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# AA Around Australia



## From pioneers to 80 years

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On February 28, 1945, 38-year-old Rex A was admitted to Darlinghurst Reception House, a psychiatric hospital. Rex, recently discharged from the military and hailing from a prominent Sydney banking family, had battled alcoholism for years. During his stay, he met Archie McKinnon, a seasoned psychiatric nurse who understood the grim outlook for alcoholics and was determined to help.

In 1944, Archie became aware of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) through an article in the American Journal of Psychiatry. Intrigued, he reached out to AA headquarters in New York and received a copy of the Big Book. Around the same time, psychiatrist Dr. Sylvester Minogue and Reverend Tom Dunlea were independently attempting to establish AA in Australia. Their paths converged, and they began collaborating, receiving invaluable guidance from Margaret (Bobby) B, AA's dedicated secretary in New York City, who corresponded with Dr. Minogue and other pioneers during AA's precarious early years in Australia.

Rex A is recognized as the first AA member in Australia. Rex was part of a small group that held the country's initial AA meetings. This group included Ben B, a pharmacist, Jack R, a house painter and Wally, a window dresser. While Ben B and Wally were unable to maintain sobriety, Rex became a mainstay, tirelessly recruiting new members. This effort led to the formation of a stable core group, allowing the fellowship to grow in Sydney and eventually expand to other

states.

Throughout 1945 and 1946, AA meetings were held at various locations, including the Hasty Tasty Coffee Shop in Kings Cross, Rydalmere Hospital, Temple Court on Elizabeth Street, Bligh House in The Rocks, the Toc H on Walker Street in North Sydney, and Vianney House in Surry Hills. An article was written by Sunday Telegraph reporter Don Whittington. In November 1946 he attended a meeting at Vianney House in Surry Hills, and captures the experience of those pioneering gatherings.

In 2025, we will celebrate the 80th anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous in Australia. From its modest beginnings with a few unlikely, but dedicated individuals, AA has grown into a nationwide fellowship, offering support and hope to countless alcoholics. This milestone honours the enduring power of the program and the unwavering commitment of its members. As we reflect on the past eight decades, we celebrate the legacy of those early pioneers and look forward to a future of continued recovery, unity, and service.

Come to Sydney and CELEBRATE 80 years of AA in Australia at the Australian National Convention in Sydney on 18-21 April 2025 at the Sydney Town Hall and the Sydney Hilton. The theme is from Pioneers to 80 years! Opening Ceremony focusing on the History of AA in Australia, Discussion meetings, History presentations, Big Book & 12x12 study, Australian Guest Speakers. Register now [www.aanatcon2025.com.au](http://www.aanatcon2025.com.au) For more information: [infoaa80@aa.org.au](mailto:infoaa80@aa.org.au)

## A Solution to the Cashless issue - Tap to Pay Mobile App

Whilst AA do not endorse any particular product or organisation we are aware that Westpac have an "Eftpos Air Mobile App" that does not require an ABN and can be set up in the manner below.

**Note:** If you Group banks with another organisation, please ask your bank if they have a similar product available.

You'll need to be a sole trader, company or association and have a Westpac business transaction account to receive money

into.

If you don't have a Business Transaction account, open Community Solutions Account.

The Westpac Community Solutions account, is a business account that AA groups are eligible for. **You do not need an ABN to set it up.** Once you have the Bank Account set up you can apply for an Eftpos Air merchant facility.

One of the bank signatories (suggestion - the primary contact on the bank account) will need to be the merchant

facility owner and apply for the merchant facility on behalf of the group.

Apply online on the Westpac website for an EFTPOS Air merchant facility. Approvals are typically received in one business day.

Once the merchant facility is approved, download the EFTPOS Air app to your mobile or compatible device and log in to start taking payments. Monies are received by tapping the members card or phone onto the App on your phone. You may appoint multiple users of the Eftpos Air App.

[members.aa.org.au/events/](https://members.aa.org.au/events/)

Do you have an event you'd like to tell the Fellowship about? You can now do so by filling in a simple form on the [aamembers.org.au](https://aamembers.org.au) website. You will need to register with a username and password, and when you do you'll have access to all the information on the website for AA Members. There are more functions being added to the website as more and more members sign up. There are free downloads for members interested in Public Information,

Treatment Facilities, Correctional Facilities as well as information to AA Group members. Get information of Round ups and Rallys in your locale as well as ones you may wish to visit some time away. You can submit your AA Event by filling out the Event Form [here](#) Don't forget to add all the information on cost (if any), and upload your flyer for the event!

