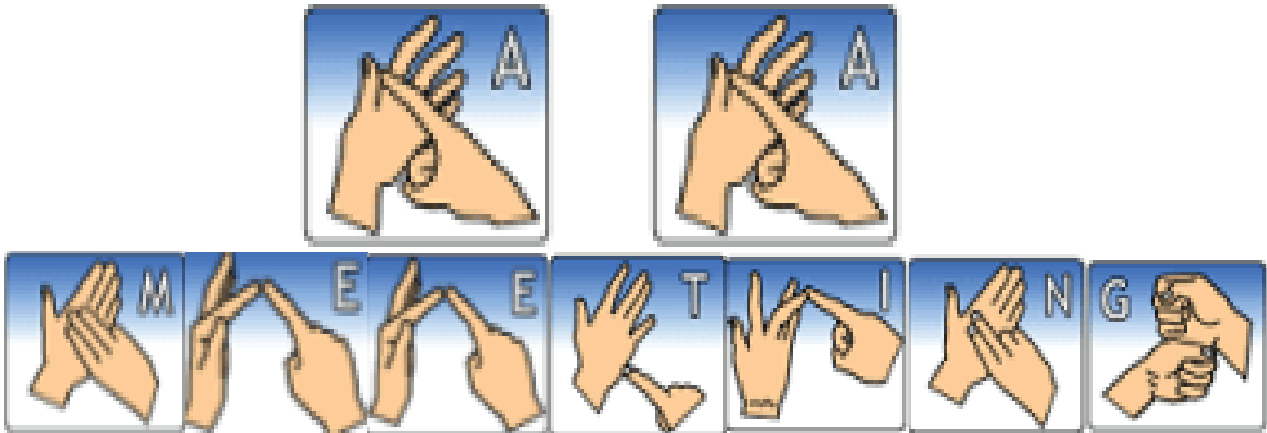


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AA Around Australia



Australia's First AUSLAN meeting

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At the National Convention in 2022, it was my pleasure to be introduced to some Auslan users who had just attended a meeting where an AUSLAN Interpreter had been provided. They were so amazed that the service was there, and young one newer member was on fire with what had been shared from the floor about recovery.

This came about through the efforts of a number of members particularly those from the Progress Not Perfection Group in South Yarra on Sundays. This group had been raising funds to provide an AUSLAN Interpreter Live and Online at their Meeting on the First Sunday of each Month.

They then worked to submit a topic to conference in 2022 asking if the Conference would approve a National Awareness push to help them fundraise for this service. Conference did indeed approve and further accepted the GSB's offer to finance the Interpreter each month for a year. This has now been sorted out and the Group can use any further monies donated to support

the AUSLAN initiative to communicate the service around Australia and to let more AUSLAN users around the country know about the meeting. How good would it be if enough AUSLAN users started to attend and contribute so that another meeting on a different day could be interpreted too?

It was an enormous thrill to see an idea start from an excited conversation between members at the Convention and move through the service structure to become a much-welcomed service to AA member is their recovery.

Please encourage everyone through your Areas, Districts, and groups to spread the word so that any AUSLAN users can get online and join the meeting and potentially help to support more AUSLAN interpreted meetings to happen.

Sunday 10:30am AEST
South Yarra Community Baptist Church
12 Surrey Rd, South Yarra VIC
Zoom Meeting ID: 394 896 349
Passcode: 992668

Event Highlights

58th National Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous
29th March – 1st April 20224



[Register on the website](#)

June 9 @ 8:00 am - July 13 @ 8:30 pm

[Opals to Minerals – Lightning Ridge to Mt. Isa – Outback AA Tag-a-long](#)

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 Al -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

Birthdays! Birthdays! Birthdays!

June 28 @ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
[Hawthorn's 65th Anniversary Meeting](#)

July 3 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
[Epping Group 47th Birthday](#)

July 11 @ 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
[Doveton 47th Anniversary](#)

July 14 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
[Kew 71st Anniversary](#)

July 17 @ 7:30 pm - 9:15 pm
[Claremont Topics 70th Anniversary](#)

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](#)

Eastern Region Corrections Committee

Who wants to have a new experience in Alcoholics Anonymous? Carrying the AA Message into a Correctional Facility can provide just that!

