a new administrator in Chris W. The CSO also has a new email address being; cs0@aa-sa.org

I would like to express my apologies for not participating in both teleconferences, I was unaware of the dates when I took on this position and already had overseas commitments firstly the Bali convention and secondly family commitments in the UK, I will make sure I am available next year.

Andy P
Area B Delegate, Central Region.

WESTERN REGION

Area A

Hello my name is Natalie and I am an alcoholic.

We have about 70-80 groups in Area A Western Region. Area A covers a vast area, from north of the Swan River in Perth to just north of Port Headland and out to the WA/SA border. With the restructuring of the boundaries about to be discussed at conference our area might become the largest area in Australia. Metro area groups fluctuate between 60-65 groups. The majority of meetings are ID meetings. We have three active Districts Swan, Mid-West and North West.

Happy to report all positions at area are filled and all seem to be very enthusiastic about their positions and the area. Communication has been good. Area assemblies are held every 3 months usually the first Sunday of the month from 2pm to approx. 4 (on a good day). Happy to say the assemblies have been well attended. Approx. 15-20 group GSR's have been attending the regularly.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Our PI person Peter D is doing a fine job at coordinating, facilitating and attracting

Next Gen Seminar - On the May 23rd myself and three other members attended the Next Gen youth mental health seminar at the University of WA. There was a lot of interest and buzz around our stand including many teachers interested in us speaking in their schools. Two youth venues were happy to display AA literature. A large variety of literature was available for free and books for sale as well. Both Area A and B donated funds to supply the literature and pay for our stand. The symposium was a great way to pass on the AA message to the general public who are genuinely interested in the youth.

Speaking at Schools - In the past 3 months I have had the pleasure to speak at two high schools. The roster is, male and female member who speak for about 15 mins each to year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students. Averaging 50 students per talk. Over the next few months there are 12 more opportunities to chat to students about Alcoholics Anonymous. It's been a very successful initiative with very positive feedback from both teachers and students asking us to return to speak to other classes.

Speaking at Non AA meetings Workshop - A workshop was held on August 17 at Claisebrook Lotteries House. There were 2 members sharing and referring to the guidelines and talking about their experience in these three areas: Treatment Facilities, Correctional Facilities and Schools

TREATMENT

Bridge House, Royal Perth Hospital, Holyoake, Cyrenian House are all being looked after by our very capable H&I coordinator Elaine. The rosters seem to be full and the meetings are well attended at these facilities. Next Step roster includes 2 speakers Thursday and Saturday nights. AA cards "Does Alcohol cost you more than money" and

literature provided. Current Serenity's (10) per month sent. Roster currently consists of 13 home groups sharing the costs of taking in literature and current meetings lists.

New treatment center in the Pilbara - A new treatment center has opened in the Pilbara. They have a meeting there on Sundays and members from the Port Hedland Group support it.

Restructuring of regional boundaries - Northern Region (Northern Territory) has submitted a topic to Conference that the regional boundaries of AA in Australia be changed to include the section of Western Australia north of Port Hedland into Western Region. At present this area is in Northern Region, which is looked after by Darwin, but they lack the membership numbers and resources to administer such a large area. Also, the groups in the area concerned align themselves with Perth and the Western Region and make group donations to Perth CSO.

The General Service Board visit – will be held in February 2015 in Perth. The Agenda will include a three-hour 'Meet the Board' session.

As well as the February visit, the Board has initiated a series of one day Area Forums for 2015. It was suggested that it would be better to have a joint Area A&B event in Western Region. This Forum will be held in September 2015. The Area Forum will be attended by the Western Region Trustee, 1 other Trustee, 1 GSO staff member, 1 World Service Delegate and 1 National coordinator, such as Public Information or Correctional Facilities. The Board will meet any travel and accommodation costs and the Areas will be responsible for funding the venue, catering... etc.

Founders day gratitude meeting - June 8TH 2014

About forty-five members attended the meeting this year, including Class A Trustee Rodger Bull. It was a wonderful meeting lead by two old timers letting us know how it was back then. There was wonderful fellowship afterwards.

2018 National Convention - Just a tad excited that our bid to host the convention will be received.

I think I've covered everything.... Its 1:30am on the morning that this is due and I'm fried!!! Nothing like leaving it to the last second. Anyway I've loved writing my report. I've been reminded of how privileged I am to be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and to have the opportunity to serve as the Area A Western Region Delegate.

Yours in loving service
Natalie G

Area B

My name is Ann A and I am an alcoholic. I am the Area B Delegate in the Western Region. Area B covers the Southern part of Western Australia from roughly South of the Swan River down to Albany and across to the WA/SA border. We have approximately 75 meetings in Area B, including both the metro area and the country.

Round ups are a special part of the fellowship and recovery in Area B.

We have 2 Districts in Area B: the Peel District and Port District. The Public Information committees at both Area and the District levels include film nights, radio spots, Doctor

Pack drops at medical centers and clinics, Literature drops at libraries and police stations and speakers at local schools. Regular workshops are held on the steps.

We have weekly meetings at most of the Correctional Facilities in Area B: Hakea, Casuarina, Boronia womans prison, Pardelup and Albany. A new correctional facility for young males is also receiving support from male members. We continue to have a need for more volunteers for service in this area. The few but dedicated members that do service at the prisons are carrying a heavy load. We also do service at the Courts for drink-related charges but again, more participation would be helpful in sharing the responsibility we all hold to carry the message to still suffering Alcoholics. Area B sent 2 members to the Corrections & Treatments forum this year.

In 2014 we have had several Service workshops in the Area. The annual Old timers meeting continue to be a high light for many members in the Western region.

WAYPAA is very strong in Western Australia and has given a huge surge of enthusiasm to our fellowship. They organize many events each year, such as bowling nights, movies, golf days, dances, etc. It is fantastic, especially for the younger members, to have so much fellowship available.

Overall, it has been a busy and successful year in Area B with some excellent work done in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. The number of GSRs that attend the Area Assembly has increased significantly, and the knowledge and interest in the Conference Topics has increased as well. Two groups that were holding meetings but not operating as a home group has moved into the structure are now holding group conscience and have now got service positions. As delegate I have been approached by a new comer who has left AA and many other members concerned about WR AA apparent affiliation with the last mile organization. The past delegates, chairs of area A&B along with regional trustee are currently considering these concerns.

As second year Delegate I want to thank my Area for giving me the opportunity to participate in Conference and for their ongoing support.

Western Region, Area B
Ann A

NORTHERN REGION

Northern A Region- Katharine T

Area A is a huge geographical area, with a population of 250,000. Half that population lives in Darwin. Darwin has a District and a C.S.O, supported by approximately 12 Groups. The rest of the Area is serviced by Groups. Older sober members have established strong fellowship in Katherine and Alice Springs.

Our aim as The Area Committee has been to:

- Answer the call to carry the message to remote communities.
- Educate and enthuse members about general service.
- Support the General Service Conference.

Area activities this year have included:

The Annual Round-ups held in Alice Springs, then Darwin and Katherine during our beautiful dry season month of July were well supported again this year. We enjoy the fellowship of the “sober grey nomads”, and the many regular visitors. However the number of registrations were down on previous years, especially in Darwin.

At the area assembly in August it was decided to form a working committee to help establish AA in Tennant Creek and although this working group has yet to be established there has been a healthy amount of interest from members

Generally, meetings are well attended, but it is always a struggle to fill service positions within and outside the Group. The Area is by nature transient, and there is a reluctance to experience our third legacy. The Area Committee currently has no Alternate Delegate or chairperson. We just do not have the numbers to support the current structure, and the structure does not meet the needs of this Area.

The Area has also discussed the idea of reducing the geographical boundaries to include the Northern Territory only.

Finally, there has been increased interest from both government and non-government services that are involved in the treatment of alcoholics which gives the fellowship a wonderful opportunity to carry the message in the North

Thank you to the members of the Northern Area A region for their support and enthusiasm

In love and service

Katharine

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD REPORTS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As this is my last year as Board Chair and N.E.Regional Trustee I wish to thank all those who have been there to support and advise me on the journey. It has been a great experience and a pleasure to serve the fellowship in this capacity.

As Board Chair I have been asked to comment on the situation at Richmond office Victoria otherwise known as AA Victoria. While for several years the General Service Board of AA Australia and the Australian General Service Office have received correspondence from this entity via its secretary Angie King threatening legal action against the Board, it has been the Board's policy since 2012 to take no action against this entity or to correspond with them in any way. At the time of writing this report The General Service Board of AA Australia has to this date strictly adhered to this policy. In no manner has the General Service Board of AA Australia sought to interfere with the daily running of this office or with any members connected with it.

I hope clarifies the situation. I wish the Board, The delegates and indeed the fellowship across Australia all the best for the future

YIS

Mary P

N.E.Regional Trustee

TRUSTEES' FINANCE & BUDGETARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The audited accounts for the financial year ending 30 June 2014 show a much improved result compared to the prior financial year. The report show a small deficit of \$2,111 for the 2013-14 financial year compared to a deficit of \$39,514 in the 2012-13 financial year. The highlights of the accounts include:

- A. Income from donations and bequests was up by \$9,600 over the prior year
- B. Improved sales of literature, the sales figures were up 24%; even though AA World Service commenced electronic book sales early in 2014 there has been no discernible impact on local literature sales.
- C. Surplus from the Adelaide convention was \$45,000, compared to the previous year's surplus of \$77,000 for the 2012-13 convention
- D. Expenditure on the public information campaign over the Christmas 2013, New Year 2014 period with cinema advertising in many cinemas in peak viewing time
- E. While there were many variances between the figures for year just ended and the comparative figures for the previous year; those variances are the natural results of year to year changes

During the financial year the local publication dedicated to the early history of AA in Australia *One To Another* was released at the Adelaide convention held at Easter. This publication was eagerly awaited and from its release in April at the Adelaide convention to June sold over 950 copies. This was a fabulous result, the hard work from so many people in getting the book from the idea stage to sales stand stage is to be highly applauded.

The Prudent Reserve results for the year show that the GSO has adequate reserves to operate in an effective manner.

In making this report I must acknowledge the close attention by GSO staff to the financial position throughout the year. I commend them for their diligence.

Subsequent to the end of the financial year we have started a banking relationship with Community Sector Banking – part owned by Bendigo Bank. This relationship will enable any AA group to easily open new bank accounts, borrow portable EFTOS devices and will have lots of other benefits. Watch for details that will be provided in the near future.

Maurice Smith

TRUSTEES' TREATMENT FACILITIES REPORT

The observation has been made that treatment professionals are still largely unaware of AA's ability to help them in their treatment of alcoholics. This observation was made a number of times at the recent Treatment and Correctional Facilities (T & CF) Forum in Melbourne recently. This is a sorry state of affairs in these supposedly enlightened times in which we live.

The main body of this report reveals that much is being done to address this situation because it shows that many groups and districts are very active in T&CF but still there is nearly complete disregard for the efficacy of AA as a treatment method.

The General Service structure through conference ought to take this deficiency to task through the conference topics and action. We do have a cultural cringe factor operating. Like one of the quest speakers at the forum stated "we shouldn't be ashamed of our fellowship."

Southern Region

Our Peninsula District is currently arranging with the 12th Step Office to send us a bundle of Meetings Books regularly which we are intending to deliver to Beleura Private Hospital's Alcohol & Drug Clinic in Mornington. We are also checking the PenDAP Referral Centre too, although it's in the Frankston District's area. We have a Bridging the Gap person in our District for PenDAP to contact to speak to any willing clients. Beleura is the only Treatment facility in our District. We don't have any wallets for Beleura but I'll check that out. They always seem to have lots of literature on hand.

The Frankston and Bayside District has a new DCM, Bill Kirk, I believe they provide literature (probably Richmond style) to Frankston Hospital's Psychiatric section.

Anne O

The Calder District has adopted De Paul House in East Melbourne. They supply literature and co-ordinate members to speak there on a weekly basis. Geelong District provides speakers to Geelong Withdrawal each week. They also provide some literature. They have had a recent inquiry for literature from Geelong Clinic.

There are four groups in the Inner City District looking after treatment facilities. The Melbourne Men's Group co-ordinates speakers for Windana in St Kilda. There is a Solution in Glen Waverley coordinates speakers for a 7 day detox run by South Eastern Drug and Alcohol Services in Dandenong, the Young People's group in South Yarra co-

ordinates speakers for Tandana Youth Rehab in Mt Waverley, and Way of Life in Albert Park is just starting a relationship with Albert Rd Clinic in South Melbourne
One of the Shepparton groups does invite people from the physc ward each week.
Bendigo has an AA member that works at Nova House (detox) who refers clients to us and rings members to give rides to clients.
A member that works for the Bridge Program brings a bus to meetings in Bendigo on a random basis.

Melbourne organises an AA speaker roster for Daswest Detox on Mondays at 7pm. The district arranges for two members to attend the detox every week. Members generally speak once every 3 months. This year Western Suburbs District also started to provide literature to residents of the detox. The literature includes AA pamphlets and little big books.

Western Region

Groups in both Areas provide speakers for Next Step Drug and Alcohol Services in Moore Street East Perth. Next step is the clinical services directorate of the Drug and Alcohol Office. It provides assessment and treatment services for people experiencing problems associated with their alcohol and other drug use, and support for their families. Groups sending speakers are encouraged to donate treatment facilities wallets on their visit.

Area A

Perth Young People's Group supply Next Step and they also take literature to the AA Meeting held in Graylands Mental Hospital.
Vincent Street Morning Group supply treatment facilities wallets to Cyrenian House West Perth.
Greenwood/Warrick Group supply literature to clients from Rick Hammersley Therapeutic Community who attends their meetings.

Area B

The Peoples Group Rockingham supply treatment centre wallets to Serenity Lodge Rockingham.

New Treatment Centre in the Pilbara

A new treatment centre has opened in the Pilbara. They have an open AA meeting at the centre on Sundays and members from the Port Hedland Group support it. Area A has given me 20 treatment facilities wallets to the centre and the Port Hedland Group to top up supplies as needed.

Eastern Region

Area D

Literature Drop Offs are made to Police Stations and Ambulance Stations as well; there are over 20 of them in Area D.

Two members from the Huskisson Tuesday Group are taking a Meeting in to Oolong House in Nowra on a Friday afternoon.

Area B

The 6th Chapter Men's Group were going into Karralika. The arrangement is currently on hold whilst the group and Karralika negotiate a change to the format at Karralikas request.

Various groups across the week interact with De-tox taking their clients to the Groups' meeting.

The CSO has a person coordinating the Detox meeting where there is a roster and a different group each week attends the "Living Sober" Meeting in the Detox unit. The Friday Night Young people's group have something going on with the Ted Noffs youth centre in Hackett. The Alexander Maconochie Centre, Transitional Release Centre send a few of it's (Waiting to be released) inmates to the Thursday Lunchtime meeting held in Woden.

North Eastern Region.

Area A

The Cairns Mental Health Unit Day Detox., Townsville Salvation Army Recovery Centre, The Townsville Hospital, Ozcare rehabilitation Townsville, Sunshine Coast Hospital and the Mackay Ozcare rehabilitation Unit all has relationships with AA

Area B

Treatment facilities in the Brisbane area are covered by the Brisbane C.S.O. Approximately 80% of all treatment, Detox, Rehab, both public and private are covered. The rest are not interested. These centres are visited by individual groups. Some centres visited my more than one group on different days/nights. Some of the details follow.

Brisbane Private Hospital has both Spring Hill and Yeronga groups holding meeting there.

The New Farm group visits the Aboriginal and Torres Straight Island rehab every second Tuesday.

A meeting occurs at Biala (Roma St) once a week and the PA Hospital Out patience, Woolloongabba is supplied with literature by the Annerley group.

The Chermside West Aspley Monday Night Group holds a meeting at the Pine rivers Private hospital.

The Caboolture BB Group provides literature to the Caboolture Hospital (also Caboolture Community Health Centre)

Cannon Hills Traditions group supplies literature at Belmont Private Hospital.

Moonya (Glenrose Rd Red Hill) is served by the Northside Steps and Traditions and also the Fortitude Valley Mens topic group.

Nundah Group supplies literature to the Prince Charles Hospital Mental Health unit

Area C

The Spingwood topic meeting go into Logan House once a fortnight. On the Gold coast, the hospitals and institutions committee has members go into Mirakai rehab, Goldbridge rehab, and the Currumbin clinic .Monday Night Big Book Study at Coomera go into Fairhaven.

Tom G

TRUSTEES' CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES REPORT

Report not received.

TRUSTEES' INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Report not received.

TRUSTEES' PUBLIC INFORMATION & CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORT

No change to the composition , scope and procedure document.

Advisory action #038/2013

Bid for 2015 National P.I. &CPC Forum by Area C, North-East Region was accepted and Area C, along with the National PI & CPC co-ordinator – Leigh Farquhar – are active in this regard.

Advisory Action #017/2013

There is a twitter account set up but the activity is at a very low level.

A call was put out via AA Around Australia, the National and service websites for interested parties to become part of a social media team to establish and maintain a presence on "facebook".