### National Technology Service Team

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 National Technology Service team 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 [gso@aa.org.au](mailto:gso@aa.org.au)

You can contribute directly to the GSO here

<https://literature.aa.org.au/pages/donation>

## Correctional facilities

### Did you know that AA runs meetings inside correctional centres?

*Help carry the message into men's and women's prisons - and change lives.*

We're currently looking for AA members with 2+ years continuous sobriety to help run meetings for inmates at correctional centres in NSW and the ACT.

This 12-step work has changed the course of many lives but relies on a sufficient number of AA members to run the many meetings in these prisons every month.

### Requirements

We seek reliable, team players who can commit to a minimum of one meeting a month (approximately three hours including travel and processing) over a 12-month commitment.

You will have 2+ years of continuous sobriety, a current sponsor, a home group, and have done service.

Meetings take place during the day on weekdays. The opportunity is best suited to those who do not work in paid employment, work part-time or who have a high degree of control over their work arrangements (eg work for themselves).

You will be actively working the 12 Steps and have a knowledge of the 12 Traditions.

You will need to be comfortable filling in forms to obtain clearance from Corrective Services NSW and ACT Corrective Services and completing some simple online training modules.

### What next?

If you think you would like to

be part of making a difference, please contact the following people in the following Areas: Lynne, Area G (inner-western Sydney to Harris Park) Corrections Chair on [areagcorrections@gmail.com](mailto:areagcorrections@gmail.com) or 0401 063 129

Susan, Area A, (Northern NSW) Corrections Chair on [nswareaatcf@gmail.com](mailto:nswareaatcf@gmail.com) or 0408 286 539

the following people for all other Areas of NSW and the ACT:

Wayne at [ercc.chairperson@gmail.com](mailto:ercc.chairperson@gmail.com)

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Tim at [ercc.secretary22@gmail.com](mailto:ercc.secretary22@gmail.com)

Tim at [ercc.sysadm@gmail.com](mailto:ercc.sysadm@gmail.com)

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Do I need to have had any experience with the criminal justice system?

No. A large number of our volunteers have not had any prior direct experience with the criminal justice system. What's important is your desire to do this particular type of service. Our experience is that inmates are interested in your experience with alcoholism, not your personal history or circumstances.

#### Is it safe?

There are strict protocols in place for visitors and inmates and the correctional centres ensure these are adhered to. The online training modules contain information about safety protocols.

### Do I run the meetings by myself or with other AA members?

Some correctional centres require two AA members to attend, others are comfortable with one. New volunteers will attend meetings with another AA member until they are comfortable running the meeting by themselves.

### I have a criminal record. Am I precluded from doing this type of service?

AA members who have previously served time in prison, especially if they got sober in prison, carry a very powerful message. Some of these people are currently involved in this type of service. Whether you will be able to obtain approval from Corrective Services NSW or ACT Corrective Services, will depend on various factors. If you are interested, you can apply and await the determination.

### Are there any online meetings that I can run if I can't do the face-to-face?

There are some online AA meetings in some centres at present.



# Service Forum Update

Hi friends my name is Lauren and I am an Alcoholic and the Chair of the Eastern Region Service Forum, which will be hosted this year by Area H, from Friday 23 August 2024 to Sunday 25 August 2024.

Excitement is bubbling away here in Area H for the upcoming forum, we have worked hard and present the Program for the weekend filled with speakers, workshop leaders and facilitators all passionate and dedicated Servants of Alcoholics Anonymous who most definitely are "Responsive & Responsible" to those they serve and embody the Spirit of Carrying the Message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

The Eastern Region Forum will be a celebration of the immeasurable impact our Trusted Servants have on our Fellowship and the security of it's future but will also be a valuable source of information derived through the sharing of strategies and ideas other Areas are implementing to carry the AA message more effectively.