Excerpt from a letter that our co-founder Bill W. wrote to a prison group in 1949:

*Every A.A. has been, in a sense, a prisoner. Each of us has walled himself out of society; each has known social stigma. The lot of you folks has been even more difficult: In your case, society has also built a wall around you. But there isn't any real essential difference, a fact that practically all A.A.s now know. Therefore, when you members come into the world of A.A. on the outside, you can be sure that no one will care a fig that you have done time. What you are trying to be—not what you were—is all that counts with us. **Reprinted from (Corrections Workbook p.7) with permission of AA World Services Inc.***

How fortunate we are to have AA meetings to attend around the clock. These days it is so simple to go to meetings in person or online. Think of the convenience of attending online meetings, modem to modem in the comfort of our own home.

Just go to [AA Meetings up next](#) hit join meeting and you're in. This is not the case for alcoholics who suffer from alcoholism who are currently incarcerated in a Correctional Facility in NSW or the ACT.

When I was drunk my behaviour was often disgustingly and dangerously anti-social. I could have easily ended up incarcerated, but I did not, I found my way into

AA via a Treatment Facility not a Correctional Facility.

Recovery in AA has awakened my spirit, many opportunities to serve have come my way. Carrying the AA message into a Correctional Facility can provide a unique experience and the possibilities for spiritual growth abound.

Recently while taking an AA Meeting into the South Coast Correctional Facility in Nowra via an online platform provided such an experience for another dedicated member and myself. AA Meetings restarted in the facility (after lots of interruptions due to COVID) online for the inmates there in March 2022. For several weeks no inmates showed up. Undeterred we persisted and a trickle of alcoholics began to attend. Over a period of many months the little meeting grew. We are now regularly getting about 10 alcoholics attending each Friday with two AA members joining the meeting online. We currently have a roster of only four AA members. Lots of AA literature has been provided, Big Books, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Daily Reflections and specific AA literature for prison inmates.

In our meetings we have been reading short passages from the Big Book and also referencing the 12 Traditions and the various liberties and freedoms they provide for our great Fellowship.

Recently at the end of a meeting the inmates announced they have started their own meeting on a Monday with the help of Corrective Services staff. As we closed with the

Serenity Prayer at the end of that meeting and the dedicated inmates folded up their meeting banners and waved farewell until next Friday, one of the inmates held up his copy of the big book Alcoholics Anonymous to the camera in their meeting room, and with a broad smile announced his freedom. What started off as a small meeting on Friday has now become an AA Group. The inmates held their own Group Conscience and have decided to call their group the jAAil Group of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I realised in that moment that patience achieves all things and that indeed God always shows up when we carry the AA message from the heart, and here was his love flowing out from the broad smile of a grateful alcoholic who had just found freedom. I could feel the tears welling up from deep down within.

When carrying the AA message into a Correctional Facility we share experience, strength and hope with other alcoholics as we do at any A.A. meeting on the "outside." Having prison experience is not a prerequisite – sobriety in A.A. is. Inmates are more interested in learning how we got and stayed sober through A.A.'s Twelve Steps, rather than hearing about time we may have spent in prison.

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If you are looking for a new experience in AA, and are willing to make a commitment to this work, maybe carrying the AA message into a Correctional

Eastern Region Corrections Committee

Facility may provide just that! You can discuss your suitability with your Area Correctional Facility Coordinator.

Area Correctional Facility Coordinators in Eastern Region (NSW and ACT) currently attend monthly online meetings of the Eastern Region Corrections Committee (ERCC). In 2023 ERCC Online Meetings will be held at 8.00pm on the first Tuesday of each month. All interested AA members are welcome. The ERCC provides access to a raft of AA resources specific to Corrections work and supports Areas and individual AA Members to navigate through the Corrective Services

authorisation process in NSW and the ACT so AA members can be granted clearance to visit Correctional Centres across Eastern Region. Many AA Corrections resources, information, current clearance paperwork and relevant AA Conference approved literature can be found on our web page:

<https://members.aa.org.au/eastern-regional-nsw-corrections-kit/>

You will need to have an account and be logged in to view the resources.

