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## NatCon 2018 Perth Western Australia

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The preliminary work and planning for the 2018 National Convention in Perth is well underway. The event will be held over the Easter weekend, at the Rendezvous Hotel in Scarborough. This recently-refurbished venue has all the meeting spaces we require for the convention, with great dining facilities, both within the hotel and in the surrounding area. The HPC has negotiated a discount for rooms at the venue, ten-percent off the rack rate; please quote CONF10 when making your reservation. There is a range of other accommodation choices close by. Rendezvous Scarborough is right on the beach and the 'resort' feel of the hotel will provide a great holiday atmosphere; to check out the venue and the surrounding area, go to our website at [www.aanatcon2018.com.au](http://www.aanatcon2018.com.au)

One of the first priorities for the HPC was to choose a theme and a logo for the Convention. The committee invited the Fellowship in Western Region to be involved in the process of choosing something to reflect both the spiritual principle of the program and our unique state. After extensive canvassing the chosen theme will be **Just for Today**, and the logo appears here in this magazine. The convention flyer can be downloaded from our website.

Conventions require a lot of funding and members in Western Region have been busy with various fundraising events. As well as our fundraising, we will need contributions from Groups and members, and if our interstate friends would like to help it will be greatly appreciated. Contributions can be made directly to the

convention bank account: Account Name: 2018 Perth National Convention of AA, BSB 633 000 ACC 154268007. Or by cheque to 2018 Perth National Convention of AA, PO Box 680 Armadale 6992. Perhaps the best way for members to help with the funding for the convention is to register early if you are attending. 'Early Bird Registrations', which end December 31<sup>st</sup>, save you \$10 and guarantee we are able to meet our financial commitments for the event; and early registrations are fully refundable if your circumstances change before the convention date.

Some members may ask, why hold a National Convention at all? One reason is that it is a natural thing to do—almost any association of people likes to take time out now and then to reflect on the progress of its own development. But in AA, such an event is far more than a routine cause for celebration, the get together sets up an opportunity for being of service, carrying the message, networking and sharing. What makes a good convention? It's probably not the venue, the theme or the program chosen—though these are important—but the spirit and feeling behind the event is what matters most. As one member put it, the AA convention is 'a darned good AA meeting blown up big.' The atmosphere of a convention is worth the trip; the event is full of fellowship, laughter and warmth. And if Perth 2018 is going to be your first ever National Convention and you're feeling anxious, just remember: *'there are no strangers in AA, just friends you haven't met yet!'*

# Calendar of events

## DECEMBER 2017

### AUSYPAA National Convention 2017

December 8 - December 10  
The Mercure Hotel Perth, 10  
Irwin Street  
Perth, WA

Australian Young People in AA 8-  
10 December 2017 The Mercure  
Hotel, 10 Irwin Street, Perth,  
WA,

### AA Dance Sutherland

December 9 @ 6:00 pm -  
December 10 @ 6:00 pm  
Sutherland Multi Purpose  
Centre, 123 Flora St  
Sutherland, NSW

### Kings Cross Sunday Annual Gratitude Night

December 24 at 7pm  
Reginald Murphy Activity Centre  
19 Greenknowe Avenue,  
Elizabeth Bay

## JANUARY 2018

### New Zealand AA 55th National Convention

January 19, 2018 - January 21,  
2018  
Te Papa Tongarewa, Te Papa  
Tongarewa  
Wellington, New Zealand

### AA WAGGA ROUNDUP

20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018 10.00 am  
Saint Michael's Parish Centre  
Johnson Street, Wagga Wagga For  
more information Contact Tim  
0447367587 or Tom 0412814795

### India - 2nd International Convention

January 25, 2018 - January 27,  
2018  
St. Sebastian Auditorium,  
Bendoor,  
Mangaluru, Karnataka 575002  
India + Google Map  
25th, 26th, 27th January 2018  
St. Sebastian Auditorium,  
Bendoor, Mangaluru, Karnataka

### Kyabram 47th AA Minicon

January 26, 2018 - January 28,  
2018  
Kyabram Community & Learning  
Centre, 21 - 25 Lake Road  
Kyabram, Vic  
Bev 0499 135 333  
Stevan 0409 136 841

### Dalby 42nd Australia Day AA Weekend

27-28 January, 2018 Myall  
Youth and Community Network  
Centre cnr Drayton & Nicholson  
Sts Dalby  
Contact: Danny 07 4662 1065

## FEBRUARY 2018

### Ballarat Alcoholics Anonymous 67th Anniversary Weekend

February 10, 2018 @ 9:30 am -  
February 11, 2018 @ 12:00 pm  
Eureka Hall, 119 Stawell St  
Ballarat, Vic

### Chapter Six AA Motorcycle Group - Over the Mountains 11th Annual Ride

February 23, 2018 - February  
27, 2018  
Omeo Caravan Park, Old Omeo  
Hwy  
Omeo, Vic Australia

## MARCH 2018

### Tasmanian East Coast District Rally

March 16, 2018 - March 18,  
2018  
Anglican Church Hall St Helens,  
Cecilia Street  
St Helens March 16-17-18 2018  
Anglican Church Hall, Cecilia  
Street, St Helens, Tasmania  
More details closer to event

### Australian AA National Convention 2018

March 29, 2018 @ 8:00 am -  
April 2, 2018 @ 5:00 pm  
Rendezvous Grand Hotel, 148  
The Esplanade  
Scarborough, WA Australia  
Website:  
www.aanatcon2018.com.au

### Malta - 12th International English Speaking Convention

March 23, 2018 - March 25,  
2018  
Seashells Resort, Suncrest Hotel  
Qwara, Malta

## APRIL 2018

### ANZAA - Trans Tasman Woodstock

April 27, 2018 - April 29, 2018  
Keller Hall, Caringbah, Burns

Lane  
Caringbah, NSW Australia

## OCTOBER 2018

### Toowoomba October Rally

October 5, 2018 - October 7,  
2018  
Toowoomba Show  
Grounds, Glenvale Road  
Toowoomba, Australia

### 2018 Sydney Boomerang Round-up

October 19, 2018 @ 8:00 am -  
October 21, 2018 @ 5:00 pm  
Sydney Masonic Conference  
Centre, 66 Goulburn Street  
Sydney, NSW Australia

## JULY 2020

2020 International Convention -  
July 2020: Detroit, Michigan  
USA  
July 2, 2020 - July 5, 2020

If you would like your  
fellowship event listed on the national AA  
website, please email [tony@aa.org.au](mailto:tony@aa.org.au) or  
write to General Service Office, 48 Firth  
Street, Arncliffe, NSW 2205.

