

SECTION 2

REPORTS

AREA DELEGATES REPORTS 2018

EASTERN REGION

Area A

Hi my name is Janet and I am an Alcoholic, currently serving as elected Alternate Delegate since December 2016. Area A currently has no elected Delegate. It is an absolute privilege and a pleasure to do anything in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). This week in spite of myself I enjoyed 13yrs of freedom from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body and my home group "The Joys of Recovery Pottsville" celebrated its 3rd Birthday. I am blessed to have lovingly and encouragingly been sponsored into General Service in AA which has been a great deal of fun and fellowship. Area A is a great training ground for General Service. I love AA and I love my sober life.

Area A is the North Eastern part of NSW, runs along the east coast from Tweed Heads to Forster Tuncurry and inland to Lightning Ridge to the NSW/QLD border, and is made of 8 Districts; The Byron Shire, Northern Rivers Central, Clarence, Banana Coast, Hastings, Manning Great Lakes, New England and North East(Lightning Ridge). Our groups host four assemblies annually, location rotated around our districts. We host pre and post Conference Assemblies, an Area Inventory Assembly, Workshops and Sharing sessions. We enjoy the use of technology and teleconferencing video calling to include members. We have approximately 140 meetings held by various groups. 8 Districts in total, 6 currently active with DCMs, GSRs and members attending Area Assemblies. The Area A Committee rotates jobs every 2nd Year in December with the exception of the Delegate and Alt Delegate who rotate every third year. Our Area Assemblies enjoy structure, process and rotation and good general service education through service sponsorship; we have a lot of fun, we insist on it. Our Area Committee currently has vacancies of Delegate, Registrar, PI &CPC co-ordinator, and Archivist. It has been a busy time since our past Delegate stood down in February 2018; have actually enjoyed reading past Conference Reports, The Service Manual and guidelines. I am excited to have been part of both a home group and a District both newly formed in my time in AA. Area A enjoys Districts passionately operating, groups carrying a strong AA message, a multitude of rallies, conventions, steps workshops, speaker events, A Big Book Muster, Districts service sponsoring Districts and this year Concepts studies and workshops. Local groups remain diligent in carrying the AA message to Treatment and Correctional Facilities. We are an Area splattered with very active pockets of enthusiasm. We enjoyed Districts and groups getting together to discuss the Survey Structure and complete the survey, vibrant and informative discussions were had. We have a Northern Rivers drop in centre and store place for AA Literature currently situated in Ballina. Area A in August 2018 hosted The 6th National TCF Forum in Byron Bay. The organising committee I congratulate on a very successful Forum, too many highlights to mention. The report and audio of the Forum will be placed on the Service website for all to utilise and enjoy. Area A were very grateful to be given the opportunity to host this event. In the absence of an Area A Delegate since February 2018 I humbly took on the duties and responsibilities of the Delegate. I have enjoyed attending many groups and District meetings in the last 6 months around Area A. My direct experience, a good number of members are confused, concerned and disturbed for a number of reasons. I am attempting to answer many questions re the letter to the fellowship from the Chairman of the board September 2018 re protection of AA copyright, AA Victoria and Reviver Inc

and the 2018 Topics for Conference, two Topics asking whether AA should take legal action. I was grateful this week to receive a Minority report from Paul B (Eastern Regional Trustee who resigned at the July 2018 board meeting) which has been invaluable in being better informed. Other duties as Alt Delegate have included participating in two Agenda Committee teleconferences (July and August 2018) and following up residual unanswered questions from Area A to the General Service Board re financial reporting and accounting in AA. The Trustee of the Finance and Budgetary Trustee Committee and General Service Trustee kindly informed me in August 2018 that the outstanding inquiries and AA#022/2017 Conference resolved that a maximum of \$3000 be expended to produce a breakdown of Fiji Convention 2016 expenses, will be shared at the 2018 Conference.

I was reminded of our Traditions in one of the readings I chose this week and that Bill writes frequently about needing visionaries in AA; Clear vision for tomorrow comes only after a real look at yesterday, that's why we AAs take personal Inventory. If as AA members we can each refuse public prestige and renounce any desire for personal power, if as a movement we insist on remaining poor, if we steadfastly decline all political, sectarian, or other alliances, we shall avoid internal division and adverse public notoriety: if as a movement we remain a spiritual entity concerned only with carrying the message to fellow sufferers then only can we most effectively complete our mission which in effect is to pray "Lead us not into temptation" let us not be spoiled. For so long as we shall humbly meditate in this spirit upon our great yesterday, just so long will God grant us our vision of tomorrow Bill W p135-136 Language of the Heart.

After quiet contemplation time, this report reflects an accurate representation of what the groups of Area A hope and envisage:

A unified AA, trusting in a final authority, that of a loving God and consideration of all matters and we are fully inclusive, selling AA literature to all who wish to purchase it. Balance restored will bring about solidarity.

Area A discussions have included the question; does the current model of the General Service Structure reflect what Bill W envisaged? Area A hope that Conference embraces the findings of the Structure survey results at Conference 2018, Area A is excited to read the summary of the surveys. Groups and Districts are also asking have we become too reliant on the efficiency of a few and is this healthy for AA and have we allowed individuals a degree of influence through lack of the spirit of rotation? What does it look like to have "non experts" in AA jobs. Extending terms in jobs in AA may be hindering and is contrary to the spirit of rotation, where wisdom and experience have shown us that leaving an AA job vacant is preferable to extending terms.

Members, groups, Districts and Area A develop Topics for Conference thoughtfully and through process creating healthy debate and discussion.

Area A would like to see the opening of AAs books and accounting throughout the year to the fellowship if information is asked for, quarterly reporting may be considered.

Honesty, openness, responsibility and integrity brings trust amongst us and allow our mistakes and then learn from them.

Area A would like see a GSO full of Spirit. I saw the wonderful tireless work undertaken in the office when I visited in February of this year, it left me wondering if additional paid staff to undertake its responsibilities and duties may be of benefit, this has been discussed by groups, districts and Area.

Area A would like to see a flurry of Class A Trustees, excited to serve on our GSB and offer as Bill W wrote the much needed help of our non-alcoholic friends.

Area A would like to participate in improved communication throughout the year between members, groups, Districts and Delegates with other Delegates, and Delegates and Trustees/GSO staff. Reporting is a 2 way street, information required to move in both

directions. Area A at the May 2018 Assembly asked for me to contact all current Delegates if they might be interested in sharing highlights of Area minutes between Areas.

I would like to thank Paul B past Eastern Regional Trustee for his care, guidance and support, my sponsor, GSO staff and many past Area A Delegates for patiently guiding me and giving so freely of their time. I feel blessed to be surrounded by a wealth of AA members who trudge the road of happy destiny together. I was gently reminded recently, Delegates, Trustees and AA paid staff serve at the pleasure of the fellowship. I hope that I can continue to both listen and hear the fellowship. Recent personal inventory shows me I am clearly an Idealist, however if there is hope that an alcoholic like me can live a free woman, there truly is hope.

Janet M

The Joys of Recovery Pottsville
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Area B

My name is Pip and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Lakeside Group that meets at 1230pm on Mondays. This is my first year serving as Delegate. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend Conference this year and Area B will be represented by the Alternate Delegate, Catherine M.

Area B covers the ACT and South Eastern NSW extending from Batemans Bay South to the Victorian border and Westwards along the Victorian border to Tumut, Canberra, Mittagong and Braidwood. Canberra groups host around 40 meetings per week and the regional groups host a further 40 meetings weekly. The number of groups in the Area is undetermined. Several meetings operate without Group Service Representatives (GSRs).

Committee Representation

Unfortunately Area B is again struggling to be self-supporting in Service. We currently have the following office positions filled: Area Delegate, Alternative Delegate, Area Chair, Area Secretary, Area B-Line Editor and Area Public Information (PI) Officer. We have not been able to fill or maintain the following positions despite much lobbying: Area Treasurer, Area Registrar, Area Correctional Facilities Chair, Area Treatment Facilities Coordinator, CSO Liaison Officer and Remote Communities Co-ordinator.

The Area Committee has traditionally met monthly. This tradition has continued in 2018, however, the lack of Service representation and Committee member personal needs, has found us lacking a quorum on several occasions. As such, decisions have been delayed and actions not followed through. To address this we are currently reviewing the way in which we meet and communicate. It is hoped that by finding a more effective method of communicating and doing business we will become more effective and more attractive for Service.

Like most, Area B rotates service positions every second year in January, with the exception of Delegate and Alternative Delegate, who rotate every three years. Next January all the occupied Committee positions are up for rotation except the Delegate

and Alternate Delegate. We are giving thought to how we can fill these positions at the Election Assembly in January.

Group Service Representation

Area Assemblies are held quarterly and are generally poorly attended by GSRs, especially from Canberra and the South Coast. GSRs from Goulburn and the Southern Highlands regularly attend. Financially Area B is struggling, receiving the ten per cent portion of group donations allocated to 60:30:10. A few Groups donate directly to Area, most notably Goulburn and the Southern Highlands however, the Area is struggling to attract income sufficient to match expenditure.

Under representation from Group at Assemblies may be due to a lack of understanding of the General Service Structure although I also suspect there is a general apathy within the Fellowship arising from a fear of causing offence. Thus we permit the message of recovery from well meaning rehabs and treatment facilities to dilute the Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) program of recovery outlined in the "Big Book" and distract us from our primary purpose. Recently there have been a couple of distressing incidents at meetings involving addicts and alcoholics that have disrupted unity and diverted members from staying sober and helping other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

Informing Groups of their important role in the General Service Structure might go some way to improving attendance. However, I am coming to believe that actively discouraging anything that is not AA Recovery may prove worthwhile in terms of improving recovery rates, promoting unity and facilitating greater enthusiasm for Service.

Correctional Facilities

Our difficulty attracting members to serve on Area B is also reflected in the dissolution of the Area B Correctional Facilities Committee. Over the past few years the Area has had increasingly difficulty attracting members willing to join the Correctional Facilities team. This may be a factor in our inability to fill the Correctional Facilities Chair.