There are also several Community Corrections Offices found across Eastern Region which provide

other possibilities to carry the AA message through AA information sessions for alcoholics on probation or parole, AA presentations to Corrective Services Staff or providing AA literature, contact information and local meetings lists.

Let's Be Friendly with Our Friends in Corrective Services.

Any questions please contact:

Mark S ERCC Secretary

ercc.secretary22@gmail.com

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 around Australia 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 fit 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

Introducing — The Virtual Area

Results of the recent Australian General Service Board Membership Survey indicated that during the COVID lockdown, 88% of respondents attended virtual (online, phone, etc) meetings in place of their regular face-to-face meetings. When the country opened back up, the number attending virtual meetings exclusively, dropped to 7%. However, nearly half of respondents continued to attend virtual meetings at the same time as going back to regular face-to-face meetings.

The editors of the December 2022 Edition of this publication concluded that “clearly virtual meetings are here to stay and we need to encourage those using virtual meetings to participate in our service structure”.

How did the Virtual Area come about?

The clear opportunity to encourage Australian AAs active online to engage in general service was there. A topic submitted for consideration at the 2020 Australian General Service Conference led to Advisory Action #009/2020 “that the creation of a virtual Area be included as part of the review of the General Service Structure by the Conference Policies & Admissions Committee”.

The committee created a Virtual Area Guideline, which enabled a sub-committee of interested Australian AAs to apply to the conference delegates to form a virtual area aligned with the Remote Trustee. The delegates voted in favour of the application, and in August 2022 an inaugural Election Assembly of the Australian Virtual Area (VA) was held. The first delegate of the Australian VA attended Conference in November the same year.

What is the Virtual Area?

The VA is just like other Areas in the General Service Structure. Any group that conducts its meetings virtually from Australia is welcome to join, and if not part of any other Area, may also vote. The VA holds quarterly Assemblies and the delegate attends Conference annually, and sits on conference committees. The VA accepts 7th Tradition donations which contribute to its running costs and conference levy, holds a modest prudent reserve, and distributes the remainder to benefit Australian AA as a whole. GSRs attend and vote at VA assemblies, and share ideas and concerns about the same general service structure as regular Areas do.

Who should get involved?

The VA is putting out a call to all Australian virtual groups to elect a GSR and plug your virtual Group Conscience into the General Service Structure. The only stipulation is that your GSR must reside in Australia. Get connected at our next quarterly assembly:

Sunday 27th August 2023

Service Workshop

Topic: AA’s Service Structure – covering elements of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts to illustrate the structure of AA (presented by Chris and David)
Time: 11:30AM AEST

Australian Virtual Area Assembly

1PM AEST

Join us by zoom
ID: 904 060 050 Passcode: 209971
Or join us via phone
PH: (07) 3185 3730
ID: 904 060 050 Passcode: 209971

For further information on the VA please visit
<https://aavirtualarea.org.au/>

Yours in grateful service
Andrew M
Alternate Delegate - VA

National Public Awareness Forum

All Alcoholics Anonymous members interested or active in Public Information and Cooperation with Professionals in the Community Treatment and Correctional Facilities, Remote Communities and Accessibility.

Fri 22nd to Sun 24th Nov 2024. Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hindley St, Adelaide CBD S.A.

A full program including workshops, Saturday night banquet and guest speaker Billy N, Palm Beach USA

Registrations, hotel bookings link & program details will be available soon, (watch out on AAAA & the AA website) details:

aanationalpiandcpc@gmail.com

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 GSO. 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.

