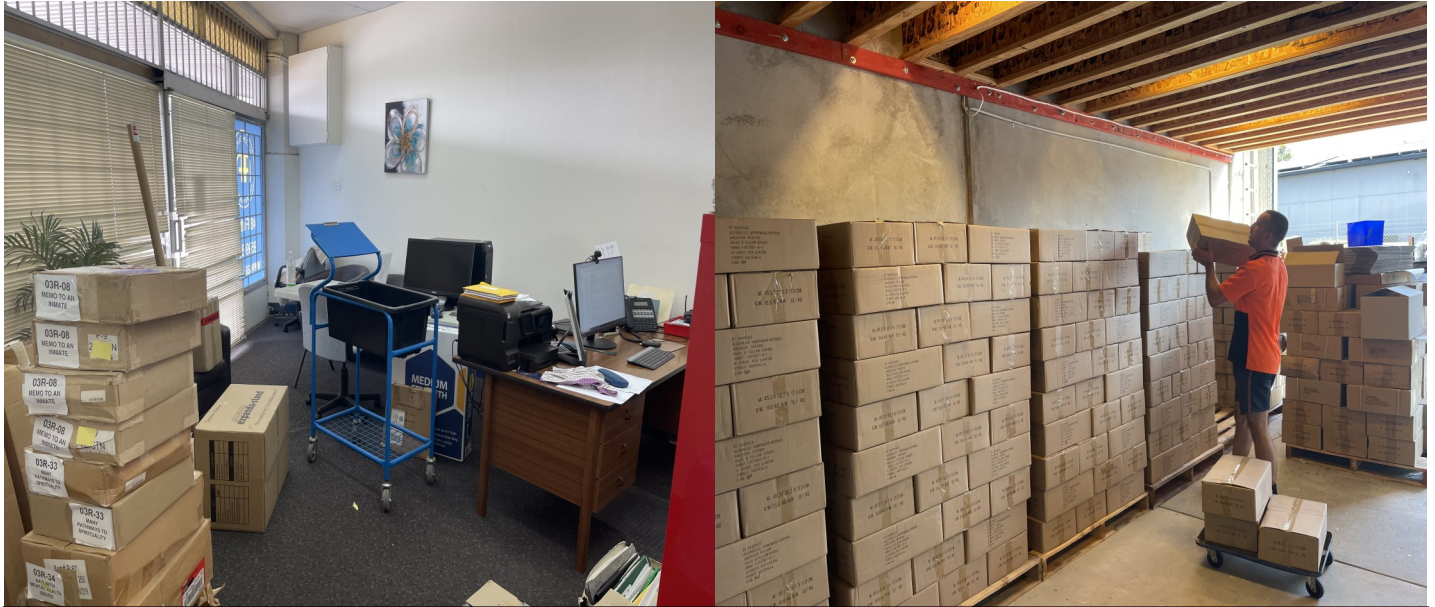


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With the National Conference finished for 2022, it became time to start packing up all our things in Firth St and transferring them to our new premises in Garnet St. As you might imagine this required a lot of boxes! We had previously stored all the Big Books in an off-site facility and had them transferred over to the new warehouse where we'll have all our literature under one roof.

Painters were engaged, removalists hired, and the electrician made sure we had all the cabling in place for when we get the NBN hooked up.

There's a couple more loads to come from Firth St that will complete the move out phase—now all we have to do is put everything back together and literature back on the shelves.

At this stage we're anticipating the Online Bookstore will be up and running early in the New Year.

Thanks for your patience!

Please note new address

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Rockdale NSW  
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# Calendar of events

**National Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous in Perth**  
 Thursday 6th April to Sunday 9th April 2023. The website is live and early bird registrations are open.  
[hwww.aanatcon2023.com.au](http://hwww.aanatcon2023.com.au)

**December 2022**  
**Sutherland Christmas Day-continuous meeting**  
 Pensioners Centre 749 Old Princes Hwy, Sutherland  
 December 25 @ 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
 There will be tea and coffee. We will have a share table of food – please bring something to add to the table if you can.  
 Pensioners Centre is next to the Railway Station.  
 Gold coin donation

**Christmas Day At Annandale**  
 Annandale Community Center 79 Johnston St,, Annandale, NSW  
 December 25 @ 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

**Guyra Christmas Day gathering**  
 Guyra Meeting at the Community Hub  
 Christmas gathering 3 pm to 5 pm then meeting 5 pm to 6.30 pm  
 December 25 @ 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm

**Newtown NYE 2022**  
 189 Church St Newtown NSW 189 Church St, NEWTOWN, NSW  
 December 31 @ 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
 Donation

**February 2023**  
**Roonka Rally**  
 Roonka Water Activity Centre, Scouts SA

Please call or text Courtney on 0452611602 to book  
 February 17, 2023 @ 5:00 pm - February 19, 2023 @ 5:00 pm

**March 2023**  
**Gold Coast Women’s Retreat Weekend**  
 More info <https://www.gcwomensretreat.org/>  
 March 17, 2023 @ 4:00 pm - March 19, 2023 @ 5:00 pm

**East Coast District Rally**  
 St Paul's Anglican Church Hall Cecilia St, St Helens, TAS  
 March 17, 2023 @ 6:00 pm - March 19, 2023 @ 2:00 pm  
 \$25

**Archie McKinnon Rally**  
 Camp Kurrajong 759 Oura Road  
 March 24, 2023 @ 5:00 pm - March 26, 2023 @ 5:00 pm

**London International AA Convention**  
 For more information click <https://londonaaconvention.com/>  
 April 28, 2023 @ 3:00 pm - April 30, 2023 @ 3:00 pm