More recently there have also been a reduction in the number of male and female detainees interested in attending AA since many identify solely as drug addicts. Area B's inability to recruit enough members to reliably provide regular weekly meetings, together with poor attendance by detainees, we have suspended our prison service to the men and women at the Alexander Maconachie Centre (AMC).

National Convention 2019

On a more positive note, Area B is hosting the National Convention in Canberra over Easter in 2019. The Convention Organising Committee, chaired by Judy W, has been very active and seems to have attracted a number of members into Service. Both the Area Delegate and PI Coordinator sit on this Committee.

The Conference organising committee has been lobbying hard to attract early registrations and raise revenue to make down payments for venue hire. Unfortunately it is proving difficult to get the message out to other regions. Despite flyers being distributed to the AA Offices in Sydney, I have yet to see them at meetings in the Eastern Suburbs. Indeed one Sydney member commented that he gets to plenty of members but had not seen or heard anything of the National Convention. Given our tenuous financial position, Area B has made a \$300 donation to the Convention.

The Convention could be a factor contributing to the difficulties Area B is having with being self-supporting. Financial and human resources are being directed to this cause. Hopefully after the Convention there will be additional support for the Area Committee in terms of Service and finances.

Public Information

Despite these challenges, the Area B PI Coordinator has been very active and piloted a successful social media campaign in the ACT, and later across all parts of Area B serviced by the Canberra CSO. This has proven to be very successful and we have increased PI funding to continue the campaign.

B-Line Newsletter

The B-Line Newsletter is a monthly publication outlining local and National AA events and member stories. It is distributed to GSRs and interested members via email. Members are encouraged to print copies off and have them available at meetings. The editor persistently calls for contributions but has little response from local members. Nonetheless his entertaining cartoons and creativity ensure an attractive newsletter every month.

ACT Health Detoxification Unit

Inpatients at ACT Health Alcohol and Drug Detox unit are no longer permitted to leave the unit to attend AA meetings. As such, the local Central Service Office (CSO) is working to provide an additional in-house meeting to the alcoholic in detox.

I am disappointed to be missing my first Conference but hope to meet many of you at the 2019 Convention in Canberra.

Yours in service,
Pip
Delegate, Area B, Eastern Region

Area C

Hi Fellow Delegates,

Andrew M, panel 58 Delegate for Area C Eastern region.

Our Area seems to be rolling along doing our bit for A.A.

We have finally started to get more interest from Groups who were previously not involved with the Area and some groups have also to take up the slack with P.I work which the Newcastle and Hunter region were not as active as we could have been.

We also appear to have some interest from Central Coast groups who wish to get more involved in Area C, a subject which has long been a problem for our Area.

We also have a very enthusiastic group organizing Newypaa in October and by all reports this should be a great event.

Financially, our Area is in the best position that it has been for some time and by all reports both our Hamilton office and our website are doing well.

(areaceasternregionaa.org)

This is my final year, but we have an enthusiastic young Alt. Delegate to follow next year.

Area D

2018 has been a year of growth both personally and for Area D Eastern Region. 2017 was my first Conference and it was a very enjoyable experience for me in a number of ways.

Personally, I really enjoyed the fellowship with fellow members who have the commitment and appreciation of service in AA. From my recovery point of view, I experienced an opening to greater growth than I imagined possible. From the service angle I was able to gain a much greater understanding of the actual working structure of AA as set out in the Concepts.

Area D Eastern has had a steady year with the coming and going of members for various reasons. The assemblies have been calm and productive to a great extent. We have some committee positions vacant but have some new GSR's who may be willing to consider those as time goes on.

Looking forward to conference with an air of optimism - to move forward with the challenges that face us. Without these challenges we would become stagnant, they are an opportunity to use the Traditions and Concepts - and grow our own understanding of this wonderful fellowship God has had the Grace to give us

Our secretary has contributed this overview as well;

'Area D consists of 74 groups at our last count. Area assembly are held regularly every 3 months. Attendance at assembly has been varied with between 9-17 attendees in the last year. Recently the area has helped organize a "World of AA" Day with a focus on what AA is doing around the world. Past world services delegates were in attendance and a good day was had by all. 45 people were in attendance.

Area D is currently in a good financial position thanks to donations received from groups and including a donation from the 2017 Boomerang roundup.

Recently the delegate for area attended the 6th National treatment and correctional facilities forum.

Area D is struggling to get traction in T & CF due to difficulties arising from changes in the department of corrections making it difficult to process members security clearances.'

Hope everyone has a very enjoyable Conference 2018

Garry S

Panel 59 Delegate

Area D Eastern

Area E

This Area spans all of Northern Sydney and the Northern Beaches in Sydney. There are over 100 registered meetings throughout Area E, with some groups having multiple meetings.

The contributions during the year of all office holders to AA general service is greatly appreciated. Rotation of the Chairman, Secretary, Group Liaison and Webmaster jobs occurred this year. The PI&CPC and Mixer jobs remain vacant and subsequent resignations has seen some members wearing two hats on a short-term basis. For the new office holders though, it's an opportunity for them to continue their learning and growth in AA service.,

For many years the Area committee together with GSRs have meet monthly. Discussions and participation in workshops, within the last 18 months, have enabled some members to gain a greater understanding of the service structure and resulted in the realisation that these gatherings are in fact assemblies. In addition to these, the Inaugural Assembly was held in February and another will be held on 27 October to consider the Topics for Conference. Administrative changes made for conducting the monthly meetings includes the introduced of the process where all Area E Committee members and GSRs post their reports in Google Docs prior to the meeting. It is each members' responsibility to read the reports prior to the meeting instead of time being taken up with each of them giving a report. This has allowed us to make more time available for discussion and decision, thus becoming more effective. This year can best be described as entering a transitional period with committee members, GSRs and other members considering the roles and functioning of the structures providing the general and central service actions within the area.

Area E Chairperson Report

Our Area benefits from the strength of service in the Northern Sydney Central Service Office and, as such, we likely have fewer spheres of responsibility that other Areas in Australia might. In my experience, the Area E Committee and GSRs work well together, thanks to the legacy of service of Committee Members and GSRs who have come before us. We have a dedicated core of groups participating in Area business; part of our focus this year has been on plans to increase engagement with groups in the Area and to continue to serve the groups that are engaged.

- We have begun exploration / fact-finding about Eastern Region Area G's quarterly combined assemblies following reports of significantly increased engagement percentages; two committee members were privileged to attend the Area G Assembly in August and were encouraged enough by what was seen to continue working to see if Area E stakeholders would be interested.

Area E and the NSCSO have recently collaborated on a cinema advertising project. We hope this will lead to future collaboration and cooperation to further AA's Primary Purpose in our Area.

Our Subscriber list on MailChimp has about 130 email addresses, but we don't know how many meetings in our Area this list covers. Please visit www.areaeeraa.info if you would like to subscribe. Our experience also tells us that face-to-face communication of Area information is likely to be more effective in communicating important matters.

Yours in Service, Trevor H.

Finance

During the year, the Area received 10% of Group contributions to the NSCSO and maintains a prudent reserve.

PI and CPC

This job is presently vacant.

Within Area E, the Alternate Delegate has taken responsibility for arranging the distribution and re-stocking of AA literature at Centrelink offices. The co-operation of GSRs and Groups is being sought to make the task manageable. Other service opportunities are recognised and member participation will be encouraged.

A committee has been established to organise the 2019 National PI&CPC Forum to be held on 13-14 September at the Dougherty Centre, 7 Victor Street, Chatswood. This is a convenient location on the lower North Shore with good access to public transport, parking and shops.

Group Liaison

The group liaison job involves co-ordinating members of the Area committee and GSRs visiting groups throughout the Area, to leave the AA Group Handbook, flyer's and pamphlets with the group secretary and being available to discuss AA service issues. During this year, members have assisted in the delivery of material for the AA Australia Structure Survey and will be distributing this year's Topics for Conference documentation to most groups within the Area.

Website

We are grateful for the services of the members who have built and enhanced the easy-to-use Word Press website, www.areaeeraa.info, which we continue to use to post our monthly Assembly minutes and to disseminate information to AA Members in Area E.

We continue to send emails to our MailChimp subscriber list to alert members to new postings on the website each month. Between now and February, we will be seeking to increase subscribership in collaboration with the Group Liaison Officer.

In Service,

John B

Eastern Region, Area E Delegate

Area F

Report not received

Area G

Hello,

My Name is Gabrielle and I'm an alcoholic and the Delegate for Area G

Area G is located in Sydney. It stretches along Sydney's Eastern Suburbs Beaches with Little Bay and Maroubra to the South, Watsons Bay to the North and includes Sydney City and the Inner West all the way out to Harris Park. While relatively small in size Area G is one of the most highly populated, vibrant and diverse areas in Australia hosting over 130 meetings a week with just over 90 listed groups... (quoted from the Area G Website Areagaa.org)

2018 has seen continued growth for Area G as a service entity. Reinvigoration that I attribute to the merged assemblies of the Sydney City Central Service Office (now relocated to Kings Cross via some inspired coordination and hard work from both CSO and general servants) and Area G. This trial in combining our service bodies has been really successful and made getting 12th step initiatives up and running easier for the now expanded group representation of GSR's of Area G.

Some of the 12th step initiatives Area G carried out in 2018 are:

- We have rosters of people going into 11 Rehabs in Area G weekly to monthly to carry the message through H and I service. 2 of these rosters have been set up because the institutions themselves have approached AA via effective PI work from members.
- We have continued our practice of dropping \$5,000 worth of literature to all the rehabs in Area G biannually. This means 24 rehabs and treatments centres get 2 x \$100 bags per year. This is funded by the 7th tradition contributions of the groups.
- We had a cinema advertising campaign in the 2017 Christmas period, and we had a billboard up at Redfern Station – Has Booze Lost its Sparkle? A member recalls one meeting where an American tourist shared how impressed he was to go to a film and see this ad, which made him get to a meeting during trying circumstance whilst here, and not pick up.
- GayAA has continued to come to area full of ideas and plans to carry the message to the sick and suffering alcoholic in the GLBTIA Community – there is a large GLBTIA population in Area G – the largest in Australia. These members of the fellowship continue to inspire and look at ways to carry the message via international events like Mardi Gras.
- Conference approved commercials (from 2017) were produced and completed via additional finance by members in Area G to carry the message – localising the existing American ones that we had before.
- We are well under way organising a sober New Years Eve event in area g for 2018/2019
- We had our treatment chair attend the 2018 national treatment and corrections forum.