A team was formed and a teleconference was held to outline a basic format for a non-interactive facebook account . More work needs to be carried out on this and more suggestions from the fellowship regarding content would be very welcome. It is envisaged a months worth of material would be needed prior to launch of the site.

Advisory Action #6-7/13

Valerie, Tony Cand Leigh F have taken over the review and update of the PI & CPC workbook from myself and Howard W.

Advisory Action #082/2009

Valerie has actioned the necessary changes to the membership survey questionnaire and Trevor H has agreed to assist with the survey.

Leigh F is doing an amazing job as National P.I. & CPC co-ordinator and her "PI Patter" publication is generating enthusiasm in the P.I. field.

Thanks to Chris S for his editorial contributions on AA around Australia

Douglas K

TRUSTEES' GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. The teleconference was held in August. The conference agenda was agreed and topics allocated to the various committees.
2. The committee has asked for clarification from the Board on the following issues:
 - What is the Board's current position about why AA Victoria should not be recognised as an AA entity in Australia? What are the entity known as AA Victoria currently doing which warrants their continued exclusion?
 - What would AA Victoria need to do to be recognised as an AA entity in Australia?
 - The Chairperson of the General Service Board is asked to provide this information in a brief report to the floor of Conference as previously discussed.

3. The Conference Etiquette Statement was accepted with two additional points suggested at the June teleconference. There was some discussion of the meaning of 'campaigning' in point 11 and the committee agreed that as some Conference members could find this confusing, rewording point 11 would be discussed during the committee meeting at Conference.

4. The following topics were rejected:

- 003 Rejected as the topic suggests contravening the autonomy of other entities, contains errors of fact and misleading statements and exceeds word limits.
- 004 Rejected as the request for the General Service Board to approach the National Corrections Convention for AA to have an opportunity to make a presentation is already being handled by the General Service Board.
- 005 Rejected as the Conference process for production of Conference approved literature, as outlined in the Australian AA Service Manual, was followed. The topic submitter should be made aware of the correct process.
- 006 Rejected as problems with the 1300 number are an administrative matter and are already being handled by GSO.
- 007 Rejected as the proposal to give National Convention Committees the opportunity to change the duration and timing of the convention is already in place (Advisory Action #013-A/2006) and is contained in the National Convention Guidelines hard copy book and the guidelines published on the Service Website.
- 008 Rejected as the proposal to revisit the Conference 2013 decision to host an Asia/Oceania (Australasian) convention in 2016 is unclear and would have a negative impact on the work of the organising committee for this event.
- 013 Rejected as the proposal for the Finance committees to come up with ways of increasing member contributions has already been done. The original sub-committee had met by teleconference and come up with a suggestion for National Gratitude Week, which was not supported by Conference. The General Service Board have been discussing this and have agreed upon some actions, a list of which will be included in the Conference Finance Committee section of the Conference folder.
- 014 Rejected. The committee agreed that the request for information on AA Victoria was not a valid topic as it referred to an outside entity, and the Conference 2014 agenda had already been set. It was agreed that the Chairperson of the General Service Board be asked to make reference to the current situation regarding this entity in her Chairperson's report to the General Service Conference this year.
- 015 Rejected. The committee agreed that, in line with Concept III, Conference could not direct the General Service Board to hold a meeting with the Victorian CSO Committee.
- 016 Rejected. The committee agreed that, as AA Victoria CSO is considered to be an outside entity, the topic is not valid.
- 017 Rejected. The committee agreed that, in line with Concept III, Conference could not direct the General Service Board to start selling literature to an outside entity.
- 018 Rejected. The committee agreed that the background did not support the topic, which meant that the topic lacked clarity. The committee is mindful that there is a long history to this issue, but was concerned that there is a lack of clarity around the current position. The committee would like greater clarity in relation to the topic and for the topic writer to be invited to re-submit next year. The committee would like the topic writers to clarify why they believe that AA Victoria should now

be recognised by Conference as an AA entity in Australia and would like to know (briefly) what has changed.

Bruce M

TRUSTEES' NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

This year we have welcomed to the board Mark Gardiner as a new Class A trustee along with Bruce M and Mike E as General Service trustees.

We have nominations to be presented at conference for the positions of Eastern Regional Trustee and North Eastern Regional Trustee. Both these positions will be vacated by the previous trustees as they have completed their term of four years' service on the Board.

My thanks and best wishes to those candidates who have applied to fill these positions

YIS

Mary P

N.E.Regional Trustee

TRUSTEES' LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Review of Composition Scope and Procedure document

All items reviewed and only one change required.

Under "*Procedure*" it was resolved that the Board Chair would report at every July Board meeting only, not every Board meeting (see Permanent Action List #19-7/09)

Action: Under **PROCEDURE.....Reports.....**Insert the word **July** after the word 'Each'

Progress on Advisory Actions

#021/2010 Conference resolved that maps clearly outlining the boundaries of established Areas should be included in future revisions and printing of the AA Service Manual. **Manual tagged for revision as noted**

#014/2012 Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee recommendation that the title of the pamphlet 'Are You Sick of Being Charged?' be changed to 'Are You Sick of Being Charged Up?'. This change to be implemented at the next reprint. **Pamphlet tagged for revision**

#003/2013 Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee recommendation that the pamphlet entitled 'The District' be changed and reprinted so that on the front of the pamphlet our three legacies are shown in the correct order: Recovery, Unity, Service. **Pamphlet tagged for revision**

#016/2013 Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee recommendation that the Conference statement included in Advisory Action #030/2012 be included in the next reprint of the AA Group Handbook. **Handbook tagged for revision**

Re Advisory Action 018/3013 – production of literature in pictorial form.

Sharon R advised that, when she submitted the topic, she was unaware that suitable literature already existed. Sharon requested that members be made aware, through AA Around Australia, of what literature existed. Vanda Rounsefell suggested that a mark be added identifying literature suitable for members with literacy difficulties.

Motion by Kerry S; seconded Tom G that pictorial and other literature suitable for members with literacy difficulties be clearly identified in the literature list, and that CSOs be invited to do the same.

Carried

#032/2013 Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee recommendation that the publishing of the Australian Big Book proceed as planned. **On schedule for release 2015 as per advisory action**

Amendments to Permanent Action List

Advisory Action #046/2007 Amend *progress* to “**Next review February 2016**”

Advisory action #58/2011 Amend *Progress* to “**Conference Literature Committee Chairman 2014 Lachlan Botticchio**”



Rodger Bull
Trustee Literature Committee Chair

TRUSTEES' REMOTE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Sometimes progress appears slow but I never envisioned that the task of reaching out to remote areas was going to be accomplished in a short time span. It has been encouraging to have follow up requested from the DANA conference and I have contacted workers in West Australia and the Gulf area in Queensland. I also had a very encouraging enquiry from an ATODS worker on Palm Island this morning.

I have been able to have discussions with an ATODS worker in Townsville and hope to follow up on how we can assist those more marginalised people in the community e.g. homeless or with complex problems that make it difficult for them to feel comfortably in a mainstream AA meeting.

Work is already underway for the Tag-a-Long in 2015 with some variation on previous years so we can reach areas previously not visited by these dedicated group. I have recently had messages from West Australia to say some members are getting together to support a lone member at 80 Mile Beach in the North West.

With the provision of the 4 pack and 7 pack of CD's of indigenous speakers provided at a reasonable cost by the Caring and Sharing tape library we now have a valuable resource that we can forward to workers in remote communities. As the preferred

method of communication in most of these areas is by the spoken word rather than written material these are of great benefit to these areas.

I am currently undertaking the task of putting together a DVD of indigenous speakers. This is very much in the planning stages at present as I have much to learn in the process but I believe it will be a valuable tool for the future when produced.

Another area of interest is that of workers on Island resorts where there is little contact with AA meetings. LIM is a valuable resource in these areas but being able to provide literature and CD's, particularly to those struggling in early sobriety has proven worthwhile for a number of contacts recently. Being able to link them with nearby members on the mainland where possible is of obvious benefit.

The weekend at Emerald in Queensland to support women in isolated areas is to be held again on March 13th to 15th 2015.

Many thanks to all those who are encouraging and assisting in this endeavor

YIS
Mary P
N.E.Regional Trustee

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE REPORT

Staff

There have been no staff changes this year.

Literature

The following items were printed locally throughout the year:

| Item | Quantity Printed |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Pocket Big Book | 10,379 |
| Pocket 12 x 12 | 6,354 |
| One to Another – AA History | 3,000 |
| Living Sober | 5,000 |
| This is AA | 12,000 |
| 44 Questions | 13,000 |
| Is AA For You? | 30,000 |
| AA For the Woman | 6,000 |
| How It Works | 3,000 |
| AA Group Conscience | 3,000 |
| Australian PI Workbook | 400 |
| A Brief Guide to AA | 15,000 |
| PI Stickers | 5,000 |
| PI Community Service Announcements CD | 100 |
| 12 Steps Banner | 50 |
| 12 Traditions Banner | 40 |
| Serenity Prayer Banner | 50 |
| 12 Steps & Traditions Card | 16,000 |

Chris produces CDs and DVDs in house on an as-needed basis, and these have not been listed.

I have attached a list of all items sold during the period 1/7/13 – 30/6/14

Conventions and other functions attended

All staff attended the National Convention held in Adelaide. All who attended seemed to have a good time and congratulations to the committee on a job well done.

All staff attended the Eastern Regional Forum (Festival of Daring Ideas) in Sydney.

Valerie M attended the North Eastern Regional Forum in Brisbane.

Valerie M attended the Treatment & Correctional Facilities Forum in Melbourne.

Valerie M attended the 50th anniversary of AA in Launceston and the Area E Assembly.

Equipment purchased

3 x new computers were purchased for the office at a total cost of \$4,962.27

Board meetings attended

All staff attended the 2014 Board meetings held in February (Hobart) and July (Sydney) and will be attending the November 2014 meeting. During the February meeting we had the opportunity to meet with local members.

Insurance

The public liability insurance policy has been renewed to 30 July 2014 at a cost of \$10,180

Management Group

All staff attended the monthly Management Group meetings held at General Service Office, which were also attended by the General Service Trustees.

Co-ordination & Review Committee

All staff attended the Co-ordination & Review Committee meetings held at General Service Office monthly.

Finances

A copy of the end of year audited financial reports will be distributed to all delegates.

International Sponsorship Fund

As at 8/10/14 there is \$8,27 available to send to GSO New York for the International Literature Fund. The sum of \$7547.48 was transferred to New York on 25 September. shortly.

As at 8/10/14 there is \$6556.30 remaining in this account for use in the Asia/Oceania zone.

Remote Communities Fund

Members have donated \$4,749.90 to assist carrying the message to remote communities.

Rent

Our rent is \$2,350.47 per month.

Archives

Brian S from Pymble Group continues to do a great job on sorting the archives and visits the office at least once a week.

Trademarks

All Trademarks are current.

AA Around Australia

The Intellectual Disability Foundation of St. George, whose premises are just a few doors down from the office provide us with a fast, professional and very affordable distribution service, the last cost being \$220.89.

Website Development

There was no expenditure on website development throughout the financial year. Our thanks to Steve T and Steve McD for their ongoing assistance with this valuable public information tool.

Public Information Expenses

Public Information Expenses of \$26,697 were incurred throughout the year. Expenses covered placing community service announcements in cinemas and participation in conventions/conferences for professionals in the alcoholism field.

Service Website

Thanks also to Chris W for his work on our Service Website. National Office staff continue to try to encourage members to use this site.

1300 Number

Working well, with very few reported problems. Throughout the year the cost of operating this service was \$4,985.

Valerie M

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE LITERATURE SALES 1/7/13 - 30/6/14

| Item # | Name | Units Sold |
|---------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 09F-01 | AA At a Glance (ND) | 27794 |
| 03R-03 | Is AA For You? | 18401 |
| 08S-04 | Just For Today Card | 15099 |
| 09F-02 | Where Do I Go From Here (ND) | 13198 |
| 09F-04 | Message to Teenagers (ND) | 12779 |
| 03R-11 | A Newcomer Asks | 8320 |
| 08S-02 | 12 Steps & Traditions Card | 6821 |
| 03R-29 | Making a Start in AA | 6537 |
| 01B-11 | Pocket Big Book | 5662 |
| 05PI-07 | A Brief Guide To AA | 5162 |
| 01B-01 | Big Book | 4142 |
| 04U-29 | Medications Advice Flyer | 2805 |
| 03R-22A | Gold Wallet Empty (ND) | 2502 |
| 05PI-06 | Understanding Anonymity | 2429 |
| 01B-15 | 12X12 Pocket | 2419 |
| 05PI-24 | PI Folder | 2390 |
| 06P-04 | If You Are Professional | 2331 |
| 03R-01 | This Is AA | 2027 |
| 03R-31 | AA for Aboriginal (ND) | 1684 |
| 03R-02 | 44 Questions | 1603 |
| 01B-09 | Daily Reflections | 1542 |
| 03R-22 | Gold Wallet Complete (ND) | 1507 |
| 01B-02 | 12X12 Standard (soft cover) | 1433 |
| 08S-01 | Anonymity Card | 1383 |
| 03R-13 | Letter To A Woman Alcoholic | 1323 |
| 03R-14 | Q & A Sponsorship | 1281 |
| 03R-05 | AA For The Woman | 1252 |
| 06P-02 | AA As A Resource Health Care | 1241 |
| 02BL-02 | Living Sober | 1217 |
| 03R-12 | Do You Think You're Different? | 1139 |
| 03R-30 | AA for Aboriginal Woman (ND) | 1005 |
| 01B-20 | 75th Anniversary Big Book | 955 |
| 01B-19 | One To Another - Aust History | 953 |
| 03R-26 | Is AA For Me? | 891 |
| 05PI-05 | AA In Your Community | 819 |
| 03R-04 | Young People & AA | 736 |
| 03R-19 | It Sure Beats Sitting In Cell | 728 |
| 03R-09A | How It Works (ND) | 710 |
| 03R-15 | Is There Alcoholic In Yr Life | 691 |
| 08S-03 | I Am Responsible Card | 648 |
| 03R-32 | AA for Indigenous Aust'n (ND) | 645 |
| 03R-25 | 12 Steps Illustrated | 599 |
| 09F-03 | Carry Message Inside Walls (ND) | 593 |
| 03R-17 | Problems Other Than Alcohol | 589 |
| 03R-24A | Green Wallet Empty (ND) | 545 |
| 03R-33 | Gold Wallet Components w/s ND | 520 |
| 03R-10 | AA Member Medication & Drugs | 516 |
| 03R-08 | Memo To An Inmate | 512 |

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| 03R-07 | AA For The Older Alcoholic | 449 |
| 04U-07 | Group Donations Plan | 439 |
| 04U-30 | AA Group Conscience | 435 |
| 05PI-02 | AA & Occupational Programs | 418 |
| 01B-05A | As Bill Sees It S/C | 370 |
| 03R-23 | Blue Wallet Complete (ND) | 351 |
| 02BL-01 | Came To Believe | 346 |
| 03R-20 | Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic | 345 |
| 05PI-25 | PI Stickers | 337 |
| 09F-07 | The AA Group Secretary | 309 |
| 04U-01 | The Aust AA Group Handbook | 306 |
| 04U-04 | Twelve Traditions Illustrated | 302 |
| 03R-23A | Blue Wallet Empty (ND) | 285 |
| 04U-06A | Your General Service Office ND | 245 |
| 03R-18 | Too Young? | 238 |
| 06P-01 | AA & Treatment Centres | 229 |
| 03R-21 | J Alexander Article About AA | 228 |
| 09F-06 | Your DCM (ND) | 223 |
| 08GV-21 | Beginners Book | 217 |
| 05PI-14 | PI Poster - A4 (ND) | 215 |
| 04D-1 | The District (ND) | 215 |
| 06P-06 | AA in Correctional Facilities | 204 |
| 04U-11 | Inside AA Australia | 189 |
| 06P-05 | Three Talks To Medical Soc | 182 |
| 01B-05 | As Bill Sees It H/C | 179 |
| 03R-28 | How Did I End Up Here ? | 168 |
| 06P-03 | The Clergy Asks About AA | 164 |
| 01B-08 | Portable Big Book | 156 |
| 05PI-23 | PI Posters 7 Pack (ND) | 155 |
| 03R-24 | Green Wallet Complete (ND) | 150 |
| 05PI-03 | How AA Members Co-Operate | 148 |
| 08GV-19 | Emotional Sobriety | 146 |
| 08GV-30 | One on One | 140 |
| 04U-36 | Corrections Correspondence Out | 137 |
| 09F-05 | Memo to a Group Treasurer (ND) | 135 |
| 08GV-12 | Traditions Checklist | 135 |
| 04U-03 | Twelve Concepts Illustrated | 133 |
| 04U-27 | Self Support Sprit & \$ (ND) | 131 |
| 04U-02 | Trads: How They Developed | 124 |
| 08GV-16 | Spiritual Awakenings | 108 |
| 05PI-10 | Speaking At Non AA Meetings | 108 |
| 08GV-13 | It Happened to Alice | 106 |
| 08S-05 | Serenity Prayer For Framing | 105 |
| 03R-06 | Member's Eye View | 105 |
| 08GV-25 | Step By Step | 102 |
| 04U-10 | The Co-Founders Of AA | 100 |
| 08GV-11 | What Happened to Joe | 92 |
| 04U-01A | The AA Group U.S.(ND) | 91 |
| 07BA-01 | 12 Steps Banner | 78 |
| 02BL-04 | 12 X 12 HB | 77 |
| 07BA-04 | Serenity Prayer Banner | 76 |
| 08GV-03GS | Best of Bill S/C (ND) | 75 |
| 03R-16 | AA And The Armed Services | 73 |
| 07BA-02 | 12 Traditions Banner | 71 |
| 01B-04 | AA Comes Of Age | 70 |
| 05PI-01.1 | Australian PI Workbook (ND) | 69 |
| 01B-10 | Large Print Big Book | 60 |
| 08GV-26 | Emotional Sobriety II | 59 |
| 05PI-04 | AA Membership Survey (ND) | 59 |
| 05PI-13 | PI Posters A5 (ND) | 58 |

