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# AA Around Australia

## The Brown Paper Bag Appeal

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### TO ALL MEMBERS OF AA IN AUSTRALIA

Earlier this year the World Service Delegates for Australia sent out an SOS regarding the "Brown Paper Bag Appeal". This was sent to all of you because the final amount collected for the previous year (2022) has now been finalized, we are very pleased to announce that sixteen thousand seven hundred and eighty nine dollars, (YES \$16,789.00), was the total amount contributed by you the members via Individual, Group, District or Area participation.

This year the Founders Week appeal has raised almost \$10,000.00 with money still coming in. We believe the lower amount is due to financial hardships being felt right across communities and within the Fellowship, so all things considered, a very well done to the AA Fellowship in Australia.

Money collected is divided by thirty per cent to the World Literature Fund and seventy per cent to the International

Sponsorship Fund, which for Australia means supporting those Countries within the Asia Oceania Region. Because Australia is the "Older Sober Country" within this region which has many third world countries trying to develop AA structure in their homeland this money becomes invaluable for that cause.

The First Term WSD along with the GSO is responsible for the Brown Paper Bag Appeal. Because Greg the Second Term WSD now rolls off and I now become the Second Term Delegate this will be my last message to all of you. We hope you don't rest on your laurels and that each year you remember how important this appeal is to those under privileged countries in the Asia Oceania and other World Regions. Please continue to support the appeal. Thanks to all of you.

**AOSM raised \$7131**

**International Sponsorship Fund raised \$2377**

# Outback Tagalong 2023

Hi I am Art an Alcoholic from Canberra, (home group Queanbeyan Friday Lunchtime) and reporting on the Luncheons for Professionals we presented on the OutBack Tag-a-long in QLD 2023.

Before the Tag kicked off in Lightning Ridge a group of us met in the town of Pilliga south of Lightning Ridge and camped at the local Hot Bore baths just outside of the town. The excitement started there, just the talk of carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to others was the talk in the baths and around the camp fire.

Of course the weekend at the Ridge was exceptional as always about 300 plus members enjoying meetings & fellowship. On the last day Sunday the group going on the Tag met and heard the details of the upcoming trek going all the way to Mt Isa.

This year we put on presentations to the Professional community in Roma & Emerald & I will elaborate more on those.

The Tag headed off to St George on the Monday after the Ridge, there we held a meeting in the park on the Balonne River.

Tuesday was off to Mitchell where a new & good change happened. We had access to the showgrounds where every body who wanted could have power, good bathroom facilities and an excellent shed provided our meeting place. The great news in Mitchell was 2 newcomers were present and attended the

meetings. They were so grateful that they then came to the next town Morven to attend the week end there, and to our surprise they came to Roma as well.

After Mitchell it was Morven where we were hosted by the local AA Group run by Ron & Linda. Great meetings in the local Hall, excellent food and good camping facilities at the local recreation grounds.

After the week end in Morven we moved on to Roma and it was here that we had the first presentation to the Professional & Allied Health workers.

We set up the room and soon enough we had 32 Professional /

out so that all the guests were seated next to AA members. The feed back from those that attended were so positive that a week later Brian F was invited to attend a meeting on Zoom with South West Health to discuss AA with team leaders. The non AA guests were the local Mayor and deputy, clergy, Drug Arm, School Youth Health, Headspace, Aboriginal Health, social workers, South West mental health staff from Roma Hospital and other community groups. Police and Ambulance were invited but had to attend an incident out of town. The next day information was dropped off to the respective stations.



*Above is a photo of some of the non AA participants that attended in Roma*

We then went on to Injune where again a newcomer arrived at the meetings we had at the local race track / showground. We had 2 extra meetings to accomodate the new member.

Emerald was the next Luncheon for Professionals. Twenty three guests came and again a cross section of the community took part. Mental Health facilitators, Officer in

Charge of the Ambulance Station, social workers, Lives Well Lived, James Cook University, Women's Health, Salvation Army, Rural Family Support, Well Being Facilitators and many others. Police were short staffed so they just came to view the Video of the Cochrane Report.

Allied Health workers with our 22 AA members. Brian F headed the presentation with information what AA does and importantly what it does not do and then we presented the YouTube video of the Cochrane Review on Alcoholics Anonymous, (the Cochrane Review is the Gold Standard on medical practices in the world) They the scientists not AA members discuss the success of whether AA works or not and come to the conclusion the it works 60% better than any other programs. We had the room set

The Tagalong is more than just the Luncheons and meetings as I was to find out in Cunnamulla. Last year we came here and had a Luncheon and a very successful one. I came here on the way home

## Valerie M, 27 Years as General Service Office Manager

### Thank you to Valerie

Over the past 27 years, Valerie has managed the General Service Office, providing services to our Australian Fellowship, the general public and professionals as well as to the General Service Board and Conference.