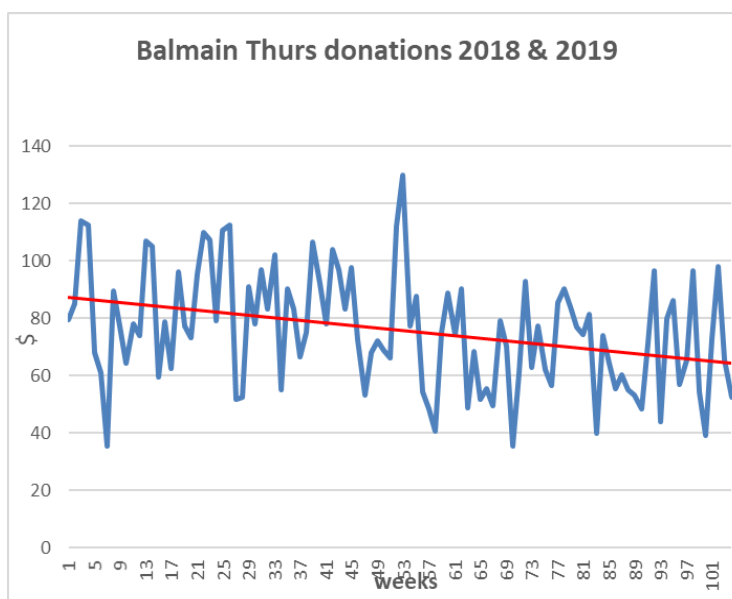
I looked at many systems but most were only suitable for much bigger operations than a typical AA meeting. You can take a look at what's on offer by googling "credit card payment systems."

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

Eastern Region Forum

A.A.'s primary purpose is to help other alcoholics achieve sobriety! This September Newcastle will be hosting a Regional Forum which will provide a unique opportunity for A.A. members across Australia to connect with people throughout the A.A. service structure.

The forum will kick off at 9am with an A.A. meeting focused on Members Service experience. We will then launch into action with: Workshops covering service, traditions and warranties run by experienced presenters from all over Australia.

Saturday evening we will share some music and comedy and to round the day up there

will be a rapid fire meeting to close.

Sunday will be a sponsorship forum also hosted by Chris and David McC.

The Regional forum will provide a greater understanding of the structure of Alcoholics Anonymous. It will also allow members to gain information from representatives of the General Service Board.

Come along for a fantastic weekend of fellowship and help carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Service reports from our National service coordinators and a presentation on the new service website from one of the website designers.

Lots of ideas and inspiration. An early evening program with dinner of music, comedy and a Rapid Fire meeting run by Chris and David McC.

Delicious home cooked food prepared by our expert Newcastle team include Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are included with the \$20 fee.

Venue: Adamstown Uniting Church
228 Brunner Rd. Adamstown NSW.

Registration: 8.30am Saturday
For further information please contact:

Siobhan B: 0431335092

Duncan D: 0412662697

Booking:

[https://
 events.humanitix.com/eastern-
 regional-service-forum](https://events.humanitix.com/eastern-regional-service-forum)

Conference & General Service Board makeup

We currently have 6 areas at conference unrepresented, this means that the voice of members from these areas is not being heard in actions decided at conference for our fellowship. Become a part of, put your hand up, say yes. Support our Service Structure.

The General Service Board comprise of 8 Alcoholic Trustees (Class B) and 4 Non-Alcoholic Trustees (Class A). We are currently in need of Class A Trustee's, for the General Service Board, of the 4 positions for Class A Trustees, we currently have 3,

Narelle Buchanan, a Perth local. Narelle's background is in Correctional Services and we are very appreciative of Narelle's time, service and knowledge that she gives so freely to AA.

We welcome **Matthew Church** from Victoria, who has a background in advocacy, education, training and consultancy. Matthew will bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to GSB and we look forward to working with him.

Hot off the press!
Kumi Taguchi Journalist, presenter and storyteller with 25 years experience in the media industry, has agreed to join the General Service Board as our third Class A Trustee!



Positions 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 or be able to attend Monthly meetings via video conferencing if they live somewhere beyond commuting distance of GSO

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 via video conferencing 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.

National Digital Archives Working Group

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

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 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

58th National Convention of AA

The 2024 National Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Adelaide over Easter. After Covid derailed the 2019 venture, the Adelaide crew are determined to make up for lost time, with a full program including International, Interstate and local speakers in a splendid venue (Hilton Hotel) right in the heart of the city. Central Market and close restaurant precinct will help make this event a memorable experience. Special rate rooms available on the website. <https://www.aanatcon2024.com.au>



Tradition Three and what it means for Specialised AA Groups

Our wonderful Tradition Three, “The only requirement for AA. Membership is a desire to stop drinking” means that no one can be denied membership as long as they have a desire to stop drinking.

