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AA Around Australia

“Half measures availed us nothing. We stood at The Turning Point.”



This Easter—GO WEST!

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Preparations are in full swing, with less than a month to go. The Host Planning Committee is meeting fortnightly, with subcommittees in between to put the finishing touches on what is shaping to be a fantastic event.

The program is finalised, with something for everyone – the Steps, Traditions, Service all feature, as well as a broad range of meetings including, rural recovery, secular AA, 1st Nations and many more. The Caring and Sharing Tape library will be on hand to provide recordings for people who cannot make the trip to Perth.

The Public Meeting will get things moving with shares from members involved in all areas of Public Information and Professional Awareness, including Treatment Centres and Corrections as well as an Al-Anon speaker.

The Dinner Dance is going to be a

great chance for all members to catch up and have a great evening dancing to the sounds of Felix – a great concert/covers band. The night will be a great one, with a distinctly Western Australian flavour.

As ever, National Conventions provide all members from across Australia and beyond to supercharge recovery, and catch up with friends old and new, and take up opportunities to be of service. Conventions are also a chance for the newcomer to immerse themselves in the program and see some fantastic examples of just what Alcoholics Anonymous can do for individuals, groups and as a National Fellowship with a shared purpose.

Info: [57th National Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous in Perth – Alcoholics Anonymous \(aanatcon2023.com.au\)](http://aanatcon2023.com.au) we look forward to seeing you there!
Perth HPC

Calendar of events

57th National Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous
April 6—9



[Register on the website](#)

East Gippsland Round Up / Lakes Entrance Alcoholics Anonymous 43rd Anniversary
May 3—7

Lake Tyers Caravan Park Lake Tyers Beach Rd

Lake Tyers Beach, Vic 3009

For further information contact:
Jeanette 0409662025

Back Into Action —, The 32nd AA Central Coast Rally with AI-Anon participation

May 5 @ 5:00 pm - May 7 @ 2:00 pm

Come and join us in celebrating being “Back Into Action” for our 32nd annual Central Coast rally.

For More information click [here](#)

Hastings District Rally
May 19 @ 5:00 pm - May 21 @ 1:30 pm

Rally for fellowship for local members and visitors , to the Mid north Coast. For more information [RallyHastingsDistrict@gmail.com](#)

Founders Day Celebration Nowra
June 10 @ 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Nowra School of Arts Annex, 12 Berry Street Nowra, NSW

For more information <http://aanowrathereisasolution.org>
Or thereisasolution17@gmail.com

AA Sydney Men’s Weekend Retreat
July 21 - July 23

Men’s AA Retreat with 8 meetings, activities, fellowship, bonfire

1 Rathane Telford Rd Royal National Park, NSW

[Website for bookings](#)

Coffs Harbour Rally

August 25 - August 27

Theme: Life will take on New Meaning

Bananacoast District Rally with AI -Anon participation
Norm Jordan Pavillion Pacific Hwy Coffs Harbour

NEWYPAA 2023

August 26 @ 9:00 am - August 27 @ 4:00 pm

NEWYPAA stands for New South Wales Young People’s of Alcoholics Anonymous

We welcome all members to come celebrate the future of Alcoholics Anonymous with fun, fellowship and Recovery.

We will have Speakers from interstate and Dinner and DJ for Saturday for this 2 day event!

For more information click [here](#)

AA Byron Shire Convention

September 8 - September 10

‘Rocketed into a 4th Dimension’ More details to come

Sydney Roundup 2023

October 6 - October 8

sydneyroundup.org

2025 – AA Australia's 80th Anniversary update

A small committee has been formed to ask the Fellowship how it/we should celebrate our 80th anniversary in 2025.

At the February meeting, The Board adopted the following statement of purpose: *“In the spirit of unity and in keeping with our primary purpose of carrying the message to all who suffer from alcoholism, we commemorate 80 years of AA in Australia. We will achieve this by a year long program, implementing new literature initiatives, celebrating our fellowship; and carrying the message.”*

Australia was the first country outside North America to start AA meetings. The first such

meeting was on 1st March 1945 in Sydney. Today an AA presence can be found in approximately 180 countries.

In 2025, AA will be 90 years old – and 80 years old in Australia.

We begin by asking the Fellowship how we should celebrate this milestone and seek the engagement of the Fellowship through our groups, districts and areas as per our General Service Structure.

Send us your thoughts to gso@aa.org.au about ideas and opinions as to how we as a Fellowship would like to

celebrate and what you can do in your group, district, area to honour this upcoming milestone.

