



64th AUSTRALIAN GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

THURSDAY 3rd - SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2022

Zoom meeting: details to be advised

Conference Theme:

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=
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**AGENDA
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Saturday 5th – Sunday 6th November 2022

Date & Time	Session
Saturday 5 November	
10am – 10.15am	Orientation (Lachlan B)
10.15am – 10.30am	Roll Call (Judy W)
10.30am- 10.45am	Chair General Service Board opening address (Judy W)
10.45am – 11.00am	Presentation on Conference Theme (Cliff P)
11am – 12.00pm	Presentation and acceptance of Financial Reports (Fabian Ianniello)
12.00pm – 1.00pm	BREAK
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Trustees' Finance Report (Cheryn P) Report Back and Voting on recommendations from Conference Finance Committee (Carol R)
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Report Back and Voting on recommendations from Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee (Damien G)
2.30pm – 2.45pm	Trustees' Treatment Facilities & Accessibility Report (Stephen R) Report Back and Voting on recommendations from Conference Treatment Facilities & Accessibility Committee (Damien G)
2.45pm – 3.00pm	Trustees' Correctional Facilities Report (Grant T) Report Back and Voting on recommendations from Conference Correctional Facilities Committee (Tristram E)
3.00pm – 3.15pm	BREAK
3.15pm – 3.45pm	Trustees' PI&CPC Committee Report (Geoff S) Report Back and Voting on recommendations from Conference PI&CPC Committee (Mick B)
3.45pm – 4.15pm	Trustees' Nominating Committee Report (Judy W) Report Back and Voting on recommendations from Conference Committee on Trustees (Rangi P)
4.15pm – 4.45pm	Report Back and Voting on recommendations from Conference Policies & Admissions Committee (Lisa R)
4.45pm – 5.00pm	Trustees' Remote Communities Committee Report (Jane M) Report Back and Voting on recommendations from Conference Remote Communities Committee (chair to be advised)
5.00pm – 5.15pm	Trustees' International Committee Report (Narelle Buchanan) Report Back and Voting on recommendations from Conference International Committee (Cliff P)

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Sunday 6th November	
10am – 11.00am	Trustees' Literature Committee Report (Judy W) Report back and Voting on recommendations from Conference Literature Committee (Raylene J)
11am – 12.00pm	Trustees General Service Conference Committee Report (Lachlan B) Report Back and Voting on recommendations from Conference Agenda Committee (Raylene J)
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Agenda Committee Report Conference Discussion – future Conferences – physical or online? (Raylene J)
1.00pm – 2.00pm	BREAK
2.00pm – 2.30pm	World Service Delegates Reports (Greg Byrne; Brian F)
2.30pm – 2.45pm	Floor Actions
2.45pm – 3.15pm	Ask It Basket
3.15pm – 3.30pm	BREAK
3.30pm – 4.00pm	BIDS: Combined National Forum 2024 National Convention 2024 National Convention 2025 Regional Forums 2023
4.00pm – 4.30pm	Farewells
4.30pm – 4.45pm	Chair General Service Board Closing Address (Judy W)
4.45pm – 5.30pm	Post Conference Delegates Meeting

A MESSAGE FROM BILL W

Bill gave this talk in 1954 in front of a group of A.A.s in Fort Worth, Texas. He spoke at length about A.A. history, and specifically, of the development of the Third Legacy:

(A 4 minute recording of Bill delivering the following message was then played):

... So there was a long discussion, in which I had a sad falling out with a good many of my friends, some of whom had been trustees, and it was quite a bitter and harrowing chapter in our affairs, which none of you know about.

This struggle, to see whether this movement would always be headed by a self-perpetuating hierarchy of oldtimers, or whether these affairs, so vital to the welfare of A.A. all over the world, should be turned over to you.

And finally, after six years of hassling about it, I finally got the consent of the Board of Trustees to come out to you, and tell you this story and to say:

Here is a means, which in an experimental form, we have put in a pamphlet marked 'The Third Legacy.'

Here is a means by which you can get some delegates and state committeemen and send folks up to New York, to take charge and to take over what is now your business.

And so why don't you come up there and look this deal over, and the trustees will agree to make themselves responsible to you instead of to nobody.

And you look it over and see what you think about it, and if at the end of four years you like the way that it's temporarily laid out, then we'll drive a plug in this thing, then we oldtimers up there, including yours truly, will say, "Look folks, these vital services are yours, to have and to hold."

This Conference of delegates shall hereafter be the custodians and the guardians of our Traditions. This is yours. This is the remainder of your Third Legacy. Will you accept it?

So, since 1951 we have been holding these yearly Conferences, to see whether this movement was interested enough, was responsible enough, felt those services were worthwhile enough, to maintain so long as God will need this society.

And I think it's the conclusion of every delegate who has been there that yes, we should take these things over.

So, in 1955 we purpose to hold an International Convention, at which time, on behalf of the oldtimers, and of Smithy and me, we shall say to you, here is the remainder of your Third Legacy.

This Conference shall become our successor.

To you we hand the last torch. Carry on. Face your destiny with surety and courage, and God love you.

WHY DO WE NEED A GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE?

The late Bernard B. Smith, non-alcoholic, then Chairman of the North American Board of Trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting in New York:

“We may not need a General Service Conference to insure our own recovery. We do need it to insure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to insure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined to alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in AA that rebirth which brought us back to life.

We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must insure can never invade AA. We need it to insure AA against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect AA against disintegration while preventing over integration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services.

We need it to insure that changes within AA come only as a response to the needs and the wants of AA, and not of any few. We need it to insure that the doors of the halls of AA never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to insure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is”.

DECLARATION OF UNITY

This we owe to AA's future

To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united.
For on AA unity depends our lives
And the lives of those to come.

CONFERENCE ETIQUETTE STATEMENT

Experience has shown that the Conference will run smoothly if the following practices are adopted by all Conference members.

1. Prior to Conference, become familiar with all sections of the Conference folder, particularly the sections of committees of which you are a member.
2. Prior to Conference, become familiar with voting procedures – in committees, during full Conference sessions and the Third Legacy procedure.
3. Prior to Conference, become familiar with Conference Administrative Procedures.
4. Be punctual for committee and full Conference sessions.
5. Know what committees you are on and where they will be meeting.
6. Refrain from chatting while other Conference members are at the microphone.
7. Turn off mobile phones during committee and Conference sessions.
8. Refrain from making comments about another Conference member's personal appearance.
9. Refrain from using words that are dismissive, such as 'nonsense', 'ridiculous' etc. if you are disputing another Conference member's opinion or commenting on a topic. All topics should be treated with respect, as they have been submitted by members.
10. Please be aware that the costs of your room (for yourself), organised meals and Conference Room expenses are covered by the General Service Board. Your Area will be billed for any additional expenses you incur unless settled by the end of Conference.
11. Should you elect to make your own travel arrangements, you may submit a claim for reimbursement, providing receipts. Travel expenses cannot be offset against any hotel expenses you may have incurred.
12. Please take responsibility for your position as a Conference attendee by not unduly campaigning for or against a topic or applicant during Conference.

Advisory Action #45/2014

Conference resolved to approve the entire Conference Etiquette Statement

ROLL CALL
AREA DELEGATES
TO THE 64th AUSTRALIAN GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE 2022

	AREA	PANEL NUMBER	YEAR
CENTRAL REGION			
Avril B	A	64	2022
Carol R (Attended as Alternate Delegate 2020)	B	62	2020
NORTH EASTERN REGION			
Raylene J	A	62	2020
Cliff P	B	62	2020
Terresa A	C	64	2022
SOUTHERN REGION			
Lisa R	D	63	2021
Steve U (Area F Treasurer)	F	64	2022
EASTERN REGION			
Mick B	A	63	2021
Mary H	C	64	2022
Rangi P	D	62	2020
Lee S (attended as Alternate Delegate 2020)	E	62	2020
Tristram E	G	63	2021
Damien G (Attended as Alternate Delegate 2020))	H	62	2020
John S	I	63	2021
NORTHERN REGION			
WESTERN REGION			
Marjo N	A	64	2022
Lesley F	B	64	2022
VIRTUAL AREA			
Therese P	A	64	2022

**GENERAL SERVICE BOARD
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA**

CLASS A TRUSTEES			
Narelle Buchanan			2020
GENERAL SERVICE TRUSTEES			
Lachlan B			2018
Cheryn P			2020
REGIONAL TRUSTEES			
Judy W	Chairperson	Eastern	2019
Geoff S	Deputy Chairperson	Southern	2021
Stephen R		North Eastern	2019
Grant T		Central	2022
Position vacant		Western	
Jane M		Northern	2021

OTHER VOTING MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

Greg B	World Service Meeting Delegate	2020
Brian	World Service Meeting Delegate	2022
Valerie M	General Service Office Manager	1996

NON-VOTING

Chris S	General Service Office	2011
Patrick S	General Service Office	2021

CONFERENCE 2022 COMMITTEES

Served 1st year as Alternate Delegate

COMMITTEE	POSITION	REGION	AREA	YEAR
POLICIES & ADMISSIONS				
Lisa R (Chair)	Delegate	SR	D	2nd
Lee S (Alt. Chair)	Delegate	ER	E	3rd
Cliff P	Delegate	NER	B	3rd
Steve U	Treasurer	SR	F	2nd
Marjo N	Delegate	WR	A	1st
Avril B	Delegate	CR	A	1st
Therese P	Delegate	VIRTUAL	A	1st
Brian F	World Service Delegate			
Geoff S	Southern Regional Trustee			
Valerie M	Co-ordinator			
Non-voting observers				
Judy W	Eastern Regional Trustee			
PI&CPC				
Mick B (Chair)	Delegate	ER	A	2nd
Raylene J (Alt. Chair)	Delegate	NER	A	3rd
Damien G	Delegate	ER	H	3rd
Rangi P	Delegate	ER	D	3rd
Steve U	Treasurer	SR	F	2nd
Lesley F	Delegate	WR	B	1st
Mary H	Delegate	ER	C	1st
Avril B	Delegate	CR	A	1st
To be advised	Delegate	NR	A	1st
Geoff S	Chair, Trustees PI&CPC Committee			
Greg B	World Service Delegate			
Chris S	Co-ordinator			
FINANCE				
Carol R (Chair)	Delegate	CR	B	3rd
Tristram E (Alt. Chair)	Delegate	ER	G	2nd
John Starr	Delegate	ER	I	2nd
Steve U	Delegate	SR	F	2nd
Terresa A	Delegate	NER	C	1st
Therese P	Delegate	VIRTUAL	A	1st
Marjo N	Delegate	WR	A	1st
Cheryn P	Chair, Trustees' Finance Committee			
Patrick S	Co-ordinator			
Non-voting observers				
Lachlan B	General Service Trustee			

CONFERENCE 2022 COMMITTEES

Served 1st year as Alternate Delegate

COMMITTEE	POSITION	REGION	AREA	YEAR
REMOTE COMMUNITIES				
Lisa R (Chair)	Delegate	SR	D	2nd
Lee S	Delegate	ER	E	3rd
Therese P	Delegate	VIRTUAL	A	1st
Avril B	Delegate	CR	A	1st
Mary H	Delegate	ER	C	1st
Lesley F	Delegate	WR	B	1st
Terresa A	Delegate	NER	C	1st
Brian F	World Service Delegate			
Jane M	Chair, Trustees' Literature Committee			
Chris S	Co-ordinator			
Non-voting observers				
Narelle Buchanan	Class A Trustee			
LITERATURE				
Raylene J (Chair)	Delegate	NER	A	3rd
Carol R	Delegate	CR	B	3rd
Damien G	Delegate	ER	H	3rd
Tristram E	Delegate	ER	G	2nd
Steve U	Delegate	SR	F	2nd
Lisa R	Delegate	SR	D	2nd
John Starr	Delegate	ER	I	2nd
Lesley F	Delegate	WR	B	1st
Judy W	Chair, Trustees' Literature Committee			
Greg B	World Service Delegate			
Patrick S	Co-ordinator			

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COMMITTEE	POSITION	REGION	AREA	YEAR
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES				
Rangi P (Chair)	Delegate	ER	D	3rd
Mick B (Alt. Chair)	Delegate	ER	A	2nd
Cliff P	Delegate	NER	B	3rd
Steve U	Delegate	SR	F	2nd
Marjo N	Delegate	WR	A	1st
Terresa A	Delegate	NER	C	1st
Avril B	Delegate	CR	A	1st
Judy W	Chair, Trustees' Nominating Committee			
Valerie M	Co-ordinator			
Non-voting observers				
Geoff S	Southern Regional Trustee			
REPORT CHARTER & SERVICE MANUAL				
Damien G (Alt. Chair)	Delegate	ER	H	3rd
Carol R	Delegate	CR	B	3rd
Mick B	Delegate	ER	A	2nd
Lisa R	Delegate	SR	D	2nd
Marjo N	Delegate	WR	A	1st
Mary H	Delegate	ER	C	1st
Terresa A	Delegate	NER	C	1st
Judy W	Chair, Trustees' Literature Committee			
Chris S	Co-ordinator			