## AAAAAAG\*

- Quarterly national service newsletter of AA Australia
- More than 1700 copies printed each issue
- Stories from individuals, groups, areas or districts about newsworthy initiatives welcome
- First published as News Digest in 1969. Renamed AA Around Australia in March 1972

\*AA Around Australia At A Glance

## 60 for 60th in Maryborough

Recently, members from around South East Queensland gathered to celebrate 60 years of AA in Maryborough. The following is an excerpt from a souvenir booklet published in 1972 which gives a fascinating insight on how AA came to Maryborough

**T**he Maryborough A.A. Group dated back some fifteen years to the time Mr. Alf Popp, a layman of the Church of Christ, and not an alcoholic himself, found a drunk who, in a shocking condition, had crawled up under the church seeking shelter. This drunk was to become the first person to get sober and to remain sober with the help of Alcoholics Anonymous in Maryborough, and become known in A.A. as George B.

The kindly Mr. Popp was aware that George was looking for something other than that which he could find in the Church. Having heard vaguely about the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, he determined to enquire further on George's behalf.

He wrote to Mr. Burdew who had recently retired from the Department of Social Services in Brisbane, and on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1957, received a reply advising him to contact A.A. by writing to Tom O'C. At our old address at 24 Duncan Street, Valley. (The late Tom O'C. Was then our Office Secretary.)

Tom subsequently suggested that a Hall be booked in Maryborough and that Members of the Gympie Group be contacted – a Group which at the time had a membership of fourteen – with a view to holding an Open Meeting in the town, together with the help of Brisbane Members who would make the trip. This Meeting was held in the R.S.L. Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1957 with about fifty

people in attendance and resulted in the formation of a Group in Maryborough, with George B. and Gordon H. being the first alcoholics to find their sobriety through A.A. in this centre.

The Group grew steadily over the next two years and at the Second Anniversary Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1959, it was stated that the average attendance over the previous two years had been sixteen. There were one hundred and fifty people present at this Birthday Meeting which was held at the home of Frank J., where the regular weekly Meetings were held. Meetings had previously been held in George's room at the hotel where he worked, until overcrowding forced them to seek larger premises.

One of those in attendance (the sister of a group member) was at her first AA meeting, here's what she had to say:

"The first speaker was the World Service Delegate, Tony V who spoke about the enormity of the Area he covers and how the message of AA is spread to over two billion people. Understanding the complex process of translating your Big Book in different languages was touched on regarding the 2nd Edition being recently published in Thailand this year and a Twi version for Ghana, also in the USA the work in progress to produce an Audio Version. I had no idea how far the Fellowship could reach. Jo, from the Howard Group told us about a New Zealand member who travelled the World and would leave a Big Book in random places and whilst attending the Open the Door 2004 Convention in Townsville a Mongolian member attending connected with her as he through his translator shared how he had that book which had helped him get sober! Very powerful for this listener. I have since retold these happenings to others I know and will continue to do so with a renewed interest in AA, thanks to my sister for asking me to attend this celebration."

In 1961, the Group held its Fourth Anniversary in the R.S.L. Hall, with over two hundred people in attendance and a membership of twenty-seven. From that time on, the Group held its weekly Meetings in the R.S.L. Hall, where the Meetings are still held to-day.

Through the 1960's the Group saw many changes in many ways. One of the backbone Members, Frank J., left Maryborough in the mid 60's to live in Cairns. After this, for a time, there was a big slide-off in membership. Some moved elsewhere, others busted. Finally, about 1968,

the Group was down to four Members.

The following year, Maryborough started Intergroup Meetings with Bundaberg on a fortnightly "home and away" basis. This had an immediate effect and the Group started to progress again, with plenty of activity during the last three years. The introduction of a Birthday Party for each Member of the Group as his A.A. Birthday falls due, with all Members attending, has proved a successful innovation. This is lovely A.A. Fellowship. The Group now has a membership of seven, with regular enquiries being received, resulting in a steady stream of 12<sup>th</sup> Step work.

Great sadness was felt by the Group in March 1970, when George B., the last surviving foundation Member, died after a long illness. Alf Popp still holds great interest in the Group and he has a regular A.A. appointment when he is invited to open the Birthday Meeting each year. These Meetings, over the last four years, have had an average annual attendance of seventy, which shows there is a keen interest in A.A. in Maryborough.

Reprinted from the A.A. Souvenir Booklet 1972.

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# Advisory Actions

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

**TOPICS DISCUSSED BY  
MULTIPLE COMMITTEES -  
TREATMENT & SPECIAL  
NEEDS, PUBLIC  
INFORMATION &  
CO-OPERATION WITH THE  
PROFESSIONAL  
COMMUNITY,  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES  
AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES.**

Advisory Action #018/2017  
Conference resolved to rescind  
Advisory Action #020/2014: *that  
Regional PI&CPC, Treatment and  
Correctional Facilities Co-ordinators  
be appointed to assist with the work  
of the National Co-ordinators.*  
Those currently holding Regional Co-ordinator positions should complete their terms.

Voting: For: 25; Against: 3;  
Abstentions: 0  
Carried

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
ON TRUSTEES**

Advisory Action #034/2017  
Conference resolved that Paul Jones should be elected by the General Service Board as Western Regional Trustee for a four year period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #035/2017  
Conference resolved that Andy Poad should be elected by the General Service Board as Central Regional

Trustee for a four year period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

Voting: By Third Legacy Procedure

Advisory Action #036/2017  
Conference resolved that Penelope Campbell should be elected by the General Service Board as Southern Regional Trustee for a four year period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands  
Advisory Action #037/2017  
As there was one disapproval vote, a vote took place to ratify the General Service Board's election of Lachlan Botticchio as General Service Trustee for a four year period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

Voting: For: 22; Against: 2;  
Abstentions: 3  
Carried

Advisory Action #038/2017  
Conference resolved that the election of Thomas Faunce as a Class A Trustee by the General Service Board for a five period be ratified.