Keep referring back to the AA website, for more information on how you can become involved in this exciting year long celebration of recovery.

To suggest an event for AA 80

Click [here](#)

To sign up for AA 80 updates
click [here](#)

The Brown Paper Bag Appeal

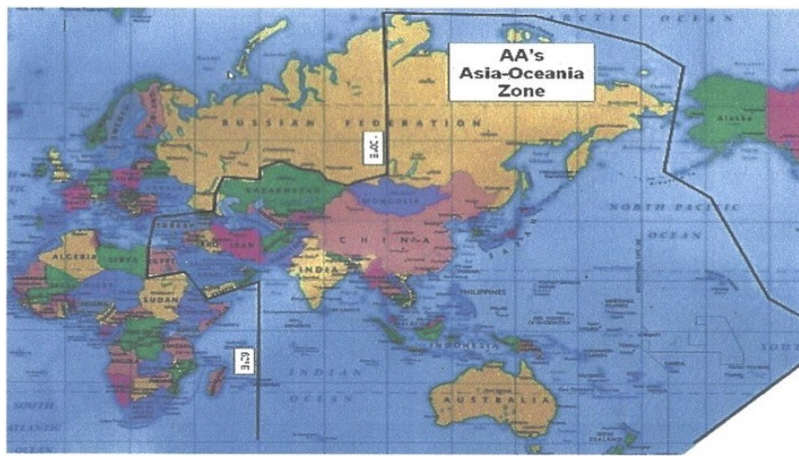
The Australian AA Fellowship as a result of last years "Brown Paper Bag Appeal" can certainly give itself a well deserved pat on the back. Why is this deserved, well because the total raised was \$16,789.00. This is far and above the previous two years (2020 and 2021) combined total of \$1,500.00. It has always been proven within the AA Fellowship that if the worthy cause is needed and communicated throughout the Fellowship then the support will be forthcoming. It can be truly stated that a revival of the appeal has begun and perhaps we may get back to those heady days of \$20,000.00 plus for this much needed cause.

The AA world is split into four zones comprising North America, South

America, Europe which also includes most of Africa and the Asia Oceana Region (see map below). There are 72 countries in the Asia Oceana Region and the population of these countries make up for two thirds of the world's population but many are third world countries with financial burdens. Due to the financial constraints for many of the 72 countries only a small number of these countries (around 25%) are in a position to participate in the Asia Oceana Service Meetings (OASM) which are held bi-annually. Australia being the "Older Sober Country" has the responsibility to help spread the AA message and assist in the growth of the Fellowship, in those countries, who are less fortunate than all of us in Australia in terms of the AA Fellowship.

This year during "Founders Week" that need is still the same as it has always been since the inception of the "Brown paper Bag Appeal" during 1995. That need is, money raised go towards the

International Sponsorship Fund, namely assisting those less fortunate countries residing in the Asia Oceana AA Region. Australia is the main support to these countries also with assistance from New Zealand and Japan in helping the growth of AA in these Asia Oceana countries by means of literature translation or any other necessary requirements. Australia's early AA days was



dependent on assistance from the fledgling AA Fellowship within the USA. In the spirit of "Passing it on" it is our responsibility to step up and the "Brown Paper Bag Appeal" is the vehicle by which we can fund that responsibility.

Many newer members within the Australian AA Fellowship may be not aware of the "Appeal" so briefly this is how it works. Founders Day for Alcoholics Anonymous is deemed to be the 10th of June 1935. Every year, during the week that this day falls, groups are invited to donate the amount collected at their meeting closest to the 10th June to the "Brown Paper Bag Appeal". This year Founders Day falls in the week from Monday 5th June to Sunday 11th June. Districts and Areas may also wish to contribute to the appeal.

Groups, Districts, Areas and Delegates can obtain from the GSO in Sydney, some actual Brown Paper Bags, which have on them information as to how to send money but more importantly symbolize the appeal. The sender

should send an email to the GSO advising of the deposit stating it is for the Founders Day International Sponsorship Fund (FDISF) and any other relevant information such as name of group, amount and contact details. It has been advised that some community banks and credit unions etc. do not have the provision to use alphabetical letters in the reference but rather only numerical. If this is so, send an email to gso@aa.org.au advising the date the deposit was made, the amount and the name of the group or individual

For Australia the activities of AA service at the Group, District, Area and National levels is exactly the same as

that of the Asia Oceana Service Meetings or World Service Meetings which is "To carry the message of hope and recovery to the alcoholic who still suffers, wherever in the world they maybe, whatever language they may speak". Translating from English to other languages is not a simple straight forward thing because of words having different meanings in other countries and is also very costly then there is the cost of printing.