Area H cordially invites any AA Member who is



**EASTERN REGION SERVICE FORUM**  
**RESPONSIVE & RESPONSIBLE**  
 23rd - 25th August 2024  
 Castlereagh Conference Centre  
 29/235 Castlereagh Road, Castlereagh  
 Contact Lauren 0404 966 344  
 Nat 0410 310 170

Please Book Early OR make enquiries  
 \$10 weekend rate up  
 \$250. Enquiries only  
 All meals included  
 Limited places pre reg essential  
<https://events.humanitix.com/eastern-region-service-forum-2024-area-h>

**Friday 23/8**  
 6.00 PM - Dinner  
 7.30 PM - Welcome & Acknowledgements  
 8.00 PM - Keynote Speaker - Garry S, ER Trustee  
 9.00 PM - Supper

**Saturday 24/8**  
 8.00 AM - Breakfast  
 9.00 AM - Keynote Speaker - Matthew Church, Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustee  
 10.00AM - Morning Tea  
 11.00AM - GSR School - Mark S, Mark W, Lauren A  
 12.00PM - Lunch  
 1.30 PM - Jails & Institutions - Tim O, Cherie G, Milton R  
 2.30 PM - Afternoon Tea break  
 3.00 PM - Evolution of a Conference Topic - Damien G Chat Now Response Service (CNRS)  
 4.00 PM - Afternoon Tea break  
 4.30 PM - Conference decision-making Role play  
 6.00 PM - Dinner  
 7.30 PM - Movie Presentation + Firepit

**Sunday 25/8**  
 8.00 AM - Breakfast  
 9.00 AM - AA Australia Comes of Age - Gaorlie Le N, Andrew T, current General Service Trustees  
 10.00AM - Morning Tea  
 10.30AM - 12 Traditions Panel - Mark S, Rangi P, Tristram E  
 11.30AM - Close and Farewells  
 12.00PM - Lunch  
 1.00PM - Depart

interested in Service at the group level and beyond to come along and join us for the weekend.

Our location this year is the beautiful historical conference centre on the banks of the Nepean River at the Castlereagh Conference Centre <https://www.castlereagh.org.au/> and we offer full accommodation with meals Friday through Sunday for \$250. If you prefer not to sleep over the weekend registration is \$50 including all meals.

For further information & queries, please Email: [areahsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:areahsecretary@gmail.com) You can register on the link below or via the QR code on the flyer <https://events.humanitix.com/eastern-region-service-forum-2024-area-h>

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## 4 Nights P&O Whitsundays Cruise - Celebrating 80 Years of AA in Australia - March 18 22, 2025

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1/ Alcoholics Anonymous Australia 80<sup>th</sup> Whitsunday Cruise Then one week later  
2/ AA's National Convention in Sydney - The main event celebrating 80 Years In Australia

We warmly welcome  
Alanon Members

**Newcomers:** There's alcohol on this ship. Talk to your sponsor about being spiritually fit enough to attend

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## AA Australia's 80th Anniversary Celebration Cruise in 2025 now sold out!

The Alcoholics Anonymous Whitsundays Cruise, a flagship celebration for AA Australia's 80th anniversary, has officially sold out. With an overwhelming response, we capped attendance at 400, aligning with the seating capacity of the onboard meeting auditorium.

The Cruise Committee extends heartfelt thanks to the 2024 Adelaide Convention Host Planning Committee for their support, including the provision of a display table at the recent Easter convention.

The interest and inquiries were tremendous, reflecting the excitement and enthusiasm of the attendees.

Convention-goers were thrilled to discover the opportunity to participate in a special raffle, offering a \$2 ticket to win a free cruise ticket for two. This exclusive raffle generated significant buzz, and we are delighted to announce Christine O'L as the winner. Congratulations, Christine!

Proceeds from the raffle have funded the cruise's marketing materials and the rental of a meeting room at Airlie Beach, where we plan to host a major gathering with local members. With an additional \$400 raised, we are proud to donate these funds to the 2025

Sydney Host Planning Treasury. This contribution will support the "main event" 2025 AA National Convention –

'From Pioneers to 80 Years' – 18-21 April 2025. Hosted in Sydney at the Hilton Hotel and Town Hall, anticipated to be a monumental and historic occasion.

We encourage all groups and event committees to consider supporting this effort. For more information, please visit

<https://aanatcon2025.com.au>.