**May 2023**  
**Central Coast A.A. Rally "Back Into Action"**  
 May 5, 2023 @ 5:00 pm - May 7, 2023 @ 3:00 pm

**August 2023**  
**Coffs Harbour Rally**  
 Norm Jordan Pavilion Coffs Harbour Showground, Coffs Harbour  
 Theme: Life will take on New Meaning  
 Banana Coast District Rally with Al-Anon participation  
 Camping Facilities will also be available at the Show Grounds.  
 August 25, 2023 @ 5:00 pm - August 27, 2023 @ 5:00 pm

**October 2023**  
**Sydney Roundup 14-15 October 2023**  
 October 14, 2023 - October 15, 2023

**For more details on all coming events click**  
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# Conference Advisory Actions 2022

## GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE 2022 ADVISORY ACTIONS

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

### CONFERENCE REPORT CHARTER & SERVICE MANUAL COMMITTEE

**Advisory Action #046/2022**  
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee's recommendation that the proposal to remove reference to CSOs in the guidelines be rejected. Conference resolved that reference to CSO's in the AA Guidelines and the AA Service Manual be replaced with the words Local/Central Service Office. While the Australian Service Manual makes it very clear that Central/Local Service offices provide local services to participating groups outside of the General Service Structure, the use of mostly the term Central (CSO) could be confusing. The change to Local/Central Service Offices provides the necessary clarity. It is further recommended that the GSB consult with Local/Central Service Offices about the change and the reason for it. This Advisory Action emanated from Advisory Action #015/2021  
Voting: For: 21; Against: 3;  
Abstentions: 1  
Carried

**Advisory Action #;024/2022**  
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee's

recommendation that the revised National Convention Guideline be accepted with the following words added to the Host Planning Committee.  
The Host Planning Committee has responsibility for the timing, however consideration should be given for the time of year in which it is held, and the duration of the Convention to cater for domestic and international travellers.  
Voting: For: 24; Against: 0;  
Abstentions: 2 After hearing the minority voice there was a revote:  
Voting: For: 21; Against: 5;  
Abstentions: 0  
Carried

**Advisory Action #025/2022**  
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee's recommendation that the revised Correctional Facilities Guideline be accepted with the following minor edit in the "Code of Conduct" paragraph 3.  
You may encounter corrective services officers who don't share your passion for AA. You should not try to impress them, but we need to keep on side by keeping our minds on the alcoholics who still suffer, now and in the future: thoughtless words or actions can instantly undo prolonged efforts to establish AA in a facility.  
Voting: For: 25; Against: 0  
Abstentions: 0  
Carried

**Advisory Action #002/2022**  
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee's recommendation that Section 4 (The District and District Committee) of the Australian General Service Manual be expanded to provide more clarity.  
Voting: For: 24; Against: 0;  
Abstentions: 1  
Carried

**Advisory Action #002-B/2022**  
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee's recommendation that Chapter II of the 2021-2023 revised and updated

edition of the US/Canada Service Manual be used as a source document instead of the document submitted with the Topic.  
Voting: For: 24; Against: 1;  
Abstentions: 0  
Carried  
Advisory Action #017/2022

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Committee on Trustees recommendation to support the Board's intention to change Article 4 of its Articles of Association by rewording the last sentence to read:  
'Any Trustees having retired shall not be eligible for reappointment, except in the case where the Class A Trustee has retired before completion of their five year term of office'

**Advisory Action #026/2022**  
Voting: For: 22; Against: 4;  
Abstentions: 0  
Carried  
Conference resolved to recommend to the General Service Board that Garry Scott be elected as Eastern Regional Trustee for a four year period, effective 1st January 2023.  
Voting: Carried by Third Legacy Procedure

**Advisory Action #027/2022**  
Conference resolved to recommend to the General Service Board that Dominic Hyde be elected as Western Regional Trustee for a four year period, effective 1st January 2023.  
Voting: For: 24; Against: 0;  
Abstentions: 2  
Carried

**Advisory Action #028/2022**  
Conference resolved to recommend to the General Service Board that John O'Leary be elected as North Eastern Regional Trustee for a four year period, effective 1st January 2023.  
Voting: For: 21; Against: 2;  
Abstentions: 3

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## Advisory Action #029/2022

Conference resolved to ratify the appointment by the General Service Board of Andrew Taylor as General Service Trustee for a four year period, effective 1st January 2023.

Voting: no disapproval vote  
Carried

## CONFERENCE TREATMENT FACILITIES AND ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

### Advisory Action #003/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Treatment Facilities & Accessibility Committee's recommendation that the General Service Board encourages the Fellowship to take steps to raise awareness that AA welcomes Deaf and Hard of Hearing people wishing to investigate the 12 Step solution to alcoholism and supports the cost of an Auslan interpreter for one year at a cost of \$3,408 in the hope that the existing meeting will become self supporting. The submitter of this topic should be invited to work with the committees in the implementation of this Advisory Action.

The expenditure for a Facebook campaign or teletypewriter line is not recommended at this time.

Voting: For: 17; Against: 5;  
Abstentions: 1  
Carried

## CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Advisory Action #030/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Finance Committee's recommendation that the audited accounts of the General Service Board for year ended 30 June 2022 be accepted.

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

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

### Advisory Action #005/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Public Information & Co-operation with the Professional Community's recommendation that any idea that encourages individuals to participate in PI&CPC should be supported and that the week of December 11 should be 'National Put up an AA Poster' week.