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| 04U-03A | Twelve Concepts Book | 58 |
| 08GV-31 | No Matter What | 55 |
| 05PI-16 | PI Poster - Home Alone (ND) | 50 |
| 08GV-03G | Best of Bill H/C (ND) | 48 |
| 08GV-29 | Happy, Joyous and Free | 45 |
| 01B-07 | Pass It On | 45 |
| 01B-03 | 12X12 Hardback (pocket) | 45 |
| 01B-06 | Dr Bob | 44 |
| 08GV-24 | Spiritual Awakenings II | 41 |
| 01B-14 | 12X12 Large Print | 40 |
| 08GV-28 | Into Action | 39 |
| 08GV-02A | Language Of The Heart S/C | 39 |
| 01B-05B | As Bill Sees It Large | 36 |
| 08GV-27 | Young and Sober | 34 |
| 02BL-03 | Inmate To Inmate | 32 |
| 05PI-08 | Lets Be Friendly With Friends | 31 |
| 01B-16 | Experience, Strength & Hope | 30 |
| 02BL-02A | Living Sober Large | 28 |
| 08GV-23 | A Rabbit Walks Into a Bar (ND) | 27 |
| 08GV-20 | In Our Own Words | 27 |
| 08GV-03GL | Best of Bill Large Print (ND) | 24 |
| 08GV-02 | Language Of The Heart H/C | 24 |
| 01B-09A | Daily Reflections Large Print | 24 |
| 05PIDVD-01 | AA Meetings Mike Munro (ND) | 23 |
| 08GV-18 | I Am Responsible : Hand of AA | 20 |
| 04U-05S | Aust Serv Manual/G'line Set ND | 20 |
| 07BA-03 | I Am Responsible Banner | 19 |
| 04U-05 | Aust. Service Manual (ND) | 18 |
| 05PI-01 | Australian PI Kit (ND) | 17 |
| 08GV-22 | Voices of Long-Term Sobriety | 16 |
| 07BA-05 | Declaration Of Unity Banner | 13 |
| ZZZ05PIRAD-1A | PI Radio Ads CD x 8 (ND) | 12 |
| 05PI-20 | PI Poster - Can't Stop (ND) | 11 |
| 05PI-17 | PI Poster - What Happened (ND) | 11 |
| 04U-DR | Literature Display Rack (ND) | 11 |
| 04U-08RHC | Conference Rpt HC Current ND | 11 |
| 10CAMR2 | Cambodian 44 Questions | 10 |
| 10CAMR11 | Cambodian A Newcomer Asks | 10 |
| 10CAMR1 | Cambodian This Is AA | 10 |
| 10CAMB-1 | Cambodian Big Book | 10 |
| 10ARAR11 | Arabic A Newcomer Asks | 10 |
| 05PI-22 | PI Poster - Stress Relief (ND) | 10 |
| 05PI-21 | PI Poster - Liquid Lunch (ND) | 10 |
| 05PI-19 | PI Poster - Party Animal (ND) | 10 |
| 05PI-18 | PI Poster - Girls Night (ND) | 10 |
| 04UV-04DVD | Bills Own Story DVD | 10 |
| 04U-09 | Bridging the Gap | 10 |
| 02BL-01A | Came To Believe Large | 10 |
| 01B-18 | AA 70 Years of Growth | 10 |
| 08D-01 | International Directory (ND) | 9 |
| 10ARAR1 | Arabic This Is AA | 8 |
| 04UV-10DVD | 12 Steps What They Mean to Us | 8 |
| 08GV-05A | Best Of Grapevine Vol 3 | 7 |
| 08GV-05 | Best Of Grapevine Vol 2 | 7 |
| 08GV-04 | Best Of Grapevine Vol 1 | 7 |
| 08GV-01 | The Home Group | 7 |
| 04U-05A | The Guidelines (ND) | 7 |
| 10VIER1 | Vietnamese This Is AA | 6 |
| 07BA-08 | Concepts Banner (US) | 6 |
| 04U-28 | New Group Free Lit Pack | 6 |

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| 10PERB1 | Persian Big Book (Farsi) | 5 |
| 10CHIR2 | Chinese 44 Questions | 5 |
| 10CHIR11 | Chinese Newcomer Asks | 5 |
| 10CHIR1 | Chinese This Is AA | 5 |
| 08S-14 | Anonymity Card (Tent Fold) | 5 |
| 08GV-07 | Co-Founders' Memorial Issue | 5 |
| 05PI-12 | National Logo Road Sign (ND) | 5 |
| 05PI-11 | National Logo Meeting Sign (ND) | 5 |
| 04UV-03DVD | Bill Discusses the Trads DVD | 5 |
| 01BD-01A | Big Book 3rd Edition 5 CD | 5 |
| 10ARAR3 | Arabic Is AA for you? | 4 |
| 08GVD-10 | Around The Tables - Defects | 4 |
| 08GVD-07 | Pathways To Spirituality | 4 |
| 08GV-14 | AA Around The World | 4 |
| 08GV-09 | AA Preamble (Unlaminated) | 4 |
| 07BH-01 | Banner Hire Freight | 4 |
| 04UC-01CD | 3 Legacies by Bill CD | 4 |
| 01BD-01 | Big Book 4th Edit 16Cd U.S | 4 |
| 10SPAB3 | Spanish Big Book h/c | 3 |
| 10POLB1 | Polish Big Book | 3 |
| 10ARAR2 | Arabic 44 Questions | 3 |
| 08GVD-09 | Around Tables - Attitudes | 3 |
| 08GVD-08 | Maintaining Spirituality | 3 |
| 08GVD-06 | Our Experience Has Taught Us | 3 |
| 08GV-17 | Thank you for Sharing | 3 |
| 08GV-15 | Grapevine: Copy of 1st Ed | 3 |
| 08GV-10AA | Slogans unlaminated | 3 |
| 04UV-02DVD | Hope/Inside View DVD | 3 |
| 04UC-03CD | Bill Discusses 12 Trads CD | 3 |
| 01BD-02 | 12&12 Audio CD 4 Disc | 3 |
| 10SPAB8 | Spanish Daily Reflections Book | 2 |
| 10POLR2 | Polish 44 Questions | 2 |
| 10CHIB1 | Chinese Big Book | 2 |
| 08GVD-17 | Not for Newcomers Vol 1(CD) | 2 |
| 08GVD-16 | Back to Basics Vol 2(CD) | 2 |
| 08GVD-15 | Back to Basics Vol 1(CD) | 2 |
| 08GVD-11 | Practice These Principles | 2 |
| 08GVD-04 | Sponsorship Vol 2 | 2 |
| 08GVD-03 | Sponsorship Vol 1 | 2 |
| 08GVD-01 | What We Were Like | 2 |
| 08GV-32 | Daily Quote Book | 2 |
| 05PIDVD-03 | Young People's Videos/Hope | 2 |
| 05PIDVD-02 | PI Compilation (ND) | 2 |
| 04UV-08DVD | Circles of Love/Inside AA Aust | 2 |
| 04UV-07DVD | AA Works ODAAT/The Journey | 2 |
| 04UV-05DVD | Prison Off/Professionals | 2 |
| 04UC-02CD | Voice of Co-Founders CD | 2 |
| 10VIER2 | Vietnamese 44 Questions | 1 |
| 10VIER11 | Vietnamese A Newcomer Asks | 1 |
| 10VIEP7 | Vietnamese A Brief Guide to AA | 1 |
| 10VIEB1 | Vietnamese Big Book | 1 |
| 10URDB1 | Urdu Big Book | 1 |
| 10TURB1 | Turkish Big Book | 1 |
| 10SPABL2 | Spanish Living Sober | 1 |
| 10SPAB2 | Spanish 12 & 12 | 1 |
| 10POLB2 | Polish 12x12 | 1 |
| 10NEPB1 | Nepali Big Book | 1 |
| 10ITAB1 | Italian Big Book | 1 |
| 10HEB-01 | Hebrew Big Book | 1 |
| 10GRER3 | Greek is AA for You | 1 |

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| 10GRER2 | Greek 44 Questions | 1 |
| 10GRER11 | Greek A Newcomer Asks | 1 |
| 10GERB1 | German Big Book | 1 |
| 10FREB1 | French Big Book | 1 |
| 10DUTB1 | Dutch/Flemish Big Book | 1 |
| 10CROB1 | Croatian Big Book | 1 |
| 10ARAB1 | Arabic Big Book | 1 |
| 08S-07 | Twelve Traditions Parchment | 1 |
| 08S-06 | Twelve Steps Parchment | 1 |
| 08GVD-24 | Youth Enjoying Sobriety CD | 1 |
| 08GVD-18 | Not for Newcomers Vol 2(CD) | 1 |
| 08GVD-05 | Old Timers' Corner CD | 1 |
| 08GVD-02 | History Lights The Way | 1 |
| 08GV-06 | Man On Bed | 1 |
| 05PIDVDDA | DVD for Deaf Alcoholics | 1 |
| 05PIDVD-07 | 2010 Media Campaign Print CSA | 1 |
| 05PIDVD-04 | AA and the Medical Profession | 1 |
| 04UV-09DVD | Markings On The Journey/NY GSO | 1 |
| 04UV-01DVD | Young People/Rap With Us DVD | 1 |
| 04U-DRX | Extensions - Display Rack (2) | 1 |
| 04U-25 | Archives Workbook | 1 |
| 02BR-01 | Braille Big Book (ND) | 1 |
| 01BD-03 | Living Sober Audio CD 4 Disc | 1 |
| 01B-12B | Big Book text CD | 1 |

World Service Delegates Reports to Conference November 2014

2nd TERM WORLD SERVICE DELEGATE

World Service Meeting:

Tony and I are preparing to attend the World Service Meeting in Warsaw Poland in October. One of the criteria to attend the meeting is that the country must have a General Service Structure in place, or have Literature publishing rights from World Service in New York.

The primary purpose of the World Service Meeting (WSM) is the same as that of all AA activity – to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, wherever in the world they may be, whatever the language they speak. The WSM seeks ways and means of accomplishing this goal by serving as a forum for sharing the experience, strength and hope of delegates who come together every two years from all parts of the world.

It is an excellent opportunity for learning from other countries, seeing what literature they are publishing and what challenges AA faces in their particular country in the 21st century, as well as the solutions. It enables Australia to share about AA in our own country.

GSO has sent a consignment of literature to Poland. This comprises of work, which is unique to Australia. Our Group Handbook usually draws a lot of attention and I have no doubt that "One to Another will also be well received.

Tony V has the task of writing two reports for the WSM about our service structure and country highlights, and I will be delivering the report for the AOSM at the World Service Meeting.

On the Friday evening after the World Service Meeting there will be Public Information Meeting.

Solomon Islands:

I travelled to the Solomon Islands with Tony V and Philomina at the beginning of September. It is very pleasing to see that the group has grown to 20 + and the local members have 18 months sobriety. What is even more pleasing is that the members are Solomon Islanders and they have taken responsibility for their own fellowship.

GSO supplied 50 pamphlets of the 12 Steps in pictorial form as well as souvenir boomerang pins from the Newcastle Convention for this trip.

Taking the message of recovery has been in progress since Ian C (previous WS Delegate) travelled to the Solomon's in January 2007, after our GSO received a call from the Archbishop in the Solomon Islands. After the initial teething problems, AA seems to have fairly solid base. The members are starting to take an interest in the Traditions. It was so important to have Philomina with us. She was born in the Solomon Islands; however, she has lived in Australia for many years. Philomina was able to cut across the cultural boundaries so we are not seen to be just another white man, who will fly away.

Mongolia:

I travelled to Mongolia in July with members from Hong Kong. This trip was a direct result of the female delegation to India and being able to share about it at the AOSM in Irkutsk. Valerie and the delegation of female members from around the world took the impossible and made it possible. The Mongolian Delegates at the AOSM

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remarked that if we could do this in India, could we do something for them in Mongolia. So, we did Steps, Traditions & Sponsorship Workshops with the Fellowship there. Around 300 members attended, many travelling for days in normal nomad style to join us. We stayed in a Ger Camp and ate typical Mongolian food. It was also their 16th Anniversary. I believe there will be another trip next year, and the Delegates in Hong Kong are also organizing this. It would be great to see some men on the next trip, as Mongolia is a patriarchal society.

The General Service Board invited the AOSM delegates to a Board Meeting whilst we were there, to help sort through translation issues with our AA literature. We found that whilst we were doing the Step workshops that the part in chapter 5 that tells us how to do our 4th step is missing. We have been working with them to enable them to secure publishing rights in Mongolia, as the cost of importing literature with their taxes is prohibitive.

I would like to thank the Board and the General Service Office staff for their ongoing support with our International obligations, and the Conference for the opportunity to be of service

In Fellowship and Service
Sharon R
World Service Delegate -2nd term

1st TERM WORLD SERVICE DELEGATE

We finally made the trip to the Solomon's in September this year. Sharon and I flew over on Monday September 8. We were met at the airport by a local member of the Group, Mary. She is a lovely lady and went out of her way to help us settle in.

We were also able to catch up with Clay and David from the local Group as well for more fellowship. Clay said he had arranged for us to share at a workshop with counsellors tomorrow. We also advised him that we would like to have a workshop on the Wednesday on the Traditions and structure in the Group. There are about 20 people and they are LOCALS, who turn up at the meeting.

Philomena from the Brisbane Traditions Group flew over on the Tuesday. We went straight from the airport to a nearby location called S.W.I.M; where a workshop was being held for the local counsellors who are involved in the D& A field.

There were about 50 in attendance and we shared at the last session of the day on the 12 Steps of AA. The beauty of this session and other activities in the future was having the presence of Philomena. Her input and experience in the local culture was invaluable.

Clay wrapped up the workshop in the following manner;

A = E/I N = I/E

A=Alcohol; E=Emotions; I=Intellect; N=Normal

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| Steps 1-3 | Trust God |
| Steps 4-9 | Clean House |
| Steps 10-12 | Help Others |

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Discussions were held regarding literature and the translation of same. We did take some 12x12s with us as well as pamphlets on the Traditions, Sponsorship and the 12 Steps illustrated. After some conversation, it was felt that as the people are taught English in the education system, it will be better to leave them as is. If needed when members are going through them, verbal translations can be provided as necessary.

On the Wednesday, Philomena mentioned that she and Brian had gone to the local radio SIBC; "The Happy Isles" last year. It is an AM station and broadcasts to 700 islands. If it had been left up to Sharon and I, we probably would have tried to make an appointment and maybe not managed to have an interview this time. This was in the morning.

However, having a local with us made all the difference! Philomena said let's go and we did. We saw the right people and had an interview over a period of about an hour. This was condensed to about 30 minutes for broadcast. We were told that the broadcast sessions were at 1800 on the Wednesday and replayed at 0700 on the Thursday. We all left the station and I thought that it was great having Philomena there so that we could **do** that.

In the afternoon we went to the Rove correctional centre and had the workshop on the Traditions. This went quite well and having Philomena there again was a boon. This is where they hold the Sunday meeting.

The birthday card that was sent from the Howard Group in Qld was presented to the members. Also they sent me a copy of Your Pathfinder for them and also a cheque for \$47.60 to help them as a result of the floods in April this year. I went to a money changer and converted that to SBD\$300. They are using this to set up a bank account for the Group.

The Nundah Group in Brisbane also donated \$50 worth of literature and it was gratefully received by the Group. They asked me to thank the above Groups for their kind donations and thoughts towards them. I will do this under separate cover. On the Thursday before Sharon flew out of Honiara we were "chewing the fat" at the hotel. Mary was asked to go to the front desk and she returned with a local woman. She said she heard the radio broadcast that morning and was looking for "Tony the white man". Her name is Anne and she was quite emotional that she had heard the broadcast and saw that there could be some hope for the major problem with the drinking problem.