Voting: No disapproval

Advisory Action #03/2017  
Conference resolved that the election of Ruby Jones as a Class A Trustee by the General Service Board for a five period be ratified.

Voting: No disapproval

Advisory Action #040/2017  
Conference resolved that the extension of term of General Service Trustee Mike Eastaway for a two year term by the General Service Board be ratified.

Voting: No disapproval

Advisory Action #041/2017  
Conference resolved to elect Brian Smith as World Service Delegate for a four year period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

Voting: by Third Legacy Procedure

**CONFERENCE REPORT  
CHARTER & SERVICE  
MANUAL COMMITTEE**

Advisory Action #020/2017  
Conference resolved that the following information be included in Guideline 22 of the Service Manual, to comply with Advisory Action #022/2014:

*"GSO has setup a Correctional Facilities Correspondence Service for prisoners wishing to correspond with AA members. All correspondence is to be addressed to PO Box 44 Arncliffe, NSW 2205. Full details of this correspondence service can be found in the pamphlet 04U-36 "Corrections Correspondence Outside" which can be obtained from your local Central Service Office or GSO. It is suggested that members participating in this service take normal precautions to ensure their own privacy and safety by only corresponding via the above post office box and by not revealing any personal details (e.g.: postal or email address; telephone number; date of birth; employer). It is also suggested that members do not send gifts to or make purchases on behalf of prisoners."*

Voting: For: 27; Against: 0;  
Abstentions: 1  
Carried

Advisory Action #016/2016  
Conference resolved that clearer guidelines for submission, allocation and rejection of Conference topics be formulated and included in the Composition, Scope and Procedure document of the Conference Agenda Committee. Guideline GL-28 should be referred to. This Advisory Action is to be referred to the Conference Agenda Committee for redrafting its Composition, Scope and Procedure document accordingly.

Voting: For: 26; Against: 0;  
Abstentions: 0  
Carried

Advisory Action #021/2016  
Conference resolved that as there had not been enough time to adequately review and accept the submitted new Area Delegate section of the Service Manual, the following procedure should be implemented: The General Service Office Manager will send out the current section, with a request for input from all delegates.

Outgoing delegates will ensure that incoming delegates are kept fully informed.

Prior to Conference a series of revisions will be sent out, based on recommendations made by delegates. Delegates will comply with deadline dates, to ensure that the updated version is completed in time for

# Advisory Actions

inclusion in the Conference 2018 folder.

Voting: For: 24; Against: 1;  
Abstentions: 0  
Carried

## CONFERENCE POLICIES & ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #001/2017  
Conference resolved to undertake an inventory of the Service Structure and produce a simple plan to achieve this.

Voting: For 14; Against: 9;  
Abstentions: 5  
Carried

Advisory Action #004/2017  
Conference resolved that the boundaries of the Areas within Western region be changed as per the submitted map.

Voting: For: 27; Against: 0;  
Abstentions: 0  
Carried

Advisory Action #017/2017  
Conference resolved that the discount on literature to Areas and Districts only be available for PI&CPC, T&CF or Remote Communities initiatives by Areas and Districts. When there is a local Central Service Office, groups should purchase their literature from that office.

Voting: For 27; Against: 1;  
Abstentions: 0

## CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #023/2017  
Conference resolved that the World Service Delegates be requested to produce a podcast for inclusion in the national website.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

## CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #012/2017  
After discussion on the possibility

that Australian society will become cashless within the next few years, Conference resolved that the General Service Board be requested to research cashless options available and produce an information sheet for those groups that choose to become cashless. This information sheet to be brought back to Conference 2018.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #022/2017  
Conference resolved that a maximum of \$3,000 be expended to produce a breakdown of Fiji Convention 2016 expenses.

Voting: For: 16; Against: 11;  
Abstentions: 0  
Carried

Advisory Action #024/2017  
Conference resolved to accept the audited financial report for year ended 30 June 2017.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

## CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #006/2017  
Conference resolved to reject the proposal to include additional information on disruptive behaviours in the AA Group Handbook. However, it was resolved that the proposer be asked to consider submitting two topics at another General Service Conference – (1) a Guideline of Safety and AA and (2) a paragraph for addition to the AA Group Handbook, referencing the Guideline.

Voting: For: 21; Against: 6;  
Abstentions: 0  
Carried

Advisory Action 014/2017  
Conference resolved that whenever a new piece of literature or project is initiated by the General Service Conference, the Conference Committee that has made the recommendation should be fully involved in the process.

Voting: For: 26; Against: 1;  
Abstentions: 1  
Carried

Advisory Action #025/2017  
Following the Conference Literature Committee's report of changes to their Composition, Scope and Procedure document, Conference resolved that all Conference committees should add the following to their Composition, Scope and Procedure documents:  
*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*

Voting: For: 26; Against: 0;  
Abstentions: 1  
Carried

Advisory Action #026/2017  
Conference resolved to continue with The Mixer for a further three years and that the Editor should provide reports to the General Service Board.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

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

Advisory Action #003/2017  
Conference resolved to approve the production of 2 new Public Information postcards aimed at attracting young people with drinking problems into recovery in AA.

Voting: For: 25; Against: 1;  
Abstentions: 1  
Carried

Advisory Action #27/2017  
Conference resolved that the National Website webmaster should be requested to include a "Duration of meeting" field to the list of website meetings. (e.g., "1 hour", or "90 mins").

Voting: For: 27; Against: 1;  
Abstentions: 0  
Carried

# Advisory Actions

Advisory Action #28/2017  
Conference resolved that the Service Website needs to be completely redesigned, and that a sub-committee of the Conference PI&CPC committee be formed to review the website with specifications and projected costs for this purpose to be presented at the February 2018 General Service Board meeting.