During her time, she initiated many projects including the History Book – One to Another, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Australian Big Book, the change to Board committee system, the setup of an Old Timers meeting in Sydney July 2007, the women's trip to India 2013, and the Fiji Convention 2016. Valerie also wrote the General Service Conference structure role play, which has been performed all over the country.

Thank you Valerie for your contributions and we wish you the very best for your retirement.

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to do a job taking photographs, nothing to do with AA but as soon as I was in town locals remembered last years presentation and all the AA group. Not only did they remember the presentation but the way we as a group had such a positive affect on those around us. We are seen in a positive light every where we go, not just in Cunnamulla but every where the Tagalong goes. Had the same experience in a number of towns we have been in before.

In Bourke on the way home I stayed in Kidmans camp where in the early 2000's we used to do a Tagalong with Trevor D (now deceased) and the first thing the women in the reception says "You used to come here with AA years

ago (2006 was the last). She remembered because our behaviour was exceptional and the fun we always had, we cleaned up after ourselves and we were helpful when required. How

catch up again, there are no rules. We have a lot of fun, fellowship, meetings but we all know what our primary purpose is to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.



*Above is a photo of non AA participants in Emerald*

The Tagalong ended in Mt Isa, always an emotional day, we say our goodbyes to others arrange to meet again. Some head off to Darwin and do the Douglas Daly week end others to the coast and others home.

I have been on the last 3 Tags and enjoyed them and come home revived and enthusiastic and deep down I know that my safety net of sobriety has been enhanced.

Hope to see you and meet you on another

good is that.

Not all members do the full Tagalong, some come for a week or 2 others join in on the Tag as it comes to there area and may come for a few days, others divert to look at local attractions and

Tagalong.

Thank you for my sobriety Aart M

# AA Events



[Register on the website](#)

**58th National Convention of  
Alcoholics Anonymous**  
**29th March – 1st April  
2024**

**For more details on all  
coming events click**

<https://aa.org.au/events/>

## **Introducing the National Treatment Facilities and Accessibility Coordinator**

Hi my name is Simon K and it is an honour to have been appointed to serve the fellowship in the role of National Treatment Facilities and Accessibility Coordinator. I am really excited about the possibilities that lie ahead in continuing the great work the fellowship does carrying the AA message of recovery into treatment settings and broadening the availability of our message to those who as yet may not have access to this life saving program.

I am a member of the Hope Island Steps and Traditions meeting on the Gold Coast and have served in various roles within the general service structure at group, district, and area levels. These roles included the facilitation of AA members into local treatment facilities

I aim to assist in simplifying access to conference approved literature relative to treatment settings, with the hope that easy access and knowledge of these resources better enables members to effectively carry AAs message into treatment facilities.

Another objective is to encourage the creation of TF&A coordinator roles at local areas with the aim of promotion of communication between the participants at group & district levels, to better establish what work is currently being undertaken and where opportunities to carry our message may exist.

In my experience the relationships we create, and the cooperation with which we maintain external facilities is extremely important in ensuring continued access to

carrying AA's message to those who still suffer. In the past, due to a variety of reasons, I have seen these relationships deteriorate and the sometimes significant amount of time and effort it can take for them to be rebuilt. Witnessing this, I believe that one simple way of providing a consistent level of cooperation and engagement with these facilities is to ensure that all levels of local general service structures are aware of what is occurring so we may be better positioned to maintain these crucial relationships.

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# Conference Topics 2023

## TOPIC #004/2023:

Recovery on the Spectrum (RotS) feels that groups should have the option of purchasing gender-neutral 12 Step banners for meetings. eg: "Step 11 – Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Them, praying only for knowledge of Their will for us and the power to carry that out."

## TOPIC #005/2023:

Preserve AA Preamble in its original form : "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women [...]"

Gender discussion is an outside issue and it violates Tradition Ten. The long version of Tradition Ten specifically states "Concerning such matters (outside controversial issues) they can express no views whatever".

## TOPIC #006/2023:

That a place on the AA National Website [www.aa.org.au](http://www.aa.org.au) and the AA Members Website [www.members.aa.org.au](http://www.members.aa.org.au) be created, to place information on current Paid Job Vacancies /AA Career opportunities, Trusted Servant opportunities (Volunteer Alcoholic Regional Trustees, General Service Trustees, World Service Delegates) Class A non-alcoholic Trustees, Volunteers for the AA skills pool register.

## TOPIC #007/2023:

That the General Service Conference (GSC) consider the suggestion that the General Service Board (GSB) present standardised interim financial reporting to Regional Trustees at Board meetings (January July and November) that can then be shared with Area Delegates and in turn General Service Representatives (GSR's). Current Custom of financial reporting- Audited financial

accounts are presented Annually at The General Service Conference in November (6 months into the following financial year). These accounts are then shared with the AA groups via The Area Delegates and the Conference Report, customarily in December. AA's Financial position is shared with Regional Trustees at Board meetings (January July November).

## TOPIC #008/2023:

There are members who do not identify as human. We are known as otherkin. The change to the Preamble did not include us. We respectfully request any changes to A.A. literature should include us.