### Advisory Action #018/2022

Voting: For: 22; Against: 4;  
Abstentions: 0

Carried

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Public Information & Co-operation with the Professional Community's recommendation that, in line with the General Service Board's decision to form a new committee, a new Conference Committee (The Technology & Social Media Committee) should be formed. The overall scope of the committee will be any member service or supporting function that heavily relies on technology or that is/will be impacted by changes in technology, e.g. tasks relating to the National and Service Websites, Social Media, Communications and Member Services.

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

## CONFERENCE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

### Advisory Action #004/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Correctional Facilities Committee's recommendation that a Working Group be formed to develop less formal and easy to read and use materials that improves a person's engagement with AA both whilst they are in,

and after they have left a

Correctional Facility. The new materials should be submitted to Conference 2023 for approval. It was noted that the material supplied with the topic was not consistent with current published literature and the content included suggestions based on AA lore rather than the AA programme.

Voting: For: 19; Against: 4;  
Abstentions: 3  
Carried

## CONFERENCE POLICIES & ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

### Advisory Action #031/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Policies & Admissions Committee recommendation that the submitted article 'Tradition Three and what it means for Specialised AA Groups', produced by the Trustees' Literature Committee, be made available to the Fellowship by publishing in pamphlets, AA Around Australia and other publications, websites, etc. This Advisory Action emanated from Advisory Action #023/2021

Voting: For: 18; Against: 4;  
Abstentions: 3 After the Minority Voice there was a revote on the committee's recommendation.

Voting: For: 13; Against: 12;  
Abstentions: 1  
Carried

### Advisory Action #013/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Policies & Admissions Committee's recommendation that a decision regarding a General Service Conference Inventory be postponed until 2024 after the Policies & Admissions Committee working group report and recommendations has been completed. This report will include a review and recommendations on the Conference voting structure and a full service literature review and should be completed by 2023.

Voting: For: 23; Against: 2;  
Abstentions: 1  
Carried

### Advisory Action #032/2022

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Conference resolved to accept the Conference Policies & Admissions Committee's recommendation that future pre-Conference Delegates & Observers meeting be held virtually and that Alternate Delegates be permitted to attend.  
 Voting: For: 26; Against: 0;  
 Abstentions: 0  
 Carried

## CONFERENCE REMOTE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

**Advisory Action #019/2022**  
 Conference resolved to accept the Conference Remote Communities Committee recommendation that extends the scope of the National Combined Forum be extend to include Remote Communities, but that the name should be changed to something less unwieldy such as the National Combined Carry the Message Forum or National Combined Outreach Forum.  
 Voting: For: 26; Against: 0;  
 Abstentions: 0  
 Carried

## CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

**Advisory Action #020/2022**  
 Conference resolved to accept the Conference International Committee's recommendation that the sum of \$2000 be donated to the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting Secretariat to assist with the running costs of the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting.  
 Voting: For: 25; Against: 1;  
 Abstentions: 0  
 Carried

## CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

**Advisory Action #033/2022**  
 Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that a Sub-committee be established to publish stories and create multimedia suite of AA Resources for the First Nations AA still suffering Alcoholic. This Advisory Action emanated from Advisory Action #016/2019.

Voting: For: 22; Against: 2;  
 Abstentions: 4 After the Minority Voice there was a revote on the committees recommendation.  
 Voting: For: 16; Against: 10;  
 Abstentions: 2  
 Carried

**Advisory Action #010/2022**  
 Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that the General Service Board investigates and pursues mechanisms by which Australian members (and the worldwide Fellowship generally, can have a say in future decisions regarding changes to our key literature.

\*Note: The Conference Literature Committee agreed that there are references in the US/Canada Conference Charter that encourage consultation and communication between Conferences, and recommended that these channels be explored and developed, led by our World Service Delegates.  
 Voting: For: 27; Against: 0;  
 Abstentions: 1  
 Carried

**Advisory Action #011/2022**  
 Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that the AA Australian Group Handbook be made freely available to all members as a downloadable PDF.  
 Voting: For: 26; Against: 1;  
 Abstentions: 1  
 Carried

### Advisory Action #015/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that a small working group be formed to edit and adopt the AAWS District Committee Member (DCM) Kit page for general service in Australia. It is acknowledged that modifications will berequired to suit Australia, licensing agreements, etc.

Voting: For: 25; Against: 1;  
 Abstentions: 2

Carried

**Advisory Action #016/2022**  
 Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that a small working group be formed to edit and adopt the AAWS General Service Representative (GSR) Kit page for general service in Australia. It is acknowledged that modifications will be required to suit Australia, licensing agreements, etc.  
 Voting: For: 25; Against: 1;  
 Abstentions: 2  
 Carried

**Advisory Action #021/2022**  
 Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that the Board's request for permission to produce and sell an 80th anniversary medallion be accepted.  
 Voting: For: 26; Against: 2;  
 Abstentions: 0  
 Carried

**Advisory Action #023/2022**  
 Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that a limited run of an 80th Anniversary Australian Big Book be published, with the provision that a robust process is undertaken to ensure known page numbering issues and any typographical errors are reviewed and fixed as part of this process. It was further resolved that the submitted Foreword to be accepted, on the proviso that the Preface of the 50th Anniversary Edition is also included.  
 Voting: For: 20; Against: 7;  
 Abstentions: 1  
 Carried

**Advisory Action #034**  
 Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that the Guidelines for Service Entities on Archives and the Archivist job description be accepted.  
 Voting: For: 27; Against: 0;  
 Absentions: 0  
 Carried

# Conference Advisory Actions 2022

## CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE

**Advisory Action #035/2022**  
Conference resolved that the General Service Board be requested to formulate a proposal re combining Conference Committees (re Advisory Action 001/2021) by 31st March 2023 and that an online meeting of the General Service Conference be convened in May 2023 to discuss and vote on the proposal.  
Voting: For: 27; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Carried