While we regret that not everyone could join the inaugural cruise due to high demand, the overwhelming interest has prompted us to consider discussing the possibility of a second cruise in the near future. Stay tuned for updates.

# An Idea Whose Time Has Come

Mid last year (2023), our District proposed having Dr. Stephen Jurd, an internationally recognised addiction psychiatrist of over 40 years' experience, speak to professionals in Newcastle at our quarterly Newcastle District meeting. When approached, Dr. Jurd graciously accepted. The timing and location were quickly organised, given our history with the Eastern Region Service Forum. We agreed to round out the evening by having three 10-minute speakers from AA and one from Al-Anon.

We then formed a committee to organise the event and approached the other three districts in our Area who joined us in the planning and execution. One of our members liaised with the location to secure the room and subsequently we arranged the audio-visual equipment through them.

Our next challenge was to create flyers to market the event. We had people with graphic design skills who produced the flyers. Our model was to encourage members to make this event a part of twelfth step work. This meant that members could only attend if they brought one or more practitioners as guests. Members would pay for the cost of attendance and dinner for themselves and their guests. We capped the cost at \$30, no matter how many guests the member invited. In addition, professionals were able to register themselves gratis. We hoped we might get 50 attendees and were elated to have over 110 ticket sales.

Our next challenge was to communicate the event. People within the Committee had contacts within the medical and pharmaceutical communities, so these bodies were approached to see if they would publicise the event through their professional networks. In addition, flyers were distributed to groups within the Newcastle Hunter Area, with requests that members approach a professional and invite them to attend the event. This effort was followed up by many of us continuing to spruik the event at every meeting we attended.

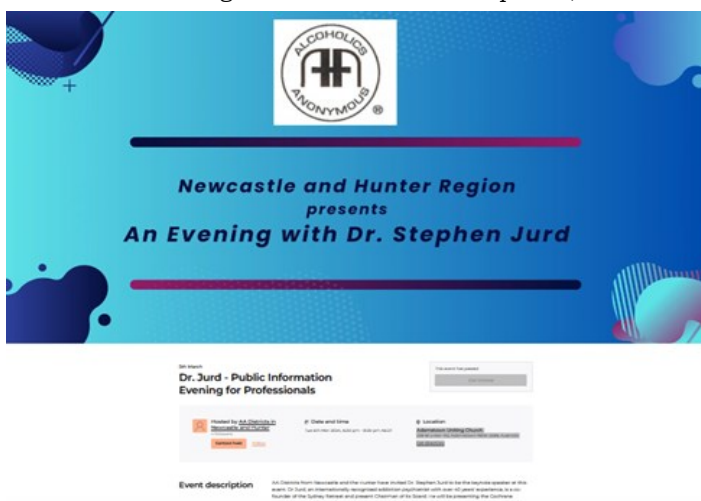
Another team member had IT skills and so undertook to manage the ticketing process. As the weeks rolled by it became clear that the interest from the professional communities was significant, and so the percentage of tickets sold to guests as opposed to members was altered from 50-50 to 70-30%.

Our hospitality team created a 3-course menu suitable for a variety of dietary requirements, and therefore, we were able to capture this information during the registration process. We also asked the guests to state their occupation, so

us to create a seating plan and lists of attendees. This greatly assisted getting people to their seats within a 30-minute window.

In addition to the reception table, we had literature tables for AA and Al-Anon at the back of the room. Upon arrival, we offered guest a small Big Book. There was interest from the guests in the array of literature at both tables and some purchased large Big Books as well as taking brochures. The Greater Newcastle Area CSO funded ~\$400 of literature for the night.

There was a lot of engagement from the professionals throughout the evening. They were moved by the four speakers' stories and most interested in Dr. Jurd's explanation of AA as a Twelve Step Facilitation (TSF) recovery methodology, pointing to the endorsement of the Cochrane Report. The questions were genuine and thoughtful. The energy in the room was palpable. By the end of the evening, we all felt elated and resolved to continue to spread the word.



that we could better understand who was attending the event. All up we had a range of occupations from doctors, nurses, therapists, psychologists, teachers, support workers etc. both from within a D&A framework as well as generalists. In the final week before the event, we had reached capacity, and had a waiting list as well. Having this information captured electronically assisted the hospitality team in estimating quantities of food and drink to purchase and prepare for the night.