## TOPIC #009/2023:

That the GSC explore options to raise the profile of the 12 Concepts for World Service considering the below actions: Younger members are unaware of these even existing

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Ad-hoc procedures are being adopted at District and Area levels which are becoming recognised as 'the right way' e.g. 3rd legacy election process is rarely used

## **TOPIC #010/2023:**

That GSB organise a video/audio summary or podcast of highlights or top line outcomes from conference to be held on the AA website so people can access who may have problems with reading etc.

Often the service structure communication system breaks down – GSRs do not always distribute email or written reports extensively. Often members ask questions around topics or advisory actions that are from previous years.

## **TOPIC #011/2023:**

That the GSC implement a thorough and fearless review and rewrite the Australian Service Manual, to update, correct and clarify and improve the legibility of the volume. The US AA Service Manual has

greatly benefitted from this process and is providing many younger members with an interest in and avenue to involvement and engagement.

The service manual is widely ignored or unknown by many members

## **TOPIC #012/2023:**

At the conference in Perth we had all of the Sydney office staff at the whole thing. Does AA Australia need to pay for all of this attendance?

A literature stall could be covered by volunteers and save the other money to go to carrying the messages to other alcoholics

The members probably don't realize that they cover 3x flights and hotels and food and the overtime/wages for this.

Perth must have cost about \$10,000 for this in total and could be reduced to \$3000

When they all travel it costs money – air flights, accommodation as well as

the taxi and other costs like reggo.

## **TOPIC #013/2023:**

GSO have look at the forms such as this topic form and other paperwork that comes out form them and makes it easier to read and use. The formatting is often horrible and clunky and jumps around and is hard to use. That is before we talk about spelling and errors

Nobody submits a form in word anymore its 2023

## **TOPIC #014/2023:**

Acknowledgement of Country Statement Read at AA Meetings

“Acknowledgement of Country” (AoC) statements have recently appeared in meetings of AA groups and some AA Service entities (including the Australian General Service Conference, Australian General Service Office, and Australian General Service Board).

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An AoC statement is part of the political process established by the Australian Government towards Reconciliation with our First Nations' peoples. As such, an AoC is a controversial political issue and unrelated to AA's Primary Purpose. The use of an AoC statement engages in "outside issues" unrelated to alcoholism or AA, contrary to principles stated in the AA Preamble and Tradition 10.

The General Service Conference needs to address use of an AoC statement by AA Groups and Service entities. We recommend soliciting input from AA Groups around the country, with particular reference to how use of an AoC relates to our Primary Purpose, and the experience and wisdom contained in the Twelve Traditions and AA Preamble.

## **TOPIC #015/2023:**

### **NEED FOR A SECULAR AA LEAFLET**

It is proposed that the GSB create a modern leaflet covering the inclusion of people of secular beliefs in the AA Fellowship.

The need is twofold:

To attract persons who are agnostic or atheist. Dispelling the myth that AA is all about God will provide a more accessible route to the program for some people. Other sub-groups have been the focus of concerted efforts across the fellowship in recent years.

To show all members that secular members are to be encouraged and included and not discriminated against as has been the experience of a number of members in the last few years.

Secular meetings have been listed by AA both here and internationally for some time, but the space in listings to explain what a secular meeting is, is very limited and a leaflet of the proposed type would provide clarity for members or

prospective members.

## **Topic #016/2023:**

The Board and Conference to direct the host planning committee of the National Convention to not include a 'welcome to country' or 'acknowledgements of traditional owners' announcements or any other political activism during the convention.

During the Perth National Convention 2023 I was annoyed to see the 'acknowledgment of traditional owners' statement being read out at the beginning of every meeting. The HPC should not be engaging in Aboriginal or any other form of activism.

## **TOPIC #017/2023:**

Gold Coast, Area C, North-Eastern Region Host the 2026 National Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, Australia."

## **TOPIC #018/2023 :**

Request that Conference provide guidance to the fellowship about the use of outside materials that are pro AA - for example,

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the “Cochrane report”.

Specifically, its use in locally created digital PICPC material, where outside branding, or logos, are used, along with quotes from, and links to, non-AA material when this information is presented alongside conference approved literature as part of an AA PICPC kit or document.

1, How is this problematic with regards to affiliation and endorsement?

2, How, if at all, might this information be communicated to professionals by AA members that’s in alignment with our traditions, specifically tradition 6 and 10.

If conference decides this does pose conflicts with our traditions, conference could assign the issue to a committee to update PICPC guideline GL-7 and the service manual “section eleven” to help provide clarity to the fellowship.

## **TOPIC #019/2023:**

The General Service Board consider changing

the current Class A Trustee term from 5 years to 3 years plus an optional 4th year plus an optional 5th year should the Class A trustee and the board wish to exercise one or both of those 1-year options.

The change in term for our Class A trustees may assist us with attracting great candidates without diminishing to continuity of having a Class A Trustee onboard for a full 5 years.