**Advisory Action #036/2022**  
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Agenda Committee's recommendation that the 2023 General Service Conference be held from Saturday 4th – Sunday 5th November 2023 (venue to be advised).  
Voting: For: 26; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Carried

**Advisory Action #037/2022**  
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Agenda Committee's final recommendation that the Agenda Committee should meet on Saturday 17th June 2023 at 11.30am EST by teleconference to formulate agendas and on Saturday 5th August 2023 at 11.30am EST by teleconference to allocate topics to Conference Committees.  
Voting on original committee recommendation: For: 14; Against: 13; Abstentions: 0  
After the Minority Voice there was a revote: For: 9; Against: 18; Abstentions: 0  
The Committee then met to formulate a new recommendation, shown in Advisory Action above.. Voting: For: 26; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0  
Carried

**Advisory Action #038/2022**  
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Agenda Committee's final recommendation that the

deadline for receipt of 2023 Conference Topics should be 4pm Friday 16th June 2023.

Voting on original committee recommendation: For: 25; Against: 1 Abstentions 0  
After the Minority Voice the original recommendation was amended, as per Advisory Action above. Voting: For: 27; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Carried

**Advisory Action #039/2022**  
Conference resolved that the theme of the 2023 General Service Conference would be 'My Home Group – Commitment to Action'.

**Advisory Action #040/2022**  
Voting: by a show of hands  
Carried  
Conference resolved to accept the Conference Agenda Committee's recommendation that Advisory Action #017/2001 (that delegates should hold the Chairman's position of one Conference committee only) be rescinded or reworded, as it is not currently workable.  
Voting: For: 24; Against: 1; Abstentions: 1  
Carried

## BIDS

**Advisory Action #022/2022**  
Conference resolved to accept the General Service Board's proposal that the 2025 National Convention be held in Sydney to celebrate AA Australia's 80th anniversary and that it be hosted by the General Service Board.

**Advisory Action #041/2022**  
Voting: For: 26; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0  
Carried  
Conference resolved to accept the bid by Areas A and B Central Region to host the 2024 National Convention.  
Voting: Carried by a show of hands  
There were no bids to host the 2024 Combined National Forum or 2023 Regional Forums.

## CONFERENCE FLOOR ACTIONS

**Advisory Action #042/2022**  
Conference resolved to recommend to the Conference Agenda Committee that pre-Conference committee meetings be held virtually and that the main Conference be held physically for 2023.

**Advisory Action #043/2022**  
Voting: For: 22; Against: 3; Abstentions: 1  
Carried  
Conference resolved that, after each conference committee meeting is held in October, the draft report prepared by the committee coordinator is reviewed for accuracy and approved by the Committee Chair and/or the Trustee member of the committee before it is circulated to all Conference members or added to the Conference folder.  
Voting: For: 16; Against: 6; Abstentions: 2  
Carried

**Advisory Action #044/2022**  
That the Australian AA Group Handbook be updated to replace 'gays; with 'members of the LGBTQIA+ community' in this section:

Some AAs come together as specialised AA groups – for men, women, young people, doctors, gays and others. If the members are all alcoholics and they open the door to all alcoholics who need help, regardless of profession, gender or other distinction, and meet all the other aspects defining an AA group, they may call themselves an AA group.'

And that the article about specialised groups be updated accordingly before publication.  
Voting: For: 20; Against: 4; Abstentions: 1  
Carried

# AA Survey Results

## Report on the Survey – A Snapshot of our AA Fellowship in 2022

In 2019 The General Service Conference asked the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous to undertake a membership Survey. It was delayed due to Covid but undertaken this year.

The aim of the survey was to provide a snapshot in time of our fellowship's makeup which will assist with the General Service Board planning, provide public information and be of interest to the media and professionals who work in the field of alcoholism.

The survey was launched in Brisbane in February at the National PI, CPC, TF and CF Forum and closed on the 30 September.

There were 1628 responses received

### Summary of some of the responses

#### Age

Most respondents were 40 to 69 years of age. Very few under were under 20 (0.31%) . 38% were over 60, indicating an aging fellowship. Only 2.3% of respondents were under 30.

#### Gender

This was pretty evenly split with 50% male, 49% female with 1% identifying as as other gender.

#### Location

46% of respondents were located in metro areas, followed by cities as 30%. 24% reported living in rural or remote areas.

#### Home Group

90% reported belonging to a home group..

#### Disability

6% reported a disability making it hard to attend meetings. There

were a number of respondents reporting that mental health issue such as depression and anxiety were an issue. Eye sight was another reported by a number

#### Occupation

About 26% of respondents reported being retired, reflecting our aging fellowship. Professional made up 24%. Just over 5% reported being unemployed.

#### Length of Sobriety

18% reported sobriety of 10 to 20 years. The spread either side was pretty even. 15% reported less than 12 months.

#### Sponsorship

74% reported having a sponsor. 26% reported having a Service Sponsor.

#### ATSI

2.5% of respondents reported being as being aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander.

#### Service

96% reported being involved in Group service. 33% at District, 30% at Area and 24% public information. Note that more than one area of service can be selected, but it seems many of our members are involved in some form of service.

#### Introduction to AA

31% reported being self-motived to come to AA, followed by through a Treatment Centre or an AA friend. A number came in through, counselling, a health professional or an AA article in a paper. This shows the importance of continuing our PI and CPC work. Correctional Centres also featured with 0.25% coming into AA that way.

#### Counselling

This was a pretty even split with 52% reported using counselling

before coming to AA and 48% after coming to AA. This seems to indicate counselling is a big factor in recovery and we need to continue to reach out to professionals and engage them in what we can offer.