All of the above is best characterized by the phrase "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA, always to be there and for that: I am responsible". So please ask yourself when the month of June arrives will you or your group be responsible in contributing to the "Brown Paper Bag Appeal". If you would like any further information, please contact me on mobile 0401 253 211 or email diferguson@bigpond.com
Yours in Service
Brian F (World Service Delegate)

Enabling Closed Captions on AA meetings you host

What is Closed Captioning?

Closed captions are a form of subtitling that display written transcriptions of the audio portion of a zoom meeting. They allow individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to understand the audio, and can also provide a text representation of the audio for individuals who are watching the video in a noisy environment or are not fluent in the language spoken in the audio. Closed captions can be turned on or off by the viewer.

How does it help AA members?

Automated Closed Captioning on your AA zoom meetings provides basic access to meetings for alcoholics who are deaf or hard of hearing at no extra cost. Automated captions are imperfect and can't always guarantee accuracy, however they are a free and easy way to allow AA's message to reach more alcoholics.

Using closed captions on Zoom meetings can be beneficial for several reasons:

- **Accessibility:** Providing closed captions can make the meeting more accessible for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, allowing them to fully participate in the meeting.
- **Improved comprehension:** Captions can also help individuals who are not fluent in the language being spoken in the meeting to better understand the

content.

- **Better engagement:** Captions can help keep attendees engaged and focused on the meeting, especially if the audio quality is poor or there is background noise.
- **Increased accessibility for non-native speakers:** Captions can also benefit non-native speakers who may have difficulty understanding the language being spoken in the meeting.

Overall, using closed captions on Zoom meetings can improve accessibility and make the meeting experience more inclusive and enjoyable for all participants.



How do I enable Closed Captions on an AA Zoom meeting I host?

Zoom offers automated captions of meetings for free. You can enable this feature for your meeting so that any deaf or hard of hearing zoom users can enable captions to help follow along. This feature can be enabled in the zoom web portal and [there is a useful guide from Zoom on how to do this available here.](#)

How do I let people know that Closed Captions are available on my AA Zoom meeting?

Once you've enabled captions for your meeting, it's a great idea to tag meeting as "Zoom closed captioning enabled" on the [National AA Meetings website](#) so that alcoholics can find your meeting on the list of captioned meetings.

AA volunteers maintain the list of meetings on the [National AA Meetings website](#). You can let them know to add the 'Zoom closed captioning enabled' tag.

Find your meeting on the [National AA Meetings website](#).

- Click on 'See all details and request changes'
- Then click on 'Request a change to this listing' at the bottom left of the page
- Fill in your name and request that the 'Zoom closed captioning enabled' tag be set.

For more information click [here](#)

Correctional Facilities 2023

Since my first writing here a year ago, a lot of AA's across Australia have been continuing in their efforts to carry our message to alcoholics in gaols, and in the correctional system in general. I have been fortunate in coming into contact with a lot of our AA's right in the middle of this realm of service. I have found no better example of the commitment and willingness referred to in our program.

Across all our States/Regions we have AA's working through the often challenging process of acquiring trust and building networks in the various jurisdictions of public correctional departments, going through the lengthy, bureaucratic steps of gaining and maintaining official

authorisation, rigorous commitment in adhering to the rules and timetables, and finally holding AA meetings themselves.

Our servants are often working in isolated areas, and in general short of support. This is not new. The nature of AA Corrections work is daunting. But I often reflect on how fortunate I was regarding the environment in my start in life, and yet how alcoholism brought me into contact with police, police stations, law courts etc. Who ever drove a vehicle while drunk? How many of us could quickly have found ourselves in the system had it not been for good luck, or we had not found AA as early as we did?

Goal work is not the only thing we do in AA Corrections. Several other things are not as confronting

as going into a maximum security gaol and do not require all the checks and balances. E.g. there are community corrections offices all over Australia that deal with alcoholics living in the community on probation or parole. Making staff at such places aware of our program and the free help we provide is also in the realm of our work. The point here being this area of service is quite broad and inclusive for many AA's. We do need you.

If you are interested in knowing more AA Corrections and do not know where to start in your local Area, feel free to contact me at: ercc.sysadm@gmail.com and we can chat.