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INTERNATIONAL				
Cliff P (Chair)	Delegate	NER	B	3rd
Rangi P (Alt. Chair)	Delegate	ER	D	3rd
Tristram E	Delegate	ER	G	2nd
Lisa R	Delegate	SR	D	2nd
Avril B	Delegate	CR	A	1st
Marjo N	Delegate	WR	A	1st
Narelle Buchanan	Chair, Trustees' International Committee			
Brian F	World Service Delegate			
Greg B	World Service Delegate			
Valerie M	Co-ordinator			
TREATMENT FACILITIES & ACCESSIBILITY				
Damien G (Chair)	Delegate	ER	H	3rd
Lee S	Delegate	ER	E	3rd
Raylene J	Delegate	NER	A	3rd
Mick B	Delegate	ER	A	2nd
John Starr	Delegate	ER	I	2nd
Lesley F	Delegate	WR	B	1st
Avril B	Delegate	CR	A	1st
Steve U	Treasurer	SR	F	2nd
Stephen Roche	Chair, Trustees; Treatment Facilities & Accessibility Committee			
Patrick S	Co-ordinator			
<i>Non-voting observers</i>				
Jane M	Northern Regional Trustee			

CONFERENCE 2022 COMMITTEES

Served 1st year as Alternate Delegate

COMMITTEE	POSITION	REGION	AREA	YEAR
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES				
Tristram E (Chair)	Delegate	ER	G	2nd
Lisa R (Alt. Chair)	Delegate	SR	D	2nd
Rangi P	Delegate	ER	D	3rd
Cliff P	Delegate	NER	B	3rd
Marjo N	Delegate	WR	A	1st
Avril B	Delegate	CR	A	1st
Grant Tucker	Chair, Trustees' Correctional Facilities Committee			
Chris S	Co-ordinator			
AGENDA				
Raylene J (Chair)	Delegate	NER	A	3rd
Lee S (Alt.Chair)	Delegate	ER	E	3rd
Carol R	Delegate	CR	B	3rd
Lisa R	Delegate	SR	D	2nd
Lesley F	Delegate	WR	B	1st
Lachlan B	Chair, Trustees' GS Conference Committee			
Valerie M	Co-ordinator			
Non-voting observers				
Cheryn P	General Service Trustee			

THE TWELVE TRADITIONS (The Long Form)

Our A.A. experience has taught us that:

One – Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.

Two – For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.

Three – Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

Four – With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

Five – Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity *having but one primary purpose* – that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Six – Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A. – and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.

Seven – The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

Eight – Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.

Nine – Each A.A. group needs the least possible organisation. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York^{*}. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine^{***}. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

Ten – No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues – particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

Eleven – Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.

Twelve – And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

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THE TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE

CONCEPT I

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

CONCEPT II

When, in 1955, the AA groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference - excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter - the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

CONCEPT III

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relationship between the groups, the Conference, the AA General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision".

CONCEPT IV

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation", taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

CONCEPT V

Throughout our world services structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

CONCEPT VI

On behalf of AA as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognises that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

CONCEPT VII

The Conference recognises that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the AA purse for its final effectiveness.

CONCEPT VIII

The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (1) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

CONCEPT IX

Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of AA must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholic Anonymous.

CONCEPT X

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority - the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and Bylaws.

CONCEPT XI

While the trustees hold final responsibility for AA's world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Therefore, the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

CONCEPT XII

General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the AA Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others: that all important decisions be reached by discussion vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that through the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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THE TWELVE STEPS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

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GENERAL SERVICE BOAR RESOLUTIONS 2022

The Board resolved that Tim O be appointed as National Correctional Facilities Co-ordinator for a four year period effective immediately.

The Board resolved that Grant T be appointed as Chairperson of the Trustees' Correctional Facilities, effective immediately.

The Board resolved to approve funding of \$12,000 from the International Sponsorship Fund to assist Fiji to host the 2023 AOSM pending approval from the Conference International Committee.

Re Topic 005/2020 (referred directly to the General Service Board by the Conference Agenda Committee), which suggested setting up a skills register to enable members to use their skills to do work that AA would otherwise need to pay for.

The Board resolved that a notice seeking volunteer members with a broad range of skills should be published in AA around Australia. Each Trustee committee Chair should provide a list of possible skills required.

Recovery + Unity + Service = A Formula That Works

Hi, my name is Cliff and I'm an Alcoholic. AA has three solid foundations when equally maintained presents a better opportunity for recovery. When I came into AA, I remember hearing members talk about the three Legacies, or as the old timers would say "the three-legged stool", Recovery, Unity and Service. Many would say that you need to work on all three equally to have a balanced recovery, and that if I let one of them fall short, I would slide off and my ass would hit the floor. The other statement I would hear was get a Big Book, get a sponsor, Do the Steps and get a Home Group. Every meeting I would go to the Old Timers would say "get into the middle of this fellowship boy, don't hang around the outskirts the wolves will pick you off". I never really understood what they meant by that, until the head started to go crazy, I found that I needed to be in AA not just attend AA. That is when I realised that if I wanted any form of recovery, I would have to get a Home Group, start attending regular meetings and go through the twelve Steps with sponsor.

I believe for me my recovery started when I first sat with my sponsor and proceeded with Working on the steps. Admitting to myself that alcohol had completely beaten me to the point where I was that powerless, I could not even manage my own life anymore. I had to believe that something out there could repair my insane mind, as I knew I couldn't. Every morning I would have to decide am I going to turn thoughts and actions over to something bigger than me or do I just want to keep fumbling around with this myself. I had to take a good look at the damage I had created in other people's lives and to take responsibility for my poor behaviour towards them. I needed to be willing to share this with another person and God so that I could be free, I could not keep bottling it up inside myself. I had to make sure I was ready and willing to have this newfound power to remove all these defects of character. I needed to look at the list of people that I had harmed and find the courage to make an amends for the damage I had created in their lives. I must keep my eyes focused on myself and take responsibility for any off my mistakes I create today. Every morning I sit in a quiet place to do my readings along with my prayers and meditation so that I that I may keep a contact with God as best as I can. To be able to hold onto this newfound recovery I must give it away to keep it, by continuously working with others.

I believed my so-called social life was now over. I am not drinking, what am I going to do. No more fun, no more going out or to parties, life has just become dull. Until members started to show me the beautiful side off this fellowship. They gathered around me and loved me when I could not love myself, support me when I was broken and falling, they taught me about the unity off AA. They would stop after meetings and talk to me no matter how late it was. They would invite me out for coffee or dinner, to BBQ's or AA dances and round ups. They show me how to live and love life without alcohol. I People were willing to give me their number and would just say "if you need to talk to anyone do not hesitate to call". By picking up the phone and talking to someone about how exactly I am feeling and the constant garbage that was going on in my head. This is how I was shown I could trust people again. I allowed myself to become par off a fellowship who loved me for exactly who I am.

When I first start attending AA I would just go to regular meetings, until I found a group that I was very comfortable with, and I made this my Home Group. I started off putting out chairs, helping setup the meeting and cleaning the dishes after the meeting. At 3

months sober I was given the position of secretary for my Home Group, and I was advised to turn a half hour before the meeting. They said the first thing to do is put on the kettle for those who like to come early for a cuppa and a chat. I feared having such responsibility and my group members knew this, they just supported and guided me until I became comfortable with the position. That was the start of my service in this fellowship and I have held various positions over the years. I found taking on Service Positions assists in two areas of my life, it keeps me very close to the fellowship and it gives me the opportunity to give back to AA for all it has given me. Over the years through all my service positions, I noticed that it gave me the opportunity to work on my character defects in a safe environment before heading out into the world.

I have always loved the circle and triangle; to me the circle represents wholeness, and the triangle is the three Legacies of AA. The three Legacies are Recovery, Unity, Service, so I must remember I have a here fold illness and I have three things to treat this illness. When I am involved in all three, I experience wholeness, and to me this creates a beautiful Formula that works.

Cliff P

OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE TOPICS 2022

TOPIC NO.	TOPIC	OUTCOME
1/22	<p>Pursuant to: NOTES FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – (Conference 2021)</p> <p>“Funds over and above our budgeted operating expenses and our prudent reserve will be moved into a project fund to carry out projects and Conference meeting advisory actions”.</p> <p>This Topic proposes that projects and advisory actions requiring funding be prioritized by the Conference as to the immediacy of action required.</p> <p>Groups, Districts, Areas, and individual Members be given the opportunity to contribute to a project/advisory action if additional funding is needed to expedite action.</p> <p>A transparent mechanism be set up to give feedback to the fellowship.</p>	Voted on but not Advisory Action
2/22	<p>Provide more clarity and expand on Section four – the District and District Committee Member - in the Australian General Service Manual, Ninth Edition. Unlike Section 5 of the Service Manual which provides a lot of information about the Area, and suggestions on how to set up and run an Area Assembly and who can vote etc, the literature does not provide as much clarity for conducting a District meeting or who makes up a District committee. It is suggested that Section Four of the Manual be updated to provide groups with more guidance on what a District is and how to conduct a District meeting. Information such as the scope of a District Committee could be helpful (which is clear and concise for an Area in the Manual, but not for a District).</p>	Advisory Actions 002/2022 and 002-B/2022

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3/22	<p>A meeting currently exists on the first Sunday of every month that provides an Auslan Interpreter (as well as Closed Captions on Zoom) for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Alcoholic Community in Australia. We are requesting a broad Australia-wide campaign be mobilised to raise awareness that this meeting is available.</p> <p>Every Deaf and Hard of Hearing Person in Australia needs be aware that this meeting exists. We are seeking help from AA groups, Area Assemblies, and the General Service Conference to raise awareness that AA welcomes and will support the Deaf/HOH if they wish to investigate a 12-step solution to alcoholism. In addition, closed captions for the meeting also aid many older, sober members with age-related hearing loss.</p> <p>A core group (2-5 members) of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing are attending regularly, after 5 months from our local word-of-mouth campaign.</p>	Advisory Actions #003/2022
4/22	<p>To have conference approved literature of a less formal, easier to read and use type, that improves a Correctional Facility detainee's or Treatment Facility's patient's engagement with Alcoholics Anonymous after they have left the facility and also if possible, whilst they are in their facility.</p>	<p>Referred to Conference Correctional Facilities Committee. Advisory Action #004/2022</p> <p>Topic was also referred to the Conference Treatment Facilities & Accessibility Committee. Voted on but not Advisory Action.</p>
5/22	<p>Institute National Put up a AA Poster week of December 11 to recognise one of our co-Founders's sobriety dated.</p>	Advisory Action #005/2022
6/22	<p>That the National AA website, needs to be improved for those in search of a meeting. Currently the search function needs to be more accurate for finding meetings by location.</p>	Referred directly to Technology Team.
7/22	<p>A search for meetings with wheelchair access on AA.org.au returns only x 4 nationally.</p>	Referred directly to Technology Team.