#### No of meetings

Most members reported attending between 2 to 4 meetings per week. 28% reported 3 per week. 6.7% reported attending 7 or more. Interestingly 3% reported attending no meetings per week.

#### Virtual Meetings

88% of members reported attending virtual meetings. This has dropped off to about 7% attending only virtual meetings. However almost 48% reported attending a mix of virtual and face to face meetings. Of those attending virtual meetings 60% reported it was because of ease of attendance. Clearly virtual meetings are here to stay and we need continue to engage those using virtual meetings to participate in our service structure.

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THE  
SERVICE WEBSITE?

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gain some  
inspiration from what others  
are doing.

[www.aaservice.org.au](http://www.aaservice.org.au)

# Setting up a bank account

Here are some useful suggestions from Area B Eastern Region about creating a bank account for your group to ensure traditions and concepts are followed and be exempt from the monthly fees.

Every AA bank account I have had the privilege of working with had at least three people as signatories and every account required two people to sign cheques to pay bills. Now many banks offer an electronic service so money can be sent out but two people from the account need to log into internet banking to approve the transaction. If this type of account cannot be used with a subscription etc then a member can pay the bill as I did for Area B ER and was reimbursed from the treasurer.

How to open a fee free bank ac-

count in Australia.

Approach your bank and ask if they provide fee free account for not-for-profit organisations and ask their procedure for achieving this.

Contact the National Office [gso@aa.org.au](mailto:gso@aa.org.au) and ask for a "certificate of currency" for your group this is needed by the bank to confirm your group is part of the not-for-profit organisation Alcoholics Anonymous.

You will also need an AA logo to put on your minutes (google this); Have a group conscience to determine who will be signatories (suggested Treasurer, Chairperson and Secretary) don't forget to include full name.

Write up those minutes using the logo above.

Present certificate and minutes to bank and follow their directions to open an account.

Experience suggests a "Joint account" or a "two-to-sign" is best so no one person can withdraw money and to have a minimum of three signatories in case someone leaves.AA.

More and more banks are doing away with the cheque facility in favour of electronic banking. A two to sign electronic account means that two people have to log into account banking to approve the money transfer. To become a signatory on a bank account may be different between banks, and you will need to investigate your banks procedures. Last time I became a signatory I had to provide 100 points of ID and sign the banks forms.

## Time to check how your meeting is listed?

There was a vast number of changes to the meetings list in the two years when Covid was at its height. A lot of restrictions and requirements were listed for many meetings. Things have changed greatly now but most meeting listings haven't.

This became clear to me when I looked up the listing for a meeting I hadn't been to for a long time. I just wanted to check the time it

started but I was disturbed to find it also said, "Attendees will need to show evidence of double vaccination".

Having been around for many years I was confident that this was an out-of-date requirement. But what if a newcomer had seen this notice. They could easily have been put off by it. Maybe they would decide never to go to AA.

What does your meeting listing say? Does it still have outdated information on it? When was the last time you checked it? Have a look and see if anything needs changing. If a change is needed, go to: <https://meetings.aa.org.au/change/>



# 80th Anniversary Committee Communications Coordinator

## Put your career experience to use as part of this exciting fellowship committee

The General Service Board has established an AA80 Committee to facilitate celebrations for the 80th Anniversary of AA in Australia in 2025. The Committee is seeking a Communications Coordinator to assist with this significant milestone. This is a volunteer position.

The Committee envisages that the role would have a foundation impact on

setting the tone and 'personality' of the Anniversary that keeps within the spirit of AA Traditions and Concepts, especially our common welfare. Tasks could range over the following areas:

*Research and package the 'story' of AA's 80th Anniversary in Australia, including why the milestone is relevant for still-suffering alcoholic;*

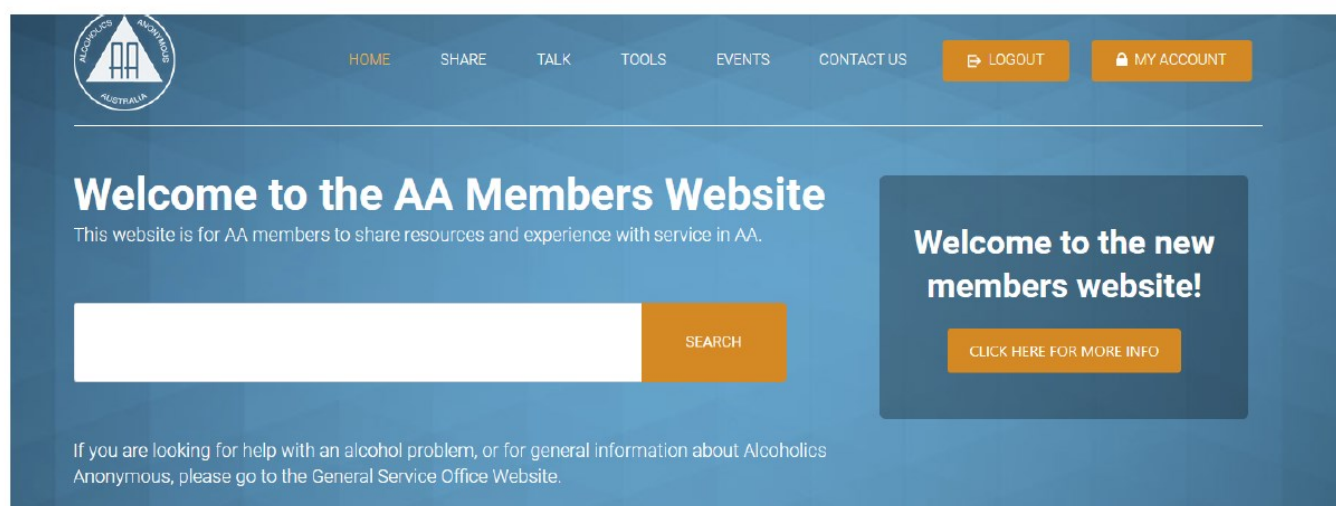
*Make recommendations on a consistent 'look and feel' of the celebrations over time and across all the events and platforms, including creation of a meaningful logo;*

*Deliver communication strategies that build awareness and a positive*

*perception of the Anniversary within the Fellowship and amongst health-care professionals, media and the general public;*

Experience in Communications, Media or PR would be required as well as the ability to attend regular Committee meetings, which are held by Zoom.