Before AA had this Tradition, many Groups had membership rules that excluded people. Today no one can be excluded from an AA Group or meeting.

So where does that leave specialised Groups? These Groups include special meetings for men, women, young people, doctors, LGBTIQ+ and others. These groups feel that “labels” serve the purpose of attraction (providing double identification) and are not intended to imply exclusion of other alcoholics.

Members of special groups feel that many of their ‘kind’ would never be able to get themselves to AA if they had to enter through a regular group.

In Cleveland in 1941 women formed the very first special group, to ask for and get recogni-

tion in AA. There had been resistance to women attending the AA meetings. A woman’s presence was considered a disturbing factor. There was worry about hanky-panky. Once it was accepted that women needed and could get sober in AA, their growth was explosive. They busted the myth that AA just wouldn’t work for women, prevalent at the time.

There seems also to be genuine concern about anonymity for some groups, especially among people whose professional status calls for licensing and whose alcoholic status may affect their ability to practice their profession due to licences being cancelled their alcoholic status was known.

There are other groups too in Australia that speak languages other than English. Again, this is to widen the door for those suffering from alcoholism for those who speak different languages and would have trouble understanding at English speaking meetings.

The AA Group Handbook defines a group as

‘Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.’

It also provides for specialised groups.

‘Some AAs come together as specialised AA groups – for men, women, young people, doctors, LGBTIQ+ 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.’

Specialised groups can indicate their specialisation in Meeting Guides. However even though each group is autonomous, Tradition Three ensures that any member, who does not belong to that special category is always welcome at any meeting. This is of particular importance where there are few AA meetings in regional and remote areas.