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8/22	To add wording to any relevant pamphlets and the service manual to better reflect or clarify that when there is no local CSO then an AA District could become the responsible entity for that role and could be supported by local group contributions.	Voted on but not Advisory Action
9/22	To remove the No Discount status of more than 17% of the items on the literature price list, Items that are priced between \$0.01 and \$40.00, we have to pay freight, and because members expect to pay the official price, we sell these items at a loss.	Voted on but not Advisory Action
10/22	<p>The members of Conference request that the Board investigate and pursue mechanisms by which Australian members (and the worldwide fellowship generally) can have a say in future decisions regarding changes to our key literature.</p> <p>At present, changes to our most important AA literature - including the Big Book, the 12&12 and the Preamble - can only be approved by the North American General Service Conference. This means that only members from the USA and Canada can have a say. Members in the rest of the world are excluded from the process.</p> <p>'The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship' ...</p>	Advisory Action #010/2022
11/22	That the Conference agree to make the AA Australia Group Handbook freely available to all members as a downloadable PDF.	Advisory Action #011/2022
12/22	That the General Service Conference (GSC) of Australia instruct the General Service Board to set a policy that endorses the spirit of Rotation by ceasing the extension of terms of Regional Trustees, General Service Trustees, and GSB Chairpersons.	Voted on but not Advisory Action

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13/22	That the General Service Conference (GSC) of Australia take its Inventory. The last formal Inventory of the GSC was undertaken in 1994 (28yrs ago).	Advisory Action #013/2022
14/22	When an Area is unable to immediately field a Delegate to Conference then the Area, as an option, can elect a previous, but not the retiring, Delegate to serve a term of 1 year.	Voted on but not Advisory Action
15/22	To edit and adopt the District Committee Member (D.C.M.) Kit Contents page for general service in Australia. Form: F-153W on aa.org. District Committee Member (D.C.M.) Kit List Alcoholics Anonymous (aa.org)	Advisory Action #015/2022
16/22	To edit and adopt the General Service Representative (G.S.R.) Kit Contents page for general service in Australia. Form: GSRLISTW on aa.org. GSR Kit Contents (aa.org)	Advisory Action #016/2022
17/22	The General Service Board requests that the Conference supports the Board's intention to change Article 4 of its Articles of Association by rewording that last sentence to read: 'Any Trustees having retired shall not be eligible for reappointment, except in the case where a Class A Trustee has retired before completion of their term of office"	Advisory Action #017/2022
18/22	The General Service Board advises Conference that a new Committee, has been formed to reduce the workload of the Trustees' PI&CPC Committee. This new committee has been named the Technology & Social Media Committee. The overall scope of the committee will be any member service or supporting function that heavily relies on technology or that is/will be impacted by changes in technology, e.g. tasks relating to the National and Service Websites, Social Media, Communications and Member Services. The General Service Board recommends that the General Service Conference forms a corresponding committee.	Advisory Action #018/2022

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19/22	The General Service Board requests that Conference extends the scope of the National Combined Forum and that it be renamed The Combined National PI&CPC, Correctional Facilities, Treatment Facilities & Accessibility and Remote Communities Forum.	Advisory Action #019/2022
20/22	The General Service Conference recommends to Conference that the sum of \$2000 be donated to the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting Secretariat to assist with the running costs of the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting.	Advisory Action #020/2022
21/22	The General Service Conference requests permission from the General Service Conference to produce and sell an 80 th anniversary medallion.	Advisory Action #021/2022
22/22	The General Service Board recommends to Conference that the 2025 National Convention be held in Sydney to celebrate AA Australia's 80 th anniversary and that it be hosted by the General Service Board.	Advisory Action #022/2022
23/22	The General Service Board recommends to Conference that a new Australian Commemorative Big Book be produced to commemorate AA Australia's anniversary and that the attached Foreword be approved. The normal process for production of a new piece of Conference approved literature, as described in the Australian AA Service Manual, will be followed.	Advisory Action #023/2022

There were additional Advisory Actions as follows: (see Advisory Actions section for details):

Advisory Actions #24/2022 - #044/2022

**GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE 2022
ADVISORY ACTIONS**

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

CONFERENCE REPORT CHARTER & SERVICE MANUAL COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #046/2022

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

Voting: For: 21; Against: 3; Abstentions: 1
Carried

Advisory Action #:024/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee's recommendation that the revised National Convention Guideline be accepted with the following words added to the Host Planning Committee.

The Host Planning Committee has responsibility for the timing, however consideration should be given for the time of year in which it is held, and the duration of the Convention to cater for domestic and international travellers.

Voting: For: 24; Against: 0; Abstentions: 2
After hearing the minority voice there was a revote:
Voting: For: 21; Against: 5; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #025/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee's recommendation that the revised Correctional Facilities Guideline be accepted with the following minor edit in the "Code of Conduct" paragraph 3.

You may encounter corrective services officers who don't share your passion for AA. You should not try to impress them, but we need to keep on side by keeping our minds on the alcoholics who still suffer, now and in the future: thoughtless words or actions can instantly undo prolonged efforts to establish AA in a facility.

Voting: For: 25; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #002/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee's recommendation that Section 4 (The District and District Committee) of the Australian General Service Manual be expanded to provide more clarity.

Voting: For: 24; Against: 0; Abstentions: 1
Carried

Advisory Action #002-B/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee’s recommendation that Chapter II of the 2021-2023 revised and updated edition of the US/Canada Service Manual be used as a source document instead of the document submitted with the Topic.

Voting: For: 24; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0
Carried

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

Advisory Action #017/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Committee on Trustees recommendation to support the Board’s intention to change Article 4 of its Articles of Association by rewording the last sentence to read:

‘Any Trustees having retired shall not be eligible for reappointment, except in the case where the Class A Trustee has retired before completion of their five year term of office’

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

Advisory Action #026/2022

Conference resolved to recommend to the General Service Board that Garry Scott be elected as Eastern Regional Trustee for a four year period, effective 1st January 2023.

Voting: Carried by Third Legacy Procedure

Advisory Action #027/2022

Conference resolved to recommend to the General Service Board that Dominic Hyde be elected as Western Regional Trustee for a four year period, effective 1st January 2023.

Voting: For: 24; Against: 0; Abstentions: 2
Carried

Advisory Action #028/2022

Conference resolved to recommend to the General Service Board that John O’Leary be elected as North Eastern Regional Trustee for a four year period, effective 1st January 2023.

Voting: For: 21; Against: 2; Abstentions: 3

Advisory Action #029/2022

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

Voting: no disapproval vote
Carried

CONFERENCE TREATMENT FACILITIES & ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #003/2022

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

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

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

CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #030/2022

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

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

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

Advisory Action #005/2022

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

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

Advisory Action #018/2022

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

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

CONFERENCE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #004/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Correctional Facilities Committee's recommendation that a Working Group be formed to develop less formal and easy to read and use materials that improves a person's engagement with AA both whilst they are in, and after they have left a Correctional Facility. The new materials should be submitted to Conference 2023 for approval.

It was noted that the material supplied with the topic was not consistent with current published literature and the content included suggestions based on AA lore rather than the AA programme.

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

CONFERENCE POLICIES & ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #031/2022

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

Voting: For: 18; Against: 4; Abstentions: 3

After the Minority Voice there was a revote on the committee's recommendation.

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

Carried

Advisory Action #013/2022

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

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

Carried

Advisory Action #032/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Policies & Admissions Committee's recommendation that future pre-Conference Delegates & Observers meeting be held virtually and that Alternate Delegates be permitted to attend.

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

Carried

CONFERENCE REMOTE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #019/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Remote Communities Committee recommendation that extends the scope of the National Combined Forum be extend to include Remote Communities, but that the name should be changed to something less unwieldy such as the National Combined Carry the Message Forum or National Combined Outreach Forum.

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

Carried

CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #020/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference International Committee's recommendation that the sum of \$2000 be donated to the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting Secretariat to assist with the running costs of the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting.

Voting: For: 25; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0

Carried

CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #033/2022

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

Voting: For: 22; Against: 2; Abstentions: 4

After the Minority Voice there was a revote on the committees recommendation.

Voting: For: 16; Against: 10; Abstentions: 2

Carried

Advisory Action #010/2022

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

*Note: The Conference Literature Committee agreed that there are references in the US/Canada Conference Charter that encourage consultation and communication between Conferences, and recommended that these channels be explored and developed, led by our World Service Delegates.

Voting: For: 27; Against: 0; Abstentions: 1

Carried

Advisory Action #011/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that the AA Australian Group Handbook be made freely available to all members as a downloadable PDF.

Voting: For: 26; Against: 1; Abstentions: 1

Carried

Advisory Action #015/2022

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

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

Carried

Advisory Action #016/2022

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

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

Carried

Advisory Action #021/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that the Board's request for permission to produce and sell an 80th anniversary medallion be accepted.

Voting: For: 26; Against: 2; Abstentions: 0

Carried

Advisory Action #023/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that a limited run of an 80th Anniversary Australian Big Book be published, with the provision that a robust process is undertaken to ensure known page numbering issues and any typographical errors are reviewed and fixed as part of this process. It was further resolved that the submitted Foreword to be accepted, on the proviso that the Preface of the 50th Anniversary Edition is also included.

Voting: For: 20; Against: 7; Abstentions: 1
Carried

Advisory Action #034

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that the Guidelines for Service Entities on Archives and the Archivist job description be accepted.

Voting: For: 27; Against: 0; Absentions: 0
Carried

CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE

Advisory Action #035/2022

Conference resolved that the General Service Board be requested to formulate a proposal re combining Conference Committees (re Advisory Action 001/2021) by 31st March 2023 and that an online meeting of the General Service Conference be convened in May 2023 to discuss and vote on the proposal.

Voting: For: 27; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #036/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Agenda Committee's recommendation that the 2023 General Service Conference be held from Saturday 4th – Sunday 5th November 2023 (venue to be advised).

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

Advisory Action #037/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Agenda Committee's final recommendation that the Agenda Committee should meet on Saturday 17th June 2023 at 11.30am EST by teleconference to formulate agendas and on Saturday 5th August 2023 at 11.30am EST by teleconference to allocate topics to Conference Committees.

Voting on original committee recommendation: For: 14; Against: 13; Abstentions: 0

After the Minority Voice there was a revote:

For: 9; Against: 18; Abstentions: 0

The Committee then met to formulate a new recommendation, shown in Advisory Action above..

Voting: For: 26; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #038/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Agenda Committee's final recommendation that the deadline for receipt of 2023 Conference Topics should be 4pm Friday 16th June 2023.

Voting on original committee recommendation: For: 25; Against: 1 Abstentions 0

After the Minority Voice the original recommendation was amended, as per Advisory Action above.

Voting: For: 27; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0
Carried

Advisory Action #039/2022

Conference resolved that the theme of the 2023 General Service Conference would be ‘My Home Group – Commitment to Action’.

Voting: by a show of hands
Carried

Advisory Action #040/2022

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Agenda Committee’s recommendation that Advisory Action #017/2001 (that delegates should hold the Chairman’s position of one Conference committee only) be rescinded or reworded, as it is not currently workable.

Voting: For: 24; Against: 1; Abstentions: 1
Carried

BIDS

Advisory Action #022/2022

Conference resolved to accept the General Service Board’s proposal that the 2025 National Convention be held in Sydney to celebrate AA Australia’s 80th anniversary and that it be hosted by the General Service Board.

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

Advisory Action #041/2022

Conference resolved to accept the bid by Areas A and B Central Region to host the 2024 National Convention.

Voting: Carried by a show of hands

There were no bids to host the 2024 Combined National Forum or 2023 Regional Forums.

FLOOR ACTIONS

Advisory Action #042/2022

Conference resolved to recommend to the Conference Agenda Committee that pre-Conference committee meetings be held virtually and that the main Conference be held physically for 2023.

Voting: For: 22; Against: 3; Abstentions: 1
Carried

Advisory Action #043/2022

Conference resolved that, after each conference committee meeting is held in October, the draft report prepared by the committee coordinator is reviewed for accuracy and approved by the Committee Chair and/or the Trustee member of the committee before it is circulated to all Conference members or added to the Conference folder.

Voting: For: 16; Against: 6; Abstentions: 2
Carried

Advisory Action #044/2022

That the Australian AA Group Handbook be updated to replace 'gays; with 'members of the LGBTQIA+ community' in this section:

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

And that the article about specialised groups be updated accordingly before publication.

Voting: For: 20; Against: 4; Abstentions: 1
Carried

CONFERENCE TOPICS 2022 VOTED ON, BUT NOT RESULTING IN ADVISORY ACTIONS (VOTING ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS)

CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE

TOPIC #001/2022

Pursuant to: NOTES FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – (Conference 2021)

“Funds over and above our budgeted operating expenses and our prudent reserve will be moved into a project fund to carry out projects and Conference meeting advisory actions”.

This Topic proposes that projects and advisory actions requiring funding be prioritized by the Conference as to the immediacy of action required.

Groups, Districts, Areas, and individual Members be given the opportunity to contribute to a project/advisory action if additional funding is needed to expedite action.

A transparent mechanism be set up to give feedback to the fellowship.

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Finance Committee’s recommendation that this topic be rejected as it conflicts with Tradition 7, Concept 2 and Concept 8.

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

TOPIC #009/2022

To remove the No Discount status of more than 17% of the items on the literature price list, Items that are priced between \$0.01 and \$40.00, we have to pay freight, and because members expect to pay the official price, we sell these items at a loss.

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Finance Committee’s recommendation that this topic be rejected as removing the Discount would mean that the General Service Office would sell the items at a loss.

Voting: For: 24; Against: 1; Abstentions: 0
Carried

CONFERENCE TREATMENT FACILITIES & ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

TOPIC: #004/2022

To have conference approved literature of a less formal, easier to read and us type that improves a Treatment Facility’s patient’s engagement with Alcoholics Anonymous after they have left the facility and also if possible, whilst they are in their facility.

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Treatment Facilities & Accessibility Committee’s recommendation that this topic be rejected as there are sufficient pamphlets already (e.g. A Newcomer Asks, Bridging The Gap, Where do I go to from Here). The committee acknowledged the move towards plain language, but was concerned that this does not meet the standards of Conference approved literature.