If you believe you have the experience, strength and hope to make this Twelfth Step service part of your recovery, please provide a one page brief about how you would like to approach the role to [chris@aa.org.au](mailto:chris@aa.org.au)



## You're invited!

Advisory Action #053/2015 - Conference resolved that the Service Website should be updated and upgraded in function and appearance.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

A Sponsor Quote: "A Slow Recovery is a good recovery!"

The time has finally come to launch the new AA website for members!

From Friday 16th December 2022 A.A Members in Australia will be able to login to their own private and secure website and

- Share posts and articles on AA related matters
- Have a central A.A. events calendar
- Share strength and hope with each other over a range of topics in our Forums
- Enjoy a central and searchable repository of service related material covering a wide range of areas.
- And much more!

# Group Contributions March to May

<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>		<b>EASTERN REGION</b>		<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b>	
<b>Area A CR</b>	CR	<b>Area A ER</b>	ER	Whisky in my Milk	244.11
12&12 Rocks	\$57.00	Area A	ER/A	<b>Total Area G:</b>	<b>1,522.11</b>
Brompton Beginners	3.00	Armidale Free To Be	3,000.00	<b>Area H ER</b>	ER/H
Elizabeth East	60.00	Ballina Mon ID	150.00	Blue Mountains and Western Syd	518.30
Gawler	95.45	Ballina Thursdays	168.00	CSO	
Gawler Sobriety Sisters	69.00	Banana Coast District	745.11	Bright Spot Womens CFCU	400.00
Grange	108.50	Bellingen	250.00	Burwood Sat pm (Strathfield)	250.00
Henley Beach E S	53.49	Brunswick Heads Fri ABSI	58.00	Burwood Sun	160.00
Henley Beach Promises	99.00	Byron Shire District	200.00	Macarthur District	296.10
Kilburn	314.60	Byron Bay Recovery	1,468.05	Mt Druitt Fri	106.65
Mansfield Park	396.80	Casino	420.00	Springwood	100.00
North Adelaide Tuesday	57.00	Coffs Harbour Mon Night	43.60	<b>Total Area H:</b>	<b>1,831.05</b>
Port Adelaide Friday	156.10	Coffs Harbour Steps Sisters	60.00	<b>Area I ER</b>	
Port Augusta	120.00	Dorrigo	50.00	Saratoga Fri Night	100.00
Salisbury Saturday	30.30	Forster Mon Womens	22.70	Toukley Thurs Topic	50.00
Salisbury Friday	112.55	Kyogle Wed 7pm	50.00	Umina Sat LS	60.00
Seaton Simplicity	30.54	Lismore Spiritual Progress	217.00	<b>Total Area I:</b>	<b>210.00</b>
Serenity By The Sea	165.00	Port Macquarie Thurs S&T	10.00	<b>Total Eastern Region:</b>	<b>23,231.59</b>
Semaphore Serenity Mon	120.00	Pottsville Handover	48.00	<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b>	
Semaphore Sunday	67.50	Sawtell Living Sober	640.00	<b>Area B SR</b>	
Tea Tree Gully	60.00	South Golden Beach	70.00	Bendigo Beginners	100.00
Two Wells	107.50	Wauchope	120.00	Castlemaine BB Weds	81.98
Whyalla Wednesday	12.00	<b>Total Area A:</b>	<b>100.00</b>	Meryborough Sat BB	150.00
<b>Total Area A:</b>	<b>2,238.33</b>	<b>Area B ER</b>	<b>7,890.46</b>	Wodonga at Noon	60.00
<b>Area B CR</b>	CR/B	Batemans Bay Steps & Traditions	ER/B	<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>391.98</b>
Adelaide Breakfast	260.95	Bundanoon	138.00	<b>Area D SR</b>	
Adelaide Beginners	250.80	Canberra Daily Reflections	100.00	Ballarat LS	100.00
Aldinga	152.35	Daily Reprieve	345.33	Brunswick West	1,100.00
Atheists and Free Thinkers	15.00	Dickson BB	120.00	Laverton PP	100.00