- We will have held the 2nd Boomerang Roundup in Sydney by the time this conference has started. This event has sold over 500 tickets each time and is gaining a global reputation as a great AA event.

As an area we have been very interested in the structural inventory process and many groups and individuals have participated in the process. We look forward to the future where our structure further enables and attracts members wishing to do service.

We Thank Paul B. who was the Eastern Regional Trustee for all of his work and effort, attending assemblies, answering questions, educating the area on Concepts and Traditions, and the values of general service in our fellowship. His patience, integrity and caretaking of our principles has been an inspiring example of leadership in AA.

As an Area we look forward to a time of unity across the fellowship.

Area H

Dear friends,

I am very much looking forward to attending my first conference as Area H, Eastern Region Delegate, it is a great privilege to be a part of the national group conscience and to give voice, as far as possible, to the views and sentiments of those GSR'S and groups that come to our quarterly assembly. Area H, Eastern Region encompasses a geographical area that includes much of Western Sydney and all of the Blue Mountains. Within the suburbs and postcodes of Area H, Eastern Region there are over 90 AA groups or meetings; all are eligible to participate in Area Assemblies and activities if their members choose to do so. This participation has many benefits for individual members and AA as a whole because it enables communication between groups and, most importantly, gives members a voice at the General Service Conference where policy decisions are made that ensure the future viability of AA in Australia.

We have a strong and proactive committee, with a Treasurer, Web Site Coordinator, Chairperson, Secretary, PI & CPC Coordinator, Treatment Facilities Coordinator, Group Registrar and Delegate. Currently our Corrections Portfolio is vacant.

Here is a sample of the work Area H, Eastern Region is doing as headed up by our Portfolio holder for PI (Lisa M)

Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI&CPC) Report 2018

PI&CPC presentation for health care professionals

In April two members facilitated a lunchtime presentation for the staff at Cumberland Hospital's Centre for Addiction Medicine. AA info packs were distributed to all in attendance. It was very well received.

In September we attended a meeting with a couple of the staff at Nepean Detox Hospital and they are now interested in holding a similar session to the one held at Cumberland. This is scheduled for November this year.

Committee

A PI&CPC committee has been formed. Meetings are held quarterly. Three have been held so far. Members from the Pemulwuy, Seven Hills, Baulkham Hills & Blaxland groups were represented. Next one is scheduled for 13 October.

Business cards

A run of distributing AA business cards to doctors surgeries by Pemulwuy group has resulted in a woman attending her first AA meeting (Toongabbie Women's Friday night). She felt it was a discreet way to get the info she needed.

Radio

After obtaining a few radio clips from the PI co-ordinator in Adelaide, we are contacting radio stations in the area to see if they'll play the AA ads to fill the free airspace given for community groups.

Digital

Next steps are to focus our energy into a digital approach for our PI&CPC work. We feel that it's a way to reach a wide audience at a small cost.

- A social media campaign (modelled from Canberra's successful experience as a guide) is in motion
- We're researching how we could use webinars to reach (time poor) professionals in their time, with minimal effort on their part. This resource could potentially become available on the Area H, Eastern Region website in the future.

Reaching the alcoholic who still suffers starts with you and your group.

We have a strong and active Treatment Facilities Committee which is in contact with most rehabs in our area. Our portfolio holder Trent has recently formulated a draft roster for some of our members to go into the Adele House rehab in Werrington, hopefully fortnightly for one hour each visit.

We work closely with but separate to our local Blue Mountains Western Sydney CSO, which is very active and serving our local groups Monday - Thursday. Our CSO has a very well-functioning 12th Step roster which is supported by many of our local AA members.

The resignation of our Eastern Regional Trustee Paul B was viewed by our August Assembly as a setback for Eastern Region, for the General Service Board and particularly for this year's Conference, where Paul's views on a number of important issues will now not be heard.

It was noted with some concern, that two of the last three Eastern Regional Trustees have felt it necessary to resign from the Board before completing their full term.

A motion to express our gratitude to Paul B for the manner in which he conducted himself while serving in this demanding service position was unanimously endorsed by the Assembly and a letter was subsequently written and sent expressing that sentiment.

Yours sincerely,

Steve R
Area H, Eastern Region Delegate

SOUTHERN REGION

Area B

Hi all, once again, I feel privileged to be present at this year's conference to help foster our primary purpose of carrying the message in our Area. I believe that service is gratitude in action, and as such, must be demonstrated by ensuring I am actively engaged in contributing to the fellowship that has given me so much.

Area B encompasses a large area of central and north/north eastern Victoria and lower Southern NSW. Our groups currently number 64, increasing over the last six years from 57. See the map below, centred in the area geographically. It shows our spread of groups over an area of approximately 5,000 square kms with in excess of 300 km east to west and about 200 km north to south at the farthest points.



(thanks to the AA Times and Google Maps for the map above)

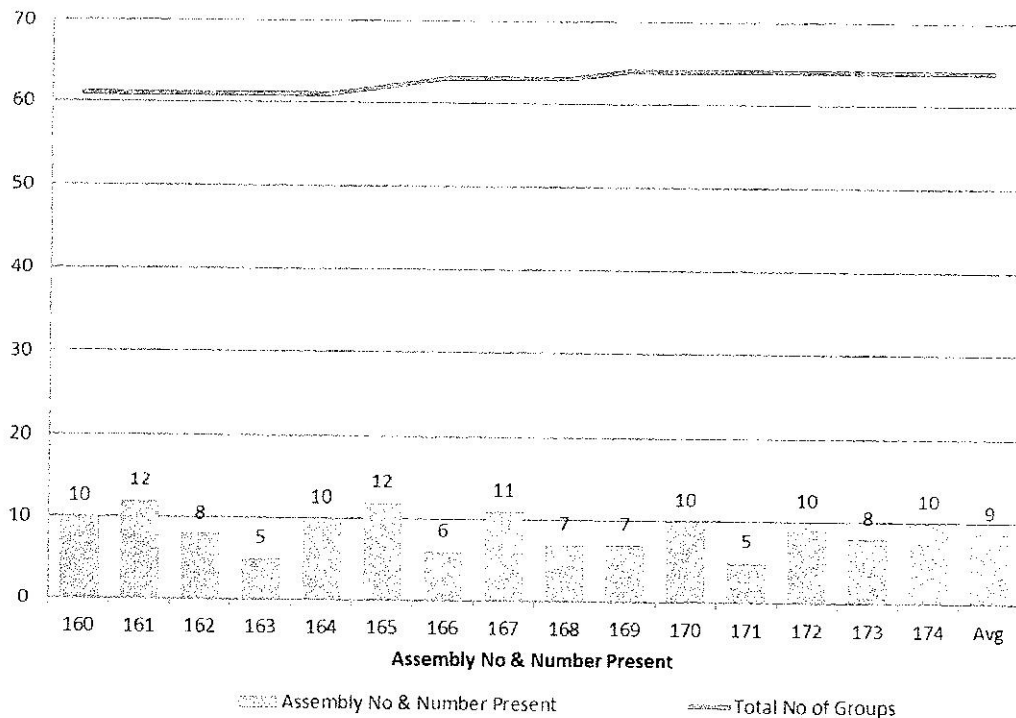
Several years ago, we trialled rotation of Assembly locations between Shepparton, Albury and Bendigo in an effort to make assemblies more accessible. However, we found the attendance declined at all locations and returned to holding assemblies at Shepparton as it is the most central geographically. Attendance increased marginally since that time.

We have struggled to attract members to ongoing service commitments as evidenced in the poor attendance at Area assemblies over the recent years (refer to the chart below). Average numbers at assemblies over the past 5 years is now 9 or 14% of registered groups in the area.

Financially, we've managed to keep paying our way, but without the literature sales contributions we would find group/district contributions falling short of the minimum needed to send our delegate to conference, let alone making reasonable surplus for contributions to GSO.

Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jul	Aug	Dec	Total
Contribution	207	943	750	800	731	150		623	4,204
Expense		-750			-750		-1,500		-3,000
Total	207	193	750	800	-19	150	-1,500	623	1,204

Attendance at SR Area B Assemblies (Feb 2015 - Aug 2018)



We have two districts, being Bendigo and Shepparton, active over the last year doing their best to carry out their function and maintain a presence. We have members active in public information at area, district and group levels that continue to demonstrate their gratitude with action.

Both Bendigo and Shepparton districts continue to maintain 24 hour phone services, with Bendigo having a consistent web presence for a decade.

We precede our area assemblies with workshops. Over the last year, we've conducted workshops that included the structure review process, conference topics and conference approved literature.

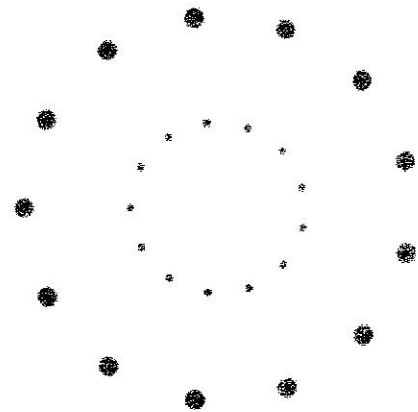
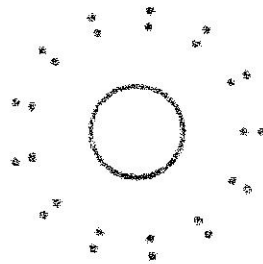
Hosted by Area D, Area B participated in the planning and running the "Southern Region Festival" – a regional forum held on the 7th October 18 in Melbourne.

The Southern Regional Festival is coming in October 2018. This is a long overdue opportunity for all of us in the Southern Region (Victoria and Tasmania) to come together and share our vision for the future of AA.

An invitation was made to all Districts, Areas and groups within the Southern Region to come together in Melbourne on Sunday 7th October 2018. The forum will be an opportunity to discuss a range of topics relevant to AA Service in the Southern Region, and AA into the future. Topics will cover issues around technology, growing the membership, how a group cares for its members, and how we can make change happen in AA.