On the night, everyone swung into action. The chefs and assistants did a magnificent job of preparing the 3 courses. The setup teams arranged the room to cater for the numbers, placed flowers around, and the wait staff served the food and drinks throughout the two hours.

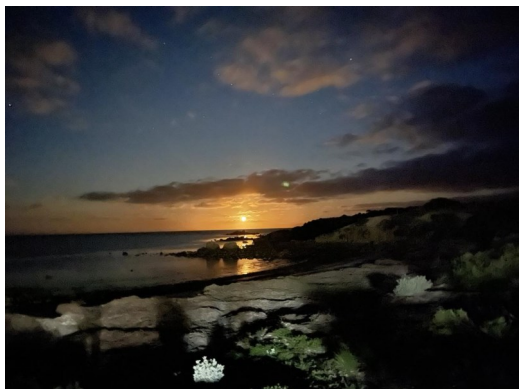
Guests arrived at reception and were shown to their seats. Seating was arranged so that, wherever possible, members were seated close to their guests. The ticketing platform allowed



# Summer time and the livin' is Thuruna

Hi my name is Jack and I am a member of the Port Lincoln Big Book Meeting held at 7.00 pm

Friday nights. On the January long weekend our group held the Port Lincoln annual summer camp.



The camp is held at a beautiful location known as the Thuruna campsite about halfway between Port Lincoln and Tumby Bay. There are around 55 beds in a dorm style arrangement with room for caravans and tents etc in the vicinity of the main the building. It rained on the Thursday night making the journey a little slippery. The weather fined up for the remainder of the weekend making it a wonderful stay.



The rally was with Al anon and Ala teen participation and am pleased to say that these two fellowships where well attended in particular having 12 Ala teen members and 3 Ala teen sponsors on hand.

The camp is focused on having a good time, participating in meetings and lots of swimming

and fishing. Most people spend their days in Port Lincoln and surrounds taking in the sights and attending the local side shows. Some went on the Port Lincoln fun run and later that evening went to the local night club. According to rumours one of our number came second in the beautiful bod comp that evening. Great to see people having fun without a hangover next morning.

We had an auction to help raise funds for our Adelaide CSO which was a success managing to extract enough from the crowd to donate \$1,000.00 . A special thanks go to the Ala teen members who volunteered to help at the auction by modelling clothes jewellery and hats for us. Also for supplying an abundance of shells and other beach paraphernalia to sell at their stall.

Our catering crew done a fantastic job once again serving great meals. The team worked tirelessly in the lead up to the event baking and preparing meals. We are not great in numbers but always have more than enough willing helpers when needed. Many thanks to all who helped on the weekend and to those who where able to help clean up on Monday.

The majority of attendees are from Whyalla, Port Augusta, Adelaide and towns near



Adelaide. The camp is a 7-8hour drive for some of them and we can't express our gratitude to these fellowship members who get in their cars and make the trip.

Coming from a small group and outside of the main hub of AA it is so good to feel the love from these special people. Thank you so much.

We will be having a winter camp on the Kings Birthday in June and extend a warm welcome to any who may be in our area or who would like to make the journey.

We have also made our Friday meeting a zoom Hybrid meeting for those who wouls like to attend Details are 7pm Fridays ID 543 458 7104 Password 4ntTyXM

Thank you to all who attended.

Jack S  
Port Lincoln

## Safeguarding in AA

In response to new legal requirements, the General Service Board has developed a Safeguarding policy for our Australian Fellowship.

Because of the legislation, offensive behaviour cannot be ignored or condoned in AA. The policy sets out that no one attending AA should be subjected to abuse, neglect or exploitation such as, for example, sexual harassment, bullying or violence.

Groups are best placed to manage incidents of unacceptable behaviour at meetings. Each Group

should consider what is the best process to deal with unsafe situations. For instance, Groups could initially ask for the offending behaviour to stop but if that doesn't happen then the Group may need to take further steps. The Policy and Code of Conduct make various suggestions which include reporting unlawful acts to the Police—AA's principle of anonymity does not protect law breakers.