Group Contributions March to May

CENTRAL REGION		CR	Wakefield Street Thursday	184.68	Blaxland PPG	109.50
Area A CR	CR/A	Young Peoples	24.30	Corowa	60.00	
Brompton Beginners	184.00	Zoom As Bill Sees It Women's	7.50	Dubbo Fri Sun	534.00	
Elizabeth East	45.00	Recovery On The Spectrum	34.10	Orange Tues Night	300.00	
Gawler	150.00	Total Area B:	3,475.75	Total Area F:	1,253.50	
Gawler Sobriety Sisters	48.00	Total Central Region:	6,398.43	Area G ER	ER/G	
Henley Beach Promises	7.65	EASTERN REGION	ER	Annandale Mon 8pm	353.25	
Hillcrest Hope	150.00	Area A ER	ER/A	Ashfield Sun 1pm	68.70	
Junction Midday	24.00	Armidale Free To Be	138.80	Balmain Thurs pm	300.85	
Kadina Group	52.25	Ballina Thursday	118.50	Bondi Beach Sea Change	4,275.00	
Kapunda	163.15	Bangalow	60.00	Coogee Living Sober	70.50	
Kilburn	388.30	Byron Bay Recovery	100.00	Darlinghurst Sun 5pm	150.00	
Mansfield Park	291.50	Casino	84.00	Dulwich Hill	300.00	
Mens Topic	17.23	Lennox Head	240.00	Erskineville	240.00	
Nuriootpa	75.00	Nimbin	150.00	Kings Cross Womens Sat	266.40	
Port Adelaide Friday	75.30	Port Macquarie Oxley	150.00	Kings Cross Wed Rex Centre	300.00	
Port Augusta	84.60	Scone Fri Night Steps	2,000.00	Leichhardt Saturday	90.00	
Port Lincoln Camp	300.00	South West Womens	500.00	LGBT Recovery Saturday	150.00	
Port Pirie Hope	34.90	Taree Thurs Ladies	115.00	Liverpool Tuesday	45.00	
Riverton	60.00	Total Area A:	3,656.30	Maroubra Junction Mon noon	15.00	
Salisbury Friday	3.00	Area B ER	ER/B	Newtown Fri 7pm	210.00	
Seaton Simplicity	120.00	Batlow	500.00	Newtown Tues 8pm	360.00	
Semaphore Serenity Mon	150.00	Bawley Point	184.00	Paddington Sat 8am	150.00	
Semaphore Sunday	360.00	Bundanoon	150.00	Paddington Sun	114.00	
St Cyprians	135.80	Canberra Daily Reflections	180.00	Randwick Steps & Traditions	158.58	
Tea Tree Gully	3.00	City Central Steps	87.00	Rozelle Wed 8pm	150.00	
Total Area A:	2,922.68	Lakeside BBS	277.80	Rozelle Womens	123.59	
Area B CR	CR/B	Moruya Wed	100.00	Still Sparkling Zoom	45.00	
Adelaide BBS	85.50	Murrumbateman	90.00	Sydney City 280 Pitt St	175.00	
Adelaide Breakfast	322.85	Narooma Thurs Night	50.00	Sydney City Wed 8am Lawyers	60.00	
Adelaide Beginners	16.80	Ulladulla Thurs	250.00	Waverley Into Action	450.00	
Aldinga	316.56	Total Area B:	1,868.80	Waverley Rocket 4D	13.50	
Aldgate	1.50	Area C ER	ER/C	Waverley Mens	150.00	
Atheists and Free Thinkers	15.30	Cessnock BBS Steps	200.00	Wayside Chapel	240.00	