She had walked to the King Solomon Hotel looking for me. I was not there, so she walked to the Correctional centre; not there. She walked to the radio station, and they advised her that we were staying at the Iron Bottom Sound Hotel. Anne said that if I had not said that I was training to be a minister and it did not work but that AA did, she would not have come to see me (us). She is not an alcoholic, but we advised her that we have some AI-anon literature with us. Mary also said that there are about 4 people who go to the Sunday meeting and that she is most welcome to come along and meet them. We were a bit stunned actually with this moment, and it showed that the radio broadcast worked early and well. Philomena got a lot of calls from family & friends re hearing the broadcast as well.

As a follow up to this action, I received a 'phone call from Philomena tonight. She stayed on in Honiara and was able to do a lot of work with a couple of the female members in the Group. She went to the meeting on the Sunday and Anne was there. She walked there under her own steam and is still very keen to learn more about the

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program. Also two more ladies came as a result of hearing the broadcast; one probably AA and the other Al-anon. Philomena also went to the St John's school re having a talk on AA there. They could not find a time slot to accommodate her while she was there, but she said that Clay and David could do this very well. She also went to the local Police station and said we could have an AA talk there next year when we return and if they wanted this done. She said that they were very interested.

The Solomon's has a population of approx.. 600K. This is spread out over 992 islands, and these are broken up into 9 Provinces. They are Western, Central, Choiseul, Isabel, Malaita, Guadalcanal, Makira and Rennel & Bellona, and Temotu. Honiara is the capital and has a population of approx.. 64K. Ninety local languages are spoken in the Solomon islands with English & Pidgin the official ones. Officially English is spoken in education, business & government circles.

This trip has been a continuation of the very good work done previously. As AA experience has shown, progress can be slow, mistaken but does eventually move forward. Sharon and I felt that this is now reaching a "critical mass". The importance of having locals as members of the Group is self-evident. They live there and stay; whereas the expats stay for a short time and leave, and any Group started by them can fall over when this happens.

The enthusiasm for recovery is strong! It appears that spreading out into some of the Provinces can be looked at very seriously in the not too distant future. We asked if they would like us to return for the 2nd birthday meeting next year and they said YES. Sharon and I fully support the action being undertaken to have the 2016 Convention in the Pacific area. The visit to Honiara was a privilege and a very worthwhile trip. Tengiu Tumas!

Yours in Fellowship;
Tony V
World Service Meeting Delegate
1st Term.

National PI report to Conference November 2014

- We have had good results as follow up from contacts made at the GPCE last year:-
- Invitations to participate in 2 Health and Wellbeing events , 1 at Swinburne Uni and 6 State Conferences put on by "Generation Next" very valuable ongoing contacts made at each.
- Contact made with Uni Students at GPCE resulted in Literature being given for their Orientation day
- Invitation to speak to the new Nursing class at Swinburne
- 3 of the new PI people who have rotated to the position this year have contacted me asking to be on the mailing list
- I have had a fair bit of good feedback re the PI Patter ,which has grown to 5 double sided pages in the last few months , due to increase in contributions, many have found it useful which is what it is for ☺
- Wyndham District has now joined the mailing list and has been doing huge amounts of PI
- I e-mailed "Directline" offering our contact details no response as yet
- E-mail, phone calls , and willing members resulted in a wonderful contact with Puckapunyal Military Base, we received a very grateful e-mail "thank you "
- Over the last 6 months , we have been involved in providing Resource tables at Expos for , DANA,(Sydney), Rural & Remote Mental Health,(Gold Coast , and soon Albury) Generation Next @ Perth, Adelaide, Gold Coast, Melbourne, Sydney) all have invited us to return next year, and have been very welcoming . We were also involved with a 2 day Expo @ Teen Expo, in Melbourne, which was HUGE and resulted in many requests for speakers to staff and students in Schools
- A poster and some 1300 cards were placed in my local IGA with very good results
- Our contact details and 1300 number cards have been left with Concierges @ Mercure, Hilton, and Harbourview Hotels
- The PI people in Adelaide and on the Gold Coast , have a rejuvenated passion for PI and have been very active ,I thank them so much for their service
- I have now smoothed out my Power Point PI presentation and have added some role play and a bit of humour, I am feeling much more comfortable speaking now
- Here in Vic we have formed an EPPIC, Enthusiasm & Participation Committee, with a view to holding gatherings and workshops ect , our first Bar-B-Que and meeting is on 21st September . We are hoping it will engender some PI activities and Enthusiasm, especially here in the West .and in Victoria in General.

- While all these Resource displays are wonderful, and have certainly exposed a huge gap in our PI & CPC format, we are very short on members willing to assist in the activities following on from them , ie speaking, and maintaining literature supplies , Inner City District, Wyndham District and Peninsula District have been very helpful in Victoria, Adelaide and Gold Coast have also been invaluable, but we need consistent willing members , and co-operation from Delegates ect
- GSO staff have also been willing to help follow up with contacts, I do thank them so much

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service
Leigh F
National PI Co-ordinator

SECTION 3

OUTCOME OF TOPICS

OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE TOPICS 2014

| TOPIC NO. | TOPIC | OUTCOME |
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| 001 | <p>That Conference revokes the following 2013 Actions because they effectively changed the Australian General Service structure without consulting the Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Action 2013/028 which gives a vote to any World Service Delegate attending the Conference Treatment Facilities Committee; and, • Advisory Action 2013/034 which gives voting rights in the Conference Agenda Committee to the Chair of the Trustees' General Service Conference Committee and the Coordinator, who is a General Service Office staff member; and, • Floor Action 2013/041 which gives Trustees, World Service Delegates and all GSO staff equal participation rights on all Conference Committees. | Advisory Action #001/2014 |
| 002 | The boundaries of the Northern Region are changed to reflect the Northern Territory only. Currently includes North WA (above Parallel 22) | Advisory Action #002/2014 |
| 003 | <p>Bearing in mind that the AA groups contributing to service offices can choose where they send/spend their own contributions we need ALL Service Offices to be more accountable to AA as a whole regarding where the Groups monies are spent and the results made available to <u>every member</u> of AA in Australia <u>if</u> they want to access them.</p> <p>AA Group Funds contributed to Service Offices/Committees are being used for hiring expensive venues and glossy flyers and promotion for events for already sober AA's instead of focussing on the dying alcoholics yet to arrive. The Darwin Round Up and QldYPAA flyers this year are an excellent example of flyer's of less cost than the ones being designed for National Conventions that also promote/advertise the venues concerned.</p> <p>Consideration needs to be given to lower cost venues and cheaper flyers etc so that registration can be kept as low as possible thereby enabling lower income</p> | Rejected by the Conference Agenda Committee as the topic suggests contravening the autonomy of other entities, contains errors of fact and misleading statements and exceeds word limits. |

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| | <p>AAs to have the opportunity to attend.</p> <p>Increase in meeting venue rents, refreshments and literature/postage, prudent reserves etc all add to the amount a group can afford to put aside for any service office, add to that the reduction in people arriving at AA nowadays due to SMART recovery and other methods being offered, the overall income of a group (particularly in country areas) has dropped drastically.</p> <p>In the interest of “rendering proper reports” as per the Service Guidelines, All income –as well as -expenses from <i>all</i> Service Offices need to be published <u><i>within</i></u> AA at the end of the financial year including all salaries and first names and initials of employed members/volunteers.</p> <p><i>“All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for <u>true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.</u></i>” (12 & 12 Pg 191)</p> <p><i>“When called upon, leadership must always give its reasons, and good ones”</i> (AA Service Manual Pg 165)</p> | |
| 004 | <p>That the General Service Conference request The General Service Board of AA approach The National Corrections Convention of Australia, for AA to have an opportunity for a short presentation at their annual convention.</p> | <p>Rejected by the Conference Agenda Committee as the request for the General Service Board to approach the National Corrections Convention for AA to have an opportunity to make a presentation is already being handled by the General Service Board.</p> |

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| 005 | <p>That all the groups in Australia be asked to review all the Service Items that have been published and distributed by the GSO/Board in recent years that are marked as being “Conference Approved”, but were in fact not distributed to the fellowship for final approval.</p> <p>To facilitate this process the GSO/Board is asked, to encourage the Groups to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the content and value of these items, in Sharing Sessions etc, in their Districts, their Areas and their CSO committees. • To determine if these items are necessary, have been presented in-line with our Traditions and that they are the most effective way to carry our message etc. • To make suggestions to the conference of their wishes in this regard. | <p>Rejected by the Conference Agenda Committee as the Conference process for production of Conference approved literature, as outlined in the Australian AA Service Manual, was followed. The topic submitter should be made aware of the correct process.</p> |
| 006 | <p>That as a matter of urgency, the GSB undertake a review of the current contract with Optus in relation to the 1300 number to ensure that the redirection of calls operates effectively and correctly. Recent experiences by various local telephone contact people indicates that many calls, particularly those originating from mobile numbers are not being directed to the nearest contact no. to the location of the originating call - as it is not consistent with decisions previously made by the Conference. We respectfully request that the National AA 1300 Help Line be re-instated to its former working efficiency.</p> | <p>Rejected as problems with the 1300 number are an administrative matter and are already handled by GSO.</p> |

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| 007 | To look at changing the duration and timing of the National Convention. | Rejected by the Conference Agenda Committee, as the proposal to give National Convention Committees the opportunity to change the duration and timing of the convention is already in place (Advisory Action #013-A/2006) and is contained in the National Convention Guidelines hard copy book and the guidelines published on the Service Website. |
| 008 | Revisit Advisory Action #029/2013: "Conference resolved to accept the Conference International Committee recommendation that Conference hosts an Asia/Oceania convention in place of the 2016 National Convention and that Asia/Oceania conventions be held, on a 5 year rotational basis, in developing country in the Asia/Oceania zone. Countries such as East Timor, the Solomon Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu, Cambodia, Laos and New Guinea could be considered amongst possible venues. This would assist us as part of our responsibility to carry the message to developing countries and to encourage the development of service structures." | Rejected by the Conference Agenda Committee as the proposal to revisit the Conference 2013 decision to host an Asia/Oceania (Australasian) convention in 2016 is unclear and would have a negative impact on the work of the organising committee for this event. |
| 009 | Western Region would like to bid for the 2018 National Convention to be held in Perth from Thursday March 29 th to Monday April 2 nd 2018. | Advisory Action #009/2014 |
| 010 | That the literature committee replace the word donation with the word Contribution on the pamphlet entitled "Group Donation Plans". | Advisory Action #010/2014 |
| 011 | The conference literature committee either replace the USA addresses or include the following Australian address on page 9 and the back cover of the "sure beats sitting in a cell" brochure (2012 revised addition.) Corrections Correspondence Services C/O PO BOX A44 Arncliffe NSW 2205 | Advisory Action #011/2014 |

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| 012 | That conference produce a short (approx. 2 minute) video that can be accessed electronically targeted at AA members to advise and educate on why we need to be self-supporting financially and how members' contributions are used. | Advisory Action #012/2014 |
| 013 | The Finance committee confer with the Trustees finance committee on ways to increase member contributions and that they report back to Delegates by the 31 st May 2015 so that topics for conference 2015 can be entered with Clear Actions to be taken at the Area and group level. | Rejected by the Conference Agenda Committee as the proposal for the Finance committee to come up with ways of increasing member contributions has already been done. The original sub-committee had met by teleconference and come up with a suggestion for National Gratitude Week, which was not supported by Conference. The General Service Board have been discussing this and have agreed upon some actions, a list of which will be included in the Conference Finance Committee section of the Conference folder. |
| 014 | That conference 2014 receive a full updated report from the GSB on the current status of the situation involving AA Victoria (Richmond CSO) and that time be set aside in the Agenda at Conference 2014 to discuss this matter. | Rejected by the Conference Agenda Committee. The committee agreed that the request for information on AA Victoria was not a valid topic as it referred to an outside entity and the Conference 2014 agenda had already been set. It was agreed that the Chairperson of the General Service Board be asked to make reference to the current situation regarding this entity in her Chairperson's report to the General Service Conference this year. |

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| 015 | That the General Service Board, as a matter of urgency seek to meet with the Victorian Central Service Office Committee in order to resolve any differences by compromise and voluntary action. This directive is taken from a previous Advisory action back in 1979 regarding fallout with another CSO in Australia back then. So there is precedence for this Topic. | Rejected by the Conference Agenda Committee. The committee agreed that, in line with Concept III, Conference could not direct the General Service Board to hold a meeting with the Victorian CSO Committee. |
| 016 | That the General Service Board and Conference include AA Victoria CSO with access to the 1300 22 22 22 National Number Helpline. | Rejected by the Conference Agenda Committee. The committee agreed that, as AA Victoria CSO is considered to be an outside entity, the topic is not valid. |
| 017 | General Service Board reinstate Literature supply to the AA Victorian CSO as a matter of urgency. | Rejected by the Conference Agenda Committee. The committee agreed that, in line with Concept III, Conference could not direct the General Service Board to start selling literature to an outside entity. |
| 018 | Currently the General Service Board don't recognise AA Victoria as an AA entity in Australia. For the Conference to recognise AA Victoria as an entity under the Family of Alcoholics Anonymous in Australia. | Rejected by the Conference Agenda Committee. The committee agreed that the background did not support the topic, which meant that the topic lacked clarity. The committee is mindful that there is a long history to this issue, but was concerned that there is a lack of clarity around the current position. The committee would like greater clarity in relation to the topic and for the topic writer to be invited to re-submit next year. The committee would like the topic writers to clarify why they believe that AA Victoria should now be recognised by Conference as an AA entity in Australia and would like to know (briefly) what has changed. |
| 019 | That the National Archivist position be rotated on a four year basis, as with other volunteer positions. | Advisory Action #019/2014 |

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| 020 | Appoint Regional PI&CPC, Treatment and Correctional Facilities Co-ordinators to assist with the work of the National Co-ordinators | Advisory Action #020/2014 |
| 021 | The General Service Board resolved to recommend to Conference that the sum of \$2000 be donated to the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting Secretariat to assist with the running costs of the Secretariat. | Advisory Action #021/2014 |
| 022 | That Guideline GL-22 (Suggestions for members wishing to visit Correction Centres) be amended to include information on the Correctional Facilities Correspondence Service and suggestions for the safety of members participating in this service, e.g. not revealing any contact or personal details (address, telephone number, email address, date of birth, employer, etc.) information and using the post office box set up for this service. | Advisory Action #022/2014 |
| 023 | The General Service Board resolved to recommend to Conference that the Conference Remote Communities Committee considering altering their Composition, Scope & Procedure document to expand the definition of Remote Communities to include <u>those separated from the programme of Alcoholics Anonymous</u> , for example by homelessness, economic circumstances, lack of transport (public and personal). The scope of the Trustees' Remote Communities Committee has been expanded. | Advisory Action #023/2014 |

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| 024 | The General Service Board resolved to recommend to Conference that the General Service Conference be held every two years and that, accordingly, Area Delegates' terms be extended to four years. | Advisory Action #024/2014 |
| 025 | The General Service Board resolved to recommend to Conference that the following statement be added to Guidelines GL-14 and GL-15: In line with Tradition 11, if you are using social media groups to provide information on your event, ensure that any pages are set up as secret pages, accessible only by members who have elected to join the group. Members should not be added without their prior permission. | Advisory Action #025/2014 |

There were additional Advisory Actions as follows: (see Advisory Actions section for details):

Advisory Action #026/2014 to Advisory Action #049/2014 inclusive.

SECTION 4

CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS SECTION

**GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE 2014
ADVISORY ACTIONS**

The group conscience of the Fellowship of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS in Australia was expressed in the following Advisory Actions to the General Service Board, based upon the recommendations from the Conference Committees, as indicated in the headings. The background to these Advisory Actions and the submissions from the Groups, individual members or from the General Service Board in the form of Topics which led to them were presented in full detail to all Areas prior to Conference.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

Advisory Action #26/2014

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Committee on Trustees recommendation that the appointment of General Service Trustee Mike E for a four year term concluding on 31 December 2017 be ratified.

Voting: No disapproval
Carried

Advisory Action #27/2014

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Committee on Trustees recommendation that the appointment of Class Trustee Mark Gardiner for a four year term concluding on 31 December 2017 be ratified.

Voting: No disapproval
Carried

BIDS FOR REGIONAL FORUMS

Advisory Action #28/2014

Conference resolved to accept the following bids to host Regional Forums in 2015:
Area A North Eastern Region

Voting: by Third Legacy Procedure
Carried

Area A Central Region
Area A, Eastern Region

Voting: by a show of hands
Carried

BIDS FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION 2018

Advisory Action #009/2014

Conference resolved to host the bid by Area A and B Western Region to host the National Convention 2018 in Perth.

Voting: by a show of hands
Carried

BIDS FOR TREATMENT & CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES FORUM 2016

Advisory Action #29/2014

Conference resolved to accept the bid from Area A North Eastern Region to host the 2016 Treatment & Correctional Facilities Forum in Townsville.