Voting: For: 26; Against: 0;  
Abstentions: 1  
Carried

Note: Conference was later advised that the members of the sub-committee would be: Ruby Jones; Garry Scott; John O'Leary and Jody Scott.

Advisory Action #29/2017  
Conference resolved that the notes from the 2017 National PI&CPC Forum and be posted at the AA service website.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

## CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #009/2017  
Conference resolved that the following be added as the first checklist point under 'Ways to Get Your Topic accepted on the Topic form:  
'Each topic for Conference should contain a single issue'.

Voting: For: 25; Against: 1;  
Abstentions: 0  
Carried

Advisory Action #30/2017  
Conference resolved that the next General Service Conference be held from Thursday 2st – Sunday 4th November 2018.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #031/2017  
Conference resolved that the Conference Agenda Committee will meet by teleconference on Saturday 16th June at 11.30am EST to formulate the Conference agendas and on Saturday 18th August at 11.30am EST to allocate topics to Conference

Voting: Carried by a show of hands  
Advisory Action #032/2017  
The Conference Agenda Committee recommends to Conference that the deadline for receipt of Conference Topics next year be 4pm on Friday 29th June 2018.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands  
Advisory Action #033/2017  
Conference resolved that the theme for the 2018 General Service Conference will be 'The Fellowship's Future'.

## BIDS

Advisory Action#042/2017  
Conference resolved to accept the bid by Area E Eastern Region to host the 2019 National PI&CPC Forum.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #043/2017  
Conference resolved to accept the bid by Area C North Eastern Region to host the 2020 National Convention in Toowoomba.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #044/2017  
Conference resolved to accept the bid by Areas A and B Central Region to host the 2021 National Convention in Adelaide.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #045/2017  
Conference resolved to accept the bid by Area C North East Region to host the 2018 North Eastern Regional Forum

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

Advisory Action #046/2017  
Conference resolved to accept the tentative bid by Area D Southern Region to host the 2018 Southern Regional Forum.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

## FLOOR ACTIONS

Advisory Action #001-B/2017  
Conference resolved to adopt the following plan re the Structure Inventory:

An Inventory Committee be formed

that would communicate digitally. 2 members from each region.

Inform the fellowship of the recommendation from conference to take structural inventory.  
No set time-line other than:

2018: The findings so far, and tell us what you want.

Discussion paper and on-line survey. Circulate a Discussion paper informing the fellowship on the general service conference workshop (2/11/17), adding that an on-line members survey will follow for the fellowship to participate. The on-line survey to be activated around the time of the discussion paper.

The survey will seek the following information:

Are we fulfilling our primary purpose?

What, if any, are the issues at local, area, regional, national levels of structure?

What would you change?

The survey would start with a question directed at members who are unfamiliar with the structure.

Along the lines of 'If you are unfamiliar with the service structure would you like to be contacted by your local area, if so...' Here's also a link to the Australian Service manual and Guidelines for further reference. Findings submitted to conference 2018.

The conference submission would be an inventory document to inform the desire for structural change if any, or to address smaller matters via topics of conference.

2019: Here's what you told us, so what are we going to do?

White paper.

Circulation of a White Paper containing:

Issues you want addressed.

Talking points – for and against.

The ramifications and details of changes.

Our collective responsibility for the changes.

Convene workshops similar to 2017 workshops to educate, review, discuss with members

Report to conference 2019.

Note: volunteers wishing to be part of the sub-committee were requested to contact Nik Rieth.

# A Message from our National PI&CPC Co-ordinator

Hi Friends.

Please allow me to introduce myself.

My name is Dave and I'm an alcoholic. I came into the rooms 24.4.09.

I have been chosen to by the General Service Board to fill the vacant role of National PI/CPC Coordinator, and am eager to carry on Leigh's amazing legacy as best I can.

I was the coordinator of the Gold Coast District PI/CPC and Leigh was always tremendously helpful to me. I rotated off at the end of December 2016 and after a hiatus of a couple of months, re-joined the committee as the PI rep for my home group,

"Emotional Sobriety" (at Burleigh Heads 6:00\_700pm Wednesday night In Fragley Hall above the Library... opposite the bowls club in beautiful downtown Burleigh Heads... everyone welcome.

I would like to make contact with all coordinators via email as a way of introduction, so I may have access to all your knowledge, opinions, and visions on keeping our fellowship strong. And for that, I will be truly grateful.

Please send me a "Hello" to [aapicpcnational@gmail.com](mailto:aapicpcnational@gmail.com) and I will let you have my mobile number.

## Important Notice

### AA Around Australia 2018

After discussion on our Fellowship's current financial position, at their last meeting in November the General Service Board agreed that it was necessary to introduce some cost cutting measures in 2018. There will only be two issues of AA Around Australia published next year – March and September 2018.

Information such as forthcoming events can still be published on the national and service websites and recovery stories etc. can be shared in the national e-magazine 'The Mixer'.

## National Public Information banners

AA gets invited to participate in many events around Australia, and increasingly, national professional association conferences and conventions. The General Service Office has commissioned a suite of pull up banners that can be used to give Public Information events a professional appearance. The 3 heavy duty banners (2 x 850mm and 1 x 1800mm) can be shipped anywhere in Australia and are available free of charge to members (you do, however pay for the freight). Contact GSO for further details.



# My first Conference as Area Delegate

**My name is Sanjay I am a recovered alcoholic, my home group is the Deal Men's Stag meeting in Armadale - Melbourne Victoria and sobriety date is 13<sup>th</sup> January 2005.**

My service experience to date started out with setting out the chairs in my original meetings back in London where I got sober. I then progressed in service by having a sponsor who encouraged the 3 legacies of recovery , unity and service and became a GSR for my home group and carried message into Hospitals and Institutions, then recently in my Melbourne home group as GSR then at District Committee level and some volunteering on local helplines. I attended my first General Service Conference last month and here is my experience of being Area F voice of our groups and districts in participating in our national group conscience .

I had forwarded my conference report to the office a few weeks before and it was good to read the other delegates reports in the conference folder which arrived a couple of weeks before so had some reading to do prior and get familiar with all of it !