As Bill Sees It Zoom	9.00	Hamilton SA	240.00	Wednesday Morning	26.40	
Bedford Park (Clovelly)	204.00	Lambton BBS	120.00	Wesley Groups	189.61	
Berri S&T	45.00	Mayfield Hope	286.20	Whisky in my Milk	51.00	
Blackwood	78.00	Nelson Bay Tues/ Fri Night	360.00	Total Area G:	9,291.38	
Brighton By the Book Speakers	247.80	Newcastle Three Legacies	100.00	Area H ER	ER/H	
Brighton Beginners	1.65	Total Area C:	1,306.20	Bright Spot Womens CFCU	575.00	
Christies Beach	3.00	Area D ER	ER/D	Fairfield Mon	75.00	
Christies Serenity	3.00	Bowral Sat	150.00	Katoomba ABSI Sun	45.00	
Christies Beach BBS	75.60	Campbelltown Friday	500.00	Katoomba Wednesday Noon	100.00	
Eastwood Recovery	254.20	Corrimal	60.00	Lalor Park Tues BBS	160.00	
Eastwood Women's Sunday	80.00	Cronulla Daily Reprieve	10.00	Quakers Hill Beginners	20.00	
Flinders St Friday	20.63	Homebush Thu PM	300.00	Seven Hills Friday Night	80.00	
Flinders St Wednesday	7.88	Lakemba Tuesday	100.00	Toongabbie Fri Night	500.00	
Glenelg	65.10	Liverpool Sunday 11am	554.34	Toongabbie Wed Arch to Freedom	77.25	
Glen Osmond R2R	124.10	Nowra District	115.00	Total Area H:	1,632.25	
Goolwa	30.00	Nowra Into Action	100.00	Area I ER	ER/I	
Hawthorn Living Sober	60.00	Padstow CTM	100.00	Saratoga Fri Night	400.00	
Magill Mon	1.80	Padstow Thursday	400.00	Toukley Thurs Topic	50.00	
Malvern	33.40	Woolgoola	120.00	Total Area I:	450.00	
Meadows	9.00	Total Area D:	2,389.34	Total Eastern Region:	31,799.31	
Morphett Vale Tue	9.00	Area E ER	E/R	SOUTHERN REGION		
Mt Barker Sober on Sat	6.85	Area E	800.00	Area A SR	SR/A	
Murray Bridge	45.00	Area E Groups via NSCSO	2,723.54	Apollo Bay	100.00	
New Hope	21.00	Baulkham Hills Sunday	600.00	Hamilton	240.00	
Norwood	92.80	Chatswood Sunday	400.00	Warnambool Wednesday	300.00	
Payneham	84.00	Collaroy Meditation	500.00	Total Area A:	640.00	
Payneham Womens	75.00	Cremorne 2PM	500.00	Area B SR	SR/B	
Payneham Primary Purpose	151.50	Curl Curl Bfast	1,271.00	Albury SC	400.00	
Rainbow Meeting	60.00	Dural Steps	560.00	Bright	200.00	
Renmark Sunday	26.60	Lilyfield Steps	97.00	Kangaroo Flat	150.00	
Seaford	3.60	Road to Recovery Groups	2,500.00	Wodonga BB	60.00	
Spiritual/Speaker	96.00	Total Area E:	9,951.54	Endeavour Hills	200.00	
Serenity by the sea	219.75	Area F ER	ER/F	Total Area B:	1,010.00	
St Theodore's Steps	47.10	Bathurst Tues Night	250.00	Area D SR	SR/D	
Strathalbyn Sunday	153.40			Area D	129.85	
Sunday Women's	21.90					