Voting: by Third Legacy Procedure
Carried

CONFERENCE REPORT CHARTER & SERVICE MANUAL COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #022/2014

Conference resolved that Guideline GL-22 (Suggestions for members wishing to visit Correction Centres) be amended to include information on the Correctional Facilities Correspondence Service and suggestions for the safety of members participating in this service, e.g. not revealing any contact or personal details (address, telephone number, email address, date of birth, employer, etc.) information and using the post office box set up for this service. The Trustees Correctional Facilities Committee are requested to write the appropriate text for inclusion in Guideline GL-22, to satisfy this purpose, and to refer this text back to Conference 2015 for approval.

Voting: For: 32; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #025/2014

Conference resolved that that following statement be added to Guidelines GL-14 AND gl-15: *In line with Tradition 11, if you are using social media groups to provide information on your event, ensure that any pages are set up as secret pages, anonymity is not compromised and accessible only by members who have elected to join the group. Members should not be added without their prior permission.*

Voting: For: 32; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0
Carried

CONFERENCE POLICIES & ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #001/2014

Conference resolved to reject the request to revoke Advisory Actions 028/2013, 034/2013 and 041/2014. Conference did not agree that these Advisory Actions had changed the General Service Structure. However, Conference recognised that some groups may have felt excluded from the decision making process as the 2013 decisions were made on the Conference floor, not as the result of a Conference topic. The General Service Board, in consultation with the Conference Policies & Admissions Committee, were requested to formulate a simple topic requesting feedback on whether non Area Delegate Conference Members should have a vote at Conference Committee level. This topic should be submitted to the Conference Agenda Committee for allocation n 2015.

Voting: For: 23; Against: 10; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #002/2014

Conference resolved that the boundaries of Northern region be changed to included groups within the Northern Territory only and that the boundaries of Western region be changed to include all groups within Western Australia.

Voting: For: 32; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #019/2014

Conference resolved that, as with other volunteer positions, the National Archivist position be rotated on a four year basis. The job description for the position should be updated and this information included in the Australian AA Service Manual.

Voting: For: 32; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #020/2014

Conference resolved that Regional PI&CPC, Treatment and Correctional Facilities Co-ordinators be appointed to assist with the work of the National Co-ordinators.

Voting: For: 28; Against: 5; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #024/2014

Conference resolved to reject the proposal that the General Service Conference be held every two years and that, accordingly, Area Delegates' terms be extended to four years. However, Conference resolved that a special committee consisting of Trustees and Area Delegates be formed to provide a report to Conference 2015 on how to address the financial and decision making processes of Conference.

Voting: For: 32; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0
Carried

CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #021/2014

Conference resolved that the sum of \$2000 be donated to the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting Secretariat to assist with the running costs of the Secretariat, and that the World Service Delegates establish what the fund is used for and provide this information to the General Service Board so that it can be included in any future topics for clarity.

Voting: For: 33; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0
Carried

CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #012/2014

Conference resolved that a short (approx. 2 minute) video be produced, that can be accessed electronically, targeting AA members to advise and educate on why we need to be self-supporting financially and how members contributions are used. Ideas for the video should be sought from the Fellowship. Submissions should be either in written or "storyboard" form, including costings, to reach the General Service Office by the end of April 2015. A story to be included in the December and February issues of AA Around Australia, as well as information sent to delegates for electronic distribution in their Area.

Topics in the video would include

What we do with their money and how it relates to helping the sick alcoholic

1300 number

Advertising

National Website

Literature

Assisting with funding AA presence at national professional events

Insurance policy

Practical steps that can be taken to discourage groups from holding on to excess funds.

Ideas from the General Service Board on how to improve contributions be included, as appropriate.

And how the joy of giving keeps the fellowship healthy, reduces the reliance of sales and convention surpluses and contributions stay within Australia.

Voting: For: 30; Against: 0; Abstentions: 3
Carried

Advisory Action #30/2014

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Finance Committee recommendation that the audited accounts for year ended 30 June 2014 be accepted.

Voting: For: 32; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #31/2014

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Finance Committee recommendation that the budget for year ended 30 June 2015 be accepted and that the people responsible for producing it be commended.

Voting: For: 32; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0
Carried

CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #32/2014

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation to endorse the Trustees' Literature Committee's decision not to proceed with Advisory Action #018/2013 (production of literature for members with literacy problems) as existing literature was adequate.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #33/2014

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation to endorse the Trustees' Literature Committee's recommendation that literature suitable for members with literacy problems be clearly identified in the literature list.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #34/2014

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that Central Service Offices be invited to clearly identify literature suitable for members with literacy problems in their literature lists.

Voting: For: 32; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #010/2014

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's decision that the word 'Donation' be replaced with the word 'Contribution' on the pamphlet entitled "Group Donation Plans", pending information from the Trustees' Finance Committee about the potential Tax implications of the change of wording.

Voting: For: 33; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #011/2014

Conference resolved that the USA address on page 9 and the back cover of the "sure beats sitting in a cell" brochure (2012 revised edition.) be replaced with the following Australian address:

Corrections Correspondence Services
C/O PO BOX A44
Arncliffe, NSW 2205

All alterations should be done at a local level by either rubber stamp or sticker.

Voting: by a show of hands
Carried

CONFERENCE PUBLIC INFORMATION & CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #35/2014

Conference resolved that the General Service Board Chairpersons are reminded to send monthly reports on Advisory Actions to the corresponding Conference Committee Chairperson, even if there has been no activity or progress to report.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #36/2014

Conference resolved that one membership survey be conducted, primarily for the purpose of providing information to professional communities, but that some questions should be included to gather information from groups which could enhance initiatives in improving participation in service within the Fellowship.

Voting: For: 30; Against: 2; Abstentions: 1
Carried

Advisory Action #37/2014

Conference resolved both hard copy and electronic questionnaires be used for the membership survey of a suitable sample of groups.

Voting: For: 27; Against: 4; Abstentions: 2
Carried

Advisory Action #38/2014

Conference resolved that an annual review of the Service Website be added to the scope of the Conference Public Information & Co-operation with the Professional Community Committee.

Voting: 27; Against: 5; Abstentions: 1
Carried

CONFERENCE REMOTE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #023/2014

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Remote Communities Committee's decision to alter their Composition, Scope and Procedure document to include those separated from the programme and Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, for example by homelessness, economic circumstances, lack of transport (public and personal).

Voting: For: 29; Against: 4; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #39/2014

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Remote Communities Committee's recommendation that a National Remote Communities Co-ordinator be appointed and that regional Remote Communities Co-ordinators also be appointed.

Voting: For: 22; Against: 9; Abstentions: 1
Carried

CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #40/2014

Conference resolved that the 2015 General Service Conference be held from Thursday 5th – Sunday 8th November 2015 at the Novotel Hotel, Brighton Le Sands, NSW.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #41/2014

Conference resolved that the Conference Agenda Committee meets by teleconference on Saturday 20th June 2015 at 11.30 EST to formulate agendas and on Saturday 15th August 2015 at 11.30am EST to allocate topics to Conference.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #42/2014

Conference resolved that the deadline for receipt of Conference topics next year be 4pm on Friday 24th June 2015.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #43/2014

Conference resolved that the theme for the 2015 General Service Conference would be 'Service – A Spiritual Gift'.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #44/2014

Conference resolved that point 10 of the Conference Etiquette Statement should become the last point and should read:

'Please take responsibility for your position as a Conference attendee by not unduly campaigning for or against a topic or applicant during Conference.'

Voting: For: 29; Against: 4; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #45/2014

Conference resolved to approve the entire Conference Etiquette Statement.

Voting: For: 30; Against: 2; Abstentions: 1
Carried

Advisory Action #46/2014

Conference resolved that, in future, the Chairperson of the General Service Board should open the Conference with an Acknowledgment of Country statement.

Voting: For: 27; Against: 4; Abstentions: 2
Carried

SELECTION OF EASTERN REGIONAL TRUSTEE

Advisory Action #47/2014

Conference resolved to recommend to the General Service Board that Paul B be elected as Eastern Regional Trustee for a four year period commencing 1st January 2015.

Voting: By Third Legacy Procedure
Carried

SELECTION OF NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL TRUSTEE

Advisory Action #48/2014

Conference resolved to recommend to the General Service Board that Brett F be elected as North Eastern Regional Trustee for a four year period commencing 1st January 2015.

Voting: By Third Legacy Procedure
Carried

FLOOR ACTIONS

Advisory Action #49/2014

Conference considered a request from the National Treatment & Correctional Facilities Forum, which was supported by the National Treatment and Correctional Facilities Coordinators, and resolved that the month of March be recognised as National Treatment and Correctional Facilities Month. This will raise awareness on a national basis of these two very important arms of service. During this month the service in Treatment and Correctional Facilities will be highlighted and Information shared nationally.

Voting: For: 25; Against: 7; Abstentions: 0
Carried

SECTION 5

**VOTED ON BUT NOT ADVISORY
ACTIONS**

CONFERENCE TOPICS 2014 VOTED ON, BUT NOT RESULTING IN ADVISORY ACTIONS

There were no 2014 topics that did not result in Conference Advisory Actions

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS VOTED ON, BUT NOT RESULTING IN ADVISORY ACTIONS

CONFERENCE TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Conference resolved to reject the Conference Treatment Facilities Committee recommendation that, to improve communication, contact details of Trustees be included in the Conference folder and that contact details be issued with this year's Conference report.

Voting for committee recommendation

For: 4; Against: 27; Abstentions: 2

Committee recommendation defeated

CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Conference resolved to reject the Conference Finance Committee's recommendation that the document containing suggestions on ways to improve contributions submitted by the General Service Board be approved as a service item. Conference felt that more work was needed on this document.

Voting for committee recommendation

For: 12; Against: 18; Abstentions: 3

Committee recommendation defeated

SECTION 6

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT

CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Novotel Hotel, cnr. Grand Parade & Princess Street,
Brighton Le Sands, NSW.

Friday 7th November 2014 2.00pm – 3.15pm

ROLL CALL

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| (Chairperson) | Andrew T Delegate, Area G, Eastern Region |
| (Alt.Chairperson) | Ann A Delegate, Area B, Western Region |
| | Andy P, Delegate, Area B, Central Region |
| | Ian P Delegate, Area A, North Eastern Region |
| | Katharine T Delegate, Area A, Northern Region |
| | Melinda M, Delegate, Area B, Southern Region |
| | Bruce M (Chairperson, Trustees' General Service Conference Committee) |
| | Valerie M (Co-ordinator) |
| | Vanda Rounsefell (Observer) |
| | Sharon R (Observer) |
| | Greg H (Observer) |

APOLOGIES

Nil

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The Composition, Scope & Procedure document was reviewed and the following changes were made:

Composition

The first paragraph will now read

Ideally the voting members of the committee will be made up of:

- Six delegates from all regions with a balance of first, second and third year delegates, where possible.
- The Chairperson of the Trustees' General Service Conference Committee.
- The General Service Office Manager

Observers and the Trustee Emeritus **would** be non-voting members of the committee.

REPORT

CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE

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Brighton Le Sands, NSW.

Friday 7th November 2014 2.00pm – 3.15pm

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2009-2013)

The Action List was reviewed and progress noted.
With regard to Advisory Action #58/2011 the committee is satisfied with communication from the Chairperson of the Trustees' General Service Conference Committee throughout the year.

In line with Advisory Action #053/2010 which authorised the Conference Agenda Committee to amend the Conference topic form when necessary, the committee added the following sentence to the Conference topic form instructions for submission:
"For the purposes of formatting, please do not change the font (Arial 11) or margins of this topic form".

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2014 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

No topics were allocated to this committee

DATE AND VENUE – CONFERENCE 2015

Thursday 5th - Sunday 8th November 2015
Novotel, Brighton Le Sands, NSW

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends to Conference that the General Service Conference be held from Thursday 5th – Sunday 8th November 2015 at the Novotel Hotel, Brighton Le Sands, NSW.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE

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Friday 7th November 2014 2.00pm – 3.15pm

DATES FOR AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2011 & DEADLINE FOR CONFERENCE TOPICS 2015

Saturday 20th June 2015 at 11.30am EST

Agenda Committee meeting by teleconference to formulate agendas -

Saturday 15th August 2015 at 11.30am EST

Agenda Committee meeting by teleconference to allocate topics to Conference.

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends to Conference that the Conference Agenda Committee meets by teleconference on Saturday 20th June 2015 at 11.30 EST to formulate agendas and on Saturday 15th August 2015 at 11.30am EST to allocate topics to Conference.

Friday 24th June 2015 4pm

Recommended deadline for receipt of Conference topics.

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends to Conference that the deadline for receipt of Conference topics next year be 4pm on Friday 24th June 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THEME OF GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE 2015

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends that Conference selects a theme for the 2015 General Service Conference from the following suggestions:

1. The Hand of AA
2. Shoulder to Shoulder
3. Gratitude in Action
4. Spirituality is an Awakening
5. We are not a glum lot
6. A power greater than ourselves.
7. Unity
8. Service – a spiritual gift
9. Happy, joyous and free
10. Their future depends on you
11. We are responsible
12. Is your group part of AA?

REPORT

CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE

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Brighton Le Sands, NSW.**

Friday 7th November 2014 2.00pm – 3.15pm

CONFERENCE ETIQUETTE STATEMENT

The Conference Agenda Committee reviewed the Conference Etiquette Statement. It was agreed that point 10 of the statement should become the last point and should read: 'Please take responsibility for your position as a delegate by not engaging in unsolicited influencing for or against a topic or applicant during Conference.'

NEW BUSINESS

It was agreed that including acknowledgment of the traditional owners of the land be placed on the June 2015 agenda for discussion.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Ann A was elected Chairperson. It was noted that Ann would be unavailable for the June meeting.
Andy P was elected Alternate Chairperson

REPORT

CONFERENCE REMOTE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Novotel Hotel Brighton le Sands, NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 11.00am – 1.00pm

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Phil G, Delegate, Area C, Eastern Region
Pat L, Delegate, Area B, Eastern Region
Seija L, Area A, Central Region
Ian P, Delegate, Area A North Eastern Region
Katharine T, Delegate, Area A, Northern Region
Emma M, Delegate, Area A, Eastern Region
Melinda M, Delegate, Area B, Southern Region
Ray M, Delegate, Area E, Southern Region
Mary P, (Chairperson, Trustees' Remote Communities Committee)
Sharon R (World Service Delegate)
Valerie M (Co-ordinator)
Mick C (Observer)

APOLOGIES

Nil

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The Composition, Scope & Procedure document was reviewed the following changes were made:

Composition

Will now read:

The voting members of the committee will be made up of:

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- Delegates from all regions with a balance of first, second and third year delegates, where possible.
- The Chairperson of the Trustees' Remote Communities Committee.
- The General Service Office Manager
- A World Service Meeting Delegate.

Observers and the Trustee Emeritus will be non-voting members of the committee.

Scope

Point 1 was split into two points and will now read:

- 1) Remote communities are defined as those separated from the programme and Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous by language, geography, culture, impairment of sight, hearing, mental health and other permanent or temporary disabilities.
- 2) Discuss and make recommendations on topics presented to Conference relevant to carrying the message to remote communities within Australia and developing a service structure in these remote communities.

Point 4 was removed as it was a duplication.

REPORT

CONFERENCE REMOTE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Novotel Hotel Brighton le Sands, NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 11.00am – 1.00pm

REVIEW ACTION LIST

The Action List was reviewed and progress noted.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2014 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC 023 /2014

The General Service Board resolved to recommend to Conference that the Conference Remote Communities Committee considering altering their Composition, Scope & Procedure document to expand the definition of Remote Communities to include those separated from the programme of Alcoholics Anonymous, for example by homelessness, economic circumstances, lack of transport (public and personal). The scope of the Trustees' Remote Communities Committee has been expanded.

The Conference Remote Communities Committee agreed with this topic and altered their Composition, Scope & Procedure document accordingly. The words "and Fellowship were added after 'separated from the programme.

The Conference Remote Communities Committee recommends to Conference that a National Remote Communities Co-ordinator be appointed and that regional Co-ordinators also be appointed.

REVIEW SERVICE WEBSITE REMOTE COMMUNITIES PAGE

The Remote Communities page of the Service Website was reviewed.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Katharine T was elected Chairperson
Ray M was elected Alternate Chairperson

REPORT

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

Meeting held at Novotel Hotel, cnr. Grand Parade & Princess Street,
Brighton Le Sands, NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 11.00am – 1.00pm

ROLL CALL

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| (Chairperson) | Paul M, Delegate, Area C, North Eastern Region |
| (Alt. Chairperson) | Mandy G, Delegate, Area H, Eastern Region |
| | Terence H, Delegate, Area D, Southern Region |
| | Ian P, Delegate, Area A, North Eastern Region |
| | Paul M, Delegate, Area B, North Eastern Region |
| | Andrew T, Delegate, Area G, Eastern Region |
| | Kerry S (Western Regional Trustee) |
| | Vanda Rounsefell (Trustee Emeritus) |
| | Tony C (Co-ordinator) |
| | Maurice Smith, Class A Trustee (Observer) |

APOLOGIES: Mandy G

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The Composition, Scope & Procedure document was reviewed and the following change was recommended:

Replace, under Procedure: paragraph 3., to read:

“If any unexpired term of Class A, Regional or General Service Trustee or International Delegate must be filled between Conferences, the nominees’ resumés are sent to the committee members for review – prior to the selection and election processes prescribed by Articles 5(d) and 17(v).”