Thanks,
Tim O (AA National Coordinator for Corrections)

AA 80th Anniversary Convention

Host Planning Committee 2025

Play your part in AA History

We are looking for the cream of the crop, the crème de la crème, the ducks guts, best of the best volunteer members to join the AA80 Host Planning Committee. As this is a national event, we are open to any member with the right experience to help us with the planning and coordination of the 80th Anniversary Convention. Based in Sydney we are expecting approx. 3000 guests.

Please spread the word and pass this message on to past HPC members that you may think fits the bill. We are looking for members with the following experience.

Finance
Fundraising
Communications particularly digital
Public Relations
Programme Coordination
Merchandising
Printing and Literature
Volunteer Coordination

Interested members should contact chris@aa.org.au or come and see us at the Perth convention on the GSB table.

7th tradition in a cashless world

Back in 2019 my local meeting suspected donations were dropping because fewer people were carrying cash. We analysed our figures for the calendar years 2018 and 2019.

The amounts jumped around a lot but, using a spreadsheet program to fit a trendline we could see the result: average donations over those two years had dropped a massive 29 per cent.

And then covid hit. People were told not to use cash, that tapping a credit card was far more hygienic. Two years of that and even fewer people carried cash. When we resumed face-to-face meetings it was obvious that donations had taken another decline.

We encouraged people to go to <https://literature.aa.org.au/pages/donation> and make a donation that way, but those donations are just for CSO. How do we collect money for our CSO and Area? It became obvious that we had to work out some way of accepting credit cards.

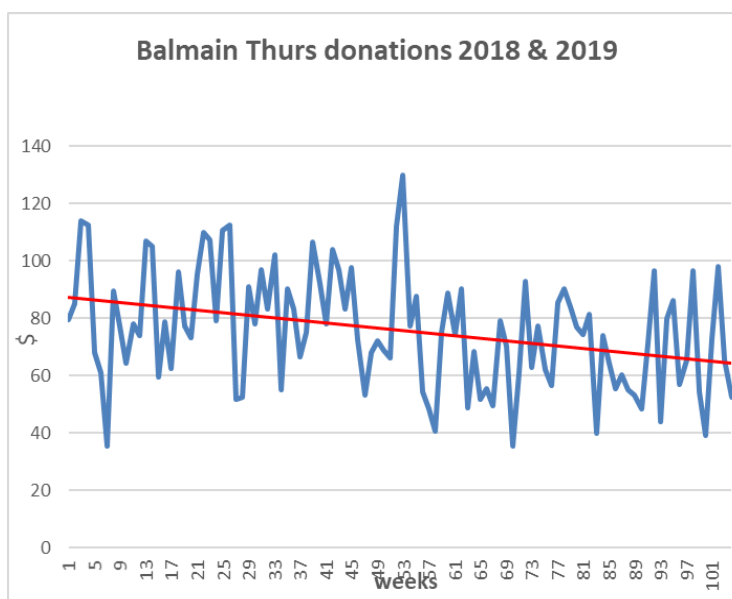
I looked at many systems but most were only suitable for much bigger operations than a typical AA meeting. You can take a look at what's on offer by googling "credit card payment systems."

We decided that the most promising system for our purposes would be The Square Reader. This is a little (7cm x 7cm) white plastic square that you will often see at markets and similar places for taking payments.

It's available for \$59 online at <https://squareup.com/au> or from Officeworks. That's all you need to buy. It comes with a charging cable that plugs into any USB-A port on a computer, laptop, or AC adapter in a power point.

It connects to a smartphone through a Bluetooth connection and the smartphone runs the Square App. This can be downloaded from the Apple Store or the Android Play Store for free.

Once it's all set up (see below), someone brings the little square along to the meeting together with



their smartphone with the Square App. At the end of the meeting we announce there are bowls on the table for people to make cash donations together with the technology to accept credit cards. Credit cards can just be tapped on the Square Reader as can phones using Apple Pay or Google Pay. The Square reader can also read cards that need to be inserted.

The Square company takes 1.9 per cent of the payment for its costs. We have found that members are keen to make use of the technology and we get a lot of donations that wouldn't be made if we could only take cash.

The system has excellent reporting facilities, and you can get complete breakdowns of what was paid when.

Donors can also get emailed receipts for their donations.

Setting up

Like all technology, getting a Square going can be quite tricky – or quite complicated. It is best done by someone who's used to Bluetooth connections on a smartphone and who's good at reading online directions.

Usually that will be among our younger members but I'm 74 and I managed to do it – but it probably took me a bit longer than it

would take a young whizz kid.

You must have a dedicated bank account that preferably doesn't have AA in its name. You will also need an email address.