The festival was a...

Hosted by Area D



Yarraville, Saturday October 7th, 2018

I believe it is vital to our fellowship's future, that we, who have received the priceless gift of sobriety, be a positive example of the program in action. ...give freely of what you find and join us...

Yours in fellowship,

Paul C
Southern Region Area B Delegate

Area C

No delegate

Area D

Hi, my name is David A and my Home Group is Friday night Big Book study in Ballarat.

I am the current Conference Delegate for Area D, Sothern Region and it's a privilege to serve the fellowship of A.A.

Area D covers the Western suburbs of Melbourne, Geelong and my home town of Ballarat. There are 129 groups registered and 50 GSR registered.

Although we say there are five districts the reality is that only two are functional, having a DCM and office bearers. The other districts continue to meet regularly and do P.I work but have no DCM and as such do not have a Committee Member at Area Committee meetings.

Sadly our numbers of GSRs attending Area Assemblies is shrinking and as a result participation levels, service commitments and financial support also suffer.

Area committee positions are up for election in December and rotation in March of next Year. The positions of Area Chair, Area Secretary and Area Registrar are currently being held by three very capable and hardworking members. God willing, three more willing members will step up to take over those roles.

Area D is hosting the upcoming Southern Regional Festival (yes, Festival not Forum) on October 7th 2018 in Yarraville, Melbourne.

The idea of calling it a festival was decided on to try and inject the idea that A.A being sober, is FUN and that service in A.A is FUN too.

The Festival theme is "A.A INTO THE FUTURE" and a lot of hard work has been done by Committee keeping in mind that we need to have fun, even when talking about and doing service.

I am sure our Southern Regional Trustee will have plenty to report back on at Conference about the Festival. As well as feedback from the Fellowship, one of our Class A Trustees and one of our World Service Delegates whom will all be attending and participating on the day. It's FUN and its FREE!

Many of the Correctional Facilities in Victoria geographically are positioned in Area D and as previously spoken about by post Delegates on Intergroup called Victorian Prisons Intergroup (VPI) has a presence in the majority of the facilities carrying the A.A message of recovery to those occupying the prisons.

The VPI meets bi monthly and is well supported financially by many groups in Victoria. The VPI is invited to our Area Assembly to report to the area and to keep the information channels open both ways. This is so the members of Area D can then take that information back to their individual groups. As the facilities are located mainly in our area it's the members of the area that are the main source of people power to go in to the

Prisons and carry the message of recovery and for that much needed financial support for literature that goes into those facilities.

Our Area P.I position is currently vacant and has been for quite some time now, so much of our P.I work is done by the groups in the area.

This vital role of service is mainstay for our growth moving forward, so it's great to see groups taking responsibility for this and giving the still suffering alcoholic the opportunity to recover.

Area D has a newsletter called 'D Liberation' and as a result of the area hosting the SRF in October there has been an upsurge of enthusiasm in usage of the newsletter for distributing information to members.

Hopefully the SRF will foster some new and renewed life info A.A and that is one task that the SRF committee is well aware of, how do we capture and maintain that enthusiasm.

At our Area Assembly in September 2018 it was voted that we would look at doing some 'advertising' on Facebook. I don't pretend to fully understand how it all works, but I am happy to report that as an Area we are doing some P.I work and that we are indeed moving into the age of Social Media and carrying the message.

The is a joint endeavour with the North West Intergroup, the NWIG and Area D contributing \$500. I look forward to hearing the feedback from those entrusted with the task.

A workshop was held prior to our last Area Assembly where the Conference Topics were discussed and all background information was distributed to the members there for them to take back to their respective groups and districts for discussion.

Follow up sessions, visits to the groups and districts are on the agenda over the next month and a half, to gather feedback and answer any questions regarding current conference topics.

I look forward to the follow up at these Topics and to bring the collective informed information to Conference in November.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

David A
Southern Region Area D Delegate

Area E
No delegate.

Area F
Report not received

NORTH EASTERN REGION

Area A

Hi all, Jody S, alcoholic and member of the Tuesday Night Steps meeting in Cairns. This is my third and final year as our Area Delegate. I've served on both Area and District committees for several years, been involved with Roundup committees, held positions at our Central Service Office and last year had the privilege to be part of the National Convention.

Our Area holds an annual roundup where members from our three Districts come together for a weekend of fellowship. It also serves as our primary fundraiser for the year. This year it was hosted by the Far North District and held in Cairns. Turn out this year was better than the past few years and from that was able to generate some much-needed funds for our Area.

One ongoing challenge we have in our Area is effective communication given the physical size of our Area. It comprises of the Far North District (extending up past Cairns and Cooktown), Townsville District and the Mackay District which extends south to just north of Rockhampton. A road trip from Cairns to Mackay alone is around 8 hours on a good day! This makes holding physical meetings especially difficult. We hold one Area Assembly over the Roundup weekend (rotating between Cairns, Townsville and Mackay). We have an Area Committee meeting over the Living Sober weekend, hosted by Townsville each September. We have another meeting between those two held via Skype, however have had issues with some of the committee being unable to connect or patchy connections making it difficult for all to participate fully. The large geographical distance makes it difficult to organize and hold any sort of regular workshop.

Our Alt Area Delegate, Ken H has been able to organize advertising with the local radio stations in Cairns and Townsville with ads airing now. Negotiations are well on the way with Mackay. Ken is effectively our Area PI person at present and PI & CPC are areas we are currently struggling in at Area and District level.

The Mackay District hold monthly committee meetings with most groups having a GSR and reporting. The District is ok financially and will be hosting the 2019 Area A Roundup. There is no CSO in the Mackay district.

Townsville District will be hosting the annual Living Sober event at the end of September. Their District meets monthly with half or less of the 15 groups reporting or attending. The District Committee also runs the CSO. The District struggles to find members to participate in service.

The Far North District committee meet once every two months. These meetings are generally poorly attended, with less than a third of GSR's showing up. However, the District currently has a full committee and is in a good financial position after having to discontinue the weekly advertisement in the local paper due to cost. A member coordinates meetings at one of the treatment facilities. The prison is attended but needs more volunteers to help lighten the load with only one or two people on the roster. A PI & CPC sub-committee was recently formed as the previous committee finished years ago.

A separate committee run the Central Service Office in Cairns which is also used by several AA meetings each week. Most groups follow the 50/30/10/10 plan and the CSO provides a service to groups where they will manage the split on their behalf at the groups request.

The Ayr Burdekin Group celebrated it's 60th birthday this month and the Atherton Group celebrated 63 years of continuous meetings at the same venue in July.

I look forward to meeting many new faces in Sydney this November.

Yours in service.

Jody S

North Eastern Region, Area A Delegate

Area B

Hi. My name is Chris. I am an Alcoholic, and privileged to be serving as Delegate for this Area.

Last year I reported that District 5, which is Bundaberg and surrounds, had acted to take their District out of recess. It is so pleasing to report that District 5 has been active and structured. They have 5 enthusiastic groups, and a busy Public Information Schedule, which recently included a Public Information day. They have reconfigured the 24 hour help-line to enable more members to serve, and to have this important service available. District 9 which serves the Sunshine Coast continues to be active and structured, albeit with some major changes. The Local District Office has been reclaimed by the landlord, and the decision was made to move right along with a "virtual" office. That is: No physical office, and of course no literature point. But the mail order service from either C.S.O. or G.S.O. is adequate, apart from the fact of newer people not knowing what is available. There is still the after-hours help line, operated these days almost exclusively by mobile phone. However there are ways around this problem, thanks to new technology.

Major initiatives in District 9 over the past year have been re-running of PI Posters in buses, which was successfully done a couple of years ago. The existing posters were enlarged and displayed on the inside of the buses all over the Sunshine Coast, and hopefully are targeting future members!

This year the Luncheon committee has been busy organising the third biennial Professional Luncheon. This function is for AA members to invite any health practitioners and other professional people they know to attend, hear a couple of really good speakers, and to enjoy an excellent meal. They are all given a literature bundle, and the opportunity to sit and talk with recovered alcoholics, in a close atmosphere, because the seating is carefully planned where possible, to alternate a guest with an AA member at round tables of 10. Sounds easy, but it takes a fair bit of organising, but marvellous in that it involves members at all stages of recovery, as well as carrying our message to people who deal with Alcoholics in their work lives.

Thanks to District 9 for financially supporting members to attend the recent Treatment Centre and Correctional Forum in Byron Bay. It was wonderful to have both our Woodford Coordinator and our Maryborough Coordinator present at that particularly well organised and informative forum.

There are well over 40 meetings per week in District 9, which is of course a good thing and a not so good thing. The number of meetings certainly spreads the service icing pretty thin, but I understand that currently this is a world-wide difficulty in AA.

Brisbane North District continues to be a well-structured and innovative District. They have been proactive in getting successful and regular Skype meetings "into the air." There are now Skype meetings available 6 days per week, with a streamlined log-in process.

Area B, and in particular Brisbane North have taken over co-ordinating AA services for the Helena Jones Correctional Centre - a half-way house/pre-release centre for women. Brisbane North is holding another fellowship weekend at Samford, in October, this time not associated with an Area Assembly.

Area B recently voted to return to holding four Assemblies per year, instead of the three we had been having. The gap in between was too long. The Area B committee continues without change. All positions are filled and working well.

In thinking about the geography of Area B, and in thinking about this report so far, some challenges are quite clear, but not new. Vast distances, travel, communication and enthusiasm

Despite everything, there is still good work being done. Meetings still happen, and there are small pockets of enthusiasm, scattered over the Area. It would be great to get some consistency, perhaps by using available technology. Skype meetings, including possibly using such links to encourage participation in Area and District meetings, might be a way of offering all members an equal opportunity to have more of what is available in the urban areas.

I reported last year that I was considering starting a Traditions and Concepts meeting on the Sunshine Coast. I'm pleased to say that this meeting is going well. It has been, and continues to be a real joy to see newer members being really interested in service, and learning to apply these principles, just as much as the ones in the 12 Steps. For this reason I am terribly pleased to see that we now have calico Concepts banner available from G.S.O.