Members can peruse the Policy and accompanying Code of Conduct under the new 'Safeguarding' tab at [aa.org.au](https://aa.org.au). The GSO also

has a useful flyer titled **Safety in AA** to guide Groups with exercising their duty of care. Further, to help Groups document any incident, there is a useful incident report form on the AA website at: <https://aa.org.au/incident-report-form/>

One Group has already held its Group Conscience on the issue and decided that they would read a Safeguarding announcement at the beginning of each meeting. The Group used the flyer to arrive at the following announcement which has been well received by members:

### Safeguarding Announcement

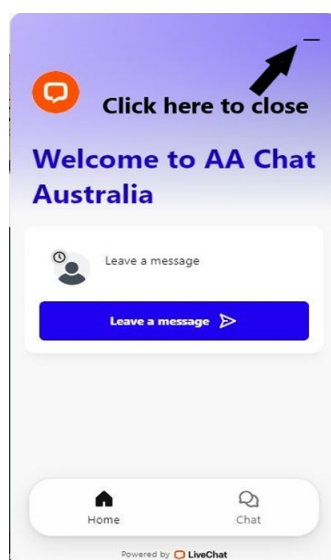
AA recognises that bullying, discrimination and harassment undermines the common welfare of its members.

This Group does not tolerate behaviour that compromises your safety or ability to participate in our meetings.  
Please tell us if this happens to you.

If another member behaves illegally towards you, AA's principle of anonymity does not prevent you or the Group from contacting the Police.

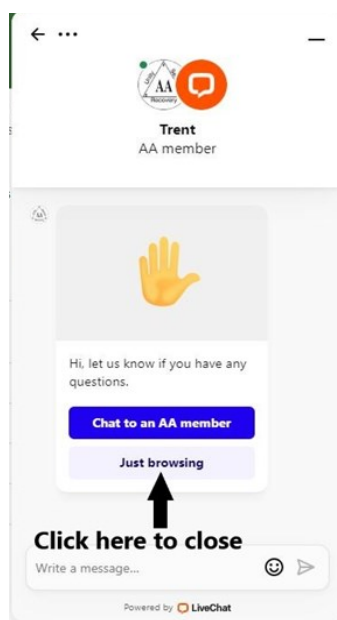
## Just Browsing on ChatNow

For those members who have searched our National AA website



(aa.org.au) or the national meetings website (aameetings.org.au) since November 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, you have no doubt seen the instant chat window that pops up to allow you to chat to an AA member. This service operates between the hours of 10am and 10pm AEST and we now have 30 trained responders who volunteer their time every week. The ChatNow service is not managed or run by the GSO staff, but by a group of AA members from all over Australia. Up to time of writing (1<sup>st</sup> May 2024) there have been over 16,000 chats taken;

of these, roughly one third are newcomers who are reaching out to AA for the



first time. That equates to roughly 900 newcomer chats per month and 30 per day. I attended a meeting recently in Brisbane and a newcomer shared how she had been on the national AA website that day and chatted to a responder. She was at her first meeting that night because of information provided by the AA member who was on shift as a chat responder.

There have been some enquiries from members regarding the chat window and if it can be hidden to allow easier access for

browsing the website, particularly the meetings website. To minimise the chat window so it doesn't block access to your web browsing, simply click on the button that says, 'Just Browsing' and the chat window will pop down out of sight (image 1). Alternatively, click on the little line at the top right of the chat window (see image 2) and the window will close.

## Group Contributions March to May

### CENTRAL REGION

Area A	
Brompton Beginners	284.95
Cheltenham Sunday Steps	48.75
Davoren Park	69.00
Elizabeth East Tue	30.00
Elizabeth Wed Book Study	46.20
Gawler	45.60
Grange KIS	63.00
Henley Beach 12 Promises	17.70
Henley ES	34.05
Hillcrest ID	150.00
Hyde Park	24.00
Junction Midday Group	264.90
Kadina Group	64.55
Kapunda	150.00
Kilburn Speakers	613.44
Mansfield Park	574.50
Nurioopta Wed	135.00
Port Adelaide	149.50
Port Augusta	126.80
Port Pirie	58.30
Riverton	37.50
Salisbury Friday	1.20
Salisbury Sunday	5.50
Sema4 Serenity Thursday	144.38