Even in the corporate space we are rarely asked to sign up to commitments for a 5-year term. Is it possible that the long duration of the term deters candidates who are well qualified and would otherwise be interested?

## **TOPIC #020/2023:**

An adoption of the Cochrane report into AA literature Professionals pack to be approved for the purposes Public Information and working with the professional community.

To enable PICPC

committee to use the current professional opinion of the medical community in its efforts to carry the message.

## **TOPIC #021/2023:**

Conference Delegates term.

Suggest to Policy & Admissions Committee that Conference Delegates 3 year term be reduced back to a 2 year term.

The current serving time is 3 years to Conference.

This term does not align with the terms of: Area Secretary/Treasurer (2 years); Area Chair (2 years) Trustee (4 years), World Service (4 years) and is therefore out of step with other elected Trusted Servants.

## **TOPIC #022/2023:**

Our home group would like guidance from the GSO regarding electronic transfer of payments for 7th tradition, and suggested methods for home groups to facilitate this. We seek guidance on anonymity and legal/administrative issues with bank transfers, and prioritising allocation of

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funds to home group running costs before splitting the remainder to 60-30-10 (or 50-30-10-10).

We are moving to a cashless society

## **TOPIC #023/2023:**

Conference to consider asking for volunteers from any location around Australia to assist in answering the 24 hour phone help line.

Area E Eastern Region has been providing a 24 hour phone service for years and has helped many alcoholics.

## **TOPIC #024/2023**

New Poster for PI/CPC to become conference approved

Created by member and posted on National PI/CPC whatsapp Group

Add to existing posters

## **TOPIC #025/2023**

That the proposed leaflet (attached), directed to persons who are agnostic or atheist, be considered as approved AA literature for Australia distribution to AA offices and groups.

AA has listed worldwide secular AA meetings for decades. In comparison, secular AA meetings in Australia are relatively new with a steady increase in the number of meetings and attendees in recent years, both face to face and on-line. All are listed on the Australian AA website, where many discovered secular AA meetings by chance.

The awareness and visibility of secular AA groups in Australia requires enhancing. This leaflet is a succinct tri-fold, double-sided leaflet which has been designed for this purpose.

## **TOPIC #027/2023:**

Raise the price of literature in line with current annualised Consumer Price Index (CPI) and review annually.

## **TOPIC #028/2023:**

Resume printing of the Australian AA Service Manual and the Guidelines

## **TOPIC #029/2023**

Dyslexic Font for Big Book  
Have copies of Alcoholics Anonymous (Big Book)

printed for dyslexic people.

## **TOPIC 030/2023**

Recommended change to Service Manual

As there has been some confusion regarding the meaning of the following paragraph from the Delegate Section of the Australian AA Service Manual (under the heading 'About the Alternate Delegate'), the Conference Policies & Admissions Committee requests that the Conference Report Charter and Service Manual Committee consider making the following recommendation to Conference.

That the following paragraph:

There are only two situations in which the Alternate Delegate can be seated at Conference: -  
if there is an elected Delegate who, for some reason, is unable to attend Conference; and  
when the Delegate

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position is vacant. The Alt Delegate will be considered as having served one year as a Conference member and will only be permitted to attend two more Conferences in the Delegate position. (i.e. 3yrs)

be replaced by:

\*A Delegate serves one term of three consecutive years. It is strongly recommended that a delegate serve a single term. An Alternate Delegate may, after attending one Conference in place of the Delegate, be elected to serve a full three year term. (\*please note, this is the wording used in the US/Canada Service Manual).

## TOPIC 031/2023

### GUIDELINE # 39

The Conference Policy and Admissions committee recommends that the current Guideline #39 be replaced with the following below guideline below. . The reason for this recommended change is to clarify the guideline's

intention that group GSRs reside in Australia. A group's GSR should be in a position to become a member of the Area Committee, which requires them to be a legal resident, and/or become the elected Area Delegate or Alternate Delegate, which requires them to attend the general service conference in Australia.

Online-only groups belonging to, or considering joining, a virtual Area, should be hosted in Australia and their GSRs should ideally live in Australia.

**To see the Conference Topics in full**

**Click [here](#)**

**You need to log in to see most things on the AA Members site!**

## Archives Working Group Service Opportunity

The scope of the Archives is to provide a sense of A.A.'s past to the Fellowship and to create a context for understanding and valuing A.A.'s historical milestones and Traditions. The Archives will continue to serve the interested communities among sociologists, historians and other professionals interested in exploring A.A.'s roots and growth throughout the world.

The main purpose of the Archives, consistent with A.A.'s primary purpose, is to keep the record straight so that myth does not predominate over fact as to the history of the Fellowship.

The purpose of the Archives Working Committee is to make recommendations to the General Service Board regarding what should be done and what limitations, if any, should be set regarding access and accommodation of material.

We are seeking volunteer members for this newly created Archives Working Committee. The Committee will be concerned with the collection, management of and access to the General Service Archives to preserve the message of Alcoholics Anonymous in line with its primary purpose.