Bedford Park (Clovelly)	132.30	Moruya Wed	60.00	Preston Sunrise	150.00
Berri S&T	91.60	Narooma Thurs Night	29.34	Sunbury	500.00
Blackwood	125.70	Ulladulla Thurs	150.00	Surfcoast Serenity Sat 5pm	46.00
Brighton By the Book Speakers	91.50	<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>250.00</b>	Torquay	560.00
Christies Beach	64.50	<b>Area C ER</b>	ER/C	Werribee Recovery	500.00
Christies Beach BBS	130.31	Lambton BBS	100.00	Werribee Mon BBS	66.87
Coromandel	52.05	Newcastle FOTS	100.00	Western Unity	400.00
Eastwood Recovery	237.75	Tarro Young at Heart	400.00	<b>Total Area D:</b>	<b>3,522.87</b>
Eastwood Women's Sunday	124.34	<b>Total Area C:</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>Area E SR</b>	
Flinders St Wednesday	1.50	<b>Area D ER</b>	ER/D	Battery Point Sat Night	200.00
Flinders St Thursday	33.00	Bowral Sat	200.00	Burnie Fri Night	300.00
Glenelg	4.50	Campbelltown Friday	400.00	Devonport Sun	300.00
Glenelg Thursday Shoppers	32.45	Caringbah Unity	2,700.00	Huonville Fri	195.00
Glen Osmond R2R	1.50	Corimal	100.00	Kingston Sun Night	200.00
Goodwood	136.50	Gymea Hour of Power	400.00	New Norfolk	75.00
Hyde Park Recovery	30.00	Kingsgrove Wed DR	1,000.00	North Hobart	500.00
Kingston on Murray	11.75	Nowra District	82.00	<b>Total Area E:</b>	<b>1,770.00</b>
Malvern	123.33	Padstow CTM	100.00	<b>Area F SR</b>	
Meadows	94.80	Unanderra Group	100.00	Belmont Speakers	1,150.00
Mens Topic	1.50	West Wollongong Sat pm	240.00	Belmont Unity Recovery	90.00
Morphett Vale Wed BB	36.00	Wollongong City	340.00	Carlton	100.00
Mt Barker Sober on Sat	63.60	Woolgoola		Caulfield Sober Saturday	87.00
Mt Gambier	15.20	<b>Total Area D:</b>	<b>5,662.00</b>	Croydon Sunday Night	80.00
Murray Bridge	45.00	<b>Area E ER</b>	Area E ER	Croydon Tues	150.00
Norwood	139.29	Area E	800.00	Elwood Sober Circle	297.59
Parkside Thursday Lunchtime	3.00	Baulkham Hills Sunday	600.00	Melbourne Rise and Shine	163.00
Payneham	97.50	Lilyfield Steps	260.00	Melbourne On Awakening	812.50
Payneham Womens	67.50	Manly Sun 6pm	100.00	Prahan Hey Hey Its Saturday	150.00
Renmark Sunday	78.80	Neutral Bay Tues 6.15pm Living	1,000.00	Somerville Sanity Sat	100.00
Seaford	9.30	Sober		South Melbourne Mens Group	986.15
Spiritual/Speaker	153.00	<b>Total Area E:</b>	<b>2,760.00</b>	South Yarra P N P	180.00
Strathalbyn Sunday	171.20	<b>Area F ER</b>	ER/F	Toorak Wed Happy Destiny	100.00
Sunday Women's	36.25	Bathurst Sun Hospital	40.00	<b>Total Area F:</b>	<b>4,446.24</b>
Victor Harbour Friday	60.00	Blaxland PPG	464.20	<b>Total Southern Region:</b>	<b>10,131.09</b>
Wakefield Street Thursday	9.90	Corowa	50.00	<b>NORTH EASTERN REGION</b>	
Willunga	30.00	Dubbo Fri Sun	300.00	<b>Area A NER</b>	
Yankalilla	78.00	Orange Tues Night	300.00	Via Cairns CSO	1,200.00
Young Peoples	17.10	Wagga City Wed	409.10	Cairns Womens	60.00
Zoom As Bill Sees It Womens	15.00	<b>Total Area F:</b>	<b>1,563.30</b>	Kuranda	145.00
Adelaide AA for Agnostics Zoom	15.00	<b>Area G ER</b>	ER/G	Townsville Castle Hill	60.00
Unknown Central Region	451.80	Camperdown Thurs	318.00	Townsville Warburton St	80.00
Recovery On The Spectrum	0.30	Leichhardt Saturday	90.00	Upper Ross/Rollingstone	60.00
Recovery Rambles	18.00	Paddington Sat 8am	600.00	<b>Total Area A:</b>	<b>1,605.00</b>
<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>3,792.72</b>	Saturday Night Sober	200.00		
<b>Total Central Region:</b>	<b>6,031.05</b>	Sydney City Wed 8am Lawyers	70.00		