In conclusion, I can't thank you all enough for the opportunity to serve as a Delegate. It is a wonderful experience which I would recommend to any member.

Chris B

Area C

Area C Nth Eastern Region – Delegates Report to General Service Conference 2018
Good day, John O'L, I am an Alcoholic. I have the privilege to serve Area C, Nth Eastern Region as Delegate.

I have had the opportunity of attending Conference last year 2017, 2016 and in 2015 as Acting Delegate. What an extraordinary experience Alcoholics Anonymous in action is. Area C, Nth Eastern Region covers south of the Brisbane River down to Coolangatta to the NSW border, through to Toowoomba, Warwick and Stanthorpe and Ipswich. There are 5 Districts in Area C, Nth Eastern Region, Ipswich, Brisbane Sth, Brisbane West [not active], Toowoomba and Gold Coast. There are approx 210 groups with 35-50 attending District or Area Assemblies.

My home Group is the Friday Night Steps Meeting at Paradise Point, Gold Coast. Alcoholics Anonymous on the Gold Coast suffers the standard issues present in Alcoholics Anonymous – the difference between an AA meeting and an AA Group. Groups continue to carry the message, support the 60/30/10 plan and have service positions filled. The Gold Coast District whilst active reflects the ongoing issue of engaging groups to be involved in the General Service Structure of Alcoholics Anonymous. However despite this the District has held several workshops, carrying the message of service and structure, with a Regional Forum being held on September 8-9th September. The forum was a great event with quite a few members attending who had not been involved with the service structure previously. The theme was Unity and Service' and this message was carried well by all who attended.

The Toowoomba District is active and has on average 10 GSR attending District Meetings. Members carry the message of recovery, unity and service well. The District supports an AA 24hr Helpline and as such a number of the local groups contribute directly to the District. The Toowoomba District holds the October Rally each year and

this Rally is well attended and self supporting. Toowoomba District will be hosting the National Convention in 2020. A strong founding committee is up and working hard to make the 2020 Convention one to remember.

The Ipswich District is struggling with a few members committed to service structure. It is not for the lack of effort to carry the service message. The District supports an AA Rally, Soberfest held in June. The rally is well attended with many members traveling from other Districts to attend. After a period of being dormant Area C is pleased to support the Ipswich District. Carrying the message continues to be their primary purpose.

Brisbane West is now dormant with the Brisbane and Ipswich Districts taking up a support role.

Brisbane Sth is also active with on average 14 members attending regular District Meetings. There are a number of AA weekends held in the Brisbane District. The Brisbane District underwritten by Area C hosted the inaugural Brisbane Rally in August. The Brisbane Rally was a successful weekend of great fellowship. The Rally will continue to grow and become a regular important date on the AA events calendar..

There are two CSO in our Area: One in Brisbane and one on the Gold Coast. The Area and both CSO co-operate in an open manner. This does take effort however it has been proven the most effective way to ensure our Primary Purpose is being conducted at this level as best as practical. There is also a 24hr Ph Helpline in the Toowoomba District and one managed by the Brisbane CSO.

The Area C Assembly is held every 3mths and is attended by approx 25 - 40 GSR, DCM and Area C committee members. Our last assembly was on August 19th and the next in late Nov. All service positions are filled on the Area Committee and these members are active. It is a credit to them and the members who support them. The majority of groups, the Districts and Area C contribute to the GSO. Recently the Area Committee conducted an Inventory of the Committee – the outcome was/will be positive. I highly recommend this process.

QYPAA is struggling to raise funds and gain members to their Committee. However a date has been set for a weekend in Feb 2019. I believe part of this struggle is the busy calendar of events and the fund raising for any number of issues within our fellowship. We continue to inform the groups and districts about the Topics, the need, the process and results however the time restraints etc continue to present issues. A Topic Workshop is planned for early September and one in October.

Issues continue to the reaction to the misinformation regarding the Fiji Convention and the financial reporting of AA Australia. These issues occupied time at all Area Assemblies and after much discussion resolutions occurred, however no one wins in these situations and the concerns raised remain. Timely transparency, reporting and communication are vital. However there are some folks who accept no answers.

Our Area is pleased to have had two applicants for the position as Regional Trustee and at our last Assembly we elected Steve R as the Area's nomination for Regional Trustee for the Nth Eastern Region.

Many members are interested in the outcome of the Service Structure Review.

It remains a real privilege to serve as the Delegate for Area C, Nth Eastern Region. The Area, Districts and Groups are active in service; however carrying the message to groups not involved in the General Service Structure remains a challenge, however we continue to carry the message of service. Of interest there is a few members on the Gold Coast visiting groups and requesting time to share on the value of being part of the Service Structure and other ideas throughout our Area..

A majority of groups are self supporting and carry the message. We have our frustrations in carrying the message of service however there is a sense of optimism,

fellowship and importantly communication remains open, forthright, informed and respectful.

Yours in Service



John O'L
Delegate, Area C, Nth Eastern Region
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CENTRAL REGION

AREA A

Hi everyone , I am Wally and I am an Alcoholic , I am the elected Area A Delegate of South Australia ,as this is my third year and I must hand on the position on to an other , I would like to thank all those people that have supported me in the last three years . this dose no mean I am leaving I will find a position in Area to take up .

In Area A we have 40+ meetings per week , the area is vast in size from the North side of the Torrens River { Adelaide } to the NT Border, attendance at meetings are steady , a few new meetings have started up in the north of the state , Ceduna and Roxby Downs .

In our Area there are three Districts , Para ,Northern and Western , of the three Districts two are doing well and the third is trying to pull the groups together to get it up an running.

Within Area , Districts and Groups the distribution of Brochures , Pamphlets to Hospitals

Medical Centres and Institutions is still going on , to spread the Message of AA .

CORRECTIONS FACILITYS

In South Australia Area A has four major prisons . Port Lincoln, Port Augusta, Yatala [Adelaide] and Adelaide Women's Prison .

The attendance at the Port Lincoln Prison has been good , thanks must go to Jack and the Port Lincoln Group for there support of the meeting .

The attendance at the Women's Prison has going well , thanks to Dot and the lady's who run that meeting .

Yatala and Port Augusta Prisons have no meetings , but work is in progress to gain access .

yours in Service

Wally H

Area A Delegate , Central Region .

AREA B

Hi all ,

My name is Rob C and I am the Area B Delegate for the Central Region , this is my Second year as Delegate , our region consists of 2 Areas divided by the River Torrens , AreaB is South of the Torrens .

There are have 4 districts –
2 metro , City Eastern and Southern - 47 meetings .
2 country – Riverland and Fleureu – 20 meetings .
The Southern and Riverland are Functioning .

Our Area committee is full , our members include Jay is our chair , Sheryl-lee Secretary , Toby registrar , Courtney PI&CPC , Clinton TC&F , Mark Treasurer , Astra DCM – Southern , Rick Alternate DCM Southern , Stevon DCM Riverland .

We have endorsed and welcomed our new regional Trustee Andy Poad and supporting our 2021 Convention Bid , Andy held a Service workshop in the South East of SA and was well supported by the members their , we are also planning another combined Area and CSO Topic Discussion on October 28th and a area assembly for February , we meet the 1st Saturday of every month .

There was also a chance for everyone to meet the GSB in July during their Board meeting which has been well received .

Our Riverland District DCM was involved in a head on collision and has just started sending through his monthly report again , the Southern District has moved venues and has had good attendances at its last 3 monthly meetings

A GSR from the City and Eastern wants to hold the District Meeting at her Group and members are welcoming and supporting this .

PI&CPC

Courtney our New Co-ordinator has approached schools and is also organising our involvement in a Doctors training conference held over 3 days in Adelaide , the GSB covered the cost of our attendance at this conference , our attendance at the Gennext conference has become a yearly event .

TC&F

Groups are still attending the Glenside Detox , the Woolshed , Southern Intermediate care Facility on a roster with rotating over a month .

Our TC&F has been in contact with our Corrections contact is in the process of establishing a list of names for 12 step work , this seems the best course to take at present .

Registrar

Toby Has compiled a up too date list and has been of great help in helping our Districts get moving again .

I am Looking forward to my 2nd year at conference and enjoying the challenges that come with the position , I have grown a lot and have a lot to learn , I appreciate all the members I have met on this journey – see you all in the 1st week of November.

Rob C
Area B Delegate
Central Region

WESTERN REGION

Area A

Hello, My name is Christian and I am an alcoholic and I was elected to the position of Area Delegate for Area A, Western Region in February 2016 so this is my last year as the delegate.

Area A, Western Region covers from north of the Swan River, in the heart of Perth CBD, to the North West of the State and out to the WA/SA border. There were some minor changes made to the boundary between Areas A & B in 2017, mainly to bring Acacia Prison into Area A as Area B has a lot of prisons in their area. We currently have 91 meetings and 73 groups in the Area. Of these 15 groups are in the country and there are 4 meetings in prisons. There are 54 in Area A Perth Metro.

Area Assemblies are held every 3 months and are attended by an average of 20 GSRs. New office bearers were elected to all positions, other than the Area Delegate and Alternate Delegate. The Women's Prison coordinator resigned due to ill health and the previous coordinator is temporarily filling the position. A new Delegate and Alternate Delegate will be elected in February 2019. We currently have two districts operating - Swan District, which operates from the Perth CBD to the Eastern Suburbs. This year they have run two excellent workshops on Sponsoring that were well attended. A third workshop on service had no attendees which unfortunately, indicates the lack of interest in service work. The Midwest District based in Geraldton will hold their annual roundup from 21 – 24 September. There has been no further progress in starting up the Western Suburbs District again.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The following PI activities were held:-

- Speakers were arranged for some schools and a mental health training college. We currently don't have the same volume of requests from schools that we used to receive in the past.
- Literature displays at libraries
- Literature stands at an Alcohol & Other Drugs Conference, Cyril Jackson Health Festival, Generation Next Health & Wellbeing Conference, Graylands Hospital Men's Health Festival
- Delivery of literature to doctors' surgeries

TREATMENT & CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Rehabilitation Facilities

Weekly meetings are held at Bridge House, a Salvation Army detox facility, Graylands Mental Health Hospital, Next Step Rehab and Gnulla Mia Hostel. The coordinators of the various facilities have done an excellent job arranging the weekly meetings, plus negotiating a suitable Memorandum of Understanding requested by Graylands Hospital. The coordinator for Next Step Rehab also did a good job liaising with the rehab regarding concerns they had with the content of our talks.