Voting: For: 25; Against: 0; Abstentions: 0
Carried

CONFERENCE POLICIES & ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

TOPIC #014/2022

When an Area is unable to immediately field a Delegate to Conference then the Area, as an option, can elect a previous, but not the retiring, Delegate to serve a term of 1 year.

Conference resolved to reject the Conference Policies & Admissions Committee's recommendation that when an Area is unable to immediately field a Delegate or other Committee member to Conference then, as an option, the Area can elect a previous, but not the retiring Delegate, to serve a term of 1 year only.

Voting: For: 11; Against: 15; Abstentions: 0

Motion lost

Voting on topic: For: 8; Against: 16; Abstentions: 2

Motion lost

CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

TOPIC #008/2022

To add wording to any relevant pamphlets and the service manual to better reflect or clarify that when there is no local CSO then an AA District could become the responsible entity for that role and could be supported by local group contributions.

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Literature Committee's recommendation that this topic be rejected due to lack of clarity in the topic and due to the fact that the topic implies that a District can replace a CSO. CSOs are not part of the general service structure. CSOs are separate entities, responsible only to the Groups they serve.

Voting: For: 19; Against: 6; Abstentions: 3

Carried

Revote after Minority Voice: For: 15; Against: 11; Abstentions: 2

Carried

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

TOPIC #012/2022

That the General Service Conference (GSC) of Australia instruct the General Service Board to set a policy that endorses the spirit of Rotation by ceasing the extension of terms of Regional Trustees, General Service Trustees, and GSB Chairpersons.

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Committee on Trustees recommendation that this topic be rejected for the following reasons:

The General Service Board's policy on rotation of Trustees is already outlined in its Articles of Association –

Article 4: All alcoholic Trustees serve for a period of four years from the date of their election, whether regular or interim'.

Article 13: 'The Chairperson shall serve for a period of one year'. '...no Chairperson shall serve for a longer period than four consecutive years'. 'The Chairperson shall serve for a period of one year'.

Voting: For: 21; Against: 2; Abstentions: 3

Carried

FLOOR ACTIONS

To address the issue of finding suitable class A trustees, the GSB reduce the term of class A trustees from 5 to 3 years. We don't expect any current service position in our National Service structure to serve our fellowship for such a long time, therefore can Conference consider that we don't expect our non-alcoholic friends to serve our fellowship longer than any other General service position within AA Australia.

Conference resolved to reject this floor action.

Voting: For: 11; Against: 13; Abstentions: 2
Motion los

FLOOR ACTIONS NOT VOTED ON

The following topics were raised as Floor Actions but the Conference voted, by a show of hands, not to entertain them.

1. That a clause be added to relevant literature that a Delegate must attend a minimum number of conference committee meetings in order to be seated at Conference.
2. That a trial is implemented in 2023 for Conference committees to be tasked with researching the costs of a potential advisory action and including this in the recommendation to Conference. Noting this would require additional meetings of the Conference committee between topics being published and the committee's October meetings.
3. The Finance Committee/Board to explain why we have been asked to contribute \$500 each Area (19 active areas x 500 = \$9500) when Conference 2022 costs were reported as a little over \$6000.
4. TOPIC #008/2022 gave rise to some important discussion not directly as a consideration of that topic, but as a by-product. Points were raised around the increasing/continued need for clarity surrounding group financial contributions – and confusion and debate amongst the fellowship, this in spite of existing literature.

Suggest conference entertains a working group to work towards an updated financial pamphlet seeking to clarify some of the issues around all financial possibilities.

If there is confusion in the fellowship, then we should consider how to help. Waiting another year for this to return as a topic is only going to add to this or reinforce existing entrenched ideas.

Ask It Basket

Should we be discussing the absence of our Trustee Emeritus and the process for relieving her of that role if necessary and replacing her?

It was explained that the Trustee Emeritus currently has health problems which prevented her from attending Conference this year.

Could we please have an update and timeline re the launch of the new service website

Could we please have up update with timeline on the website first response / front page

The Chair of the Technology Team gave an update on progress regarding the national and service websites.

Could we please have a verbal report on what the safety and compliance committee is considering? At recent as last week I have had contact from concerned members wanting to know what the GSB and AA as a whole is doing in relation to the organisation's responsibility under the ACNC guidelines. Specifically with regards to safety measures for people attending AA meetings.

The Chair of the General Service Board reported that the Safety Team had been meeting regularly, policies had been formulated and were currently being checked by an independent legal advisor.

Is one person, or a committee, responsible for allocating Delegates to Conference committees? There was some notable imbalances in the make-up of this year's committees

Conference Committee allocations are managed by the Conference Co-ordinator as per The Conference section of the Service Manual under the heading 'Making up Committees'. It was difficult to have a balance of experience and geographical representation on committees, given the imbalance of representation from each region.

ROLL CALL

Carol R (Chair)	Delegate	CR	B	3rd
Tristram E (Alt. Chair)	Delegate	ER	G	2nd
John S	Delegate	ER	I	2nd
Terresa A	Delegate	NER	C	1st
Therese P	Delegate	VIRTUAL	A	1st
Marjo N	Delegate	WR	A	1st
Steve U	Delegate	SR	F	1st
No delegate elected	Delegate	NR	A	1st
Cheryn P	Chair, Trustees' Finance Committee			
Patrick S	Co-ordinator			
Non-voting observers				

APOLOGIES

Lachlan B (General Service Trustee, non-voting observer)

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and the following changes were made:

Composition: The paragraph “*Conference resolved that, prior to the 2013 General Service Conference, the Composition Scope and Procedure documents for all Conference Committees be amended to include the following statement:*” is to be deleted from the document.

Scope: Procedure 3 to be changed to: 3) *The Finance Committee will meet at least once during the Annual Conference with the Chair of the Trustees' Finance Committee and National Office staff to review the Prudent Reserve for National Office (which should ideally maintain operations for at least 12-16 months).*

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2017-2021)

The Action List was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2022 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC #001/2022

Pursuant to: NOTES FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – (Conference 2021)

“Funds over and above our budgeted operating expenses and our prudent reserve will be moved into a project fund to carry out projects and Conference meeting advisory actions”.

This Topic proposes that projects and advisory actions requiring funding be prioritized by the Conference as to the immediacy of action required.

Groups, Districts, Areas, and individual Members be given the opportunity to contribute to a project/advisory action if additional funding is needed to expedite action.

A transparent mechanism be set up to give feedback to the fellowship.

The Conference Finance Committee recommends to Conference that the Topic be rejected as it is currently written. As the Topic is presented, it is in conflict with Tradition 7, Concept 2 and Concept 8.

TOPIC #009/2022

To remove the No Discount status of more than 17% of the items on the literature price list, Items that are priced between \$0.01 and \$40.00, we have to pay freight, and because members expect to pay the official price, we sell these items at a loss.

The Conference Finance Committee recommends to Conference that the Topic be rejected as removing the Discount would mean that GSO would sell the items at a loss.

REVIEW AUDITED ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

The Conference Finance Committee recommends to Conference that the Audited Accounts Year Ended 30 June 2022 be accepted.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

**Therese P was elected Chairperson.
Tristram E was elected Alternate Chairperson**

ROLL CALL

Cliff P (Chair)	Delegate	NER	B	3rd
Rangi P (Alt Chair)	Delegate	ER	D	3rd
Tristram E	Delegate	ER	G	2nd
Lisa R	Delegate	SR	D	2nd
Avril B	Delegate	CR	A	1st
Marjo N	Delegate	WR	A	1st
No delegate elected	Delegate	NR	A	1st
Narelle Buchanan	Chair, Trustees' International Committee			
Brian F	World Service Delegate			
Greg B	World Service Delegate			
Valerie M	Co-ordinator			

Avril B was unable to attend the first part of the meeting. Committee decisions were explained to her and she agreed with these decisions.

APOLOGIES

Rangi P

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and no changes were made.

Or

The document was reviewed and the following changes made:

Composition

The following part of Advisory Action \$051;2012 was removed:

Conference resolved that, prior to the 2013 General Service Conference, the Composition Scope and Procedure documents for all Conference Committees be amended to include the following statement. (leaving statement).

Procedure

The words 'by email or post' were removed from point 3(b). Sentence now reads: 'This committee will communicate, where possible, in between conferences, to maintain an awareness of relevant issues.'

The following part of Advisory Action #025/2017 was removed:

Following the Conference Literature Committee's report of changes to their Composition, Scope and Procedure document, Conference resolved that all Conference committees should add the following to their Composition, Scope and Procedure documents: (leaving statement).

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2017-2021)

The Action List was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

**REVIEW 2022 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
CONFERENCE**

TOPIC #20/2022

The General Service Board recommends to Conference that the sum of \$2000 be donated to the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting Secretariat to assist with the running costs of the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting.

The Conference International Committee recommends to Conference that the sum of \$2000 be donated to the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting Secretariat to assist with the running costs of the Asia/Oceania Service Meeting.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

**Marjo N was elected Chairperson
Avril B was elected Alternate Chairperson**

ROLL CALL

Damien G (Chair)	Delegate	ER	H	3rd
Carol R	Delegate	CR	B	3rd
Mick B	Delegate	ER	A	2nd
Lisa R	Delegate	SR	D	2nd
Margo N	Delegate	WR	A	1st
Terresa A	Delegate	NER	C	1st
Mary H	Delegate	ER	C	1st
No Delegate elected	Delegate	NR	A	1st
Judy W	Chair, Trustees' Literature Committee			
Chris S	Co-ordinator			
<i>Non-voting observers</i>				
Vanda Rounsefell	Trustee Emeritus			

APOLOGIES

Vanda Rounsefell

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and the following changes were made:

Composition

The voting members of the committee will ideally be made up of

- The Chairperson of the Trustees' Literature Committee instead of The Chairperson of the Trustees' Report Charter & Service Manual Committee.

'Notwithstanding the existing Composition considerations, to ensure a reasonably equitable distribution of Committee responsibilities, the allocation process also takes into consideration the need to provide all Conference members the opportunity of sitting on a minimum of three Conference Committees. Advisory Action #051/2012

Procedure

To optimise communication and understanding of Trustee activities during the year, the Chairs of the Trustees' committees advise their related Conference committees during the annual General Service Conference. They also write to their corresponding Conference Chairs following the February and July Board meetings and confer with them during the year as necessary to keep them informed, seek advice or draw on additional skills Advisory Action #025/2017

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2017-2021)

The Action List was reviewed.

Advisory Action #045/2021 Status "in Progress"

REVIEW NATIONAL CONVENTION GUIDELINES & MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO CONFERENCE

The Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee recommends to Conference that the National Convention Guideline be accepted with the following words added to the Host Planning Committee.

The Host Planning Committee has responsibility for the timing, however consideration should be given for the time of year in which it is held, and the duration of the Convention to cater for domestic and international travellers.

REVIEW CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES GUIDELINE & MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO CONFERENCE

The Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee recommends to Conference that The Correctional Facilities Guideline be accepted with the following minor edit in the "Code of Conduct" paragraph 3.

You may encounter corrective services officers who don't share your passion for AA. You should not try to impress them, but we need to keep on side by keeping our minds on the alcoholics who still suffer, now and in the future: thoughtless words or actions can instantly undo prolonged efforts to establish AA in a facility.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2022 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC #002/2022

Provide more clarity and expand on Section four – the District and District Committee Member - in the Australian General Service Manual, Ninth Edition. Unlike Section 5 of the Service Manual which provides a lot of information about the Area, and suggestions on how to set up and run an Area Assembly and who can vote etc, the literature does not provide as much clarity for conducting a District meeting or who makes up a District committee. It is suggested that Section Four of the Manual be updated to provide groups with more guidance on what a District is and how to conduct a District meeting. Information such as the scope of a District Committee could be helpful (which is clear and concise for an Area in the Manual, but not for a District).

The Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee recommends to Conference that TOPIC #002/2022 to provide more clarity and expand on Section four – the District and District Committee Member - in the Australian General Service Manual be accepted. The committee further recommends that Chapter II of the 2021- 2023 revised and updated edition of the US/Canada Service Manual be used as a source document instead of the attachment submitted with the Topic.

Advisory Action #15/2021

Conference resolved that the proposal and call them local service offices directly responsible to their local groups be referred back to the Report Charter & Service Manual Committee for voting on at the 2022 General Service Conference so that further information regarding references to local service offices in the Australian AA Service Manual could be considered.

The Conference Report Charter & Service Manual Committee recommends to Conference that the proposal to remove reference to CSO's from the AA Guidelines be rejected.

The committee recommends that reference to CSO's in the AA Guidelines and the AA Service Manual are replaced with Local/Central Service Office. While the Australian Service Manual makes it very clear that Central/Local Service offices

provide local services to participating groups outside of the General Service Structure, the committee also recognises that the use of mostly the term Central (CSO) could be confusing. The change to Local/Central Service Offices provides the necessary clarity. It is further recommended that the GSB consult with Local/Central Service Offices about the change and the reason for it.