Group Contributions March to May

Ballarat LS	50.00	Chevallum	640.80	Area B WR	WR/B
Essendon	400.00	Childers Group	121.45	Armadale	150.00
Geelong Mens	41.40	Coolum	354.00	Cloverdale	120.00
Northern Exposure	300.00	District 9	2,000.00	Coolgardie	45.00
Ashgrove	150.00	Dorrington Steps	108.00	Donnybrook	120.00
Seddon Steps	297.00	Fortitude Valley Mens	450.00	Esperance	506.88
Torquay	400.00	Gladstone As Bill Sees It	288.00	Fremantle Doctor	112.91
Total Area D:	1,768.25	Glenwood	30.00	Fremantle Maritime	18.00
Area E SR	SR/E	Hervey Bay Tues BB	60.00	Fremantle Mens	33.00
Battery Point Mon Lunchtime	306.10	Howard	30.00	Fremantle Sat afternoon	600.00
Burnie Fri Night	300.00	Margate Beginners	70.00	Fremantle Tues pm	24.00
Devonport Mon	150.00	Maroochydore Sun Topic	330.00	Fremantle Unity	210.00
Hobart Womens	40.00	Mooloolaba MGM	213.98	Gosnells	60.00
Huonville Fri	200.00	Nambour Saturday Night	438.00	Kalamunda	60.00
New Norfolk	50.00	Nundah	222.20	Kalamunda A New Freedom	60.00
Sandy Bay	100.00	Pomona	500.00	Kalgoorlie Steps	161.49
Total Area E:	1,146.10	Sandgate/Brighton Steps Thurs	60.00	Maddington New Beginnings	15.00
Area F SR	SR/F	Tewantin Women's	45.00	Mandurah Recovery	100.00
The Deal	819.08	Toowong Topics	102.00	Mandurah Womens	18.00
Belmont Speakers	270.00	Toowong Wmens	240.00	Mandurah Sunday	30.00
Bentleigh Secular	100.00	Total Area B:	10,085.04	Margaret River BB Steps	150.00
Breakfast With Bill, St Kilda	90.00	Area C NER	NER/C	Margaret River ID	90.00
Camberwell	118.00	Annerley Womens	90.00	Mundijong	45.00
Caulfield Sober Saturday	111.75	Bayside Beginners	240.00	Parmelia	6.00
Croydon Tues	150.00	Bethania Plan B	98.70	Rockingham Discussion	90.00
Dandenong Common Welfare Fri	150.00	Bulimba Thurs Secular	90.00	Rockingham Peoples Group	141.09
East Malvern BWB	72.30	Burleigh Heads Early Birds	780.00	South Lakes Candlelight	180.00
Melbourne On Awakening	317.09	Coomera BB Monday 7pm	114.32	Spearwood ABC Steps	98.68
Metung	274.65	Elanora Traditions	195.00	Willagee Living Sober	60.00
Prahran Sun Night Recovery	20.00	Gold Coast Mens	550.81	Willagee Beaconsfield	240.00
Prahran Hey Hey Its Saturday	150.00	Gold Coast Womens	90.00	Willagee Warblers	50.00
Prahran Eastern Twilight	192.00	Greenslopes	210.00	Total Area B:	\$3,595.05
St Kilda Beginners BBS	100.00	Gumdale Wed ID	90.00	Total Western Region:	5,906.45
St Kilda Serenity now	100.00	Gumdale Saturday	200.00	NORTHERN REGION	
South Melbourne Mens Group	581.21	Helensvale Tues 8pm	75.00	NR	NR
South Yarra Sun	150.00	Hope Island Thurs S&T	255.00	Casuarina	1,350.00
South Yarra P N P	150.00	Indooroopilly HP	164.55	Darwin District	2,300.00
Total Area F:	3,916.08	Ipswich ID Recovery	60.00	Darwin Daily Reflections	140.00
Total Southern Region:	8,480.43	Ipswich SC	100.00	Darwin Tues BB	172.01
NORTH EASTERN REGION		Ipswich Silkstone Serenity	120.00	Darwin Wed Rapid Creek	194.37
Area A NER	NER/A	Isle of Capri Sunrise	246.00	Darwin Zoom	270.00
Ayr Recovery	50.00	Kenmore Groups	150.00	Total Northern Region:	4,426.38
Blackbutt	30.00	Mt Gravatt Sun Night	180.00	UNKNOWN GROUPS	
Via Cairns CSO	700.00	Murwillumbah Recovery	195.00	Campbell Town Traditions	350.00
Innisfail Recovery	300.00	Murwillumbah Thurs Night	45.00	Spirit Of The Universe	50.00
Kirwan Easy Does It	35.00	Nerang Steps	36.00	Unknown Zoom Rainbow Promises	20.00
Kuranda	90.00	New Farm ABSI	118.87	Unknown Living Sober	204.00
Magnetic Island	240.00	New Farm	223.89	Unknown SC Thursday	400.00
Trinity Beach	135.00	Oxley Station	130.00	Unknown Sunrise	36.00
Townsville Kirwan Monday Lunch	600.00	Palm Beach Sat 5:30pm Topic	68.85	Unknown Group	150.00
Townsville Annandale Early Birds	20.00	Paradise Point Sun 5pm	210.00	Unknown MMBES	60.00
Townsville Warburton St	50.00	Samford Group	213.00	Unknown CUG	300.00
Total Area A:	2,250.00	Springwood Topics	1,130.00	Down Under Not Down Zoom	5.00
Area B NER	NER/B	Toowoomba BBS	400.00	Unknown Long Reef Tuesday	300.00
Albany Creek/ Carseldine HP	170.00	Total Area C:	6,869.99	Unknown Truth Group	300.00
Aspley Steps Monday Night	250.00	Total North Eastern Region:	19,205.03	Thursday Happy Hour	105.00
Beerwah Group	120.00	WESTERN REGION		Gutter Bravado	325.00
Bray Park BBS	45.00	Area A WR	WR/A	Shivering Denizens	472.93
Bribie Island Fri Night	375.00	Area A WR	240.00	Sisterhood in Recovery	100.00
Bribie Island Mon Night Recovery	80.00	Balga Nollamara	30.00	Freedom Group	390.00
Bridgeman Downs Weds	1,073.00	Bassendean	450.00	Unknown Underwood	115.36
Brisbane Rainbow	200.00	Burns Beach	45.00	VSMG	300.00
Brisbane CSO	299.00	Claremont	61.83	GCIEB	69.83
Brisbane Meditation	50.61	Universal Steps	114.96	WA Group 103	33.00
Bulcock Beach	350.00	Duncraig	300.00	SMDR	195.96
Bundaberg Fri Night BBS	120.00	East Vic Park	60.00	Unknown BVSTMON	40.00
Caloundra BB Sat	100.00	Geraldton	40.00	Total Unknown Deposits:	4,322.08
Caloundra Mon ABSI	327.00	Heathridge Steps	30.00	TOTAL ALL REGIONS:	78,226.71
Caloundra Wed pm	132.00	Joondanna Sundowner	90.00		
Caloundra Fri LS	90.00	Maylands Daybreak	180.00		

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