Bandyup Women's Prison

The number of women attending the meeting has increased and some of the women have been coming regularly and are quite enthusiastic about the program. We will have an information table at the annual half day expo later this year.

Correctional Facilities (Male)

Weekly meetings are taken into Wooroloo Prison and an average of 8-14 prisoners attend. There are currently no attendees at Acacia Prison. Following the success in Qld with AA members meeting with the Minister for Corrective Service, our coordinator has been trying to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Corrective Services to discuss how AA's service efforts can be furthered, but has not yet had a response back.

WAYPAA – Remains strong, holding many fund raising events throughout the year to fund their convention which will be held in Perth from the 7th – 10th December.

2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2018 National Convention that was held in Perth at Easter time was a great success. It was a privilege to work with such competent and hard working committee members on the Host Planning Committee.

CSO

The Central Service Office had some difficult issues to resolve earlier in the year. It was encouraging to see that so many groups sent representatives to the special meeting and that a plan was put in place to resolve the issues.

Christian G
Delegate, Area A, Western Region

Area B

Hi my name is Dominic H and I am an alcoholic, and I am the Area B Delegate for the Western Region. This is my 3rd year as delegate and I would like to thank the Area for entrusting me with this position and look forward to serving.

Area B covers an area south of the Swan River in Perth, to Albany and East to the WA /SA border.

At last year's conference we agreed on slight changes to our boundaries with Area A and this is now implemented and seems to be working well.

The Area B Committee has all service positions filled. All committee positions are rotated in accordance with the guidelines.

We held our July assembly in the South west of the state to welcome our latest district to Area and it was agreed that we would make this an annual event which happens to coincide with the anniversary of the founding of AA in Western Australia. So we now have three districts in our Area Port, Peel and the South west.

Prisons

In the Area B catchment we have 7 correctional facilities, 6 of which have functioning meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous with rotating rosters of attending outside members. The 6 prisons are;

1. Casuarina Prison: Maximum Security, 800 inmates
2. Hakea Reintegration Facility: Maximum Security, 1000 inmates
3. Karnet Prison Farm: Minimum Security, 600 inmates
4. Albany Regional Prison: Maximum Security (lethal parameter): 400 inmates
5. Bunbury Regional Prison: Multi-Security, 400 inmates
6. Melaleuca Women's Reintegration Facility: 250 inmates

Our newest meeting is Melaleuca which started in August with an inaugural attendance of 14 inmates and reports of high retention. Thanks to Maria from Rockingham for taking on the role of a coordinator there.

Our biggest success to date is Casuarina Prison. Casuarina has 45 inmates cleared for attendance weekly, but due to size restrictions, is limited to 25. Due to a long-standing and well-developed relationship with the staff, we have access to two side rooms during the meeting in which inmates wanting sponsorship are taken through the book.

Karnet is an example of this. Several long timers from Casuarina were transferred there, post step work, to see out their sentence. They have now begun their own un-facilitated big book study on Saturdays outside of the regular meeting times. One inmate, is now sponsoring several other inmates.

Items of interest

The list below is some of the ideas we have found successful to developing and growing the meetings in corrections.

1. **Keep the Meetings focused On the Literature:** We ask the inmates to read a step each week, a chapter of the Big Book or some form of literature as part of the meeting format. We have found that a strong focus on literature has kept or created strong recovery focused meetings.
2. **A Good Meeting Format:** We have focused on keeping formats in the prisons as close to or similar as possible to meetings on the outside.
3. **Service on The Inside:** We have encouraged the inmates to take on service roles in the group.
4. **Get Them Involved:** Each week at the end of each meeting we ask for volunteers for next week to read the Preamble, How it Works, and/or a story from the Inmate to Inmate book. We have found this encourages them to come back.
5. **Literature:** Lots of the literature is made available for inmates to take to their cells. We have been fortunate in the support we have received from groups and districts in our areas which has funded a steady supply of literature. Especially little Big Books, little 12&12s and the Prisoner Packs which our CSO makes up for us. These contain the 'It sure beats sitting in a cell' booklet and a variety of pamphlets. We have found these are very popular.
6. **Do The Steps:** We have encouraged sponsorship and step work in the meetings. Allocating time and members to the inmates that want to do the steps

7. **Sponsorship:** We have actively sort members for our rosters that are keen to sponsor and take inmates through the steps.
8. **Commitment:** We have built rosters that are manageable. We ask members for a commitment of one day a month each month. This then becomes their rostered meeting day. We aim to build the rosters in pairs, so members are doing 12th step work in pairs. (As per our service structure) However, the best-case scenario is we have up to 7 members a week attending the meeting, as we do in Casuarina at the moment.
9. **Follow up Support:** Actively participating in the out care plans for release, we can become inmate's sponsors and take them out for day release.
10. **Encouragement:** Buying a personal copy of the Big Book and signing it for members that asks for sponsorship seems to have inspired inmates to ask for sponsorship.

Public Information

Dr's Packs – still in action. Pack being improved with a current Area B meetings pamphlet.

Improved meetings pamphlet to be distributed through general PI work, Area B. Area B and Port PI working to collect and collate information about GSR's and group registration.

Recent PI Events

June 30, Port District and PI Information night.

June 1, Gen X Mental Health Conference held at UWA, AA stall held. High interest in AA resources for youth.

July 7, Swan District Service and Structure Workshop – linking in with other service members.

July 27, Kelmscott Senior High School Health Expo.

August 17, Como Secondary College Health Expo.

General PI

June 30th, PI Sub Committee met at Kwinana. In summary – an impressive 8 members, Meeting followed PI Workbook Guidelines for a Sub Committee.

Members shared past PI actions. Spoke about each branch of PI, e.g. courts, schools, hospitals etc. how and what action needed (related to the PI Workbook).

This is my final year of being delegate and I would like to say it has been an absolute privilege. I have been overwhelmed by the dedication I have seen from the other delegates the General Service Board and the National Office. I would like to thank you all for your ideas and knowledge that you have passed on. I would all so like to thank Kerry our previous Regional Trustee for her support and encouragement, and my fellow Delegate from the west Christian for your friendship and support. Finally to my Area for giving me the opportunity to participate in conference.

**Yours in Services
Dominic H**

NORTHERN REGION

No delegate

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD REPORTS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome all,
Since my last report In November 2017 last year to conference, we have had many tasks to attend.

On our financial position, which I will say has improved to the great work by groups, individuals and areas working on their respective dominations plans. The Board implemented an Austerity program which has helped greatly also, reducing travel with our regions and reducing costs where we have been able. This may be extended a further 12 months, yet to be decided. With the engagement of our new accountant, and new auditor for reporting, Our accounting transparency has greatly improved. The report speaks for itself this year.

Our (the board) primary purpose is to hold registered trademarks, maintain literature, national phone number, support the CSO's and groups of the Australian fellowship. The primary income to support and manage these functions are from literature sales, donations, some in the form of generous donations and bequeaths. We have again this year had to protect the misuse of our identity name by engagement of legal representation.

Our literature sales have steadily increased considerably which is warming to know people still like books!

We have had several teleconference meetings with the WSO, these have been fruitful for our relationships. included in these meetings was a look at our legal obligations with our licence agreement for trademarks and how we can manage that and our licence. The board has put a plan on page which consist of 3 major functions for us to focus on, class A trustees, protection of trademarks, AA member services (PI & member involvement). - Including education for AA members and the general public.

It is with much disappointment that we still read in reports after events, (conference and the like) the blatant attack on our class A trustees and board staff and board members whom willingly and freely give of themselves to our fellowship. For the second year I express the poor behaviour of our fellowship and how we show the appreciation of those who want to help us.

The 2018 National convention in Perth was well attended, we had the opportunity to express our position and what we the board do throughout the year and that we do work hard, an explanation was given were the funds the members generously give are used and that money and spirituality can mix. I would like to quote "It is a spiritual obligation to participate by contributing."

The 2019 National Convection to be held in Canberra is well under way with its preparations.

There have been many regional forums held this year with many well attended and some great ideas taking our fellowship forward into the future, great work to those hosting these events.

This year we have several board members rotating off, while welcoming a general service trustee, 3 regional trustees, and one world service delegate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of those trustees for the huge effort put in freely and wish them the best for their individual journeys forward.

Most importantly it is with much thanks that I personally say a huge "eso" or big thank you to the General Service staff, they give a great deal of service to our fellowship and of their personal time. We never say thanks enough to them.

Can I thank also, the time and effort that has been given by our area delegates around each of our regions for bringing to the table, open discussions and the concerns of the groups this year past and hope we can have healthy outcomes on each of the tabled topics.

The future moving forward, we the board try our best to manage what is been asked by the members at conference, and we will endeavour to carry our responsibilities with integrity and lead AA into a bright future.

This will be my last year as North Eastern Regional Trustee and chair of the GSB, I would like to say that it has not been a very good experience. I have travelled a lot within my region and other areas and still the message of the service structure is not seemingly well read, we have sufficient literature and articles, and a service manual explaining how our fellowship functions and it functions well when used! Yet still many members seemingly do not understand the service structure. Reporting of conference can be greatly improved by delegates reports to areas.

I feel that many an older sober member could be more proactive in sponsoring new comers into service and discussing the service structure with them, this was very evident in the survey that conference asked for about our fellowship. About 2% of the fellowship responded to the survey with results in AAAA 2018.

My tenure has had some great moments, a stand out was the Fiji PI day held in Suva. If only we could attract that type for audience here in Australia, we would have a mighty big fellowship!! It is with Pride and gratitude that I was able to stand and present AA to an audience hungry for a way out, just as I was when I reached out for help. AA Fiji has grown up! yes grown up and moved forward gaining members, groups and doing PI and now with seat at the World AA table.

Our World Service delegates are out and about, attending events and World Service meets taking our points of view to the world stage.