I arrived early at the Q Station Manly for my first conference on the Wednesday night and

attended a dinner with some trustees and fellow delegates. I was welcomed and told to enjoy the experience. I had a few nerves about what to expect, however this was soon addressed when I let go and trusted God and kept asking for advice and help. I counted 16 delegates in attendance from around Australia and it was good to see how AA was functioning nationally. As first year delegate I welcomed the first meeting centred on how conference works and the procedure for conducting AA business within the framework of our traditions and guidelines from AA service manual and handbook -

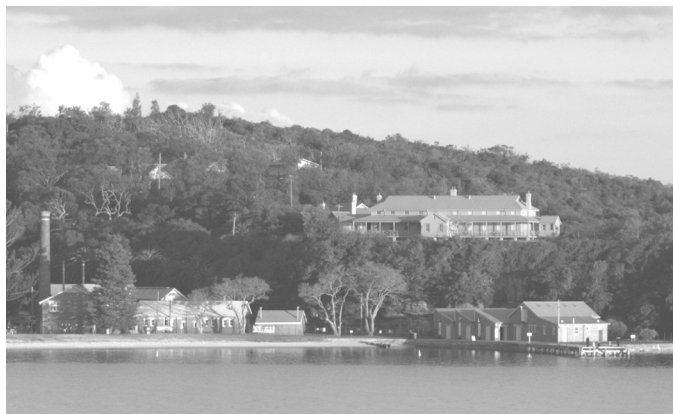
## **The conference theme was : A Vision for You**

The first morning of conference was addressed by Brett F the chair of the General Service Board who called for AA unity , explained how the fellowship prudent reserve was low at 4.7 months and that if AA was to continue providing services on a

national scale then we needed funds to pay for them. The board explained that transparency will be welcomed and immediately conference advised on the account error which occurred with Fringe Benefit Tax rules , a new accountant was appointed and a report will be forthcoming later in conference schedule.

We then had a workshop on the review of structure of AA in Australia following some previous conference topic actions , my first meeting to participate and straight in taking the notes of the delegates and recording them so the chair of the group could present back to conference later. Definitely... Into action !

I was scheduled to attend 3 committees during the conference these were on the International committee , the Finance committee and finally the Policy and Admissions



Committee.

My first committee meeting was the International one and whilst no topics – we heard reports from the World Service Delegates on the trip to New York World conference and other regional meetings , I was then nominated and voted in to be the chair of this committee for next years conference.

On Friday morning after breakfast – my next committee meeting was Finance which was a late change for me as they had only a few delegates - we discussed the topics under this committee and had interesting views on the suggested topic – it was great to see fellowship in action and different views carried out in respectful environment - again I was nominated and then voted in for chairing this committee for next years conference.

That night a number of delegates and regional trustees attended a local AA meeting in Cremorne NSW - the lady who attends regularly was

so pleased to see us and had bought extra biscuits , it was in this meeting that the jigsaw piece in my mind of attending conference for 4 days fell into place when there was literature on the table for the newcomer – it suddenly all made sense that the topics discussed had a direct result into the carrying the message in this local meeting and why the focus should always be on that.

Saturday was the most important and busiest day from what I observed with the recommendations from committees on respective topics & elections and then conference voting on those – using the conference guidelines and hearing the conscience of each delegate and board member , it was a great experience on how to see AA at work with the traditions and concepts...

although the agenda was full and the day packed the business got concluded , including the elections for people rotating off their positions -

The Sunday was met with some exhaustion over last few days – however I had really enjoyed my experience , we had the Ask It Basket to discuss where members could write in a topic , some floor actions could be tabled and the Chairman's closing remarks -

I felt we had all bonded as a group by this stage and some friendly discussions and amusement at each other was had - we are not a glum lot !

My takeout from the closing remarks and statements from outgoing delegates was that AA unity was vital – that we need funds to make sure we can continue doing the good work in our local communities and we can have fun whilst doing all of that ... afterwards there was a post delegates meeting where we had a chance to share on our experience and it was great to hear each other tell a positive message - when I left and boarded my flight home I reflected that my sense of duty of being in service was cemented as Dr Bob describes in his story.

Yours In Service  
Sanjay P

Area F Delegate – Southern  
Region

## Service Positions

### Correctional Facilities National Co-Ordinator

#### THE POSITION

The term of office is four years, taking effect immediately.

The new Co-ordinator is appointed by the Chairman of the Trustees' Correctional Facilities Committee, in consultation with the General Service Board.

The responsibilities of the Co-ordinator are:

To actively encourage and promote the growth of Correctional Facilities activities throughout Australia.

To act as a positive communication link, through reporting, writing, email, the Service website, displays and the National T&CF Forum, between all parts of the Fellowship with an interest in relevant Service work;

Be in regular contact with the Chairperson of the Trustees' Correctional Facilities Committee

in order to be apprised of Service opportunities;

Liaise with the Board and General Service Office in seeking or conveying requested Forum-related information, and in implementing national scale projects;

Send short Reports on main activities and Forum progress (dot points) to the February & July Board meetings via the General Service Office with cc to the Chair of the relevant Trustees' Committee, and report fully to the Board and annual GS Conference in November.

Publish and distribute a regular newsletter sharing information on AA activities in Correctional Facilities.