There is lots of information and help setting up at <https://squareup.com/au/en>

Please note. In line with Tradition 6, AA does not endorse any product mentioned here. These names and details are provided just as one group's experience.



A Square Reader with a smartphone ready to accept credit card payments

Membership Survey- Who Are We?

At long last the Membership Survey is finished. The aim of the survey is to provide a snapshot in time of our fellowship's makeup which will assist with the General Service Board (GSB) in its planning, provide information that can be used in our public information material and be of

interest to the media and professionals who work in the field of alcoholism. All members were asked to participate, and nearly 2000 did! It only took a few minutes to complete. The survey was by a link or QR code below. Paper version were madse available by GSO.

Of course the survey is absolutely confidential. Once completed, the results were collated and the results made available to all members. The Survey flyer will soon be available in from the GSO bookshop or your local AA literature stockist.

AA MEMBER SURVEY

2022



LET'S FIND OUT WHO WE ARE

Positions Vacant

Position Vacant General Service Trustee

The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia is seeking nominations for the position of General Service Trustee. The position is for four years. General Service Trustee applicants should reside within commuting distance of the General Service Office.

Nominations will be considered by the Board and the successful candidate will be chosen by Third Legacy Procedure. The appointment of the successful candidate will then be ratified at the General Service Conference.

Duties:

- To attend General Service Board meetings held at weekends in February and July. The trustee must also be available to attend the Board meeting and General Service Conference held over four days in November.
- To attend meetings at the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia in Arncliffe, NSW on a monthly basis, as part of the General Service Office Management Group.
- Be available to General Service Office staff in an advisory capacity throughout the year.
- Provide continuous service to the General Service Board throughout the year.

Qualifications:

Sound business or professional background.

Leadership skills.

Understanding of General Service Structure.

Several years of continuous sobriety.

Availability.

Please telephone the General Service Office on (02) 9599 8866 or email gso@aa.org.au for further information, or to obtain an application form.

Class A Trustees

The General Service Board needs to fill three vacancies for Class A (non-alcoholic) trustees.

The qualities that would be particularly valuable include:

- good communication skills as a writer, public speaker, negotiator, or media personality,
- have experience/skills that would be useful to the Board, e.g. media, medical/psychological, legal, accountancy, information technology, etc.
- open-mindedness and respect for AA's spiritual path.

If you know anyone who might be suitable, please email gso@aa.org.au for an application form. Do you have any suggestions for someone who might be suitable? The person would need to be willing to attend one four-day meeting and two three-day meetings each year (all costs are paid for by AA) and to contribute on committees or individually throughout the year. They would also be required to develop an understanding of the Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts for World Service and the General Service Structure.

World Service Delegate

The General Service Conference to be held in November 2013 will elect a new World Service Delegate. Applications to stand for election are invited from members.

The position is for a four-year term. Qualifications:

Applicants should be legal residents and citizens of Australia.

They should have at least five years current unbroken sobriety in AA,

and service experience at a national level. They should have demonstrated leadership qualities, genuine service interest, organisational ability, and a knowledge and love of AA.

Responsibilities:

Attend two World Service Meetings and two Asia/Oceania Service Meetings in the four-year term of service.

Write a Country Report and/or Presentation for the World Service Meeting and Asia/Oceania Service Meeting. Be fully informed on AA in their countries and/or zones.

Attend General Service Board meetings and the General Service Conference in Sydney each year.

Attend the National

Positions Vacant

Convention each year.

Report to the Fellowship via Conference, Board meetings, AA Around Australia and AA Service meetings like Regional Forums, Area Assemblies and District Meetings their observations of the World Service Meeting and Asia-Oceania Service meeting.

Actively support, help organise and inform the fellowship about the International Sponsorship Fund "Brown Paper Bag" collection held during Founders Week in June each year.

For an application form please email gso@aa.org.au

National Digital Archives Working Committee

We are seeking volunteer members for a newly created National Digital Archives Working Committee. The Committee will be responsible for exploring the need for Digital Archives and seeking ways to present and make use of the archives in a practical form for the fellowship. Meetings will take place via Zoom.

If you have an interest or experience in archiving and would like to be a part of the working committee please email your Expression of Interest to

patrick@aa.org.au

National Treatment Facilities Co-Ordinator

THE POSITION

The term of office is four years, taking effect on January 1st 2024.

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

The responsibilities of the Co-ordinator are:

To actively encourage and promote the growth of Treatment 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' Treatment 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 Treatment 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 Treatment Facilities, including both successes and shortcomings as seen by the officebearer;

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.