The committee noted that Paragraph 1. of “Scope” states that “This committee is responsible for overseeing and reviewing the qualifications and procedures for election of all Trustees and International Delegates.”

With respect to this condition, the Committee expressed concern that all details of candidates to be ratified was not made available to the Committee prior to this meeting at Conference. The committee recommends to Conference that this practice be followed in future. On this occasion, the required information given to the Committee during the course of its meeting was accepted and the recommendations for ratification were made.

REPORT

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

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Friday 7th November 2014 11.00am – 1.00pm

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2009-2013)

The Action List was reviewed. With respect to #58/2011, the Committee recommended that General Service Board Committee Chairmen be reminded to send monthly reports on Advisory Actions, as these have not been received.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2014 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

No topics were allocated to this committee

REVIEW TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS AND RECOMMEND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO CONFERENCE FOR RATIFICATION OR SELECTION

Recommendation re ratification of appointment of General Service Trustee Mike E

The Conference Committee on Trustees recommends that the appointment of General Service Trustee Mike E for a four year term concluding on 31 December 2017 be ratified by Conference.

Recommendation re ratification of appointment of Class A Trustee Mark Gardiner

The Conference Committee on Trustees recommends that the appointment of Class A Trustee Mark Gardiner for a five year term concluding on 31 December 2018 with an option to serve a further 5 years (subject to the Board's approval or two-thirds disapproval by Conference) be ratified by Conference.

REPORT

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

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Recommendation re acceptance of Eastern Regional Trustee candidates for selection by Conference

The Conference Committee on Trustees reviewed all applications and recommends that Conference selects a candidate from the following applicants for the position of Eastern Regional Trustee:

Mitch P (Area A)
Greg D (Area B)
Vince D (Area C)
Paul B (Area G)

Recommendation re acceptance of North Eastern Regional Trustee candidates for selection by Conference

The Conference Committee on Trustees reviewed all applications and recommends that Conference selects a candidate from the following applicants for the position of North Eastern Regional Trustee:

Candidates:
Brett F (Area A)
John O'L (Area C)

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Ian P was elected Chairperson
Paul Mo was elected Alternate Chairperson

REPORT

CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Novotel Hotel, cnr Grand Parade & Princess Street,
Brighton Le Sands, NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 8.40am – 10.30am

ROLL CALL

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Chairperson | Mandy G, Delegate, Area H, Eastern Region |
| Alt. Chairperson: | Natalie G, Delegate, Area A, Western Region |
| | Andrew Taylor Delegate, Area G, Eastern Region |
| | Greg Hopkins Delegate, Area F, Eastern Region |
| | Emma Macey Delegate, Area A, Eastern Region |
| | Phil Garland, Delegate, Area C, Eastern Region |
| | Ian Payne, Delegate, Area A, North Eastern Region |
| | Maurice Smith, Chairperson, Trustees' Finance Committee |
| | Mike Eastaway, General Service Trustee |
| | Chris Surplice, Co-ordinator |
| | Tom Grigg, Observer |

APOLOGIES

Mandy G.

Natalie Gillespie Chaired the meeting

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The Composition, Scope & Procedure document was reviewed and the following changes were made: The voting members of the committee will be made up of:

- Six delegates from all regions with a balance of first, second and third year delegates, where possible.
- The Chairperson of the Trustees' Correctional Facilities Committee.
- The National Office Manager if a member of the committee
- A World Service Meeting Delegate if a member of the committee

Observers and the Trustee Emeritus will be non-voting members of the committee.

In the Scope section

h) That the budget prepared by the GSB be based on a standard financial year from 1st July to 30th June.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2009-2013)

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| <p>The Action List was reviewed. 013/2012 is ongoing 029/2012 has been completed 58/2011 ongoing and has worked well with Mandy and Maurice</p> |
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REPORT

CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Novotel Hotel, cnr Grand Parade & Princess Street,
Brighton Le Sands, NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 8.40am – 10.30am

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2014 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC 012/2014

That conference produce a short (approx. 2 minute) video that can be accessed electronically targeted at AA members to advise and educate on why we need to be self-supporting financially and how members contributions are used.

The Conference Finance Committee recommends that this topic be accepted and ideas for the video be sought from the fellowship. Submissions should be either in written or “storyboard” form, include costings and reach the General Service Office by the end of April 2015. A story be included in the December and February issues of AA Around Australia, as well as information sent to delegates for electronic distribution in their Area. Topics in the video would include

What we do with their money and how it relates to helping the sick alcoholic
1300 number
Advertising
National Website
Literature
Assisting with funding AA presence at national professional events
Insurance policy

And how the joy of giving keeps the fellowship healthy, reduces the reliance of sales and convention surpluses and contributions stay within Australia.

REVIEW BOARD SUGGESTIONS RE IMPROVING CONTRIBUTIONS/INCREASING PARTICIPATION

The Conference Finance Committee recommends that the document produced by the Board is comprehensive and be approved.

REPORT

CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Novotel Hotel, cnr Grand Parade & Princess Street,
Brighton Le Sands, NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 8.40am – 10.30am

DISCUSSION ITEM SUBMITTED BY GENERAL SERVICE BOARD

What practical steps can we take to discourage groups from holding on to excess funds?

The Conference Finance Committee recommends that this topic also be covered in the video.

REVIEW AUDITED ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

The Conference Finance Committee recommends that the audited accounts be accepted

REVIEW BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

The Conference Finance Committee recommends that the Budget be accepted and noted that the people responsible for producing it be commended

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Natalie G was elected Chairperson
Emma M was elected Alternate Chairperson

REPORT

CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held at Novotel Hotel Brighton le Sands, NSW
Thursday 6th November 2014 4.30pm – 6.00pm

ROLL CALL

Chairperson: Natalie G, Delegate, Area A Western Region
Alternate Chairperson Phil G, Delegate, Area C Eastern Region
Andy P, Delegate, Area B Central Region
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Paul M, Delegate, Area B, North Eastern Region
Emma M, Delegate, Area A Eastern Region
Paul M, Delegate, Area C, North Eastern Region
Seija L, Delegate, Area A, Central Region
Andrew T, Delegate, Area G Eastern Region
Katharine T, Delegate, Area A, Northern Region
Mary P (North Eastern Regional Trustee)
Sharon R (World Service Delegate)
Tony V (World Service Delegate)
Valerie Martin (Co-ordinator)

APOLOGIES

Katharine T

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The Composition, Scope & Procedure document was reviewed and no changes were made.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2009-2013)

The Action List was reviewed and progress noted.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2014 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC 021 /2014

The General Service Board resolved to recommend to Conference that the sum of \$2000 be donated to the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting Secretariat to assist with the running costs of the Secretariat.

REPORT

CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

**Meeting to be held at Novotel Hotel Brighton le Sands, NSW
Thursday 6th November 2014 4.30pm – 6.00pm**

The Conference International Committee recommends to Conference that the sum of \$2000 be donated to the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting Secretariat to assist with the running costs of the Secretariat. It is further recommended that the World Service Delegates establish what the fund is used for and provide this information to the General Service Board so that it can be included in any future topics for clarity.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Seija L was elected Chairperson
Phil G was elected Alternate Chairperson

REPORT

CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Novotel Hotel, cnr. Grand Parade & Princess Street,
Brighton Le Sands, NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 11.00am – 1.00pm

ROLL CALL

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|--------------------|---|
| (Chairperson) | Lachlan B Delegate, Area E, Eastern Region |
| (Alt. Chairperson) | Ann A Delegate, Area B, Western Region |
| | Greg H, Delegate, Area F, Eastern Region |
| | Mark S, Delegate, Area D, Eastern Region |
| | Tim B, Delegate Area C, Southern Region |
| | Natalie G, Delegate, Area A Western Region |
| | Andy P, Delegate, Area B, Central Region |
| | Rodger Bull (Chairperson, Trustees' Literature Committee) |
| | Tony V (World Service Delegate) |
| | Chris S (Co-ordinator) |

APOLOGIES

Nil

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The Composition, Scope & Procedure document was reviewed and the following changes were made:

The voting members of the committee will be made up of:

- Six delegates from all regions with a balance of first, second and third year delegates, where possible.
- The Chairperson of the Trustees' Correctional Facilities Committee.
- The National Office Manager if a member of the committee
- A World Service Meeting Delegate if a member of the committee

Observers and the Trustee Emeritus will be non-voting members of the committee.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2009-2013)

The Action List was reviewed.

018/2013 The committee endorses the Trustees Literature Committee decision to not proceed and that existing literature suitable for members with literacy problems be clearly identified in the literature list and that CSO's be invited to do the same.

032/2012 Trustee Literature Chair Roger Bull to update the committee on the status of this project

025 – B/2011 This has been completed

REPORT

CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Novotel Hotel, cnr. Grand Parade & Princess Street,
Brighton Le Sands, NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 11.00am – 1.00pm

NEW BUSINESS

The committee requested the Trustees Literature Committee chair to explain recent changes to the Just For Today card and the process for listing the CSO's.
It was noted that this was not a request on behalf of any CSO's

REVIEW 2014 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC 010/2014

That the literature committee replace the word donation with the word Contribution on the pamphlet entitled "Group Donation Plans".

The Conference Literature Committee recommends that this topic be accepted pending information from the Trustee Finance Committee about the potential Tax implications of the change of wording

TOPIC 011/2014

**The conference literature committee either replace the USA addresses or include the following Australian address on page 9 and the back cover of the "sure beats sitting in a cell" brochure (2012 revised addition.)
Corrections Correspondence Services
C/O PO BOX A44
Arncliffe, NSW 2205**

The Conference Literature Committee recommends that this topic be accepted and that all alterations are done at a local level by either rubber stamp or sticker

REPORT

CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

**Meeting held at Novotel Hotel, cnr. Grand Parade & Princess Street,
Brighton Le Sands, NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 11.00am – 1.00pm**

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Mark S was elected Chairperson
Greg H was elected Alternate Chairperson

REPORT

CONFERENCE POLICIES AND ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Novotel Hotel, Brighton Le Sands, NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 8.40am – 10.30am

ROLL CALL

Chairperson: Katharine T, Delegate, Area A, Northern Region
Alt. Chairperson: Lachlan B, Delegate, Area E Eastern Region
Melinda M, Delegate, Area B Southern Region
Terence H, Delegate, Area D Southern Region
Pat L, Delegate, Area B Eastern Region
Andy P, Delegate, Area B Central Region
Bruce M (General Service Trustee)
Mark G (Class A Trustee)
Sharon R (World Service Delegate)
Vanda Rounsefell (Trustee Emeritus)
Valerie M (Co-ordinator)
Mary P (Observer)
Rodger Bull (Observer)

APOLOGIES

Nil

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The Composition, Scope & Procedure document was reviewed and the following changes were made:

Composition

First line to read 'The voting members of the committee can be made up of:'

3rd dot point to read 'General Service Office Manager' (replacing National Office Manager)

4th dot point to read 'World Service Delegate'. (replacing World Service Meeting Delegate)

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2009-2013)

The Action List was reviewed and progress noted.

REPORT

CONFERENCE POLICIES AND ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Novotel Hotel, Brighton Le Sands, NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 8.40am – 10.30am

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2014 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC: 001/2014

That Conference revokes the following 2013 Actions because they effectively changed the Australian General Service structure without consulting the Groups:

- Advisory Action 2013/028 which gives a vote to any World Service Delegate attending the Conference Treatment Facilities Committee; and,
- Advisory Action 2013/034 which gives voting rights in the Conference Agenda Committee to the Chair of the Trustees' General Service Conference Committee and the Coordinator, who is a General Service Office staff member; and,
- Floor Action 2013/041 which gives Trustees, World Service Delegates and all GSO staff equal participation rights on all Conference Committees.

The Conference Policies & Admissions Committee recommends that this topic be rejected. The committee did not agree that the General Service structure had been changed. However, it was recognised that some groups may have felt excluded from the decision making process, as the decision was made on the Conference floor, not as the result of a Conference topic. The committee recommends that the General Service Board, in consultation with the Conference Policies & Admissions Committee, formulates a simple topic requesting feedback on whether non Area delegate Conference members should have a vote at Conference committee level. This topic should be submitted to the Conference Agenda Committee for allocation in 2015.

TOPIC 002/2014

The boundaries of the Northern Region are changed to reflect the Northern Territory only. Currently includes North WA (above Parallel 22)

The Conference Policies & Admissions Committee recommends that the boundaries of Northern region be changed to included groups within the Northern Territory only and that the boundaries of Western region be changed to include all groups within Western Australia.

REPORT

CONFERENCE POLICIES AND ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

**Meeting held at Novotel Hotel, Brighton Le Sands, NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 8.40am – 10.30am**

TOPIC 019/2014

That the National Archivist position be rotated on a four year basis, as with other volunteer positions.

The Conference Policies & Admissions Committee recommends that, as with other volunteer positions, the National Archivist position be rotated on a four year basis. The job description for the position should be updated and this information included in the Australian AA Service Manual.

TOPIC020/2014

Appoint Regional PI&CPC, Treatment and Correctional Facilities Co-ordinators to assist with the work of the National Co-ordinators

The Conference Policies & Admissions Committee recommends that Regional PI&CPC, Treatment and Correctional Facilities Co-ordinators be appointed to assist with the work of the National Co-ordinators.

TOPIC 024 /2014

The General Service Board resolved to recommend to Conference that the General Service Conference be held every two years and that, accordingly, Area Delegates' terms be extended to four years.

The Conference Policies & Admissions Committee recommends that this topic be rejected. It is recommended that a special committee consisting of Trustees and Area Delegates be formed to provide a report to Conference next year on how to address the financial and decision making processes of Conference.

REPORT

CONFERENCE POLICIES AND ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Novotel Hotel, Brighton Le Sands, NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 8.40am – 10.30am

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Melinda Mwas elected Chairperson
Andy P was elected Alternate Chairperson

REPORT

CONFERENCE TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Meeting held at:

**Novotel Hotel, cnr. Grand Parade & Princess Street, Brighton Le Sands,
NSW**

Friday 7th November 2014 9.00pm – 9.30pm

ROLL CALL

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Chairperson | Tim B, Delegate, Area C, Southern Region |
| Alt. Chairperson | Emma M, Delegate, Area A, North Eastern Region |
| | Andrew T, Delegate, Area G Eastern Region |
| | Pat L, Delegate, Area B, Eastern Region |
| | Natalie G, Delegate, Area A, Western Region |
| | Katharine T, Delegate, Area A, Northern Region |
| | Paul M, Delegate, Area B, North Eastern Region |
| | Andy P, Delegate, Area B, Central Region |
| | Melinda M, Delegate, Area B, Southern Region |
| | Ian P, Delegate, Area A, North Eastern Region |
| | Tom G (Chairperson, Trustees' Treatment Facilities Committee) |
| | Tony C (Co-ordinator) |

APOLOGIES: Katharine T

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The Composition, Scope & Procedure document was reviewed and the Committee determined that the description of the voting members of the committee, under "Composition", be amended as appropriate, with respect to the outcome of this year's Topic 001/2014 (Policies and Admissions) relating to committee voting rights.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2009-2012)

The Action List was reviewed.

#020/2013: The committee notes that the aim to have information on Alcoholics Anonymous in every treatment facility in the country is an ongoing initiative.

#58/2011. The committee expressed concern that the General Service Board Chairman was not sending monthly reports on Advisory Actions to the relevant Conference Committee Chairman by email. In the interests of better communication for this purpose, the Committee recommends to Conference that contact details of Trustees be included in the Conference folder and that contact details be issued with this year's Conference report.

REPORT

CONFERENCE TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Meeting held at:
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NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 9.00pm – 9.30pm

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2014 CONFERENCE TOPICS MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

No topics were allocated to this committee

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

| |
|---|
| Emma M was elected Chairperson Melinda M was elected Alternate Chairperson |
|---|

REPORT

CONFERENCE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Meeting held at:

**Novotel Hotel, cnr. Grand Parade & Princess Street, Brighton Le Sands,
NSW**

Friday 7th November 2014 8.00pm – 9.30pm

ROLL CALL

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Chairperson: | Terence H, Delegate, Area C, Southern Region |
| Alt. Chairperson: | Mandy G, Delegate, Area H, Eastern Region |
| | Mark S, Delegate, Area D Eastern Region |
| | Seija L, Delegate, Area A Central Region |
| | Phil G, Delegate, Area C, Eastern Region |
| | Lachlan B, Delegate, Area E, Eastern Region |
| | Ann A, Delegate, Area B, Western Region |
| | Paul M, Delegate, Area C, North Eastern Region |
| | Chris S (Co-ordinator) |

APOLOGIES

Nil

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The Composition, Scope & Procedure document was reviewed and the following changes were made: The voting members of the committee will be made up of:

- Six delegates from all regions with a balance of first, second and third year delegates, where possible.
- The Chairperson of the Trustees' Correctional Facilities Committee.
- The National Office Manager if a member of the committee
- A World Service Meeting Delegate if a member of the committee

Observers and the Trustee Emeritus will be non-voting members of the committee.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2009-2013)

The Action List was reviewed and the following noted:

Advisory Action #005/2012 Conference resolved to accept the Conference Treatment & Correctional Facilities Committee recommendation that the General Service Board (GSB) and the General Service Office of AA (GSO) produce a DVD (or CD ROM) which contains information, drawn from existing or new sources, about the role and benefit that AA can provide for prisons and prison inmates.