#### NATIONAL FORUM

Actively encourage Areas to have Forum hosting bids in for Conference approval two years ahead, to ensure continuity and certainty for maximum benefit to the Fellowship;

Be a functioning ex officio member of the relevant National Forum Host Planning Committee

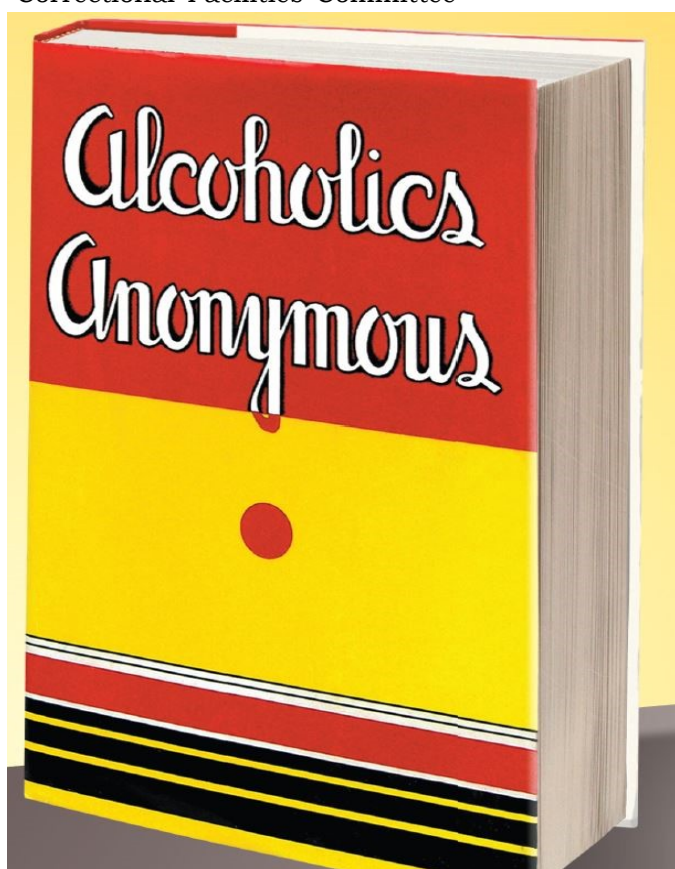
(HPC): co-ordinate, attend where feasible, receive all minutes, keep in active touch with the HPC and report to the Board;

Ensure that the Forum is relevant and attractive to the Fellowship in its content and activities;

See that the Forum as a whole is recorded for posterity;

Attend the Forum and deliver a report to the Service Fellowship on the past two years' activities in Correctional Facilities, including both successes and shortcomings as seen by the office-bearer;

Act on and follow up any requests of the Forum; Ensure that the Forum Program includes a slot for a short explanation and questions on the role of the Co-ordinator; ensure nomination forms for the next Co-ordinator position are available and participants are aware of the this and the deadline of the end of the Forum; convey completed forms to National Office as soon as possible after the Forum.



### Last Copies!

A.A. World Services, Inc. has released the publication of the only A.A.W.S.-authorized reproduction of the first edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

This new edition is a faithful replica of the original, with the famous "circus cover" dust jacket and bulky paper (which is why it was initially called the Big Book), and is published in the original English language text only.

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the historic publication of *Alcoholics Anonymous* in April 1939, the 2013 General Service Conference (US) approved the creation of this facsimile edition of the first printing of the first edition.

You can purchase a copy of this book through your local Central Service Office or district. If there is no literature service available where you are, you can order directly from GSO. Price \$17.60. Stocks are limited.