If you are interested in this position please ask for a nomination form from

gso@aa.org.au

Group Contributions December to February

CENTRAL REGION		EASTERN REGION			
	CR		ER		
Area A CR	CR/A	Area A ER	ER/A	Maroubra Wed am	50.00
Brompton Beginners	4.50	Alstonville Study	250.00	Randwick Steps & Traditions	180.00
Daveron Park	6.00	Armidale Free To Be	133.50	Rocks Breakfast	1,000.00
Elizabeth East	31.32	Armidale Recovery	85.50	Rozelle Fri pm	688.00
Gawler	30.85	Ballina Spiritual Concepts Sun	235.14	Rozelle Womens	239.00
Gawler Sobriety Sisters	37.50	Bangalow	160.00	Sydney City Wed 8am Lawyers	77.50
Grange	49.50	Brunswick Heads Sun	60.00	Total Area G:	4,944.32
Henley Beach E S	60.00	Byron Shire District	200.00	Area H ER	ER/H
Henley Beach Promises	90.00	Dorrigo	27.90	Blue Mountains and Western Syd	160.00
Kadina Group	36.90	Grafton BBS	200.00	CSO	
Kapunda	72.00	Lennox Head	100.00	Bright Spot Womens CFCU	120.00
Kilburn	491.30	Lismore Steps	500.00	Fairfield Steps	587.30
Mansfield Park	188.95	Manning/Gt Lakes District	2,500.00	Katoomba ABSI Sun	50.00
Playford	60.00	Mullumbimby Step 11 Meditation	500.00	Kings Langley Weds BBS 4D	600.00
Port Adelaide Friday	71.95	Northern Rivers District	1,000.00	Lalor Park Tues BBS	200.00
Port Lincoln	19.50	Port Macquarie Oxley	30.00	Springwood	80.00
Port Pirie Hope	74.65	Port Macquarie Womens Sat	183.45	Total Area H:	1,797.30
Salisbury Sunday	3.00	Port Macquarie Daily Reflections	300.00	East Gosford Wed Night ABSI	400.00
Salisbury Friday	3.00	Pottsville Handover	250.00	Gosford City Beginners	160.00
Seaton Simplicity	90.00	Sawtell Living Sober	50.00	Kincumber	32.00
Semaphore Serenity Mon	121.50	Scone Fri Night Steps	50.00	Saratoga Fri Night	300.00
Spiritual Speakers	31.50	Taree Steps	240.00	Terrigal BBS	240.00
Tea Tree Gully	150.87	Wauchope	150.00	Umina Sat LS	160.00
Two Wells	90.50	Total Area A:	7,205.49	Woy Woy Sun SC	200.00
Total Area A:	1,815.29	Area B ER	ER/B	Total Area I:	1,492.00
Area B CR	CR/B	Batemans Bay Monday	69.00	Total Eastern Region:	26,132.81
Adelaide BBS	45.00	Bundanoon	100.00	Lorne Sea Change	150.00
Adelaide Breakfast	225.25	Canberra Daily Reflections	240.00	Warnambool Central Fri	300.00
Adelaide Beginners	6.00	Canberra Recovery	60.00	Total Area A:	450.00
Aldinga	182.05	Weston Creek	346.20	Albury BBS	1,820.00
Aldgate	66.60	Weston Creek Clean Air	16.00	Albury SC	400.00
Bedford Park (Clovelly)	21.90	Yass	180.00	Bendigo Fri	200.00
Berri S&T	75.00	Total Area B:	1,011.20	Kangaroo Flat	100.00
Blackwood	15.00	Area C ER	ER/C	Kyabram Discussion	100.00