The Committee will explore the need of the Archives and seek ways to present and make use of the archives in a practical form for the fellowship. Meetings will take place via Zoom regularly throughout the year. Other

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 Chris or Cheryn at [chris@aa.org.au](mailto:chris@aa.org.au)

# Group Contributions June to August

## National Digital Archives Working Committee

Does ink run through your veins?

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.

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## Technology and Social Media Working Group

Are you a bit of an IT wonk?

You can now utilise your skills to help AA transform into the digital age and play an important role in how AA carries the message ,

The Technology and Social Media Working Group is tasked with taking a critical look at AA's online presence and seeing what new ways we can present ourselves and save lives. Current projects include a Chat Now function and redeveloping our webpages.

You can join by contacting [chris@aa.org.au](mailto:chris@aa.org.au)

<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>		CR	<b>EASTERN REGION</b>		ER
<b>Area A CR</b>		CR/A	<b>Area A ER</b>		ER/A
12&12 Rocks		\$30.00	Area A		1,750.00
Brompton Beginners		45.00	Alstonville Study		100.00
Elizabeth East		45.00	Armidale Free To Be		100.00
Gawler Sobriety Sisters		12.00	Armidale		34.50
Grange		75.00	Ballina Spiritual Concepts Sun		371.55
Henley Beach E S		3.00	Bangalow		40.00
Henley Beach Promises		79.50	Bellingen Sat Meditation		28.00
Kilburn Speakers		243.50	Brunswick Heads Sun		216.00
Mansfield Park		7.50	Byron Shire District		1,675.00
Nuriootpa		42.00	Byron Bay Living Sober		600.00
Port Adelaide Friday		60.85	Grafton BBS		300.00
Port Augusta		90.00	Lennox Head		50.00
Riverton		66.00	Lismore Spiritual Progress		110.00
Salisbury Saturday		35.30	Mullumbimby Step 11 Meditation		600.00
Seaton Simplicity		105.00	Northern Rivers District		1,000.00
Sunday Women's		240.00	Port MacQuarie Fri 8pm		300.00
Tanunda		42.00	Port Macquarie Oxley		120.00
Two Wells		45.05	Port Macquarie Spiritual Concepts		88.00
Young Persons Group		30.00	Port Macquarie Thurs S&T		600.00
<b>Total Area A:</b>		<b>1,266.70</b>	Port Macquarie Womens Sat		81.11
			Pottsville Handover		340.00
<b>Area B CR</b>		CR/B	Sawtell Groups		70.00
Adelaide Breakfast		91.35	South West Womens		175.00
Adelaide Beginners		7.50	Urunga Tuesday Topic		30.00
Aldinga		62.31	<b>Total Area A:</b>		<b>8,779.16</b>
Aldgate		289.65			
Atheists and Free Thinkers		22.50	<b>Area B ER</b>		ER/B
As Bill Sees It Zoom		42.45	Ainslie Village		200.00
Bedford Park (Clovelly)		28.80	Batlow		62.00
Berri S&T		64.50	Bundanoon		240.00
Blackwood		25.50	Bungendore		50.00
Brighton By the Book Speakers		83.00	Canberra CSO		798.97
Brighton Beginners		1.50	Canberra Recovery		600.00
Burnside Friday Lunchtime		35.15	Lakeside BBS		219.00
Christies Beach		90.00	Northside Group		30.00
Christies Serenity		1.50	Ulladulla Thurs		300.00
Christies Beach BBS		120.00	Weston Creek		463.10
Coromandel		76.00	<b>Total Area B:</b>		<b>2,963.07</b>
Eastwood Recovery		156.30			
Eastwood Women's Sunday		108.45	<b>Area C ER</b>		ER/C
Eastwood Weeekdays		96.00	Charlestown Fri Freedom		194.00
Flinders St Friday		143.75	Hamilton SA		200.00
Flinders St Monday		6.90	Newcastle Three Legacies		200.00
Flinders St Wednesday		758.00	Newcastle Way Of Life		243.60
Glenelg		52.25	Raymond Terrace Mon Night		50.00
Glen Osmond R2R		97.50	Swansea Weds		110.00
Goodwood		72.00	<b>Total Area C:</b>		<b>997.60</b>
Hawthorn Living Sober		15.00			
Hyde Park Recovery		24.00	<b>Area D ER</b>		ER/D
Magill Mon		76.50	Ashfield Spiritual Concepts		12.00
Malvern		53.10	Ashfield Thurs Noon		600.00
Mt Barker Sober on Sat		15.00	Ashfield Sunday 1pm		22.32
Murray Bridge		110.00	Beverly Hills Sun Fri		1,000.00
New Hope		24.00	Mittagong Steps Wed		100.00
Norwood		91.15	Nowra Into Action		100.00
Payneham		75.00	Nowra TIAS		765.00
Renmark Sunday		38.00	Oatley Living Sober Mon Night		400.00
Seaford		244.45	Padstow CTM		100.00
Spiritual/Speaker		90.65	Unanderra Group		50.00
Sunday Women's		17.70	Warilla		50.00
Wakefield Street Thursday		3.00	Wollongong Womens		103.11
Willuga Womens		210.60	<b>Total Area D:</b>		<b>3,302.43</b>
Yankalilla		24.00			
Young Peoples		5.40	<b>Area E ER</b>		ER/E
Recovery On The Spectrum		30.00	Avalon Beach Sat Noon		300.00
<b>Total Area B:</b>		<b>3,680.41</b>	Baulkham Hills Wed		135.00
<b>Total Central Region:</b>		<b>4,947.11</b>			