# Group Contributions September to November

<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>		CR					
<b>Area A CR</b>	CR/A		Batemans Bay	125.00	<b>Area H ER</b>	ER/H	
Brompton Beginners	360.00	Bawley Point	290.00	Fairfield Steps	230.00		
Coffin Bay	168.30	Beginners Group (ACT)	435.24	Granville Sun Spiritual Concept	650.00		
Daveron Park	12.00	Big Book Basics	34.48	Katoomba ABSI Sun	180.00		
Grange	45.00	Braidwood Tues am	156.35	Katoomba Wednesday	60.00		
Junction Midday	139.20	Brindabella	150.00	Kingswood Beginners	100.00		
Kadina Recovery	36.40	Canberra Speakers	150.00	Lalor Park Tues	82.59		
Kilburn	177.19	Daily Reprieve	224.29	Lawson Mon	30.00		
Mansfield Park	84.00	Dickson BB	570.00	North Richmond Recovery	500.00		
Port Augusta	45.00	Emotional Sobriety	87.97	Parramatta Town Hall Fri	20.00		
Port Lincoln	450.00	Ginninderra	450.00	Parramatta Thu Sat	50.00		
Salisbury Friday	99.25	Goulburn	42.00	Penrith	100.00		
Semaphore Serenity	139.80	Interchange Group	150.00	St Marys Sat	670.55		
Tea Tree Gully	34.60	Jindabyne	51.00	Telopea	250.00		
Two Wells	94.70	Kambah	403.50	Wentworthville Thurs	62.00		
<b>Total Area A:</b>	<b>1,885.44</b>	Queanbeyan	390.90	Windsor 10am Friday	160.00		
<b>Area B CR</b>	CR/B	Recovery	107.64	<b>Total Area H:</b>	<b>3,145.14</b>		
Adelaide BBS	105.00	Tuggeranong Fellowship	700.00	<b>Total Eastern Region:</b>	<b>24,617.04</b>		
Adelaide Beginners	90.00	Weston Creek	129.00				
Adelaide Tuesday Lunch	219.60	Woden Valley	75.00				
Aldgate	61.90	Women's Fri Night Group	150.00				
Bedford Park	54.90	<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>4,992.37</b>				
Berri S&T	30.00	<b>Area C ER</b>	ER/C				
Breakfast Groups	90.00	Berkeley Vale	100.00	<b>Area A SR</b>	SR/A		
Burnside Friday Lunchtime	50.05	Gosford City Beginners	172.00	Port Fairy Topic	70.00		
Burnside Welcome	47.95	Hamilton SA	60.00	Warrnambool Tues pm	180.00		
Eastwood Recovery	102.00	Newcastle Freedom	60.00	<b>Total Area A:</b>	<b>250.00</b>		
Glenelg	36.80	Raymond Terrace Mon Night	100.00	<b>Area B SR</b>	SR/B		
Loxton Thursdays	45.00	Saratoga Fri Night	100.00	Castlemaine	80.00		
Loxton Tuesday	150.00	Terrigal Beach	218.00	Mooroopna Discussion	80.00		
Meadows	45.00	Umina Sat LS	50.00	Rutherglen Discussion	100.00		
Millicent	22.00	Umina	100.00	<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>260.00</b>		
Mt Barker Sober on Sat	22.70	Wyong Steps	60.00	<b>Area C SR</b>	SR/C		
Norwood	62.75	<b>Total Area C:</b>	<b>1,020.00</b>	The Deal	682.26		
Payneham	35.95	<b>Area D ER</b>	ER/D	Balwyn Breakfast	100.00		
Payneham Womens	102.00	Bowral	370.00	Box Hill Sunday Night	50.00		
Renmark Sunday	48.30	Bowral Womens	90.00	East Ringwood Just For Today	150.00		
Spiritual/Speaker	240.00	Mittagong Sun Night	266.75	Melbourne Ross House DR	123.00		
Victor Harbour BBS	29.25	Oatley Sat 9am Daily Reflections	200.00	Mornington AVFY	76.10		
<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>1,691.15</b>	Pemulwy Wed pm	50.00	Mount Eliza Recovery	200.00		
Adelaide CSO (Group Donations)	1,971.48	Sutherland Groups	50.00	St Kilda Saturday Night Live	78.00		
<b>Total Central Region:</b>	<b>5,548.07</b>	Wollongong CSO	500.00	South Melbourne Recovery	317.40		
		<b>Total Area D:</b>	<b>1,526.75</b>	There Is A Solution	276.83		
		<b>Area E ER</b>	ER/E	Toorak Wed Happy Destiny	187.00		
<b>EASTERN REGION</b>	ER	Area E	\$1,000.00	<b>Total Area C:</b>	<b>2,240.59</b>		
<b>Area A ER</b>	ER/A	Area E Groups via NSCSO	4,193.56	<b>Area D SR</b>	SR/D		
Alstonville Sun BBS	129.00	Baulkham Hills	50.00	Area D	2,000.00		
Armidale Breakfast	100.00	Cromer Sat 2pm	400.00	Ballarat Beginners	100.00		
Armidale Free To Be	100.00	Dee Why Wed	1,500.00	Ballarat Big Book	100.00		
Armidale Wed ABSI	500.00	North Sydney Meditation	500.00	Geelong Breakfast Bill and Bob	52.95		
Brunswick Heads BB	110.00	<b>Total Area E:</b>	<b>6,643.56</b>	Moonee Ponds Big Book Tues	112.00		
Byron Shire District	1,000.00	<b>Area F ER</b>	ER/F	Moonee Ponds Road to Recovery	200.00		
Dorrigo	100.00	Orange Mon	170.00	Northern Exposure	180.00		
Gloucester	360.00	Wagga Edward St	100.00	Rosanna Steps	150.00		
Kyogle Wed 7pm	50.00	Wagga Wagga Sunday Night	150.00	Seddon Steps	200.00		
Lismore Sun Night	100.00	<b>Total Area F:</b>	<b>420.00</b>	Torquay	25.00		
Macleay Womens	20.00	<b>Area G ER</b>	ER/G	Torquay Wed BB	150.00		
Port Macquarie Spiritual Concepts	450.00	Balmain Sat	255.00	Werribee Thurs	100.00		
Sawtell Living Sober	10.00	Balmain Thurs pm	93.50	Westhope Recovery	400.00		
South Grafton Thurs Sat	150.00	The Into Action Group	600.00	Western Unity	300.00		
South West Rocks	100.00	Lilyfield Steps	327.00	<b>Total Area D:</b>	<b>4,069.95</b>		
Tamworth Wed Daytime	250.00	Lilyfield Women's	179.70	Break 'o Day	100.00		
Wauchope	100.00	Paddington Wed pm	60.00	Burnie Fri Night	200.00		
Woolgoolga	10.00	Randwick Steps & Traditions	450.00	Devonport	40.00		
<b>Total Area A:</b>	<b>3,510.00</b>	Rocks Breakfast	600.00	Hobart City Thurs	150.00		
<b>Area B ER</b>	ER/B	Surry Hills 11am Sun SC GL&T	54.00	Hobart Friday	108.40		
Ainslie Village	90.00	Surry Hills Sat 11am	205.02	Sandy Bay	100.00		
Back to Basics	30.00	Sydney City Wed 8am Lawyers	235.00	<b>Total Area E:</b>	<b>698.40</b>		
Batemans Bay	125.00	Wayside Chapel	300.00	<b>Total Southern Region:</b>	<b>7,518.94</b>		
		<b>Total Area G:</b>	<b>3,359.22</b>				