Brighton By the Book Speakers	1.20	Greater Newcastle CSO	20.00	Maryborough Tues	108.04
Brighton Beginners	120.00	Newcastle Way Of Life	20.00	Meryborough Sat BB	100.00
Brighton Women's	3.00	Tarro Young at Heart	200.00	Shepparton District	400.00
Christies Beach	39.00	Total Area C:	240.00	Wodonga BB	50.00
Christies Serenity	180.00	Area D ER	ER/D	Total Area B:	3,278.04
Christies Beach BBS	150.00	Albion Park	60.00	Ballarat ABSI	150.00
City Beginners	75.00	Bowral Sat	100.00	Ballarat Sunday	300.00
Eastwood Recovery	170.92	Bowral Mon	200.00	Clifton Hill Big Wednesday	100.00
Eastwood Women's Sunday	24.00	Corrimal	70.00	Diamond Creek Beginners Weds	450.00
Flinders St Wednesday	4.50	Enfield	100.00	Essendon	300.00
Flinders St Thursday	0.30	Kingsgrove Wed DR	1,000.00	Footscray Thurs	400.00
Glenelg	98.16	Lakemba Tuesday	100.00	Geelong Sat	100.00
Glen Osmond R2R	61.50	Nowra District	120.00	Geelong AA Convention	835.00
Hyde Park Recovery	30.00	Nowra TIAS	810.00	Heidelberg Working With Others	300.00
Malvern	81.50	Padstow CTM	200.00	Hurstbridge Recovery	200.00
Mt Barker Sober on Sat	17.52	West Wollongong Sat pm	84.00	Northern Exposure	300.00
Murray Bridge	75.00	Total Area D:	2,844.00	Ocean Grove Discussion	100.00
Norwood	94.40	Area E ER	ER/E	Preston Sunrise	30.00
Payneham	204.00	Area E	800.00	Seddon Steps	200.00
Payneham Womens	51.00	Avalon/Palm Beach Mon	300.00	Surfcoast Serenity Sat 5pm	40.00
Payneham Primary Purpose	45.00	Baulkham Hills Sunday	300.00	Western Unity	400.00
Rainbow Meeting	69.00	Curl Curl Bfast	1,995.00	Total Area D:	4,205.00
Renmark Sunday	132.00	Dee Why Thurs 6pm	1,250.00	Devonport Fri S&T	350.00
Seaford	124.20	Lilyfield Steps	300.00	Sandy Bay	114.80
Spiritual/Speaker	30.00	Total Area E:	4,945.00	Total Area E:	464.80
St Theodore's Steps	18.00	Area F ER	ER/F	The Deal	1,003.02
Sunday Women's	87.55	Blaxland PPG	828.50	Armadale	90.00
Victor Harbour Friday	68.40	Corowa	100.00	Bayswater Mon Steps	75.00
Wakefield Street Thursday	369.00	Dubbo Fri Sun	350.00	Bentleigh Life's in Session	55.00
Waikerie	32.79	Orange Tues Night	300.00	Carlton	100.00
Willunga	1.50	Redlands BB	75.00	Caulfield Sober Saturday	287.00
Willuga Womens	45.00	Total Area F:	1,653.50	Croydon Tues	100.00
Womens ABSI	44.45	Area G ER	ER/G	Hawthorn	243.00
Yankalilla	54.00	Balmain Sat	70.32		
Young Peoples	1.50	Balmain Thurs pm	261.50		
Zoom As Bill Sees It Women's	7.50	Camperdown Thurs	108.00		
Adelaide AA for Agnostics Zoom	6.00	Headmiles	2,000.00		
Unknown Central Region	342.33	Leichhardt Saturday	240.00		
Recovery On The Spectrum	30.00	Lilyfield Steps	30.00		
Total Area B:	3,626.02				