REPORT ON CHANGES TO CORE DOCUMENTS DURING THE YEAR (DIG REPORT)

All documents done.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Terresa A was elected Chairperson
Damien G was elected Alternate Chairperson

ROLL CALL

Steven U	Delegate	SR	F	2nd
Damien G (Alt.Chair)	Delegate	ER	H	3rd
Raylene J	Delegate	NER	A	3rd
Mick B	Delegate	ER	A	2nd
John S	Delegate	ER	I	2nd
Avril B	Delegate	CR	A	1st
Lesley F	Delegate	WR	B	1st
Stephen R	Chair, Trustees; Treatment Facilities & Accessibility Committee			
Patrick S	Co-ordinator			

APOLOGIES

Raylene J, Lee S, Jane M

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and the following changes were made: The word “Chairperson” to be replaced with “Accessibility” in the Headline of the Document.

The words “Chairperson needs” to be replaced with “Accessibility needs” in the “Scope” section of the document.

The words “special needs” to be replaced with “Accessibility needs” in the “Scope” section of the document.

The words “special needs” to be replaced with “Accessibility needs” in the “Procedure” section of the document.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2017-2021)

The Action List was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2022 CONFERENCE TOPICS MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC: #003/2022

A meeting currently exists on the first Sunday of every month that provides an Auslan Interpreter (as well as Closed Captions on Zoom) for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Alcoholic Community in Australia. We are requesting a broad Australia-wide campaign be mobilised to raise awareness that this meeting is available.

Every Deaf and Hard of Hearing Person in Australia needs to be aware that this meeting exists. We are seeking help from AA groups, Area Assemblies, and the General Service Conference to raise awareness that AA welcomes and will support the Deaf/HOH if they wish to investigate a 12-step solution to alcoholism. In addition, closed captions for the meeting also aid many older, sober members with age-related hearing loss.

A core group (2-5 members) of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing are attending regularly, after 5 months from our local word-of-mouth campaign.

The Conference Treatment Facilities & Accessibility Committee welcomes and commends this topic to help the Deaf & Hard Of Hearing (referred to as D/HOH) within our fellowship. The Committee recommends to Conference that the GSB encourage the fellowship to take steps to raise awareness that AA welcomes the D/HOH wishing to investigate the 12 Step solution to Alcoholism

The Committee recommends that the GSB support the yearly cost of the AUSLAN interpreter for a period of one year at the cost of \$ 3408.00 in the hope that the meeting become self-supporting.

The Committee does not recommend the expenditure for a Facebook campaign or the Teletypewriter line at this point.

The Committee recommends that we invite the Submitter of this topic to work with the Committees in the implementation.

TOPIC: #004/2022

To have conference approved literature of a less formal, easier to read and us type that improves a Treatment Facility's patient's engagement with Alcoholics Anonymous after they have left the facility and also if possible, whilst they are in their facility.

The Conference Treatment Facilities & Accessibility Committee recommends to Conference that the proposal to have literature of a less formal, easier to read and us type for Treatment Facilities patients be rejected as there are sufficient pamphlets already (e.g. A Newcomer Asks, Bridging The Gap, Where do I go to from Here). We acknowledge the move towards plain language, but the Committee is concerned that this does not meet the standards of Conference approved literature.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

**Mick B was elected Chairperson.
Lesley F was elected Alternate Chairperson**

ROLL CALL

Tristram E (Chair)	Delegate	ER	G	2nd
Lisa R (Alt. Chair)	Delegate	SR	D	2nd
Rangi P	Delegate	ER	D	3rd
Marjo N	Delegate	WR	A	1st
No Delegate elected	Delegate	NR	A	1ST
Grant T	Chair, Trustees' Correctional Facilities Committee			
Chris S	Co-ordinator			
<i>Non-voting observers</i>				

APOLOGIES

Avril B
Cliff P

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and the following changes were made:

COMPOSITION

The following part of Advisory Action #051/2012 was removed (leaving statement):
Conference resolved that, prior to the 2013 General Service Conference, the Composition Scope and Procedure documents for all Conference Committees be amended to include the following statement:

PROCEDURE

The following part of Advisory Action #025/2017 was removed (leaving statement):
Following the Conference Literature Committee's report of changes to their Composition, Scope and Procedure document, Conference resolved that all Conference committees should add the following to their Composition, Scope and Procedure documents:

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2017-2021)

The Action List was reviewed.

Advisory Action #037/2018

Status: Guideline written and passed along to RC&SM for voting on.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2022 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC #004/2-22

To have conference approved literature of a less formal, easier to read and us type that improves a Correctional Facility detainee's engagement with Alcoholics Anonymous after they have left the facility and also if possible, whilst they are in their facility.

The Conference Correctional Facilities Committee supports the need for less formal and easy to read and use materials that improves a person's engagement with AA, both while they are in, and after they have left the facility. However, the committee does not support the materials supplied with the topic as the look and feel, are not consistent with current published literature and the content includes suggestions that are based in AA lore rather than the AA program. The committee recommends that a Working Group be formed to further develop the materials and bring them back to Conference 2023.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Tristram E was elected Chairperson
Marjo N was elected Alternate Chairperson

ROLL CALL

Mick B (Chair)	Delegate	ER	A	2nd
Raylene J (Alt. Chair)	Delegate	ER	A	3rd
Damien G	Delegate	ER	H	3rd
Rangi P	Delegate	ER	D	3rd
Mary H	Alt. Delegate	ER	C	1st
Avril B	Delegate	CR	A	1st
Lesley F	Delegate	WR	B	1st
Geoff S	Chair, Trustees PI&CPC Committee			
Greg B	World Service Delegate			
Chris S	Co-ordinator			
Steve U	Delegate	SR	F	1st
No delegate elected	Delegate	NR	A	
Non-voting members:				

Lesley F Delegate WR B did not attend

APOLOGIES

Rangi P

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and the following changes were made:

COMPOSITION

'Notwithstanding the existing Composition considerations, to ensure a reasonably equitable distribution of Committee responsibilities, the allocation process also takes into consideration the need to provide all Conference members the opportunity of sitting on a minimum of three Conference Committees. Advisory Action #051/2012

PROCEDURE

To optimise communication and understanding of Trustee activities during the year, the Chairs of the Trustees' committees advise their related Conference committees during the annual General Service Conference. They also write to their corresponding Conference Chairs following the February and July Board meetings and confer with them during the year as necessary to keep them informed, seek advice or draw on additional skills (Advisory Action #025/2017).

J. Committee Chair to request report from National PI&CPC coordinator

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2017-2021)

The Action List was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2022 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC #005/2022

Institute National Put up a AA Poster week of December 11 to recognise one of our co-Founders's sobriety dated.

The Conference Public Information & Co-operation with the Professional Community Committee recommends to Conference that TOPIC #005/2022 National Put up a AA Poster week of December 11 be accepted. Any idea that encourages individuals to participate in PI & CPC should be supported.

TOPIC #18/2022

The General Service Board advises Conference that a new Committee, has been formed to reduce the workload of the Trustees' PI&CPC Committee. This new committee has been named the Technology & Social Media Committee. The overall scope of the committee will be any member service or supporting function that heavily relies on technology or that is/will be impacted by changes in technology, e.g. tasks relating to the National and Service Websites, Social Media, Communications and Member Services.

The General Service Board recommends that the General Service Conference forms a corresponding committee.

The Conference Public Information & Co-operation with the Professional Community Committee recommends to Conference that TOPIC #18/2022 The General Service Board advises Conference that a new Committee, has been formed to reduce the workload of the Trustees' PI&CPC Committee be accepted.

It creates a more precise communication channel between the Board and the fellowship with a view of being more productive, and reducing the topic workload for the Conference PI & CPC committee.

REVIEW NATIONAL WEBSITE

The National Website was reviewed, the committee recommends both websites be reviewed for more inclusive language ie gender neutral

REVIEW SERVICE WEBSITE

Progress on the Service Website was reviewed.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

**Damien G was elected Chairperson
Avril B was elected Alternate Chairperson**

ROLL CALL

Rangi P (Chair)	Delegate	ER	D	3rd
Mick B (Alt. Chair)	Delegate	ER	A	2nd
Cliff P	Delegate	NER	B	3rd
Marjo N	Delegate	WR	A	1st
Terresa A	Delegate	NER	C	1st
Avril B	Delegate	CR	A	1st
Steve U	Delegate	SR	F	1st
No delegate elected	Delegate	NR	A	1st
Judy W	Chair, Trustees' Nominating Committee			
Valerie M	Co-ordinator			
<i>Non-voting observers</i>				
Geoff S	Southern Regional Trustee			

APOLOGIES

Cliff P
Avril B

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and the following changes made:

Composition

The following part of Advisory Action \$051;2012 was removed:
Conference resolved that, prior to the 2013 General Service Conference, the Composition Scope and Procedure documents for all Conference Committees be amended to include the following statement. (leaving statement).

Procedure

The following part of Advisory Action #025/2017 was removed:
Following the Conference Literature Committee's report of changes to their Composition, Scope and Procedure document, Conference resolved that all Conference committees should add the following to their Composition, Scope and Procedure documents: (leaving statement).

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2017-2022)

The Action List was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2022 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC #012/2022

That the General Service Conference (GSC) of Australia instruct the General Service Board to set a policy that endorses the spirit of Rotation by ceasing the extension of terms of Regional Trustees, General Service Trustees, and GSB Chairpersons.

The Conference Committee on Trustees supports the spirit of rotation. However, the committee recommends the proposal to instruct the General Service Board to set a policy that endorses the spirit of rotation by ceasing the extension of terms of Regional Trustees, General Service Trustees and GSB Chairpersons be rejected for the following reasons:

The General Service Board's policy on rotation of Trustees is already outlined in its Articles of Association –

Article 4 ‘

All alcoholic Trustees serve for a period of four years from the date of their election, whether regular or interim’.

Article 13:

‘The Chairperson shall serve for a period of one year’.

‘...no Chairperson shall serve for a longer period than four consecutive years’.

The committee notes the past difficulties in finding General Service Trustees and that the General Service Board has taken steps to resolve this by inviting members from Areas outside metropolitan Sydney to apply for the position.

TOPIC #017/2022

The General Service Board requests that the Conference supports the Board's intention to change Article 4 of its Articles of Association by rewording the last sentence to read:

‘Any Trustees having retired shall not be eligible for reappointment, except in the case where a Class A Trustee has retired before completion of their term of office’

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

RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT OF EASTERN REGIONAL TRUSTEE

The Conference Committee on Trustees recommends to Conference that the Eastern Regional Trustee be selected from the following candidates by Third Legacy Procedure

1. Andrew M (Area C)
2. Garry S (Area D)
3. Gabrielle N (Area G)

RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT OF WESTERN REGIONAL TRUSTEE

As there were no other candidates, the Conference Committee on Trustees recommends to Conference that Dominic H (Area B) be elected by the General Service Board as Western Regional Trustee for a four year period commencing 1st January 2023.

RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL TRUSTEE

As there were no other candidates, the Conference Committee on Trustees recommends to Conference that John O (Area C) be elected by the General Service Board as North Eastern Regional Trustee for a four year period commencing 1st January 2023.

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICE TRUSTEE BY BOARD

The Conference Committee on Trustees recommends that the appointment by the Board of Andrew T as General Service Trustee, for a four year period commencing 1st January 2023, be submitted to Conference for disapproval, if any.

FOR INFORMATION

It was noted that the Board is still seeking three Class A Trustees and that the following Conference members will complete their terms on 31st December 2023.

- 1. Cheryn P (General Service Trustee)**
- 2. Greg B (World Service Delegate).**

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

**Mick B was elected Chairperson.
Teresa A was elected Alternate Chairperson.**

ROLL CALL

Raylene J	Chair	NER	A	3rd
Damien G	Delegate	ER	H	3rd
Lisa R	Delegate	SR	D	2nd
Carol R	Delegate	CR	B	3rd
John S	Delegate	ER	I	2nd
Lesley F	Delegate	WR	B	1st
Judy W	Trustees' Literature Committee			
Greg B	World Service Delegate			
Patrick S	Co-ordinator			
<i>Non-voting participants (Remote Communities Committee)</i>				
Lee	Delegate	ER	E	3 rd
Therese P	Delegate	VIRTUAL	A	1st
Avril B	Delegate	CR	A	1st
Terresa A	Delegate	NER	C	1st
Brian F	World Service Delegate			
Jane M	Chair, Trustees Remote Communities Committee			
Chris S	Co-ordinator			

APOLOGIES: Tristram E, Steve U, Mary H, Narelle B

PRESENTATION OF INDIGENOUS STORIES – JANE M

MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO CONFERENCE RE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Re:

Advisory Action #016/2019

Conference resolved that a book be compiled and published, containing a selection of personal stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AA members, their journey to AA and experience, strength and hope.