Again, thank you to the North East Region for putting me in a position to represent them and to the board members for asking me to lead them in what I could say have been trying and learning times! I personally have grown, learning to be neutral in many matters and that even though I have a say, I am not always right! It has been rewarding to serve the AA fellowship as chair and trustee.

I leave with this, 600 emails is not minority voice, if you want change, then get in the middle, were the action is.!

Thank you for trusting me to carry your vision forward.



Brett F.
Chairman General Service Board AA Australia.

TRUSTEES' FINANCE & BUDGETARY COMMITTEE REPORT

It is with great pleasure that we can report that our Financial Situation has greatly improved during the 2017/18 reporting period.
Income has increased by \$104,292 and expenses decreased by \$82,761.

We have gone from an approximate loss of \$200,000 plus for last year to a very healthy profit of \$48,196 this year.

This due to the Management group introducing an Austerity programme to eliminate expenditure and therefore to help improve the Financial situation.
Also we have seen a remarkable response from the Fellowship in Donations made to the GSO throughout the year which is much appreciated.
The Austerity programme which was going to finish when we eliminated the loss, however the GSO Management Committee has decided to extend the Austerity programme a further 12 months to assure the Fellowship that GSO will be in a better situation to keep carrying the message.

The Full Financial Report will be presented at conference at which time we will be in a good position to answer any queries the Fellowship may have.

Yours in Service
Mike E.
Class B Trustee and Deputy Chair of the Board.

TRUSTEES' TREATMENT FACILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Report not received

TRUSTEES' CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES REPORT

I attended the National Convention in Perth, where I was able to meet with new National Correctional Facilities Co-ordinator, Maureen B.

There are only a few items remaining on this committee's Action List:

A DVD has been produced which contains information about the role and benefit that AA can provide for prisons and prison inmates. It also contains contact details for AA and the Chairman of the Board has written a covering letter to send out with it. All delegates

have been informed that it has been completed and, as agreed at the February Board meeting, the National Corrections Co-ordinator will liaise with Areas regarding its distribution.

The National Treatment & Facilities Forum was held on 24 – 26 August this year in Byron Bay. I was unable to attend and I have not yet received a report from the National Correctional Facilities Co-ordinator.

Conference considered a request from the National Treatment & Correctional Facilities Forum, which was supported by the National Treatment and Correctional Facilities Co-ordinators, 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.

March was National Treatment & Correctional Facilities month. I am not aware of any special events that were held during this month, but an article was published in the March edition of AA.

The National Co-ordinator has been requested to submit a report on her activities for each Board meeting and also the General Service Conference.

Bill H

TRUSTEES' INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Report not received

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

Welcome all,

National PI coordinator role has been filled, Dave Scott was elected at the 2017 conference to carry of the role.

Dave is trying his best to have the PI Patter make a comeback, letters and ideas and any PI activity in your area can be forwarded to Dave, via email aapicpcnational@gmail.com or give him a call 0423 873 220.

Great work and commitment to ALL members whom have assisted along the way and attended the workshops on PI and hosted stands of varying conferences/conventions around our great country.

It is with some angst that I write these lines after an experience I had earlier this year. AA received an online request at GSO via the Website, which was passed on in a short period then was subsequently passed to the area and district closest to the request, it was then some extended time before the request was responded to (and I will say not at a local level)!

I personally called and travelled over 900 kms to attend a request to inform regional hospital staff members about AA. This was embarrassing to say the least that we "AA" still hide behind our anonymity at to help the still suffering Alcoholic. We have supplied literature and I have personally called to see if any locals have made contact and to this date nil.

Are we grateful I ask for our individual sobriety?

Our Primary Purpose is to carry the message – anywhere any time.

In Service,

Brett F

Trustees PI & CPC Committee chairman's report

TRUSTEES' GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Report not received.

TRUSTEES' NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Welcome to all,

The 2 applicants for the subcommittee for recruitment of class a trustee's have resigned from the role stating that the it was not functioning the way they thought it should. In place of tis the board has stepped up and several board member's including both class A trustees have formed a committee to follow up on our recruitment drive.

This year there are several trustee positions open with many applications for the open regions. The Board asks that the conference select carefully the incoming trustees so as a good balance of experience is put to the table.

A caution note: As we invite trustees to join us we must remember that they too have very busy lives and they should weigh up how they see the fit to their own cause. And what time they can commit to us (as we hold our business on weekends), they have all indicated that they have families too!

I would like to thank Mr Mike E in his continued role. Mike stood in for me at the 2018 National convention and has continued his role at the general service office management group monthly meetings.

In service

Brett F

Chairman Trustees Nominating committee

TRUSTEES' LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hi Everyone, my name is Paul J and I am Alcoholic.

Having taken on this role mid-year I will give a brief summary of where I see the current progress regarding each ongoing topic.

025/2014 This Advisory action is in progress & will be discussed at report charter & service manual conference committee to comply with Advisory Action 014/2017. GL14 & GL15 review

003/2013 To be included in the next reprint of the Service Manual, service website copy to be updated

019/2014 Position Description to be drafted, to be included in the next reprint of the Service Manual, service website copy to be updated

021/2015 Compiling articles, topic in progress

003/2016 This Advisory action is in progress & will be discussed at report charter & service manual conference committee to comply with Advisory Action 014/2017. The group handbook & GL14 & GL15 review

012/2016 This Advisory action is in progress & will be discussed at report charter & service manual conference committee to comply with Advisory Action 014/2017. Section 5 part 2 of Service Manual & GL14 & GL15 review

016/2016 Ongoing, currently with the Conference Agenda Committee for redrafting its Composition, Scope and Procedure document.

021/2016 Ongoing review of this topic

038/2016 To this point only 1 person volunteered, ask conference for a direction to move forward

039/2016 Not aware of how this topic is progressing?

020/2017 To be included in the next reprint of the Guideline 22, service website copy to be updated

025/2017 All Conference committees add this to their CSP document
To optimise communication and understanding of Trustee activities during the year, the Chairs of the Trustees' committees advise their related Conference committees during the annual General Service Conference. They also write to their corresponding Conference Chairs following the February and July Board meetings and confer with them during the year as necessary to keep them informed, seek advice or draw on additional skills

Love in Service
Paul J
Western Region Trustee.

TRUSTEES' REMOTE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE REPORT
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Report not received.

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE REPORT

Staff

There have been no staff changes this year.

Literature

I have attached a list of all items sold during the period 1/7/17 – 30/6/18

Conventions and other functions attended

Valerie M and Tony C attended the National Convention held in Perth in March..

Equipment purchased

There were no major purchases during the year.

Board meetings attended

Valerie M and Tony C the February 2018 Board meeting in Sydney and Valerie Martin and Chris S attended the July 2018 Board meeting held in Adelaide

Insurance

All insurance policies were renewed.

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.

Internatonal Sponsorship Fund

As at 20/9/18 there is \$1,127 available to send to GSO New York for the International Literature Fund. This will be transferred to them before the end of the year.

As at 30/9/17 there is \$14,296 remaining in this account for use in the Asia/Oceania zone.

Remote Communities Fund

Members have donated \$5,516 to assist carrying the message to remote communities.

Treatment & Correctional Facilities Forum

\$445 was transferred to the account of the 2018 T&CF Forum Committee, this being the surplus from the previous forum.

Rent

Our rent remained at \$2,350.47 per month throughout the year.

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, provide us with a fast, professional and very affordable distribution service.

Website Development

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

Service Website

Thanks also to Julie L for her 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 \$1193.03. We continue to cover all costs associated with this number.

Valerie M

GSO LITERATURE SALES
1 JULY 2017 - 30 JUNE 2018

Item #	Name	Units Sold
09F-01	AA At a Glance (ND)	23,318
03R-03	Is AA For You?	16,908
08S-04	Just For Today Card	14,105
09F-02	Where Do I Go From Here (ND)	10,901
05PI-07	A Brief Guide To AA	8,493
01B-11	Pocket Big Book	7,501
09F-04	Message to Teenagers (ND)	6,855
03R-11	A Newcomer Asks	6,844
03R-29	Making a Start in AA	5,047
08S-02	12 Steps & Traditions Card	4,522
03R-22A	Gold Wallet Empty (ND)	3,620
03R-02	44 Questions	2,970
06P-04	If You Are Professional	2,945
01B-01	Australian Big Book 2nd Ed	2,609
06P-06	AA in Correctional Facilities	2,415
03R-22	Gold Wallet Complete (ND)	2,412
01B-01(4th Ed)	Big Book (4th Edition) US	2,134
04U-29	Medications Advice Flyer	2,075
01B-15	12 Steps & 12 Traditions Pkt	1,953
05PI-06	Understanding Anonymity	1,800
03R-31	AA for Aboriginal (ND)	1,635
01B-09	Daily Reflections	1,624
04U-39	Service Self Support Card (ND)	1,570
01B-02	12 Steps & 12 Traditions Std SC	1,496
02BL-02	Living Sober	1,467
03R-05	AA For The Woman	1,442
03R-30	AA for Aboriginal Woman (ND)	1,363
03R-01	This Is AA	1,276
03R-14	Q & A Sponsorship	1,208
03R-32	AA for Indigenous Aust'n (ND)	1,063
03R-24A	Green Wallet Empty (ND)	1,035
09F-03	Carry Message Inside Walls (ND)	950
03R-04	Young People & AA	801
08S-03	I Am Responsible Card	799
03R-19	It Sure Beats Sitting In Cell	796
03R-13	Letter To A Woman Alcoholic	783
03R-26	Is AA For Me?	766
09F-07	The AA Group Secretary (ND)	725
03R-10	AA Member Medication & Drugs	722
03R-17	Problems Other Than Alcohol	720
03R-09A	How It Works (ND)	710
06P-02	AA As A Resource Health Care	707
05PI-05	AA In Your Community	675
04U-07	Group Contributions Plan	666
05PI-24	PI Folder	657
03R-18	Too Young?	644
09F-05	Memo to a Group Treasurer (ND)	600
03R-12	Do You Think You're Different?	522