# Group Contributions June to August

Cremorne Mon Night Steps	330.00	<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b>		Blackbutt	40.00
Curl Curl Bfast	822.08	<b>Area A SR</b>		Cairns Rainbow	200.00
Lilyfield Steps	355.00	Lorne Sea Change	100.00	Cairns Steps Tues	50.00
Narrabeen Tue S&T	825.00		<b>Total Area A:</b>	Cairns Womens	10.00
<b>Total Area E:</b>	<b>2,767.08</b>		<b>100.00</b>	Kirwan Easy Does It	30.00
<b>Area F ER</b>	ER/F	<b>Area B SR</b>		Kuranda	80.00
Bathurst Tues	250.00	Bendigo Fri	200.00	Marlin Coast ABSI Cairns	39.00
Bathurst Sun Hospital	20.00	Euroa	75.00	Townsville Annandale Early Birds	190.00
Bathurst Weds Womens	240.00	Meryborough Sat BB	100.00	Townsville Warburton St	100.00
Corowa	50.00	Wodonga BB	50.00	Townsville Zoomers	195.00
Dubbo Fri Sun	400.00		<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>Total Area A:</b>	<b>934.00</b>
Orange Tues Night	300.00	<b>Area D SR</b>	<b>425.00</b>	<b>Area B NER</b>	<b>NER/B</b>
Wagga Sat Night	180.00	Ballarat LS	50.00	Albany Creek/ Carseldine HP	20.00
Wagga Wagga Tues Steps	90.00	Clifton Hill Big Wednesday	175.00	Ashgrove West Big Book Sun 8pm	120.00
<b>Total Area F:</b>	<b>1,530.00</b>	Diamond Reflections	200.00	Aspley DR Sat am	388.00
<b>Area G ER</b>	ER/G	Eltham	120.00	Aspley Steps Monday Night	210.00
Annandale Mon 8pm	547.85	Flemington AA	150.00	Auchenflower	42.00
Balmain Sat	100.15	Footscray	500.00	Beerwah Group	150.00
Bondi Beach Sea Change	5,050.00	Geelong District	855.00	Bray Park BBS	195.00
City Group Wednesday	32.00	Geelong Womens Discussion	100.00	Bridgeman Downs Weds	337.50
Darlinghurst 6.30 Tuesday	240.00	Geelong Mens	135.00	Brisbane Tues am Seize the Day	420.00
Darlinghurst Bourke St Sat 7pm	72.00	Ivanhoe	100.00	Brisbane CSO	580.00
Double Bay Sun	500.00	Mernda	180.00	Buderim	120.00
Erskineville	523.60	Moonee Ponds Big Book Tues	147.06	Buderim Tuesday Women's	90.00
Gay Beginners	300.00	Northern Exposure	360.00	Caboolture Sunday/Wed	90.00
Glebe Sun am	40.00	Ocean Grove Discussion	50.00	Caboolture ID/Recovery	69.00
Headmiles	300.00	Ashgrove	90.00	Calliope	300.00
Kings Cross Sun 7pm	600.00	Preston Beginners	250.00	Caloundra Mon ABSI	153.80
Kings Cross Womens Sat	500.00	Seddon Steps	672.20	Caloundra Bulcock Earlybirds Wed	350.00
Kings Cross Sat 9am	141.00	Sunbury	400.00	Caloundra Wed pm	300.00
Leichhardt Saturday	135.00	Surfcoast Serenity Sat 5pm	60.00	Coolum	261.00
LGBT Recovery Saturday	400.00	Westhope Recovery (Prarahn, C)	500.00	Cooroy	60.00
Paddington Sun	46.00	Western Unity	2,000.00	Cotton Tree Living Sober	108.00
Redfern South Sydney Saturday	60.00		<b>Total Area D:</b>	Enoggera BBS Mon am	120.00