Group Contributions December to February

Melbourne Rise and Shine	61.00	Burleigh Heads Mon 7pm ID	66.00	Beaconsfield Wed BB	400.00
Melbourne On Awakening	321.00	Burleigh Heads Early Birds	240.00	Busselton	500.00
Melbourne Late Night	50.00	Burleigh Heads Womens Sat 3pm	135.90	Forrestfield ID	132.70
Mornington Spiritual Concept	300.00	Burleigh Heads Sun 5.30 SC	100.00	Kalamunda	32.64
Prahran Eastern Twilight	610.00	Coomera BB Monday 7pm	101.35	Kalamunda A New Freedom	90.00
Somerville Sanity Sat	360.00	Elanora Traditions	258.00	Kalgoorlie Steps	15.00
St Kilda Beginners BBS	190.00	Forest Lake Steps	60.00	Kwinana - Medina Baldivis	60.00
St Kilda SNL	275.00	Gold Coast Mens	283.73	Mundijong	30.00
South Melbourne Mens Group	1,080.06	Goodna	210.00	Mundijong Fri Ch 6	15.00
Toorak Wed Happy Destiny	100.00	Hamilton	200.00	Northam	60.00
Wonthaggi	100.00	Hope Island Thurs S&T	270.00	Rockingham Discussion	30.00
Total Area F:	5,400.08	Ipswich ID Recovery	90.00	Rockingham Peoples Group	60.00
Total Southern Region:	13,797.92	Ipswich SC	40.00	South Lakes Candlelight	60.00
North Eastern Region		Ipswich S&T Tues Night	9.88	White Gum Valley	75.00
Area A		Kenmore Groups	60.00	Willagee Living Sober	45.00
Atherton	120.00	Kirra Hill Sun	30.00	Total Area B:	\$1,605.34
Holloways Beach	224.15	Mt Tamborine	240.00	Total Western Region:	8,129.21
Kirwan Easy Does It	48.00	Murwillumbah Sat pm	145.00	Darwin Harbour View	282.48
Kuranda	35.00	Murwillumbah Thurs Night	90.00	Darwin Tues BB	80.24
Total Area A:	427.15	Nerang Sun 8pm	55.80	Darwin Wed Rapid Creek	195.09
Area B		Nerang Steps	21.00	Darwin Zoom	135.00
Albany Creek/ Carseldine HP	40.00	New Farm	287.08	Katherine	1,000.00
Aspley DR Sat am	150.00	Ormiston ID	60.00	Palmerston	252.00
Aspley Steps Monday Night	150.00	Oxley Station	150.00	Total Northern Region:	1,944.81
Beerwah Group	372.01	Palm Beach Tues 7pm	120.00		
Bray Park BBS	285.00	Palm Beach BB Wed 7pm	116.61	Unknown Deposits	
Brisbane Tues am Seize the Day	300.00	Paradise Point Sun 5pm	120.00	Zoom In All Our Affairs	155.00
Brisbane Rainbow	285.00	Samford Tues & Thurs	73.50	Unnown Unshakeable Foundation	159.00
Brisbane CSO	400.00	Springwood Topics	100.00	Unknown Spiritual Concepts	500.00
Buddina Monday noon	100.00	Stanthorpe	150.00	Unknown Group 103 WA	33.00
Buderim Tuesday Women's	90.00	Toowoomba District	60.00	Down Under Not Down Zoom	5.00
Bulcock Beach	400.00	Toowoomba Sat	300.00	Unknown WE Meditation	98.85
Burpengary	60.00	Toowoomba Womens	575.00	Shivering Denizens	331.60
Caboolture Big Book Recovery	130.00	Warwick Stanthorpe Tenterf Rally	390.00	Unknown WA Step 11	90.00
Caloundra Bulcock Earlybirds Wed	180.00	Wynnum Serenity	150.00	Yakka Gully Zoom	700.00
Chevallum	1,320.00	Wynnum Ways	105.00	Unknown Thursday Recovery	200.00
Cooloola Cove	100.00	Zillmere Wed Night	50.00	Sisterhood in Recovery	195.00
Coolum	306.00	Total Area C:	10,111.63	Freedom Group	290.00
Dalby	300.00			Unknown Sunrise	55.80
Enoggera BBS Mon am	60.00	Total North Eastern Region:	18,913.77	Unknown Underwood	273.40
Gladstone As Bill Sees It	270.00	Western Region		Sunday Sunset	92.05
Glenwood	30.00	Area A WR	100.00	Sunday Progress	60.00
Gympie BBS	300.00	Burns Beach	148.50	Sunday PM BB	81.30
Kippa Ring Monday Living Sober	228.00	Geraldton	74.00	MPBBEG	46.38
Margate Beginners	30.00	Heathridge Group SC	150.00	BVM	20.00
Maroochydore Doing The Deal	111.00	Heathridge Steps	30.00	WA Group 103	25.00
Nambour Saturday Night	441.75	Heathridge	79.50	SMDR	110.52
Nanango Recovery	30.00	Hghgate Spiritual Progress	150.00	Unknown Hobart	1,000.00
Noosa DR Wed	50.00	Kalgoorlie Boulder	15.00	Unknown BVSTMON	20.00
Noosa Tue, Thur, Fri	96.23	Morley/Dianella ABSI	75.00	Total Unknown Deposits:	4,541.90
Nundah	240.00	Nedlands Womens	100.00	TOTAL ALL REGIONS:	72,377.86
Paddington Sun	330.00	Open Door, Highgate via Perth CSO	150.00		
Petrie Park Sun	150.00	Perth Young Peoples	50.00		
Pomona	500.00	Port Hedland	1,200.00		
Sandgate Sat pm	255.00	Subiaco Steps	150.00		
Sandgate/Brighton Steps Thurs	90.00	Vincent St Morning Group	850.00		
Tewantin Women's	45.00	Total Area A:	6,523.87		
Toowong Wmens	150.00				
Total Area B:	8,374.99				

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Area C	4,095.28
Alexandra Hills	40.00
Annerley Living Sober	120.00
Annerley Womens	60.00
Bayside Beginners	60.00
Bethania Plan B	114.50
Broadbeach Happy Hour	108.00

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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.

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