03R-23A	Blue Wallet Empty (ND)	500
08S-01	Anonymity Card	434
03R-07	AA For The Older Alcoholic	411
04U-04	Twelve Traditions Illustrated	403
04U-01	The Aust AA Group Handbook	382
01B-05A	As Bill Sees It S/C	381
04U-30	AA Group Conscience	370
03R-20	Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic	362
03R-25	12 Steps Illustrated	341
03R-08	Memo To An Inmate	340
05PI-04	AA Membership Survey (ND)	322
03R-15	Is There Alcoholic In Yr Life	321
03R-33	Many Paths to Spirituality	305
03R-23	Blue Wallet Complete (ND)	269
02BL-01	Came To Believe	255
04D-1	The District (ND)	254
03R-06	Member's Eye View	243
04U-09	Bridging the Gap	224
04U-06A	Your General Service Office ND	194
01B-13	Large Print Big Book Abridged	179
08GV-19	Emotional Sobriety	168
06P-03	The Clergy Asks About AA	167
03R-28	How Did I End Up Here ?	165
08S-05	Serenity Prayer For Framing	162
05PI-14	PI Poster - A4 (ND)	150
01B-05	As Bill Sees It H/C	148
04U-03	Twelve Concepts Illustrated	146
01B-10	Large Print Big Book	138
01B-08	Portable Big Book	128
05PI-01.1	Australian PI Workbook (ND)	125
06P-01	AA & Treatment Centres	124
04U-02	Trads: How They Developed	118
05PI-10	Speaking At Non AA Meetings	116
08GV-03GS	Best of Bill S/C (ND)	116
03R-21	J Alexander Article About AA	113
05PI-29	Young People Postcard (M)	111
05PI-30	Young People Postcard (F)	111
05PI-27	Young People PI Poster M (ND)	110
05PI-28	Young People PI Poster F (ND)	110
02BL-03	Inmate To Inmate	99
04U-10	The Co-Founders Of AA	99
08GV-21	Beginners Book	91
01B-04	AA Comes Of Age	87
05PI-13	PI Posters A5 (ND)	84
02BL-04	12 Steps & 12 Traditions HC	83
04U-12	The GSR May Be Important	83
02BL-02A	Living Sober Large	82
04U-13	Service Structure Bookmark ND	80
04U-36	Corrections Correspondence Out	80
04U-11	Inside AA Australia	76
05PI-17	PI Poster - What Happened (ND)	75
01B-20	75th Anniversary Big Book	74
04U-27	Self Support Sprit & \$ (ND)	73
05PI-23	PI Posters 7 Pack (ND)	72
07BA-04	Serenity Prayer Banner	72
05PI-03	How AA Members Co-Operate	69
08GV-26	Emotional Sobriety II	69
08GV-37	Voices of Women in AA	69
04U-05	Aust. Service Manual (ND)	68
06P-05	Three Talks To Medical Soc	68

07BA-01	The Twelve Steps Banner	63
08GV-11	What Happened to Joe	62
08GV-02A	Language Of The Heart S/C	60
08GV-16	Spiritual Awakenings	59
01B-19	One To Another - Aust History	57
01B-09A	Daily Reflections Large Print	55
03R-24	Green Wallet Complete (ND)	55
07BA-02	The Twelve Traditions Banner	55
02BL-01A	Came To Believe Large	53
08GV-36	Making Amends	53
01B-14	12 Steps & 12 Traditions LP	52
05PI-25	PI Stickers ND	51
01B-05B	As Bill Sees It Large	49
01B-03	12 Steps & 12 Traditions pk HC	47
04U-01A	The AA Group U.S.(ND)	46
04U-03A	Twelve Concepts Book	46
08S-14	Anonymity Card (Tent Fold)	46
05PI-22	PI Poster - Stress Relief (ND)	45
08GV-01	The Home Group	44
08GV-27	Young and Sober	42
08GV-13	It Happened to Alice	40
09F-06	Your DCM (ND)	40
08GV-28	Into Action	38
01B-06	Dr Bob	37
08GV-02	Language Of The Heart H/C	37
07BA-03	I Am Responsible Banner	36
01B-16	Experience, Strength & Hope	35
08GV-23	A Rabbit Walks Into a Bar (ND)	35
08GV-29	Happy, Joyous and Free	34
08GV-30	One on One	34
01B-07	Pass It On	33
08GV-24	Spiritual Awakenings II	33
04UV-01DVD	Young People/Rap With Us DVD	31
07BA-06	The Twelve Concepts Banner	29
08GV-31	No Matter What	28
08GV-32	Daily Quote Book	28
08GV-12	Traditions Checklist	26
08GV-25	Step By Step	26
05PI-20	PI Poster - Can't Stop (ND)	25
08GV-22	Voices of Long-Term Sobriety	24
04U-05S	Aust Serv Manual/G'line Set ND	17
05PI-08	Lets Be Friendly With Friends	17
08GV-18	I Am Responsible : Hand of AA	17
04U-DR	Brochure Display Rack (ND)	16
05PI-18	PI Poster - Girls Night (ND)	16
08GV-20	In Our Own Words	15
08GV-33	Sober and Out	15
08GV-35	Our 12 Traditions	15
08GV-34	Forming True Partnerships	14
04UV-11DVD	A New Freedom	13
07BA-05	Declaration Of Unity Banner	13
08GV-17	Thank you for Sharing	13
08GV-03GL	Best of Bill Large Print (ND)	12
10PERR11	Persian A Newcomer Asks	12
05PI-19	PI Poster - Party Animal (ND)	10
10CHIR1	Chinese This Is AA	10
10CHIR2	Chinese 44 Questions	10
04U-25	Archives Workbook	8
10PERB1	Persian Big Book (Farsi)	8
04U-05A	The Guidelines (ND)	6

04UV-04DVD	Bills Own Story DVD	6
10PERP7	Persian A Brief Guide to AA	6
10PERR1	Persian This is AA	6
04U-DRX	Display Rack Extensions x 2 ND	5
04UV-03DVD	Bill Discusses the Trads DVD	5
05PI-01	Australian PI Kit (ND)	5
07BA-08	Concepts Banner (US)	5
07BH-01	Banner Hire Freight	5
08GV-06	Man On Bed	5
10CHIR11	Chinese Newcomer Asks	5
10SPAR1	Spanish This Is AA	5
01BD-01A	Big Book 3rd Edition 5 CD	4
04U-31	Corrections Kit US (ND)	4
04UC-01CD	3 Legacies by Bill CD	4
08GV-09	AA Preamble (Unlaminated)	4
08GV-10AA	Slogans unlaminated	4
04UC-03CD	Bill Discusses 12 Trads CD	3
04UV-08DVD	Circles of Love/Inside AA Aust	3
08GV-02LP	Language of the Heart LP	3
08S-06	Twelve Steps Parchment	3
08S-07	Twelve Traditions Parchment	3
08S-09	Bill's Last Message Pment	3
/Any	New Item	2
04U-28	New Group Free Lit Pack	2
04UC-02CD	Voice of Co-Founders CD	2
04UV-02DVD	Hope/Inside View DVD	2
05PIDVD-02	PI Compilation (ND)	2
05PIDVD-03	Young People's Videos/Hope	2
05PIDVD-04	AA and the Medical Profession	2
05PIRAD-1	PI Radio Compact Disc (ND)	2
08S-10	Dr Bob's Last Message Pment	2
10ARAB1	Arabic Big Book	2
10CROB1	Croatian Big Book	2
10SPAB3	Spanish Big Book h/c	2
01BD-02	12 & 12 Audio 4 disk	1
04U-33	Public Information Kit US (ND)	1
04U-34	CPC Kit US (ND)	1
04U-40	Corrections CD ROM	1
04UC-05CD	AA in the Year 2000 CD	1
04UV-05DVD	Prison Off/Professionals	1
04UV-06DVD	Behind Walls/Sure Beats a Cell	1
04UV-10DVD	12 Steps What They Mean to Us	1
05PIDVD-01	AA Meetings Mike Munro (ND)	1
07BH-02	PI Banners Hire	1
08D-01	International Directory (ND)	1
08GVD-01	What We Were Like	1
08GVD-03	Sponsorship Vol 1	1
08GVD-04	Sponsorship Vol 2	1
08GVD-09	Around Tables - Attitudes	1
08GVD-10	Around The Tables - Defects	1
08GVD-11	Practice These Principles	1
08GVD-24	Youth Enjoying Sobriety CD	1
08S-08	Serenity Prayer Parchment	1
10CROB2	Croatian 12 & 12	1
10FREB1	French Big Book	1
10KORB1	Korean Big Book	1
10KORR1	Korean This Is AA	1
10KORR2	Korean 44 Questions	1
10KORR3	Korean Is AA For You?	1
10MONB1	Mongolian Big Book	1

10MONB2	Mongolian 12 x 12	1
10MONP7	Mongolian A Brief Guide to AA	1
10MONR1	Mongolian This is AA	1
10MONR11	Mongolian A Newcomer Asks	1
10MONR2	Mongolian 44 Questions	1
10MONR3	Mongolian Is AA for You	1
10SPAB8	Spanish Daily Reflections Book	1
10VIEB1	Vietnamese Big Book	1

1ST TERM WORLD SERVICE DELEGATE REPORT

This is my first report to conference as World Service Delegate. I started this position on the 1st of January 2018 (this year) and in that time I have been busy on a number of enquiries from New Guinea. This resulted in sending a Big Book and other supporting literature to an individual in that country. I have also visited the Solomons and helped establish the second AA Group in the country. This unfortunately brought some criticism from ex-pat members who fly in and fly out without setting up an actual Group. Also had a discussion about the message currently in the Cook Islands and discussions are continuing with New Zealand's World Service Delegate. I have continued to work with and be supported by my fellow World Service Delegate. On the 4th of October I will be flying to Durban South Africa to fulfill my role as World Service Delegate at the World Service Meeting. I am disappointed that David will not be becoming with me to pass on his on the spot experience to me. I understand the reasons why he is unable to attend is due to the lack of funding which was because of the GSO's obligation to fix up an outstanding fringe benefits tax bill.

However, having said that, I wish to clearly state that I do support the Board and the staff at the General Service Office. I will furnish a full report on my return from South Africa on my experience and what I had learned at the World Service Meeting.

Yours in Service,

Brian S

Note: A copy of the post World Service Meeting Report given at Conference will be made available on the Service Website when received.