The book could be an excellent resource to carry the message to prisons, health services and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations.

The book will have a national focus – sharing stories from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members from all States and Territories; including, if possible and appropriate, a cross-section of stories from men, women, young Indigenous people, transgender, disabilities.

The Conference Literature Committee recommends to Conference that a Subcommittee be established to publish stories and create multimedia suite of AA Resources for the First Nations AA still suffering Alcoholic.

ROLL CALL

Raylene J	Delegate	NER	A	3rd
Tristram E	Delegate	ER	G	2nd
Damien G	Delegate	ER	H	3rd
Justin D	Delegate	SR	F	2nd
Lisa R	Delegate	SR	D	2nd
John S	Delegate	ER	I	2nd
Lesley F	Delegate	WR	B	1st
No delegate elected	Delegate	NR	A	1st
Judy W	Chair, Trustees' Literature Committee			
Greg B	World Service Delegate			
Patrick S	Co-ordinator			
<i>Non-voting observers</i>				

APOLOGIES

Carol R (Delegate, CR B)

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and the following changes were made:

Composition: The paragraph "*Conference resolved that, prior to the 2013 General Service Conference, the Composition Scope and Procedure documents for all Conference Committees be amended to include the following statement:*" is to be deleted from the document.

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2017-2021)

The Action List was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2022 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC #008/2022

To add wording to any relevant pamphlets and the service manual to better reflect or clarify that when there is no local CSO then an AA District could become the responsible entity for that role and could be supported by local group contributions.

The Conference Literature Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be rejected due to lack of clarity in the topic and due to the fact that the topic implies that a District can replace a CSO. CSOs are not part of the general service structure. CSOs are separate entities, responsible only to the Groups they serve.

TOPIC #010/2022

The members of Conference request that the Board investigate and pursue mechanisms by which Australian members (and the worldwide fellowship generally) can have a say in future decisions regarding changes to our key literature.

At present, changes to our most important AA literature - including the Big Book, the 12&12 and the Preamble - can only be approved by the North American General Service Conference. This means that only members from the USA and Canada can have a say. Members in the rest of the world are excluded from the process.

'The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship' ...

The Conference Literature Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be accepted. The committee agreed that there are mechanisms for consultation and communication between Conferences, and the committee recommends that these channels be explored and developed, if possible.

TOPIC #011/2022

That the Conference agree to make the AA Australia Group Handbook freely available to all members as a downloadable PDF.

The Conference Literature Committee recommends to Conference that this topic be accepted. This would allow many group, district, area and other service-related websites to also offer it as a download, as they currently do the manual and guidelines. This also allows for efficient updates without reprint costs.

TOPIC #015/2022

To edit and adopt the District Committee Member (D.C.M.) Kit Contents page for general service in Australia. Form: F-153W on aa.org. [District Committee Member \(D.C.M.\) Kit List | Alcoholics Anonymous \(aa.org\)](#)

The Conference Literature Committee supports the topic and recommends it be accepted, acknowledging that modifications will be required to suit Australia and our licencing agreements, etc. The committee recommends a small working group be formed to develop the kit for Australia.

TOPIC #016/2022

To edit and adopt the General Service Representative (G.S.R.) Kit Contents page for general service in Australia. Form: GSRLISTW on aa.org. [GSR Kit Contents \(aa.org\)](#)

The Conference Literature Committee supports the topic and recommends it be accepted, acknowledging that modifications will be required to suit Australia and our licencing agreements, etc. The committee recommends a small working group be formed to develop the kit for Australia.

TOPIC #21/2022

The General Service Board requests permission from the General Service to produce and sell an 80th anniversary medallion.

The Conference Literature Committee supports the topic and recommends it be accepted, and we note that this is intended as a fundraiser for the 80th Anniversary Celebrations.

TOPIC #23/2022

The General Service Board recommends to Conference that a new Australian Commemorative Big Book be produced to commemorate AA Australia's anniversary and that the attached Foreword be approved. The normal process for production of a new piece of Conference approved literature, as described in the Australian AA Service Manual, will be followed.

The Conference Literature Committee recommends the topic to print a limited run of an 80th Anniversary Australian Big Book be accepted, with the provision that a robust process is undertaken to ensure known page numbering issues and any typographical errors are reviewed and fixed as part of this process.

The Committee recommends that the Foreword to be accepted, on the proviso that the Preface of the 50th Anniversary Edition is also included.

REVIEW GUIDELINES FOR SERVICE ENTITIES ON ARCHIVES & ARCHIVIST JOB DESCRIPTION

The Conference Literature Committee recommends to Conference that the Guidelines for Service Entities on Archives be accepted.

The Conference Literature Committee recommends to Conference that the Archivist Job Description be accepted with amendments (as per the attached).

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Lesley F was elected Chairperson
Damien G was elected Alternate Chairperson

ROLL CALL

Raylene J (Chair)	Delegate	NER	A	3rd
Lee S (Alt.Chair)	Delegate	ER	E	3rd
Carol R	Delegate	CR	B	3rd
Lisa R	Delegate	SR	D	2nd
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No delegate elected	Delegate	NR	A	1st
Lachlan B	Chair, Trustees' GS Conference Committee			
Valerie M	Co-ordinator			
<i>Non-voting observers</i>				
Cheryn P	Incoming Chair, Trustees' GS Conference Committee			

Lee Sarich did not attend.

APOLOGIES

Lachlan B

REVIEW COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and the following changes made:

Composition

The following part of Advisory Action \$051;2012 was removed:

Conference resolved that, prior to the 2013 General Service Conference, the Composition Scope and Procedure documents for all Conference Committees be amended to include the following statement. (leaving statement).

Procedure

The following part of Advisory Action #025/2017 was removed:

Following the Conference Literature Committee's report of changes to their Composition, Scope and Procedure document, Conference resolved that all Conference committees should add the following to their Composition, Scope and Procedure documents: (leaving statement).

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2017-2021)

Advisory Action #001/2021

Conference resolved to accept the Conference Agenda Committee's recommendation that the proposal to reduce the number of Conference Committees is returned to the General Service Board to come up with alternative proposals, taking into consideration suggestions from Conference.

The committee noted that the General Service Board had advised that this will not be necessary if committees continue to meet on Zoom in October prior to Conference.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2022 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

No topics were allocated to this committee

RECOMMENDATION - DATE – CONFERENCE 2023

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends to Conference that the 2023 General Service Conference be held from Saturday 4th – Sunday 5th November 2023 (venue to be advised).

RECOMMENDATION - DATES FOR AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2023

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends to Conference that this committee meets Saturday 17th June 2023 at 11.30am EST by teleconference to formulate agendas

and on

Saturday 19th August 2023 at 11.30am EST by teleconference to allocate topics to Conference.

RECOMMENDATION - DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CONFERENCE TOPICS

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends to Conference that the deadline for receipt of 2023 Conference topics by 4pm Friday 24th June 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THEME OF GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE 2023

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends to Conference that the following themes be considered for the 2023 General Service Conference.

1	My Home Group – commitment to action
2	Meeting Calamity with Serenity – learning through changes
3	Building our future with a new frontier
4	Moving forward with a positive attitude
5	We are not young enough to know everything! Maturing through the Three Legacies
6	New Frontiers – growing our capacity to endure uncertainty
7	Moving forward with a positive attitude
8	Maturity begins when we live for others

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ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

The committee did not elect a Chairperson as the two eligible delegates had already been elected as Chairs of other committees.

Advisory Action #017/2001

Conference resolved that delegates should hold the Chairman’s position of one Conference committee only.

The Conference Agenda Committee recommends to Conference that this Advisory Action be rescinded or reworded, as it is not currently workable.

ROLL CALL

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Non-voting observers: Judy W

APOLOGIES

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ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

**Lisa R was elected as Chairperson.
Therese P was elected as Alternate Chairperson**

ROLL CALL

Lisa R (Acting Chair)	Delegate	SR	D	2nd
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Mary H	Delegate	ER	C	1st
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Teressa	Delegate	NER	C	1st
To be advised	Delegate	NR	A	1st
Brian F	World Service Delegate			
Chris S	Co-ordinator			
Jane M	Chair Trustees' Remote Communities Committee			
<i>Non-voting observers</i>				
Narelle B	Class A Trustee			

Lee S Delegate ER E did not attend

APOLOGIES

Avril B
Narelle B

REVIEW/ ACCEPT COMPOSITION, SCOPE AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The document was reviewed and the following changes made:

COMPOSITION

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PROCEDURE

To optimise communication and understanding of Trustee activities during the year, the Chairs of the Trustees' committees advise their related Conference committees during the annual General Service Conference. They also write to their corresponding Conference Chairs following the February and July Board meetings and confer with them during the year as necessary to keep them informed, seek advice or draw on additional skills (Advisory Action #025/2017).

REVIEW ACTION LIST (ADVISORY ACTIONS 2017-2021)

The Action List was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW 2022 CONFERENCE TOPICS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE

TOPIC #019/2022

The General Service Board requests that Conference extends the scope of the National Combined Forum and that it be renamed The Combined National PI&CPC, Correctional Facilities, Treatment Facilities & Accessibility and Remote Communities Forum.

The Conference Remote Communities Committee recommends to Conference that the General Service Board request that Conference extends the scope of the National Combined Forum to include Remote Communities be accepted.

However, the name The Combined National PI&CPC, Correctional Facilities, Treatment Facilities & Accessibility and Remote Communities Forum is too unwieldy and could be changed to something less unwieldy, such as The National Combined Carry the Message Forum or National Combined Outreach Forum.

REVIEW SERVICE WEBSITE REMOTE COMMUNITIES PAGE

The Remote Communities Page was unavailable at this time.

ELECTION CHAIRPERSON & ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

Therese P was elected Chairperson
Lisa R was elected Alternate Chairperson

REMOTE COMMUNITIES

Members will meet as a Working Group over the course of the year to undertake activities that are pertinent to the scope of the committee.

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, LBTGIQ+ 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 recognition 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

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P & A WORKING GROUP

Progress Report

provided to update the Policy and Admissions Committee (P&A) on the work to date of the Working Group formed to frame and carry out the Review of the Voting Structure of General Service and Conference

PROGRESS REPORT: For Information

Policies and Admissions Committee – Working Group

September 2021

Background

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Conference 2020 supported this extension and further P&A discussion led to this Working Group being created to carry out the task.

Introduction

This progress report is provided to update the Policy and Admissions Committee (P&A) on the work to date of the Working Group formed to frame and carry out the Review of the Voting Structure of General Service and Conference.

In summary the Working Group to date has established the areas and themes that will come under our review, these form the main body of this report. The intention of this report is to inform P&A of progress, the working group will continue to meet and carry out the review and plan to provide the next progress report in six months.

The extent of this review will provide Conference with the required information to allow for a fully informed group conscience, considering the context and implications of any proposed recommendations.

Scope

The working group has begun to review the current and historical Conference and Service structures as they apply to the voting structure. The review will include:

- Reviewing relevant literature including the Traditions, Concepts, the Australian Service Manual, AA Group Handbook, Warranties and the Conference Charter
- Reviewing the Service and Conference voting structure in other countries
- Membership including current and future needs, participation in general service, numbers, connection to AA as a whole

- Communication at all levels of the AA Service Structure - groups, Districts, Areas, the GSO, the GSB and AA as a whole
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Rationale

Any change to the voting mechanism at conference has implications for not only the running of the event that is Conference, but also for the structure and activities that elects and informs conference members, and the work done by conference members in between the annual conference meetings. Any voting issue therefore cannot be effectively and sustainably resolved without taking a holistic approach and looking at the general service structure, our current and future membership and the relevant history of AA Australia as well as the voting mechanism.

By reviewing the structure, we can uncover where potential changes may be beneficial. Focussing too narrowly on any one aspect may mean the true nature of a larger issue may be missed.

A review of any conference activity must consider how AA will be impacted by potential change, or if changes elsewhere in the system could have any impact on Conference.

The recognised lack of participation in general service in Australia is a clear indication that something is not functioning as intended. There are many opinions about why this is the case, and many initiatives have tried to address the issue. Once we have developed a thorough understanding of the nature of contributing causes and conditions, we will be in the best position to recommend, and make, suggestions for lasting change.

Composition

The working group members of (Working Group A) were assigned by the 2021 Policy and Admissions committee. The working group has been empowered to remain in position until the review is completed, allowing delegates to continue to contribute to activities post term.

The working group currently comprises:

Two Area Delegates, one former Area Delegate, one Regional Trustee one World Service Delegate.