Rocks Breakfast	400.00	<b>Area E SR</b>	<b>7,094.26</b>	Glenwood	30.00
Rozelle Womens	500.00	Battery Point Sat Night	453.65	Gympie Steps	180.00
Surry Hills	360.00	Burnie Fri Night	300.00	Howard	80.00
Sobriety Sisters	222.00	Hobart City Thurs	200.00	Kippa Ring Monday Living Sober	110.90
South Sydney Group	60.00	New Norfolk	75.00	Margate Beginners	60.00
Sydney City Wed 8am Lawyers	175.00		<b>Total Area E:</b>	Maroochydore Cosmo	60.00
Vauluse Recovery Tues pm	296.00	<b>Area F SR</b>	<b>1,028.65</b>	Maroochydore Monday	150.00
Waverley Mens	480.00	The Deal	1,109.41	Maroochydore Doing The Deal	200.00
Wesley Groups	84.49	Belmont Speakers	150.00	Maryborough Sat BBS	80.00
Woolwich Beginners	395.25	Belmont Unity Recovery	75.00	Maryborough Fort St Tpic	54.00
<b>Total Area G:</b>	<b>12,560.34</b>	Bentleigh Life's in Session	175.00	Mooloolaba MGM	46.00
<b>Area H ER</b>	ER/H	Camberwell	100.00	Morven Annual Rally	1,100.00
Blaxland PPG	385.00	Carlton	150.00	Nambour Saturday Night	488.70
Blue Mountains and Western Syd	534.52	Carlton Mens	60.00	Nanango Recovery	30.00
CSO		Caulfield Sober Saturday	289.00	Noosa DR Wed	156.00
Bright Spot Womens CFCU	110.00	Croydon Tues	150.00	Opals tag a long	256.90
Fairfield Steps	240.00	Hampton Sunrise	170.10	Paddington Serenity	52.65
Katoomba ABSI Sun	60.00	Hawthorn	276.00	Paddington Sun	240.00
Lalor Park Tues BBS	120.00	Melbourne Rise and Shine	53.00	Petrie Park Sun	200.00
Lawson Sat	150.00	Melbourne On Awakening	932.00	Pomona	500.00
Seven Hills Mon Night	15.00	Melbourne Sat Night Live	101.80	Redcliffe LS	130.70
Seven Hills ID Thu	96.00	Mount Eliza Recovery	325.00	Red Hill Amity	60.00
Springwood Topics	50.00	Mount Martha	200.00	Red Hill Promises	474.00
<b>Total Area H:</b>	<b>1,760.52</b>	Prahran Eastern Twilight	280.00	Rockhampton GumBi GumBi	120.00
<b>Area I ER</b>		Somerville Sanity Sat	360.00	Sandgate Thu	150.00
Gosford City Beginners	130.00	St Kilda Beginners BBS	52.50	Strathpine	60.00
Green Point	300.00	Melbourne Mens Group	2,028.02	Tewantin Women's	90.00
Toukley Group	50.00	South Melbourne Recovery	143.95	Taringa Steps	90.00
Umina Sat LS	140.00	Toorak Wed Happy Destiny	400.00		
<b>Total Area I:</b>	<b>620.00</b>		<b>Total Area F:</b>	<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>9,734.15</b>
<b>Total Eastern Region:</b>	<b>35,280.20</b>		<b>7,580.78</b>	<b>Area C NER</b>	<b>NER/C</b>
			<b>Total Southern Region:</b>	Alexandra Hills	100.00
			<b>16,228.69</b>	Annerley Womens	120.00
			<b>NORTH EASTERN REGION</b>	Bayside Beginners	150.00
			<b>Area A NER</b>	Bethania Plan B	45.05
			<b>NER/A</b>		