# Group Contributions March to May

<b>Area B NER</b>					
Albany Creek/ Carseldine HP	10.00	Toowoomba BBS	180.00	Vasse Womens Group	10.47
Aspley DR Sat am	150.00	Toowoomba Sat	300.00	White Gum Valley	75.00
Bray Park BBS	180.00	Woodridge Sat ID	180.00	Willagee Living Sober	45.00
Bribie Island Mon Night Recovery	90.00	Wynnum Serenity	75.00	Willagee Beaconsfield	90.00
Brisbane Traditions and Concepts	150.00	Wynnum Ways	75.00	<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>\$5,586.89</b>
Brisbane CSO	441.33	<b>Total Area C:</b>	<b>7,445.35</b>	<b>Total Western Region:</b>	<b>11,919.98</b>
Buderim	150.00	<b>Total North Eastern Region:</b>	<b>15,812.77</b>	<b>NORTHERN REGION</b>	
Bulcock Beach	200.00	<b>WESTERN REGION</b>		Bill W Camp	570.00
Bundaberg Thurs Night	60.00	<b>Area A WR</b>		Casuarina	150.00
Caboulture Big Book Recovery	240.00	80 Mile Beach/Sandfire Steps	500.00	Darwin Harbour View	422.00
Caloundra BB Sat	270.00	Balga Nollamara	90.00	Darwin Tues BB	127.00
Caloundra Mon ABSI	350.00	Bassendean	600.00	Darwin Zoom	679.05
Caloundra Bulcock Earlybirds	220.00	Butler	54.00	<b>Total Northern Region:</b>	<b>1,948.05</b>
Wed		Universal Steps	22.50	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	
Childers Group	136.21	El Salvador	30.00	Unknown Thursday Night Recovery	300.00
Cooloolo Cove	100.00	Greenwood Warwick	900.00	Unown Unshakeable Foundation	210.00
Cooloolo	245.00	Heathridge Group SC	333.60	Unknown Forest Lakes	60.00
Cooroy	410.00	Heathridge Steps	30.00	Unknown Spiritual Concepts	480.00
Enoggera BBS Mon am	45.00	Heathridge Womens	105.00	Unknown Group 103	33.00
Fortitude Valley Mens	150.00	Joondanna	61.50	Down Under Not Down Zoom	2.00
Glenwood	30.00	Maylands Daybreak	300.00	Unknown Long Reef Tuesday	500.00
Howard	30.00	Maylands BB	60.00	Unknown WE Meditation	44.61
Kippa Ring Monday Living Sober	75.00	Maylands Rainbow	210.00	Unknown Womens Group	165.00
Margate Beginners	40.00	Merriwa Wed Beginners	81.62	Unknown WA Step 11	43.15
Mooloolaba Beginners	120.00	Marangaroo Friday	90.00	Unown Womens Recovery	400.00
Morven	105.00	Nedlands Breakfast	210.00	Area B (Unknown Region)	2,000.00
Nambour Saturday Night	428.82	Nedlands Joy of Living	120.00	Unown Living Sober	135.00
Noosa DR Wed	165.00	Nedlands Womens	24.00	Unknown Thursday Recovery	150.00
Noosa Sat pm	500.00	North Beach Tues	63.00	Unknown Womens 164	102.96
Noosa Tewanin Tue Thur Topic	300.00	North Perth City	300.00	Unknown Blackbutt QLD	30.00
Nundah	430.50	Northbridge midday	60.00	Unknown Tuesday Night Mens	10.00
Petrie Park Sun	100.00	Northbridge Early Openers	187.47	Unknown Monday Daily Reflections	200.00
Redcliffe LS	78.00	Northbridge The Beacon	90.00	<b>Total Unknown Deposits:</b>	<b>4,655.72</b>
Red Hill Amity	642.56	Perth Early Openers	210.00	<b>TOTAL ALL REGIONS:</b>	<b>67,397.16</b>
Roma	120.00	Scarborough Sat Candlelight	205.00	<b>LIM - Australia Donations</b>	
<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>6,762.42</b>	Subiaco Steps	273.90	<b>Total: \$ 67387.16</b>	
<b>Area C NER</b>		Vincent St Morning Group	1,060.00	<b>From the Australian General Service Conference of 1974:</b>	
Annerley Mon ES	294.29	Wanneroo	54.00	<i>That the Australian Service Conference on behalf of all AA members in Australia pledges that we accept responsibility for the maintenance of a General Service Office and ask the groups in Australia to provide the necessary finance to carry out this task.</i>	
Annerley Womens	60.00	Yokine/Dianella Universal Steps	7.50		
Beenleigh ABSI	30.00	<b>Total Area A:</b>	<b>6,333.09</b>		
Bethania Plan B	93.75	<b>Area B WR</b>			
Boonah	60.00	Armadale	300.00		
Brisbane West End	39.73	Beaconsfield Early Risers	333.20		
Burleigh Heads Fri The Way Out	300.00	Beaconsfield Womens	30.00		
Cleveland Into Action	70.00	Bridgetown Steps	45.00		
Clifford Gardens	30.00	Bridgetown/Manjimup	30.00		
Coomera BB Monday 7pm	140.52	Bunbury Sat	72.00		
Elanora Spirit of Freedom	180.00	Cloverdale	210.00		
Forest Lake Steps	60.00	Coolbellup	210.00		
Gold Coast Mens	360.88	Coolgardie	90.00		
Goodna	60.00	Donnybrook	120.00		
Greenslopes	83.00	Dunsborough	40.10		
Gumdale Wed Night	60.00	East Victoria Park Lit Topics	303.00		
Gumdale Saturday	80.00	Forrestfield ID	210.00		
Helensvale Tues 8pm	90.00	Fremantle Beginners	15.00		
Hope Island Thurs S&T	114.00	Fremantle Doctor	54.14		
Indooroopilly HP	154.59	Fremantle Spiritual Concepts	25.00		
Ipswich ID Recovery	180.00	Fremantle Unity	100.00		
Ipswich SC	20.00	Glen Forrest Womens	240.00		
Ipswich S&T Tues Night	23.43	Gosnells	45.00		
Isle of Capri Sunrise	530.00	Hamilton Hill The Hub	190.00		
Kirra Hill Sun	30.00	Kalamunda	252.32		
Lawson St Sat 10am	150.00	Kalamunda A New Freedom	306.00		
Murwillumbah Sat pm	150.00	Kalgoorlie Steps	342.59		
Murwillumbah Tues 10am	195.00	Kwinana - Medina	51.30		
Nerang Steps	98.50	Kwinana Town	60.00		
New Farm	181.26	Maddington New Beginnings	78.00		
Ormiston ID	50.00	Mandurah Sunday	105.00		
Palm Beach Sat 5:30pm Topic	150.00	Margaret River ID	30.00		
Paradise Point Fri 6pm	60.00	Mundijong	30.00		
Paradise Point Sun 5pm	270.00	Mundijong Womens	105.00		
Redland Bay Sun BBS	66.00	Northam	135.00		
Samford Tues & Thurs	452.00	Rockingham Discussion	246.00		
Samford Group	1,000.00	Rockingham Peoples Group	220.50		
Southport Fri Night Traditions	35.00	South Fremantle Steps	150.00		
Southport Mon Womens BB	53.40	South Lakes	387.00		
Southport Thurs 6pm	500.00	Spearwood ABC Steps	205.27		
Springwood Topics	80.00				

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