Themes

The diverse tasks and activities included in this review are covered in the following themes. These themes provide a framework to organise and begin to build timelines for tasks.

Literature

- Review of relevant literature including the Traditions, Concepts, the Australian Service Manual, AA Group Handbook, Warranties and the Conference Charter.
- Seek insight into member interpretation and understanding of AA literature and make recommendations to develop a greater sense of shared understanding.

Conference Structure

- Review the historical development of the AA Australia Service and Conference voting structure and function, identifying and documenting what works, considering its history. Determine how function and needs of the fellowship have changed since the current Australian service structure was adopted (technology, culture, etc).
- Seek insight into member interpretation and understanding of how the conference structure works and make recommendations about how to develop a greater sense of shared understanding and ownership.

Membership

- Review membership including their current and future needs, accessibility, etc
- Review participation in general service, barriers, connection to AA, etc
- Review other factors such as the size of the fellowship, finances, geography, etc.

Participation

- Seek insight into what is needed to improve communication and increase participation in general service and ability to participate, e.g., geography, Area boundaries, numbers of meetings, Area participation etc.
- Review advisory actions and past Conference decisions as relevant to participation

Communication

- Review current communication mechanisms and processes at and between all levels of the AA Service Structure.
- Consultation with all AA entities to gain insight from shared experience, as relevant to the Service Structure and Conference.

Historical

- Review reports and outcomes of other service structure development and review processes.
- Review previous Conference and working group reports and Conference Advisory Actions as relevant to the voting structure.

Where We're Up To

- Continuing literature review
- Continuing review of relevant historical documents

Schedule

The Working Group has agreed that we will be finishing up our discussions and drafting a report in early 2023.

This report will cover:

Literature Reviewed:-

- we will highlight any text that is either unclear or requires updating
- any inconsistencies

We will also develop recommendations/suggested Conference Topics with supporting arguments for consideration which may be beneficial to the functionality of the Conference Voting structure, and other related issues such as Delegate Participation. (NB this is the entire voting structure, not the conference voting mechanism).

The plan is to have our Report circulated to the Conference P&A Committee allowing time for adequate discussion, revisions to be made, and for the Final Report to be provided to Conference 2023.

ROLL CALL

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APOLOGIES

Avril Brown

Lee Sarich did not attend.

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Rationale

Any change to the voting mechanism at conference has implications for not only the running of the event that is Conference, but also for the structure and activities that elects and informs conference members, and the work done by conference members in between the annual conference meetings. Any voting issue therefore cannot be effectively and sustainably resolved without taking a holistic approach and looking at the general service structure, our current and future membership and the relevant history of AA Australia as well as the voting mechanism.

By reviewing the structure, we can uncover where potential changes may be beneficial. Focussing too narrowly on any one aspect may mean the true nature of a larger issue may be missed.

A review of any conference activity must consider how AA will be impacted by potential change, or if changes elsewhere in the system could have any impact on Conference.

The recognised lack of participation in general service in Australia is a clear indication that something is not functioning as intended. There are many opinions about why this is the case, and many initiatives have tried to address the issue. Once we have developed a thorough understanding of the nature of contributing causes and conditions, we will be in the best position to recommend, and make, suggestions for lasting change.

Composition

The working group members of (Working Group A) were assigned by the 2021 Policy and Admissions committee. The working group has been empowered to remain in position until the review is completed, allowing delegates to continue to contribute to activities post term.

The working group currently comprises:

Two Area Delegates, one former Area Delegate, one Regional Trustee one World Service Delegate.

Themes

The diverse tasks and activities included in this review are covered in the following themes. These themes provide a framework to organise and begin to build timelines for tasks.

Literature

- Review of relevant literature including the Traditions, Concepts, the Australian Service Manual, AA Group Handbook, Warranties and the Conference Charter.
- Seek insight into member interpretation and understanding of AA literature and make recommendations to develop a greater sense of shared understanding.

Conference Structure

- Review the historical development of the AA Australia Service and Conference voting structure and function, identifying and documenting what works, considering its history. Determine how function and needs of the fellowship have changed since the current Australian service structure was adopted (technology, culture, etc).
- Seek insight into member interpretation and understanding of how the conference structure works and make recommendations about how to develop a greater sense of shared understanding and ownership.

Membership

- Review membership including their current and future needs, accessibility, etc
- Review participation in general service, barriers, connection to AA, etc
- Review other factors such as the size of the fellowship, finances, geography, etc.

Participation

- Seek insight into what is needed to improve communication and increase participation in general service and ability to participate, e.g., geography, Area boundaries, numbers of meetings, Area participation etc.
- Review advisory actions and past Conference decisions as relevant to participation

Communication

- Review current communication mechanisms and processes at and between all levels of the AA Service Structure.
- Consultation with all AA entities to gain insight from shared experience, as relevant to the Service Structure and Conference.

Historical

- Review reports and outcomes of other service structure development and review processes.
 - Review previous Conference and working group reports and Conference Advisory Actions as relevant to the voting structure.
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Where We're Up To

- Continuing literature review
- Continuing review of relevant historical documents

Schedule

The Working Group has agreed that we will be finishing up our discussions and drafting a report in early 2023.

This report will cover:

Literature Reviewed:-

- we will highlight any text that is either unclear or requires updating
- any inconsistencies

We will also develop recommendations/suggested Conference Topics with supporting arguments for consideration which may be beneficial to the functionality of the Conference Voting structure, and other related issues such as Delegate Participation. (NB this is the entire voting structure, not the conference voting mechanism).

The plan is to have our Report circulated to the Conference P&A Committee allowing time for adequate discussion, revisions to be made, and for the Final Report to be provided to Conference 2023.

General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia
ABN: 77 001 417 125

Financial Report
For the year ended
30 June 2022

General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia
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General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia
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Directors' Report

The Directors present their report together with the financial report of General Services Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia for the year ended 30 June 2022 and auditor's report thereon. This financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australia Accounting Standards.

Directors Names

The names of the Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Lachlan Botticchio

Geoffrey Smith

Jane Mapiva

Judy Woolstencroft

Stephen Roche

Narelle Buchanan

Cheryn Porter

Grant Tucker Appointed 1 January 2022

Andrew Poad Resigned 31 December 2021

Paul Jones Resigned 31 December 2021

The Directors have been in office since the start of the year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Company Objectives

To serve the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous in its primary purpose of helping alcoholics to achieve sobriety and to act as the legal entity of the spiritual Fellowship.

Full objectives are described in the company's Memorandum of Association, contained in the Australian Alcoholics Anonymous Service Manual.

Company Performance

The company derived a surplus for the year of \$ 48,115 (2021 surplus \$368,165).

Progress reports and Financial reports are provided to the Annual General Service Conference, which is attended by all Directors of the Company. A monthly Management Group meeting, consisting of all National Office staff members and two General Service Trustees is held. These meetings review the monthly accounts, progress of the current National Convention and progress of tasks assigned to the Board by the conference.

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Information on directors

Paul Jones Special responsibilities	Western Regional Trustee
Grant Tucker Special responsibilities	Central Regional Trustee
Lachlan Botticchio Special responsibilities	General Service Trustee
Andrew Poad Special responsibilities	Central Regional Trustee and Chairman
Judy Woolstencroft Special responsibilities	Eastern Regional Trustee and Deputy Chairman
Stephen Roche Special responsibilities	North Eastern Regional Trustee
Narelle Buchanan Special responsibilities	Class A Trustee
Cheryn Porter Special responsibilities	General Service Trustee
Geoffrey Smith Special responsibilities	Southern Regional Trustee
Jane Mapiva Special responsibilities	Northern Regional Trustee

Directors' meetings

The number of Directors' meetings attended by each of the Directors of the company during the year were

	Director meetings	
	<i>Eligible</i>	<i>Attended</i>
Lachlan Botticchio	3	3
Paul Jones	2	2
Jane Mapiva	3	2
Andrew Poad	2	2
Judy Woolstencroft	3	3
Stephen Roche	3	3
Narelle Buchanan	3	3
Cheryn Porter	3	3
Geoffrey Smith	3	3
Grant Tucker	1	1

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Directors' Report


Members guarantee


The company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute to a maximum of \$50 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. At 30 June 2022 the number of members were 10. The combination total amount that members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$500.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration under section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit for the financial year is provided with this report.

Signed on behalf of the board of Directors


Director Lachlan Battocchio


Director Cheryl Porter

Dated this

17

day of

October

2022

Graeme Kay CA

Registered Company Auditor

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA

ABN 77 001 417 125

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

TO THE DIRECTORS OF

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the period ended 30 June 2022 there have been

- i. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out of Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012
- ii. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia.

GRAEME KAY CA
Registered Company Auditor

Signature:.....*Graeme Kay*.....

Dated:.....*17 October 2022*.....

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Not responsible for a certificate approved under Professional Standards legislation.

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Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Income			
Sales Revenue	2	308,875	273,291
Other Revenue	2	520,097	613,478
	2	<u>828,972</u>	<u>886,769</u>
Less Expenses			
Changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress	3	6,730	25,472
Cost of Goods Sold	3	(156,779)	(162,734)
Depreciation / Amortisation	3	(33,723)	(33,056)
Employee benefits expense		(283,419)	(276,028)
Rent expenses		(4,273)	(5,873)
Doubtful Debts		1,505	9,193
Insurance expenses		(19,949)	(18,597)
Telephone expenses		(4,088)	(4,924)
Public information expenses		(7,293)	(10,852)
Conference / Seminar costs		(6,041)	5,320
Travelling expenses		(11,272)	(370)
World service levy		(1,004)	(1,424)
Other expenses		(61,251)	(44,731)
		<u>(580,857)</u>	<u>(518,604)</u>
Surplus / (deficit)		248,115	368,165
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>248,115</u>	<u>368,165</u>

General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia
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 Statement of Financial Position
 as at 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	963,405	712,819
Receivables	6	18,074	19,564
Inventories	7	182,477	175,747
Other financial assets	8	96,677	96,581
Other assets	10	8,277	5,737
Total Current Assets		<u>1,268,910</u>	<u>1,011,448</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Receivables	6	10,000	10,000
Property, plant and equipment	9	8,537	42,260
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>18,537</u>	<u>52,260</u>
Total Assets		<u>1,287,447</u>	<u>1,063,708</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	52,810	58,927
Provisions	12	34,032	21,589
Lease	11	3,537	34,261
Total Current Liabilities		<u>95,379</u>	<u>114,777</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	12	57,857	54,837
Lease	11	-	8,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>57,857</u>	<u>62,836</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>153,236</u>	<u>177,613</u>
Net Assets		<u>1,134,211</u>	<u>886,096</u>
Equity			
Retained earnings	13	1,134,211	886,096
Total Equity		<u>1,134,211</u>	<u>886,096</u>

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Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Total Equity		
Balance at the beginning of the year	886 096	517 931
Movement in equity from:		
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	248 115	368 165
Balance at the end of the year	<u>1 134 211</u>	<u>886 096</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		831,725	898,630
Payments to suppliers and employees		(581,287)	(554,421)
Interest received		242	753
Net cash provided by operating activities	14	<u>250,681</u>	<u>344,962</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Receipt from / Payments for investments		(96)	(338)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>(96)</u>	<u>(338)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		250,585	344,624
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		712,820	368,196
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	5	<u>963,405</u>	<u>712,820</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022

The financial statements cover General Services Board of Alcoholics Australia as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. General Services Board of Alcoholics Australia is a company limited by guarantee.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on September 2022 by the directors of the entity.

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Australian Grants and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standard Board. The entity is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

(b) Revenue

Revenue from sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the customer and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably. Risks and rewards of ownership are considered passed to the customer at the time of delivery of the goods to the customer.

Interest revenue is recognised when received on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rate applicable to the financial asset.

Donations and other revenue is recognised when the right to receive the revenue has been established.

All revenue is measured net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

As of 1st July 2019, Revenue is recognised as per / ASB 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" if applicable.

(c) Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(d) Inventories

Inventories held for sale are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

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NOTE 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(e) Financial instruments

Classification

The company classifies its financial assets in the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments, and available-for-sale financial assets. The classification depends on the nature of the item and the purpose for which the instruments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial instruments at initial recognition.

Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and the company intends to hold the investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Loans and receivables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities include trade payables, other creditors and loans from third parties including inter-company balances and loans from or other amounts due to Director-related entities.

Non-derivative financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

Financial liabilities are classified as current liabilities unless the group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period.

(f) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment is depreciated over their estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rates	Depreciation Basis
Leasehold improvements at cost	20%	Straight line
Furniture, fixtures and fittings at cost	8% + 25%	Straight line

NOTE 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(g) Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets are assessed for impairment whenever events or circumstances arise that indicate the asset may be impaired. An impairment loss is recognised when the carrying amount of an asset exceeds the asset's recoverable amount. Impairment losses in respect of individual assets are recognised immediately in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount such as property, plant and equipment, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with the applicable Standard.