# Group Contributions June to August

Banora Point Wed	75.00	Northbridge The Beacon	61.20	Darwin Tues BB	146.99
Boonah	60.00	Northbridge Lunctime	45.00	Darwin Mon Rapid Creek	98.50
Brisbane West End	95.67	Perth Early Openers	30.00	Darwin Wed Rapid Creek	13.20
Broadbeach Happy Hour	55.00	Port Hedland	600.00	Darwin Zoom	37.70
Burleigh Heads Early Birds	840.00	South Perth	110.00	Zoom In All Our Affairs	225.00
Burleigh Heads Sun 5.30 SC	300.00	Subiaco Steps	90.00	<b>Total Northern Region:</b>	<b>1,366.48</b>
Clifford Gardens	190.00	Subiaco YP	47.81	<b>Unknown Deposits</b>	
Coomera BB Monday 7pm	46.13	Vincent St Morning Group	1,103.78	NOAA	500.00
Elanora Spirit of Freedom	60.00	Warwick	705.56	A Few Good Men	500.00
Forest Lake Steps	120.00	<b>Total Area A:</b>	<b>5,986.13</b>	Aussie Zoom	85.00
Gold Coast The Way Out	100.00	<b>Area B WR</b>	WR/B	Realm of Spirit	150.00
Greenslopes	34.00	Armadale	375.00	Gallery Online	100.00
Gumdale Wed Night	100.00	Bridgetown Steps	30.00	Unknown Sunrise	130.80
Gumdale Saturday	110.00	Bunbury Midday	120.00	Unknown BOQ	20.00
Helensvale Tues 8pm	60.00	Bunbury Ch 6 & BB	15.00	Unknown Rainbow	90.00
Hope Island Thurs S&T	178.00	Busselton	1,235.00	Unknown Long Reef Tuesday	350.00
Ipswich ID Recovery	120.00	Cloverdale	90.00	Unshakeable Foundation	353.52
Ipswich SC	60.00	<b>Coolgardie</b>	96.00	Unknown Truth Group	200.00
Ipswich Fri Beginners	75.00	Cooper St	150.00	Unknown Big Book Study	25.90
Isle of Capri	228.00	Donnybrook	90.00	Northwest Intergroup	2,752.00
Kenmore Groups	150.00	Dunsborough	68.40	Unknown	996.54
Kirra Hill Mon	60.00	East Victoria Park Lit Topics	156.78	Unknown Thursday Night Recovery	700.00
Kirra Hill Sun	30.00	Fremantle Beginners	75.00	Unknown Womens Group	400.00
Mt Tamborine Combined	150.00	Fremantle Doctor	81.56	Unknown 4th Dimension BBS	40.00
Murwillumbah Thurs Night	45.00	Fremantle Maritime	96.00	Shivering Denizens	497.09
New Farm	148.13	Fremantle Port District	700.00	City Daily Reflections	240.00
Ormiston ID	50.00	Fremantle Sunday Beginners	60.00	Yakka Gully Zoom	1,100.00
Oxley Station	120.00	Fremantle Tues pm	33.00	Ridge 26	50.00
Palm Beach Sat 5:30pm Topic	73.05	Fremantle Unity	80.00	Unknown Early Risers	50.00
Paradise Point DR	225.00	Glen Forrest	30.00	Steps and Traditions	100.00
Paradise Point Sun 5pm	600.00	Glen Forrest Womens	30.00	Saturday Night Sober	200.00
Southport Fri 10am	51.60	Gosnells	60.00	Step 11 Womens	199.00
Springwood Topics	50.00	Hamilton Hill The Hub	52.00	Unknown Tuesday Night Mens	18.00
Stanthorpe	150.00	Kalamunda	191.35	Westend Beginners	75.25
Toowoomba District	1,000.00	Kalamunda A New Freedom	231.35	Unknown Sunrise	150.00
Toowoomba Step 11	786.12	Kalgoorlie Steps	91.50	Unknown Beginners	100.00
Underwood	236.20	Kwinana - Medina Baldivis	97.50	Unknown Meeting	31.80
Wynnum Serenity	105.00	Kwinana Town	310.00	Saturday Spiritual	169.28
Wynnum Ways	143.70	Maddington New Beginnings	21.00	GCIEB	112.09
<b>Total Area C:</b>	<b>7,495.65</b>	Margaret River BB Steps	60.00	Monday Night DR	93.46
<b>Total North Eastern Region:</b>	<b>18,163.80</b>	Mundijong	80.00	Sober Voices	30.00
<b>WESTERN REGION</b>		Northam	75.00	Tuesday Mens	40.00
<b>Area A WR</b>	WR/A	Parmelia	38.37	Unknown BVSTMON	56.00
Balga Nollamara	75.00	Rockingham Discussion	90.00	<b>Total Unknown Deposits:</b>	<b>10,705.73</b>
Burns Beach	105.00	Rockingham Promises	32.57	<b>TOTAL ALL REGIONS:</b>	<b>92,905.10</b>
Butler	72.00	Rockingham Peoples Group	42.27	<b>LIM - Australia Donations</b>	
Early Openers	60.00	South Fremantle Steps	180.00	LIM Foreign Currency	
El Salvador	30.00	South Lakes Candlelight	160.00	<b>Total: \$92905.10</b>	
East Victoria Little Church Mens	204.64	Spearwood ABC Steps	92.07	<b>From the Australian General Service Conference of 1974:</b>	
Greenwood Warwick	500.00	Spring	42.90	<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>	
Heathridge Group SC	213.80	Vasse Womens Group	22.50		
Heathridge Steps	45.00	Waneroo	92.55		
Hghgate Spiritual Progress	240.00	Whitford City	120.00		
Innaloo	192.00	Willagee Living Sober	143.42		
Joondanna	126.30	Willagee Beaconsfield	60.00		
Kalgoorlie Boulder	30.00	Willagee Recovery	215.00		
Maylands Daybreak	198.00	<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>\$6,213.09</b>		
Maylands BB	26.00	<b>Total Western Region:</b>	<b>12,199.22</b>		
Merriwa Group`	150.00	<b>NORTHERN REGION</b>			
Midland Steps	75.00	<b>Area A NR</b>	NR/A		
Marangaroo Friday	240.00	Alice Springs	500.00		
Nedlands Breakfast	100.00	Bill W Camp	300.00		
Nedlands Womens	120.00	Casuarina	44.80		
North Beach Tues	236.99	Darwin Harbourview LS	154.89		
North Beach Womens	38.25	Darwin Tue Lunch ABSI	31.60		
North Perth Monastery Care	71.60	Darwin Sun LS	38.80		
North Perth Vincent St	43.20				



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