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<b>NORTH EASTERN REGION</b>		NER				
<b>Area A NER</b>	NER/A		Burleigh Heads Sun 5.30	382.55	<b>Area B WR</b>	WR/B
Aurukun	72.00		Chirn Park/Labrador Thurs 8pm	60.00	Albany Central	90.00
Cairns BB Mon	57.00		Coolangatta groups	150.00	Armadale	150.00
Cairns Lunchtime	180.00		Coomera BB Monday 7pm	161.31	Beaconsfield Early Risers	214.50
Cairns CSO	193.00		Coomera GC S&T Thurs	277.05	Dunsborough	15.00
Mackay District	120.00		Coorparoo Day	933.90	Fremantle Doctor	37.50
Mackay Hope	60.00		Denmark Hill Topic	54.00	Fremantle Serenity Group	120.00
Mackay Serenity	60.00		Dulacca	12.00	Fremantle Spiritual Concepts	129.60
Mt Isa	30.00		Elanora Spirit of Freedom	220.60	Fremantle Sunday Beginners	60.00
The Strand	180.00		Greenslopes	84.00	Gosnells	30.00
Townsville Annandale	30.00		Gumdale	50.00	Kwinana Town	115.00
Upper Ross/Rollingstone	90.00		Isle of Capri Sat	207.20	Mundijong	65.00
<b>Total Area A:</b>	<b>1,072.00</b>		Isle of Capri Thurs	312.20	Pinjarra Steps	120.00
<b>Area B NER</b>	NER/B		Kenmore Groups	60.00	Rockingham Peoples Group	90.00
Albany Creek/ Carseldine HP	10.00		Kingscliffe Tues 8pm	60.00	South Fremantle Steps	30.00
Ashgrove West Big Book Sun 8pm	89.16		Kirra Hill Sun	75.00	Victoria Park Topics	60.00
Aspley Steps Monday Night	150.00		Mermaid Beach Fri 5:30pm	24.00	<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>1,326.60</b>
Auchenflower	150.00		Mermaid Beach Sun	45.00	<b>Total Western Region:</b>	<b>3,782.30</b>
Bray Park BBS	70.00		Murwillumbah Sat pm	200.00	<b>NORTHERN REGION</b>	NR
Bribie Island Fri Night	90.00		New Farm	447.00	<b>Area A NR</b>	NR/A
Brisbane Roma St.	50.00		Oxley Station	270.00	Casuarina	130.00
Brisbane Steps & Traditions	60.00		Palm Beach Sat 5:30pm Topic	180.00	Darwin Harbour View	28.44
Buddina Monday noon	120.00		Palm Beach BB Wed 7pm	18.90	Darwin Tues BB	104.82
Bundaberg Wed Midday	209.00		Paradise Point Fri 6pm	30.00	Humpty Doo	100.00
Bundaberg - Sunday	90.00		Paradise Point Sun 5pm	90.00	Nightcliff Sat	108.00
Caboolture Big Book Recovery	60.00		Slacks Creek	68.00	Nightcliff Steps	44.00
Caboolture Sunday/Wed	195.00		Southport Fri 12pm	30.00	<b>Total Northern Region:</b>	<b>515.26</b>
Caloundra BB Sat	135.00		Southport Mon 12pm	68.60	<b>Unknown Internet Deposits</b>	Unknown
Caloundra ABSI	90.00		Southport Mon Womens BB	61.60	1/9 10917	30.00
Caloundra Earlybirds Wed	90.00		Southport Sat 10am	43.50	4/9 BABACTDISTRICT	1,000.00
Carina Sat	200.00		Southport Sun BB 6pm	55.00	5/9 Deposit 7000	87.50
Chevallum	600.00		Southport Tues 12pm	15.00	7/9 8092017	30.00
Clontarf SC	90.00		Southport Wed 10.30am	30.00	15/9 Sun LS	30.00
Coolum	450.00		Southport Wed 6pm	14.70	22/9 Deposit	60.00
Dorrington Steps	116.00		Southport Wed Beginners	19.10	29/9 29092017	30.00
Far Western District	360.00		Springwood Topics	90.00	2/10134DonationSep2017	225.00
Gympie BBS	150.00		Toowong Young Peoples	60.00	2/10 Unknown deposit	270.00
Hervey Bay Monday Night	50.00		Toowoomba How	150.00	4/10 Deposit	75.00
Howard	72.00		Tugun Thurs	18.00	12/10 457570	60.00
Kawana Friday	27.00		Tweed Hds Thurs Hospital	90.00	13/10 Deposit	130.00
Maroochydore Wed Promises	82.81		Tweed Heads Mon 7.30	105.00	16/10 Deposit	30.00
Maroochydore Friday Cosmos	180.00		Tweed Heads Thurs 1.30pm	60.00	16/10 Deposit	60.00
Maroochydore Topic Sunday	180.00		Zillmere Wed Night	30.00	23/10 915137	200.00
Mooloolaba Tues Mens	90.00		<b>Total Area C:</b>	<b>6,945.91</b>	9/11 Agent Deposit 711	97.50
Morven	120.00		<b>Total North Eastern Region:</b>	<b>14,690.62</b>	13/11 GBS Branch District	200.00
Nambour Saturday Night	360.00		<b>WESTERN REGION</b>	WR	13/11 9/8 - 19/10	838.17
Noosa DR Wed	420.74		<b>Area A WR</b>	WR/A	24/11 Sunday LS	60.00
Noosaville Topic	360.00		80 Mile Beach/Sandfire Steps	300.00	24/11 1332	200.00
Nundah	60.00		Balga	60.00	27/11 S/Coast Serenity	25.00
Pomona	500.00		Burns Beach	60.00	27/11 4th Dimension	104.13
Redcliffe LS	90.00		Early Openers	45.00	<b>Total Unknown Deposits:</b>	<b>3,842.30</b>
Redcliffe AM Recovery	126.00		High Wycombe Steps	72.39	<b>TOTAL ALL REGIONS:</b>	<b>60,514.53</b>
Sandgate Sat pm	60.00		Inglewood Women's	30.00	<b>LIM - Australia Donations</b>	<b>40.00</b>
Tin Can Bay 12 x 12	120.00		Joondanna	60.00	<b>TOTAL LIM</b>	<b>40.00</b>
Yeppoon	150.00		Joondanna Wed	60.00	<b>Total \$60,554.53</b>	
<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>6,672.71</b>		Kalgoorlie	120.00	<b>Thanks to all groups for your support</b>	
<b>Area C NER</b>	NER/C		Kalgoorlie Steps	10.50	If your group would like to make a contribution to	
Amity Steps Mon	10.00		Karratha	26.25	General Service Office, please make all cheques or	
Annerley BB Basics	30.00		Merriwa Beginners	90.00	money orders payable to: The General Service Board	
Annerley Womens	100.00		Marangaroo Friday	90.00	of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia. If making a	
Ashmore Tues	60.00		Mirrabooka Spanish Speaking	30.00	contribution via internet transfer, BSB 012006 Acc	
Bayside Beginners	90.00		Nedlands Breakfast	90.00	009750529. Please make sure you write down in the	
Beenleigh	100.00		Nedlands Womens	120.00	memo what group the donation is from. If your group	
Brisbane Traditions	30.00		Noranda Steps	45.00	isn't listed correctly, please call General Service	
Broadbeach Happy Hour Topic	163.65		North Beach Womens	17.82	Office 02 9599 8866	
Burleigh Heads Mon 7pm ID	75.00		North Perth WWO	100.00		
Burleigh Heads Early Birds	621.75		Northbridge Spiritual Concepts	45.00		
Burleigh Heads Fri 8pm	30.00		Scarborough Encouragement	476.85		
Burleigh Heads Wed E S	222.30		Vincent St Morning	400.00		
			Wanneroo	106.89		
			<b>Total Area A:</b>	<b>2,455.70</b>		

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