The Status be upgraded to:

A CD rom has been produced and will be sent to AAWS seeking approval for the use of copyrighted material

REPORT

CONFERENCE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 8.00pm – 9.30pm

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2014 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

No topics were allocated to the Conference Correctional Facilities Committee

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

| |
|--|
| Lachlan B was elected Chairperson Mark Swas elected Alternate Chairperson |
|--|

REPORT

CONFERENCE PUBLIC INFORMATION AND CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Novotel Hotel, cnr. Grand Parade & Princess Street,
Brighton le Sands, NSW
Friday 7th November 2014 8.40am – 10.30am

ROLL CALL

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Chairperson | Ann A, Delegate, Area B Western Region |
| Alt. Chairperson: | Paul M, Area C North Eastern Region |
| | Paul M, Delegate, Area B North Eastern Region |
| | Mark S, Delegate, Area D Eastern Region |
| | Seija L, Delegate, Area A Central Region |
| | Tim B, Delegate, Area C Southern Region |
| | Douglas K (Chairman Trustees' PI&CPC Committee) |
| | Tony C (Co-ordinator) |

APOLOGIES; Nil

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The Composition, Scope & Procedure document was reviewed and the Committee determined that the description of the voting members of the committee, under "Composition", be amended as appropriate, with respect to the outcome of this year's Topic 001/2014 (Policies and Admissions) relating to committee voting rights.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2009-2013)

The Action List was reviewed.

With respect to #58/2001, the Committee recommended that General Service Board Committee Chairmen are reminded to send monthly reports on Advisory Actions, even if there has been no activity or progress to report.

046/2010:

While reports of closures of meetings have increased, Area delegates are reminded of the importance of passing the message to Groups to notify of any closures or changes to their meeting details, to ensure that on line meetings lists are up to date.

REPORT

CONFERENCE PUBLIC INFORMATION AND CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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Action List review (continued)

058/2009

The committee notes that no reports have been received by Area Delegates from the Board in relation to attitudes of health professionals towards AA, as are sought by this Advisory Action.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2014 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

No topics were allocated to this committee

DISCUSSION ITEM REQUESTED BY GENERAL SERVICE BOARD

1. What does the committee see as the purpose of the membership survey?

The Conference Public Information & Co-operation with the Professional Community Committee sees that the purpose of the membership survey is to assist in providing useful information to Professional Communities about the fellowship, and to enhance our opportunities to effectively engage in 12th Step work.

2. Do we want information useful to members or professionals or both?

The Conference Public Information & Co-operation with the Professional Community Committee recommends that one survey be conducted, primarily for the purpose of providing information to Professional Communities, but that some questions should be included to gather information from Groups which could enhance initiatives in improving participation in service within the fellowship.

3. If both, should we have two surveys?

Not applicable. Only one survey required.

REPORT

CONFERENCE PUBLIC INFORMATION AND CO-OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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Information on professional survey companies attached.

The Conference Public Information & Co-operation with the Professional Community Committee recommends that the survey be conducted by a hard copy survey questionnaire, distributed to a suitable sample of groups. This method was preferred over online survey/research options.

REVIEW NATIONAL WEBSITE

The report on the National Website was reviewed and accepted by the Committee. The Committee wishes to bring to the attention to Conference the recommendation in the National Website report to provide a better service to users accessing the website by mobile telephone.

REVIEW SERVICE WEBSITE

No review was conducted as the review of the Service Website is not, nor has been, within this Committee's Scope. It is suggested that this review be conducted by another, more appropriate committee.

REVIEW OF NATIONAL PI & CPC CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The committee commended the Co-ordinator's report and acknowledges the extensive and effective work that Leigh Farquhar has initiated, managed and participated in over the last year.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Paul M was elected Chairperson
Tim B was elected Alternate Chairperson

REPORT

CONFERENCE REPORT CHARTER AND SERVICE MANUAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Novotel Hotel, Brighton Le Sands
Thursday 6th November 2014 4.30pm – 6.00pm

ROLL CALL

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Ian P (Chairperson) | Delegate, Area A, North Eastern Region |
| Lachlan B (Alt. Chairprson) | Delegate, Area E, Eastern Region |
| Melinda M | Delegate, Area B, Southern Region |
| Greg H | Delegate, Area F, Eastern Region |
| Tim B | Delegate, Area C, Southern Region |
| Ann A | Delegate, Area B, Western Region |
| Mark S | Delegate, Area D, Eastern Region |
| Pat L | Delegate Area B, Eastern Region |
| Terence H | Delegate, Area D, Southern Region |
| Rodger Bull | Chairperson, Trustees' Literature Committee |
| Vanda Rounsefell | Trustee Emeritus |
| Tony C | Co-ordinator |

APOLOGIES Nil

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The Composition, Scope & Procedure document was reviewed and the Committee determined that the description of the voting members of the committee, under "Composition", be amended as appropriate, with respect to the outcome of this year's Topic 001/2014 (Policies and Admissions) relating to committee voting rights.

Reference to "National" Office under "Scope" to be changed to General Service Office.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2009-2013)

The Action List was reviewed. With respect to #58/2011, the Committee recommended that General Service Board Committee Chairmen should send monthly reports on Advisory Actions, even if there had been no activity or progress to report.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2014 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

REPORT

CONFERENCE REPORT CHARTER AND SERVICE MANUAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Novotel Hotel, Brighton Le Sands
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TOPIC 022 /2014

The General Service Board resolved to recommend to Conference that Guideline GL-22 (Suggestions for members wishing to visit Correction Centres) be amended to include information on the Correctional Facilities Correspondence Service and suggestions for the safety of members participating in this service, e.g. not revealing any contact or personal details (address, telephone number, email address, date of birth, employer, etc.) information and using the post office box set up for this service.

The Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee recommends that this topic be accepted and that the Trustees Correctional Committee be requested to write the appropriate text for inclusion in Guideline GL-22, to satisfy this purpose, and to refer this text back to Conference 2015 for approval.

TOPIC 025 /2014

The General Service Board resolved to recommend to Conference that the following statement be added to Guidelines GL-14 and GL-15:

In line with Tradition 11, if you are using social media groups to provide information on your event, ensure that any pages are set up as secret pages, accessible only by members who have elected to join the group. Members should not be added without their prior permission.

The Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee recommends that this topic be accepted, with the following text:

“In line with Tradition 11, if you are using social media groups to provide information about your event, ensure that where any pages are set up as “secret”, anonymity is not compromised, and is accessible only by members who have elected to join the group. Members should not be added without their prior permission.”

REPORT

CONFERENCE REPORT CHARTER AND SERVICE MANUAL COMMITTEE

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REPORT ON CHANGES TO CORE DOCUMENTS DURING THE YEAR (DIG REPORT)

The Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee notes that no changes have been made to core documents during the year.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Lachlan B was elected Chairperson.
Ann A was elected Alternate Chairperson.

SECTION 7

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

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16th September 2014

The Treasurer
The Host Planning Committee
A.A. National Convention 2014
c/- Alcoholics Anonymous
120, 38 Gawler Place
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to assist in the audit of the records maintained by you in respect to the conduct of the National Convention.

I provide herewith several copies of my report for presentation to the A.A. General Service Board.

May I offer you my compliments on the meticulous and comprehensive manner in which you have maintained the records. Outstanding!

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely


JOHN LLOYD

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
AUSTRALIA
GENERAL SERVICE BOARD**

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA**

SCOPE

I have audited the attached special purpose financial report relating to the AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CONVENTION comprising the statements of receipts and payments and balance of the Convention Bank Account for the period ending 8th September 2014. The Host Planning Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the plan of procedure and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion thereon to members of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's financial reporting requirements.. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with appropriate accounting policies. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

AUDIT QUALIFICATION

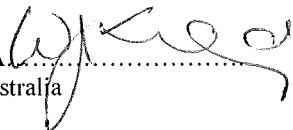
In view of the unlimited number of persons involved in the receiving and recording of cash it is not practical for Alcoholics Anonymous to maintain an effective system of internal control over receipts until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly my audit in relation to receipts has been limited to amounts recorded.

QUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed:

- a) The Statement of Position as at 8th September 2014 presents fairly in accordance with accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the Statement and represents a fair record of the transactions in the conduct of the National Convention.

William John Lloyd, F.C.A.
Kensington Park South Australia



Date 16th September 2014

**Alcoholics Anonymous
National Convention 2014
"Love and Service"**

**Financial Position
As At
8-Sep-14**



Love & Service

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIAN
NATIONAL CONVENTION 2014

| Income | Budget \$ | Actual \$ | Notes |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| Donations & Fundraising | | | |
| Group Donation Proceeds | \$ 2,000 | \$ 8,930 | |
| Loans | \$ 4,000 | \$ 13,000 | |
| Proceeds from Camps | \$ 2,000 | \$ 5,509 | See Note 5 |
| Fundraising | \$ 12,000 | \$ 12,808 | |
| Total Donations & Fundraising | \$ 20,000 | \$ 40,247 | |
| Merchandise | | | |
| Merchandise Sales | \$ 7,000 | 45 | |
| Less Cost of Merchandise | \$ 5,000 | 5000 | |
| Total Merchandise | \$ 2,000 | -\$ 4,955 | |
| Registrations | | | |
| Registration - Early Birds | \$ 28,000 | \$ 24,817 | Budget = 280 at \$100 |
| Registration - Full | \$ 48,000 | \$ 41,020 | Budget = 400 at \$120 |
| Registration - Day | \$ 12,800 | \$ 1,050 | Budget = 320 at \$40 |
| Registration - Alateen | \$ 200 | \$ 20 | Budget = 20 at \$10 |
| Total Registration | \$ 89,000 | \$ 66,907 | |
| Dinner Dance | | | |
| Dinner Dance with Early Bird Registrations | | \$ 13,440 | 112 Tickets Sold |
| Dinner Dance with Full Registrations | | \$ 10,920 | 128 Tickets Sold (240 Total) Doesn't include \$20,000 cash taken at event and paid direct to Hilton for rest of "11Apr14" |
| Less Costs of Dinner Dance | | -\$ 4,906 | invoice from Hilton. |
| Total Dinner Dance | \$ - | \$ 19,454 | |
| Net Income | \$ 111,000 | \$ 121,652 | |

**Alcoholics Anonymous
National Convention 2014
"Love and Service"**



Love & Service

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIAN
NATIONAL CONVENTION 2014

Financial Position

**As At
8-Sep-14**

| Expenditure | Budget \$ | Actual \$ | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Audit Fees | \$ 3,000 | | |
| Bank Fees | \$ 150 | \$ 216 | Budget = 15 mths at \$10 |
| Credit Facility & Terminal Hire | \$ 1,200 | \$ 1,169 | Includes Credit Card Fees |
| Guest Speaker Costs | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 | |
| Host Planning Committee Costs | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,180 | Cash Register & Other Admin |
| Photocopying | \$ 600 | \$ 1,289 | |
| Printing & Signage | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,852 | |
| Public Information | \$ 1,200 | | |
| Registration Desk Supplies | \$ 2,200 | \$ 2,902 | |
| Repayment of GSB Loan | \$ 10,000 | \$ 10,000 | |
| Repayment of Interest Free Loans | \$ 4,000 | \$ 3,000 | |
| General Expenditure | <u>\$ 30,350</u> | <u>\$ 27,607</u> | |
| Venue Costs: | | | |
| Hilton Costs | \$ 20,000 | \$ 22,735 | |
| AV Costs | \$ 24,000 | \$ 27,866 | |
| Total Venue Costs | <u>\$ 44,000</u> | <u>\$ 50,601</u> | |
| Net Expenditure | <u>\$ 74,350</u> | <u>\$ 78,208</u> | |
| Surplus / (Defecit) | <u>\$ 36,650</u> | <u>\$ 43,444</u> | |
| Less Surplus Returned to GSO | -\$ 36,650 | -\$ 40,000 | |
| Current Balance of Bank Account | \$ - | \$ 3,444 | |

Please Note:

- 1) "Budget" represents estimated totals after the convention in April 2014.
- 2) Amounts in "Actual" column are sourced from bank transaction records
- 3) The Surplus/(Defecit) Actual amount equals our current bank balance
- 4) Proceeds of Group Tins are shown in "Fundraising", not "Group Donations".
- 5) At the start of the convention, \$20,000 was still owed to the Hilton. See "11Apr14" invoice
At the event, we gave \$20,000 back to the Hilton in cash to pay off our remaining debt.
This \$20,000 was a combination of registration and merchandise revenues.
It does not show on this report as it did not go through the bank account.

**General Service Board of
Alcoholics Anonymous
Australia**

ABN 77 001 417 125

Financial report

For the year ended 30 June 2014

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**GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA
ABN 77 001 417 125**

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report together with the financial report of General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia for the year ended 30 June 2014 and auditor's report thereon. This financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Directors names

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

David Brown

Rodger Bull

Kevin Davidson Resigned 14 July 2013

Kerry Sheahan Appointed 1 January 2014

Michael Coolahan Appointed 1 January 2014

Mark Gardiner Appointed 22 February 2014

David Evans Resigned 31 December 2013

Thomas Grigg

Mary Preuss

Kieren Turner Resigned 28 November 2013

Lawrence Ward Resigned 31 December 2013

Howard Wood Resigned 31 December 2013

Douglas Kelly

Maurice Smith

Michael Eastaway Appointed 22 February 2014

Bruce Macaulay Appointed 1 January 2014

The directors have been in office since the start of the year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Company objectives

To serve the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous in its primary purpose of helping alcoholics to achieve sobriety and to act as the legal entity of the spiritual Fellowship.

Full objectives are described in the company's Memorandum of Association contained in the Australian Alcoholics Anonymous Service Manual.

**GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA
ABN 77 001 417 125**

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Company performance

Progress reports and Financial Reports are provided to the Annual General Service Conference, which is attended by all Directors of the Company. A monthly Management Group meeting, consisting of all National Office staff members and two General Service Trustees is held. These meetings review the monthly accounts, progress of the current National Convention, and progress of tasks assigned to the Board by Conference.

Information on directors

David Brown

Special responsibilities Class A Trustee

Rodger Bull

Special responsibilities Class A Trustee

Kevin Davidson

Special responsibilities Northern Region Trustee

Kerry Sheahan

Special responsibilities Western Regional Trustee

Michael Coolahan

Special responsibilities Southern Region Trustee

Mark Gardiner

Special responsibilities Class A Trustee

David Evans

Special responsibilities Southern Regional Trustee

Thomas Grigg

Special responsibilities Eastern Region Trustee

Mary Preuss

Special responsibilities Northern Eastern Region Trustee, Chairperson

Kieren Turner

Special responsibilities General Region Trustee

Lawrence Ward

Special responsibilities Western Region Trustee

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA
ABN 77 001 417 125

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Information on directors (Continued)

Howard Wood

Special responsibilities General Service Trustee

Douglas Kelly

Special responsibilities Central Regional Trustee

Maurice Smith

Special responsibilities Class A Trustee, Deputy Chairman

Michael Eastaway

Special responsibilities General Service Trustee

Bruce Macaulay

Special responsibilities General Service Trustee

Meetings of directors

| Directors | Directors' meetings | |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Number eligible to attend | Number attended |
| David Brown | 3 | 2 |
| Rodger Bull | 3 | 3 |
| Kevin Davidson | 1 | 1 |
| Kerry Sheahan | 1 | 1 |
| Michael Coolahan | 1 | 1 |
| Mark Gardiner | - | - |
| David Evans | 2 | 2 |
| Thomas Grigg | 3 | 3 |
| Mary Preuss | 3 | 3 |
| Kieren Turner | 2 | 2 |
| Lawrence Ward | 3 | 2 |
| Howard Wood | 3 | 3 |
| Douglas Kelly | 3 | 2 |
| Maurice Smith | 3 | 3 |
| Michael Eastaway | - | - |
| Bruce Macaulay | 1 | 1 |

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA
ABN 77 001 417 125

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Members guarantee

The company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute to a maximum of \$50 each towards meeting any out standings and obligations of the group. At 30 June 2014 the number of members was 11. The combined total amount that members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$550.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration under section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissions Act 2012* in relation to the audit for the financial year is provided with this report.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors.