The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal.

(h) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefit will result and that outflow can be measured reliably.

(i) Leases

The Entity has adopted AASB 16, *Leases*, retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying AASB 16 recognised at 1 July 2019.

The Entity has recognised a lease liability and right-of-use asset for all leases (with the exception of short term and low value leases) recognised as operating leases under AASB 117, *Leases* where the Entity is the lessee.

The lease liabilities are measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments. The entity's incremental borrowing rate as at 1 July 2019 was used to discount the lease payments.

The right of use assets for equipment was measured at its carrying amount as if AASB 16, *Leases* has been applied since the commencement date, but discounted using the Entity's incremental borrowing rate per lease term on 1 July 2019.

The right of use assets for the remaining leases was measured and recognised in the statement of financial position as at 1 July 2019 by taking into consideration the lease liability (prepaid and accrued lease payments previously recognised as at 1 July 2019) that are related to the lease.

The following practical expedients have been used by the Entity in applying AASB 16 for the first time:

- for a portfolio of leases that have reasonably similar characteristics, a single discount rate has been applied.
- the use of hindsight to determine lease terms on contracts that have options to extend or terminate.
- applying AASB 16 to leases previously identified as leases under AASB 117, *Lease and Interpretation 4, Determining whether an arrangement contains a lease*, without reassessing whether they are, or contain, a lease at the date on initial application.
- not applying AASB 16, *Leases* previously not identified as containing a lease under AASB 117 and Interpretation 4.

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NOTE 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(j) Employment benefits

(i) Short-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of salaries and wages, annual leave, accumulated sick leave and any other employee benefit (other than termination benefits), expected to be settled wholly before twelve months after the end of the annual reporting period are measured at the amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. The expected cost of short-term employee benefits in the form of compensated absences such as annual leave and accumulated sick leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables in the statement of financial position.

(ii) Long-term employee benefit obligations

The provision for other long-term employee benefits, including obligations for long service leave and annual leave, which are not expected to be settled wholly before twelve months after the end of the reporting period, are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of the services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future salary and wage levels, duration of service and employee turnover, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on high quality corporate bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in the profit or loss in the periods in which the change occurs.

Other long-term employee benefit obligations are presented as current liabilities in the statement of financial position if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur. All other long-term employee benefit obligations are presented as non-current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

(k) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs, including interest expense calculated using the effective interest method, finance charges in respect of finance leases, and exchange differences arising from foreign currency borrowings to the extent that they are regarded as an adjustment to interest cost.

Borrowing costs are expenses as incurred.

(l) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and purchased assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(m) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

(n) Event occurring after the reporting date

The corona virus outbreak in early 2020 has the potential to impact future services for the entity's customer base. The extent of the impact was unable to be quantified as at the date the financial report was authorised for issue.

Except for the above, no other matters or circumstances has arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the entity, the result of those operations or the state of affairs of the entity in future financial years.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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NOTE 2: REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME	2022 \$	2021 \$
Sales revenue		
- Sale of goods	308 875	273 291
Total revenue from operating activities	<u>308 875</u>	<u>273 291</u>
Other Revenue		
- Interest income	242	753
- Donations and grants	463 368	472 444
- Conventions	25 396	74 224
- COVID19 Stimulus	-	75 498
- Other revenue	11 091	(9 440)
Total revenue from non-operating activities	<u>520 097</u>	<u>613 478</u>
Total revenue and other income	<u>828 972</u>	<u>886 769</u>
NOTE 3: OPERATING SURPLUS		
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		
- Cost of Sales	150 046	137 262
- Depreciation / Lease Amortisation	33 723	33 056
- Doubtful Debts	11 505	(9 193)
- Audit Fee - Audit Services	12 153	12 331
NOTE 4: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION		
Compensation received by key management personnel of the company:		
- short-term employee benefits	93,558	95,327
- Post-employment benefits	8,819	8,378
	<u>102,377</u>	<u>103,705</u>
NOTE 5: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank and on hand	963 405	712 819
	<u>963 405</u>	<u>712 819</u>
NOTE 6: RECEIVABLES		
CURRENT		
Trade Debtors	18 425	21 420
Impairment Loss	(351)	(1 856)
	<u>18 074</u>	<u>19 564</u>
Other Debtors and deposits	-	-
	<u>18 074</u>	<u>19 564</u>
NON CURRENT		
Amount receivable from		
- other related body corporates	10 000	10 000
	<u>10 000</u>	<u>10 000</u>
	<u>28 074</u>	<u>29 564</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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NOTE 7: INVENTORIES	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
<i>At Cost</i>		
Finished goods - at cost	192 081	184 997
Provision for impairment	(9 604)	(9 250)
	<u>182 477</u>	<u>175 747</u>

NOTE 8: OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

CURRENT		
<i>Held to maturity financial assets</i>		
Term Deposit	96 677	96 581
	<u>96 677</u>	<u>96 581</u>

The term deposit has an interest rate of 0.10% p.a and a maturity date of 12th March 2023

NOTE 9: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

<i>Leasehold improvements</i>		
At cost	23 026	23 026
Less accumulated depreciation	(23 026)	(23 026)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Plant and equipment</i>		
Furniture, fixtures and fittings at cost	12 553	12 553
Less accumulated depreciation	(12 553)	(12 553)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Lease</i>		
Right of Use Asset	171 303	171 303
Less accumulated amortisation	(162 766)	(129 043)
	<u>8 537</u>	<u>42 260</u>
Total Property, plant and equipment	<u>8 537</u>	<u>42 260</u>

(a) Reconciliations

<i>Leasehold improvements</i>		
Opening carrying amount	-	-
Less amortisation expense	-	-
Closing carrying amount	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Furniture, fixtures and fittings</i>		
Opening carrying amount	-	-
Less disposal	-	-
Less depreciation expense	-	-
Closing carrying amount	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Leases</i>		
Opening carrying amount	42,260	75 316
Add New Leases	-	-
Less disposal	-	-
Less amortisation expense	(33 723)	(33 056)
Closing carrying amount	<u>8 537</u>	<u>42 260</u>

NOTE 10: OTHER ASSETS

CURRENT		
Prepayments	8 277	6 737
	<u>8 277</u>	<u>6 737</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022

NOTE 11: PAYABLES	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Unsecured liabilities		
Trade Creditors	6 044	20 750
Sundry creditors and accruals	46 765	38 137
Lease Liability	8 537	34 261
	<u>61 347</u>	<u>93 187</u>
NON CURRENT		
Lease Liability	-	8 000
	<u>-</u>	<u>8 000</u>
Total Payables	<u>61 347</u>	<u>101 187</u>

NOTE 12: PROVISIONS

CURRENT		
Employee benefits	(a) 34 032	21 589
	<u>34 032</u>	<u>21 589</u>
NON CURRENT		
Employee benefits	(a) 57 857	54 837
	<u>57 857</u>	<u>54 837</u>
(a) Aggregate employee benefits liability	<u>91 889</u>	<u>76 426</u>

NOTE 13: RETAINED EARNINGS

Retained Earnings at beginning of year	886 096	517 931
Surplus / deficit	248 115	368 165
Retained Earnings at end of year	<u>1 134 211</u>	<u>886 096</u>

NOTE 14: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities with profit after income tax

Profit after income tax	248 115	368 165
Non-cash flows in profit		
- bad and doubtful debts	(1 505)	(9 193)
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries		
- increase / decrease in trade and other receivables	2 995	12 614
- increase / decrease in other assets	(1 540)	(72)
- increase / decrease in inventories	(6 730)	(25 472)
- increase / decrease in Right of Use Asset	33 723	33 056
- increase / decrease in Lease Liabilities	(33 723)	(33 056)
- increase / decrease in trade and other payables	2 877	10 132
- increase / decrease in tax liabilities	(8 794)	(1 513)
- increase / decrease in provision	15 453	(9 699)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>250 681</u>	<u>344 962</u>

NOTE 15: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) Apart from the loans to regions, there were no related party transactions during the year.


(b) No Directors received remuneration during the year.

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Directors' Declaration


The Directors of the company declare that:

- (a) the financial statements and notes of the company are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and
 - (i) give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date, and
 - (ii) comply with the Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act*
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Director Ladda Bottochio



Director Cheryl Biter

Dated this 17 day of October 2022

Graeme Kay CA

Registered Company Auditor

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA

ABN 77 001 417 125

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors declaration.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, including:

• Giving a true and fair view of the Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and

• Complying with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under these standards are further described as follows in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of my report. I am independent of the Entity in accordance with the audit or independence requirements of Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

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Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and for such internal control as the management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

GRAEME KAY
Registered Company Auditor

Signature..... 

Dated..... 

Graeme Kay CA

Registered Company Auditor

DISCLAIMER

TO THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA

I have compiled the accompanying additional financial information of General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia for the financial year ended 30 June 2022, as presented on pages 20-21. The additional information has been prepared to satisfy the information with the Accounting Policies adopted in the preparation of the annual financial statements of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia for the year ended 30 June 2022 as described in Note 1 to those financial statements.

The Responsibility of the Directors

The Directors of General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia are solely responsible for the form and content of the additional information, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile it and for the determination that the basis of accounting used for its preparation is appropriate to meet their needs and appropriate for the purpose that the additional information was prepared.

My responsibility

On the basis of the material provided to me by management, I have compiled the accompanying additional information in accordance with the basis of accounting described above and APES 315 Compilation of Financial Information.

I have applied my expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile the additional information in accordance with the basis of accounting described above. I have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of AICPA 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Assurance Disclaimer

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, I am not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to me by management to compile the additional information or the appropriateness of the basis of accounting used for its preparation. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on the additional information.

The additional information was compiled exclusively for the benefit of the management and the Directors of General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia. The additional information may not be suitable for other purposes. I do not accept responsibility for the contents of the additional information.

Graeme Kay

Registered Company Auditor

Signature:



Date:



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General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia
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Additional Information
for the year ended 30 June 2022

Private information for the Directors
On the 2022 Financial Statements

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Income		
Sale of Goods	308,875	273,291
Less Cost of goods sold		
Opening Inventory	175,747	150,276
Purchases / Materials used	156,779	162,733
	<u>332,526</u>	<u>313,009</u>
Less closing inventory	182,477	175,747
Total cost of goods sold	<u>150,049</u>	<u>137,262</u>
Gross profit	<u>158,826</u>	<u>136,029</u>
Other operating income		
Interest Income	242	753
Conference levies	11,091	(9,440)
Convention	25,396	74,224
Donations	483,368	472,444
COVID 19 Government Stimulus	-	75,498
Total other operating income	<u>520,097</u>	<u>613,478</u>
Contribution Margin	<u>678,923</u>	<u>749,507</u>
Less Expenses		
Audit and accountancy	(24,544)	(24,278)
Bank charges	(3,037)	(3,285)
Computer support	(2,077)	(266)
Conference / Seminar costs	(6,041)	5,320
Depreciation and amortisation	(33,723)	(33,056)
Doubtful Debts	1,505	9,193
Electricity and gas	(4,583)	(4,756)
Foreign Currency Gains / (Losses)	(760)	(664)
Holiday pay	(12,443)	(10,854)
Insurance expenses	(19,949)	(18,596)
Interest Expenses	(1,056)	(1,204)
Legal and trademark expenses	(427)	(364)
Long service leave	(3,020)	20,563
Office expenses	(14,601)	(6,885)
Public information expenses	(7,293)	(10,852)
Rent expenses	(4,273)	(5,873)
Salaries and wages	(245,188)	(264,885)
Superannuation	(22,768)	(20,843)
Telephone	(4,088)	(4,924)
Travelling expenses	(11,272)	(370)
Website Development	(10,166)	(3,028)
World service levy	(1,004)	(1,424)
	<u>(430,808)</u>	<u>(381,342)</u>
Surplus / (deficit)	248,115	368,165
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>248,115</u>	<u>368,165</u>

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Additional Information
for the year ended 30 June 2022

Private information for the Directors
On the 2022 Financial Statements

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
NOTE 11: Payables		
Collection due to others	40 266	22 743
GST Payable	(9 881)	(2 099)
PAYG withholding tax	3 834	4 851
Superannuation payable	(454)	1 642
Provision for audit	13 000	11 000
Lease Liability - Current	8 537	34 261
Lease Liability - Non Current	-	8 000
Trade Creditors	6 044	20 790
	<u>61 347</u>	<u>101 187</u>
NOTE 12: Provisions		
Current employee benefits		
Annual leave	34 032	21 589
	<u>34 032</u>	<u>21 589</u>
Non-current employee benefits		
Long service leave	57 857	54 237
	<u>57 857</u>	<u>54 837</u>