# Group Contributions March to May

Semaphore Sun	301.20		
Serenity by the Sea	60.00		
St Cyprians Tues Night	151.50	Canberra CSO	4000.00
Taperoo	13.50	Canberra WCCA	458.21
Tea Tree Gully	117.60	ER Area B	758.40
Two Wells	64.85	Namrooma Tue & Thu	80.00
<b>Total CR Area A</b>	<b>3,847.47</b>	Tuggeranong Women's	25.25
<b>CR Area B</b>		<b>Total ER Area B</b>	<b>6006.86</b>
Adelaide Book Study	151.50	<b>ER Area C</b>	
Adelaide Breakfast	227.35	Charlestown Freedom	143.00
Adelaide City Beginners	15.60	Hamilton Spiritual Awak.	400.00
Aldgate	94.35	Lambton BBS	120.00
Aldinga Group	349.67	Nelson Bay Groups	360.00
As Bill Sees It Womans Zoom	53.50	Newcastle FOTS	100.00
Bedford Park Now Clovelly	315.15	The Lakeside Group	543.00
Berri Step Meeting	43.50	Warners Bay	150.00
Blackwood	129.60	<b>Total ER Area C</b>	<b>1816.00</b>
Brighton Beginners	75.00	<b>ER Area D</b>	
BTB Brighton	244.80	Ashfield Sunday	92.25
Christies Beach BBS	133.66	Ashfield Thursday	600.00
Coromandel Serenity	134.30	Bellambi	50.00
East Malvern BWB	72.30	Bowral Thu	500.00
Eastwood Recovery Sunday	310.56	Caringbah Unity	500.00
Eastwood Womens	50.60	Corrimal Steps	30.00
Flinders Street Friday	3.90	Cronulla Cornerstone	80.00
Flinders Street Tues	20.70	Homebush Thu PM	300.00
Flinders Street Wednesday	227.50	Menai Thu Promises	150.00
Glandore Beginners	30.00	Mittagong Steps Wed	150.00
Glenelg	172.61	Nowra Into Action	150.00
Glenosmond Road to Recovery	3.00	Nowra There Is A Solution	675.00
Goolwa	30.00	Nowra Womens	100.00
Hallett Cove Saturday Solution	3.00	Padstow CTM	300.00
Hawthorne Living Sober	91.90	Woolgoola Friday Night	120.00
Hawthorne Wed	270.20	<b>Total ER Area D</b>	<b>3797.25</b>
Magill Monday	45.00	<b>ER Area E</b>	
Maslin Beach	63.90	Avalon Sat	400.00
Malvern	286.45	Cremorne 2PM	500.00
Meadows	45.00	Cremorne Sat Beginners	490.62
Morphett Vale Tues	30.00	Curl Curl Living The Solution	390.00
Mount Barker Sober on Sat	127.50	Curl Curl Sunday 4pm	2180.80
Mount Gambier Friday	35.60	ER Area E	800.00
Mount Gambier Wed	9.45	French Forest Group	600.00
Murray Bridge Monday	52.10	Lilyfield Steps	30.00
Norwood	145.01	Narrabeen Sat	1228.05
Nuri Sunday	153.00	<b>Total ER Area E</b>	<b>6619.47</b>
Payneham Monday	142.50	<b>ER Area F</b>	
Payneham Women	94.40	Bathurst Sun	54.10
Recovery On the Spectrum	15.00	Corowa Group	40.00
Seaford SOTS	392.20	Corowa Saturday	120.00
Spiritual Speaker	129.00	Lilyfield Sgsteps	32.00
Strathalbyn	335.90	Mudgee Family First	690.00
Sunday Women's	111.00	Orange Tue PM	600.00
Yankalilla Both groups	120.00	Wagga Wagga Steps Tue	45.00
Young Persons Group	31.80	<b>Total ER Area F</b>	<b>1581.10</b>
<b>Total CR Area B</b>	<b>5,619.06</b>	<b>ER Area G</b>	
<b>TOTAL CENTRAL REGION</b>	<b>9,466.53</b>	4th Dimension Group	180.00
<b>EASTERN REGION</b>		Annandale Monday PM	240.00
<b>ER Area A</b>		Balmain Thu Night	167.99
Alstonville Sun BBS	50.00	Bondi Sea Change	5050.00
Banana Coast District	125.00	Coogee Group	25.14
Bangalow Group	28.50	Erskinville Group	210.30