Director: _____

Director: _____

Dated this *ninth* day of *November* 2014



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GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA
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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE DIRECTORS OF GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA

In relation to the independent audit for the year ended 30 June 2014, to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been:

- (i) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*; and
- (ii) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct.

Mark Godlewski
Partner

PITCHER PARTNERS
SYDNEY

17 November 2014

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA
ABN 77 001 417 125

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

| | Note | 2014 \$ | 2013 \$ |
|---|------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Revenue and other income | | | |
| Sales revenue | 2 | 312,968 | 257,476 |
| Other revenue | 2 | <u>288,344</u> | <u>306,122</u> |
| | 2 | <u>601,312</u> | <u>563,598</u> |
| Less: expenses | | | |
| Changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress | 3 | 9,438 | 23,198 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | 3 | (128,112) | (116,142) |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense | 3 | (6,099) | (5,437) |
| Employee benefits expense | | (241,975) | (235,347) |
| Rent expenses | | (28,206) | (27,982) |
| Insurance expenses | | (17,704) | (24,802) |
| Telephone expenses | | (6,160) | (7,401) |
| Postage, printing and stationery | | (3,633) | (8,796) |
| Public information expenses | | (26,697) | (3,667) |
| Conference/ Seminar costs | | (93,299) | (122,893) |
| Travel | | (5,824) | (5,051) |
| Other Expenses | | <u>(55,152)</u> | <u>(68,792)</u> |
| | | <u>(603,423)</u> | <u>(603,112)</u> |
| Surplus / (deficit) | | (2,111) | (39,514) |
| Other comprehensive income for the year | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total comprehensive income | | <u><u>(2,111)</u></u> | <u><u>(39,514)</u></u> |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA
ABN 77 001 417 125

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

| | Note | 2014 \$ | 2013 \$ |
|--------------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 5 | 298,656 | 301,530 |
| Receivables | 6 | 45,670 | 32,650 |
| Inventories | 7 | 118,277 | 108,839 |
| Other financial assets | 8 | 253,957 | 244,809 |
| Other assets | 11 | <u>16,806</u> | <u>15,410</u> |
| Total current assets | | <u>733,366</u> | <u>703,238</u> |
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Receivables | 6 | 17,108 | 30,508 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 9 | <u>16,783</u> | <u>17,920</u> |
| Total non-current assets | | <u>33,891</u> | <u>48,428</u> |
| Total assets | | <u>767,257</u> | <u>751,666</u> |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Payables | 12 | 35,141 | 22,039 |
| Provisions | 13 | <u>11,642</u> | <u>10,399</u> |
| Total current liabilities | | <u>46,783</u> | <u>32,438</u> |
| Non-current liabilities | | | |
| Provisions | 13 | <u>38,151</u> | <u>34,794</u> |
| Total non-current liabilities | | <u>38,151</u> | <u>34,794</u> |
| Total liabilities | | <u>84,934</u> | <u>67,232</u> |
| Net assets | | <u>682,323</u> | <u>684,434</u> |
| Equity | | | |
| Retained surplus | 14 | <u>682,323</u> | <u>684,434</u> |
| Total equity | | <u>682,323</u> | <u>684,434</u> |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Total equity | | |
| Balance at beginning of the year | 684,434 | 723,948 |
| Movements in equity from: | | |
| Surplus / (deficit) for the year | <u>(2,111)</u> | <u>(39,514)</u> |
| Balance at the end of the year | <u><u>682,323</u></u> | <u><u>684,434</u></u> |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

| | Note | 2014 | 2013 |
|--|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | \$ | \$ |
| Cash flow from operating activities | | | |
| Receipts from customers | | 601,258 | 588,958 |
| Payments to suppliers and employees | | (599,458) | (652,635) |
| Interest received | | <u>9,436</u> | <u>8,379</u> |
| Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities | | <u>11,236</u> | <u>(55,298)</u> |
| Cash flow from investing activities | | | |
| Payment for property, plant and equipment | | (4,962) | - |
| Payment for investments | | <u>(9,148)</u> | <u>(8,009)</u> |
| Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities | | <u>(14,110)</u> | <u>(8,009)</u> |
| Reconciliation of cash | | | |
| Cash at beginning of the financial year | | 301,530 | 364,837 |
| Net increase / (decrease) in cash held | | <u>(2,874)</u> | <u>(63,307)</u> |
| Cash at end of financial year | 15(a) | <u><u>298,656</u></u> | <u><u>301,530</u></u> |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements, Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissions Act 2012*.

The financial report was approved by the directors as at the date of the directors' report.

The financial report is for the entity General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia as an individual entity. General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation and presentation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation of the financial report

Historical Cost Convention

The financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by revaluations to fair value for certain classes of assets as described in the accounting policies.

(b) Revenue

Revenue from sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably. Risks and rewards of ownership are considered passed to the buyer at the time of delivery of the goods to the customer.

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established. Dividends received from associates and joint venture entities are accounted for in accordance with the equity method of accounting.

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Donations and other revenue are recognised when the right to receive the revenue has been established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(c) Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(d) Inventories

Inventories held for sale are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(e) Financial instruments

Classification

The company classifies its financial assets into the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit and loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments, and available-for-sale financial assets. The classification depends on the purpose for which the instruments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial instruments at initial recognition.

Held-to-maturity investments

Fixed term investments intended to be held to maturity are classified as held-to-maturity investments. They are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are measured at fair value at inception and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Donated financial assets

Financial assets donated to the company are recognised at fair value at the date the company obtains the control of the assets.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities include trade payables, other creditors and loans from third parties including inter-company balances and loans from or other amounts due to director-related entities.

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

Financial liabilities are classified as current liabilities unless the group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(f) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

| Class of fixed asset | Depreciation rates | Depreciation basis |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Leasehold improvements at cost | 20% | Straight line |
| Furniture, fixtures and fittings at cost | 8-25% | Straight line |

(g) Intangibles

Website costs

Website costs are initially recorded at the purchase price and then amortised on a straight line basis over the period of 3 years. The balances are reviewed annually and any balance representing future benefits the realisation of which is considered to be no longer probable are written off.

(h) Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortised but are tested annually for impairment in accordance with AASB 136. Assets subject to annual depreciation or amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances arise that indicates that the carrying amount of the asset may be impaired.

An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset is defined as the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(i) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an out flow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

(j) Leases

Leases are classified at their inception as either operating or finance leases based on the economic substance of the agreement so as to reflect the risks and benefits incidental to ownership.

Operating leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Lease incentives received under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

(k) Employee benefits

(i) Short-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and any other employee benefits expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at their nominal amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. The expected cost of short-term employee benefits in the form of compensated absences such as annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

(ii) Long-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of long service leave and annual leave which is not expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

Employee benefit obligations are presented as current liabilities if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

(l) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs can include interest expense calculated using the effective interest method, finance charges in respect of finance leases, and exchange differences arising from foreign currency borrowings to the extent that they are regarded as an adjustment to interest costs.

Borrowing costs are expensed as incurred.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(m) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(n) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| NOTE 2: REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME | | |
| Sales revenue | | |
| Sale of goods | 269,237 | 217,508 |
| Conference levies | <u>43,731</u> | <u>39,968</u> |
| | <u>312,968</u> | <u>257,476</u> |
| Other revenue | | |
| Convention surplus | 45,022 | 76,950 |
| Interest income | 9,436 | 8,379 |
| Donations and grants | 212,959 | 203,321 |
| Other Revenue | <u>20,927</u> | <u>17,472</u> |
| | <u>288,344</u> | <u>306,122</u> |
| | <u>601,312</u> | <u>563,598</u> |

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| NOTE 3: OPERATING SURPLUS | | |
| Surplus / (deficit) before income tax has been determined after: | | |
| Cost of sales | 118,674 | 92,944 |
| Depreciation | 6,099 | 5,437 |
| Bad and doubtful debts | <u>2,268</u> | <u>1,718</u> |
| NOTE 4: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION | | |
| Compensation received by key management personnel of the company | | |
| - short-term employee benefits | 82,915 | 81,412 |
| - post-employment benefits | <u>6,765</u> | <u>6,523</u> |
| | <u><u>89,680</u></u> | <u><u>87,935</u></u> |
| NOTE 5: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | | |
| Cash at bank | <u>298,656</u> | <u>301,530</u> |
| | <u><u>298,656</u></u> | <u><u>301,530</u></u> |

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| NOTE 6: RECEIVABLES | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| Trade debtors | 32,536 | 23,788 |
| Impairment loss | <u>(6,381)</u> | <u>(5,349)</u> |
| | 26,155 | 18,439 |
| Other debtors and deposits | 7,115 | 4,211 |
| Loans to regions | 2,400 | - |
| Amounts receivables from: | | |
| - Loans to national conventions | <u>10,000</u> | <u>10,000</u> |
| | <u>45,670</u> | <u>32,650</u> |
| NON CURRENT | | |
| Amounts receivable from: | | |
| - Loans to regions | 17,108 | 20,508 |
| - Loans to national conventions | <u>-</u> | <u>10,000</u> |
| | <u>17,108</u> | <u>30,508</u> |
| NOTE 7: INVENTORIES | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| <i>At cost</i> | | |
| Finished goods - at cost | 127,556 | 117,593 |
| Provision for impairment | <u>(9,279)</u> | <u>(8,754)</u> |
| | <u>118,277</u> | <u>108,839</u> |
| | <u>118,277</u> | <u>108,839</u> |
| NOTE 8: OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| <i>Held to maturity financial assets</i> | | |
| Term Deposit | <u>253,957</u> | <u>244,809</u> |
| | <u>253,957</u> | <u>244,809</u> |

The term deposit has an interest rate of 2.5% p.a. and a maturity date of the 12 September 2014.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| NOTE 9: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT | | |
| Leasehold improvements | | |
| At cost | 23,026 | 23,026 |
| Accumulated depreciation | <u>(10,838)</u> | <u>(6,233)</u> |
| | <u>12,188</u> | <u>16,793</u> |
| Plant and equipment | | |
| Furniture, fixtures and fittings at cost | 12,598 | 53,871 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | <u>(8,003)</u> | <u>(52,744)</u> |
| | <u>4,595</u> | <u>1,127</u> |
| Total property, plant and equipment | <u><u>16,783</u></u> | <u><u>17,920</u></u> |
| (a) Reconciliations | | |
| <i>Leasehold improvements</i> | | |
| Opening carrying amount | 16,793 | 21,398 |
| Amortisation expense | <u>(4,605)</u> | <u>(4,605)</u> |
| Closing carrying amount | <u><u>12,188</u></u> | <u><u>16,793</u></u> |
| <i>Furniture, fixtures and fittings</i> | | |
| Opening carrying amount | 1,127 | 1,959 |
| Additions | 4,962 | - |
| Depreciation expense | <u>(1,494)</u> | <u>(832)</u> |
| Closing carrying amount | <u><u>4,595</u></u> | <u><u>1,127</u></u> |
| NOTE 10: INTANGIBLE ASSETS | | |
| Website costs - at cost | 28,019 | 28,019 |
| Less accumulated amortisation | <u>(28,019)</u> | <u>(28,019)</u> |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| NOTE 11: OTHER ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| Prepayments | <u>16,806</u> | <u>15,410</u> |
| | <u><u>16,806</u></u> | <u><u>15,410</u></u> |

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| NOTE 12: PAYABLES | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| <i>Unsecured liabilities</i> | | |
| Trade creditors | 5,035 | 9,114 |
| Sundry creditors and accruals | <u>30,106</u> | <u>12,925</u> |
| | <u><u>35,141</u></u> | <u><u>22,039</u></u> |
| NOTE 13: PROVISIONS | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| Employee benefits | (a) <u>11,642</u> | <u>10,399</u> |
| | <u><u>11,642</u></u> | <u><u>10,399</u></u> |
| NON CURRENT | | |
| Employee benefits | (a) <u>38,151</u> | <u>34,794</u> |
| | <u><u>38,151</u></u> | <u><u>34,794</u></u> |
| (a) Aggregate employee benefits liability | 49,793 | 45,193 |
| NOTE 14: RETAINED SURPLUS | | |
| Retained surplus at beginning of year | 684,434 | 723,948 |
| Surplus / (deficit) | <u>(2,111)</u> | <u>(39,514)</u> |
| | <u><u>682,323</u></u> | <u><u>684,434</u></u> |

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| NOTE 15: CASH FLOW INFORMATION | | |
| (a) Reconciliation of cash | | |
| Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position is as follows: | | |
| Cash at bank | <u>298,656</u> | <u>301,530</u> |
| | <u>298,656</u> | <u>301,530</u> |

NOTE 16: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) There were no related party transactions during the year.

(b) No directors received remuneration during the year.

NOTE 17: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS

(a) Operating lease commitments

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:

| | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Payable | | |
| - not later than one year | 34,789 | 33,687 |
| - later than one year and not later than five years | <u>82,334</u> | <u>103,631</u> |
| | <u>117,123</u> | <u>137,318</u> |

Operating leases are for office rental and a photocopier with lease periods of five years. The office rental is reviewed each year in accordance with the relevant lease agreement. Balances exclude GST and amounts are payable monthly in advance.

NOTE 18: EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

There has been no matter or circumstance, which has arisen since 30 June 2014 that has significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- (a) the operations, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2014, of the company, or
- (b) the results of those operations, or
- (c) the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2014, of the company.


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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 6 - 19, are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissions Act 2012*: and
 - (a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissions Act 2012*; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2014 and performance for the year ended on that date of the company.
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director:  _____

Director:  _____

Dated this *ninth* day of *November* 2014



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA

We have audited the accompanying financial report of General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2014, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement in the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the company's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA**

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

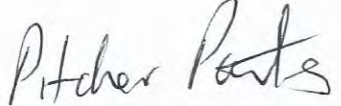
Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia is in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2014 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.



Mark Godlewski
Partner



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SYDNEY

Date: 17 November 2014



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**DISCLAIMER
TO GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA**

We have compiled the accompanying additional financial data presented on pages 24 - 25 in accordance with the books and records of the company, which have been subjected to auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the company for the year ended 30 June 2014.

Our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia) in respect of such data, including any errors or omissions therein however caused.

The responsibility of the directors

The directors of General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia are solely responsible for the additional financial data and have determined that it is appropriate to meet their needs.

Our responsibility

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information provided to us, to compile the additional financial data in accordance with APES 315 *Compilation of Financial Information*. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

Mark Godlewski

Partner

PITCHER PARTNERS

SYDNEY

Date: 17 November 2014

**GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA
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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

**PRIVATE INFORMATION FOR THE DIRECTORS
ON THE 2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Income | | |
| Sale of goods | 269,237 | 217,508 |
| Less cost of goods sold | | |
| Opening Inventory | 108,839 | 85,641 |
| Purchases/Materials used | 127,587 | 107,388 |
| Write downs | <u>525</u> | <u>8,754</u> |
| | 236,951 | 201,783 |
| Less closing inventory | <u>118,277</u> | <u>108,839</u> |
| Total cost of goods sold | <u>118,674</u> | <u>92,944</u> |
| Gross profit | <u>150,563</u> | <u>124,564</u> |
| Other operating income | | |
| Conference levies | 43,731 | 39,968 |
| Interest income | 9,436 | 8,379 |
| Dividend income | 45,022 | 76,950 |
| Other revenue | 20,926 | 17,472 |
| Donations | <u>212,959</u> | <u>203,321</u> |
| Total other operating income | <u>332,074</u> | <u>346,090</u> |
| Contribution margin | <u>482,637</u> | <u>470,654</u> |
| Less expenses | | |
| Administration costs | 2,411 | 2,538 |
| Audit fees | 8,446 | 8,947 |
| Bad debts | 2,268 | 1,718 |
| Bank charges | 676 | 761 |
| Computer expenses | 2,529 | 1,732 |
| Conference/Seminar Costs | 93,299 | 122,893 |
| Depreciation | 6,099 | 5,437 |
| Donations | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Electricity | 3,536 | 3,474 |
| Gas | 263 | 192 |
| General expenses | 2,161 | 1,985 |
| Hire of plant and equipment | 5,440 | 4,080 |
| Holiday pay | 1,243 | 315 |

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

PRIVATE INFORMATION FOR THE DIRECTORS
ON THE 2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Insurance | 17,704 | 24,802 |
| Legal costs | - | 6,000 |
| Long service leave | 3,357 | 2,433 |
| Office supplies | 4,169 | 3,728 |
| Postage | 3,633 | 8,796 |
| Production costs | 5,416 | 5,060 |
| Public information expenses | 26,697 | 3,667 |
| Rent | 28,206 | 27,982 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 476 | 559 |
| Salaries and wages | 219,293 | 215,717 |
| Sundry expenses | 5,970 | 8,410 |
| Superannuation | 18,082 | 16,883 |
| Telephone | 6,160 | 7,401 |
| Travelling expenses | 15,214 | 14,490 |
| World Service Levy | - | 8,168 |
| Total expenses | <u>484,748</u> | <u>510,168</u> |
| Surplus / (deficit) | <u>(2,111)</u> | <u>(39,514)</u> |

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