Brunswick Heads Sun Night	35.80	Kings Cross St Canices	300.00
Byron Bay Steps and Traditions	128.10	Kings Cross Sun PM	150.00
Byron Bay Wed	9.10	Leichhardt Sat	150.00
Byron Shire District	200.00	Matthew Talbot Group	402.65
Castlemaine Sunday	40.00	North Bondi	30.60
Kyogle Wed PM	120.00	Paddington Shy Sharers	10.19
Laurieton BBS	100.00	Paddington St Francis	450.00
Mullumbimby Thu	550.00	Rex Centre Monday	300.00
Port Macquarie Daily Ref	300.00	Rozelle Women's	247.50
Pottsville handover	360.00	Sobriety Sisters	150.00
Sawtell Tue LS	70.00	Surry Hills Friday PM	63.18
<b>Total ER Area A</b>	<b>2,116.50</b>	Surry Hills Rainbow Mon PM	16.20
<b>ER Area B</b>		Sydney City CSO	81.31
Batemans Bay 3rd Legacy	60.00	Sydney City Wesley Group	49.50
Batlow Group	300.00	Sydney Womens Rex	1000.00
Bega Wed ID	125.00	The Rocks Group	660.00
Bundanoon Fri	200.00	Vaucluse Recovery	590.00
		Waverley Into Action	1050.00
		<b>Total ER Area G</b>	<b>11574.56</b>
		<b>ER Area H</b>	
		Blaxland PPG	494.00
		Bright Spot WG	100.00
		Katoomba ABSI Sun	45.00
		Katoomba Wed	100.00
		Quakers Hill Tue	60.00
		<b>Total ER Area H</b>	<b>799.00</b>
		<b>ER Area I</b>	
		Central Coast Area	20.00
		East Gosford S&T	148.34
		Gosford Beginners	180.00
		Saratoga	100.00
		Terrigal Sunday	425.00
		Umina Sat	40.00
		<b>Total ER Area I</b>	<b>913.34</b>
		<b>TOTAL EASTERN REGION</b>	<b>35,224.08</b>
		<b>NORTHERN REGION</b>	
		<b>NR Area A</b>	
		NR Area A	2000.00
		Casuarina Group	180.00
		Darwin District	2500.00
		Darwin DR Mon	140.00
		Darwin Tue BB	240.45
		Darwin Wed Zoom	140.00
		Rapid Creek Fri	513.94
		Rapid Creek Wed	80.37
		<b>NORTHEASTERN REGION</b>	
		<b>NER Area A</b>	
		Blackbutt	70.00
		Cairns Fellowship	90.00
		Cairns Mon ABSI	48.60
		Kuranda Rainforest	160.00
		Lismore Spiritual Progress	90.00
		Mackay District Committee	740.00
		NER Area A Donations	1000.00
		North QLD Association	500.00
		Townsville Annandale	90.00
		Trinity Beach Lunchtime	135.00
		<b>Total NER Area A</b>	<b>2923.60</b>
		<b>NER Area B</b>	
		Agnes Water Group	360.00
		Amity Red Hill	426.18
		Beerwah Group	145.23
		Bray Park BBS	54.00
		Bridgeman Downs Sun	600.00
		Bridgeman Downs Wed	473.00
		Brisbane CSO	198.50
		Brisbane Meditation	33.56
		Brisbane North District	4005.00
		Brisbane Seize The Day	750.00
		Brisbane Traditions	200.00
		Bulcock Beach EB	920.00
		Burpengary	60.00
		Caloundra ABSI	198.35
		Caloundra Mon PM	327.00
		Carseldine HP Topic	216.79
		Chevallum Friday	937.44
		Chevallum Saturday	180.00
		Enoggera BB	120.00
		Gladstone and Calliope	300.00
		Glenwood Group	30.00
		Gympie BBS	39.00
		Gympie Sat Recovery	150.00
		Margate Beginners	90.00
		Maroochydore Mon PM	150.00
		Maryborough Fort Str Topic	120.00
		Mooloolaba MGM	213.98
		Nambour Petrie Park Sat	263.10
		Nanango Group	30.00
		Noosa Wed AM	50.00
		North Rockhampton Wed PM	390.00
		Nundah	250.50
		Paddington Serenity	270.00
		Pomona Group	500.00
		Red Hill Promises	174.00
		Redcliffe LS	60.00



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