

**Alcoholics Anonymous Area E AGM 2018**  
**Minutes of Meeting: Saturday, 5th Feb 2018 @ 14:30 PM**

**Chair:** John R (Royal North Shore Thu PM)

**Attendance:**

|                   |  |                                  |         |
|-------------------|--|----------------------------------|---------|
| Andrew I          | <b>Area Chair</b>                          | RtR Kirribilli Fri PM            | Apology |
| Rosemary P        | <b>Area Secretary</b>                      | RtR North Syd Tue PM             | Present |
| John B            | <b>Area Delegate</b>                       | Seaforth Tue PM                  | Present |
| Anna S            | <b>Area Alternate Delegate</b>             | Dee Why Thu PM                   | Present |
| Michael S         | <b>Area Treasurer</b>                      | North Sydney Mon PM              | Apology |
|                   | <b>Area Group Liaison</b>                  |                                  | Vacant  |
|                   | <b>Area Public Information Coordinator</b> |                                  | Vacant  |
| Lachlan B         | <b>Area Webmaster</b>                      | Royal North Shore Thu PM         | Present |
| John R            | <b>GSR</b>                                 | Royal North Shore Thu PM         | Present |
| Rowena R          | <b>GSR</b>                                 | Seaforth Tue PM & Dee Why B'fast | MIA     |
| Tina S            | <b>GSR</b>                                 | Mona Vale Sun AM                 | Present |
| David P           | <b>GSR</b>                                 | Chatswood Sun AM                 | Present |
| Peter T           | <b>GSR</b>                                 | Long Reef Tue AM                 | Present |
| Mary H            | <b>GSR</b>                                 | RtR Kirribilli Fri PM            | Present |
| Michael B         | <b>Alternate GSR</b>                       | RtR North Syd Tue PM             | Present |
| Meg               | <b>GSR</b>                                 | Telopea Wed PM                   | MIA     |
| Trevor            | <b>GSR</b>                                 | Lane Cove Mon PM                 | Present |
| Linda             | <b>GSR</b>                                 | Cromer Fri PM                    | Present |
| Andy (Party Hire) | <b>Member</b>                              | RtR Kirribilli Fri PM            | Present |
| Bruce M           | <b>Member</b>                              | RtR North Syd Tue PM             | Apology |
| RJ                | <b>Member</b>                              | Baulkham Hills Sun PM            | Present |
| Sean H            | <b>Member</b>                              | RtR Kirribilli Fri PM            | Apology |
| Gary B            | <b>Member</b>                              | RtR North Syd Tue PM             | Apology |
| Chris             | <b>Member</b>                              | North Sydney Tue PM              | Present |
| Bernard           | <b>Member</b>                              | Wahroonga Sun AM                 |         |

**Meeting Opened:** 02:30pm  
**12 Traditions Read By:** Peter T  
**Previous Minutes:** Accepted (Garry/Lachlan)

**Chairman's Report:** Andrew I (Not Present)

**Delegate's Report:** John B

John B tabled a report:

- Outlining outcomes of the 59<sup>th</sup> Australian General Service Conference, including:
  - actions of the GSB
  - a summary of the workshop session discussing Topic#001/2017 and the Advisory Actions; Advisory Action #001-B/2017 is 'An Inventory Committee be formed that would communicate digitally, suggested 2 members from each Region'
  - 2016/2017 financial results for the GSB
- Information on the 4 assemblies held this year.

**Alternate Delegate Report:** Anna S  
 Anna S tabled the following report highlighting:

In 2017 Area E committee focused mainly on fulfilling requests from 2016 General Service Conference and General Service Office.

Firstly, Conference asked all AA members to reflect whether our current AA service structure best addresses specific needs of Australian AA Fellowship. The concerns and potential solutions were presented by the Conference as Topic 001/17, and subsequently distributed as handout to Groups in Area E. The distribution was facilitated by members of the Committee, GSRs and AA members who agreed to participate. The geographical division of our large area into smaller districts made the process easier.

In August Area E held an assembly, where the voice from groups was heard, and discussed, with great assistance from Eastern Regional Trustee, Paul B, the outcome from the Assembly indicated that groups in Area E were willing to look at the service structure and work towards an option which best ensures that AA in Australia continues to grow and thrive. This message has been taken by Area E Delegate John B to 2017 Conference, and he will expand on what took place there in his report.

Secondly, GSO appealed to all AA members to answer to survey that would help to update facts about recovery in our Fellowship. The main aim was to gather current information for discussion with professional community for better general support of recovery from alcoholism in AA. Again, the personal approach of handing out the survey at AA meetings, reaching those who are not inclined to use their email for AA related correspondence or simply do not use computers. Delegation of responsibility according to districts afforded good results, a few members gathered the data and entered it on line.

Overall, this year has been rewarding in observing how our area practised the first four Concepts for service: we took responsibility for completed tasks at the group and area level (Concept 1), we found efficient and effective ways to accomplish them (Concepts 2 and 3) and we participated (Concept 4).

In service  
Anna S.  
Area E Alt Delegate

**Secretary's Report:** Rosemary P  
Rosemary P tabled the report highlighting:

- Have enjoyed the opportunity to fill the Area E Secretary position.
- Enjoyed the company of the other Area E members and GSR's and the energy filled discussions we sometimes have.
- Being a part of the Area committee certainly has instilled in me that AA is bigger than just the meetings and it is important we all play our part at Area level.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michael S  
Michael tabled the report highlighting:

**EXPENSES TOTAL - \$6149.72**

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Levies              | \$2150.00 |
| Assembly Catering   | \$ 473.78 |
| Printing            | \$1391.38 |
| Donated to GSO      | \$1000.00 |
| AGM Expenses        | \$ 378.56 |
| Projector           | \$ 576.00 |
| AA Structure Review | \$ 180.00 |

**INCOME TOTAL - \$6792.55**

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| NCSO Donation      | \$6292.55 |
| Boomerang Donation | \$ 500.00 |

**Closing balance as of 25th February \$7056.78**

## Group Liaison Report: Vacant

A report was not tabled.

## Web Master Report: Lachlan B

Area E Website <http://areaeraa.info>

Lachlan B tabled the report highlighting:

- He enjoyed building and maintaining the website.
- There is an average of 100 to 200 hits a month.
- There are 139 registered email addresses.
- We need to get more people registered onto the site with their emails. The more we have on the list the better chance we have of the message spreading.
- He is thankful for the privilege of serving in the role.

## PI Report: Vacant

Andy as the PI Officer from RtR Kirribilli and North Sydney, Tuesday and Friday night, tabled a report highlighting the RtR initiatives:

- Andy has asked members to contact the people who originally helped them like doctors, psychologists before they came to AA. A member of AA had left his number with his doctor who passed it onto Andy. The suggestion is for members to contact these people, show the difference it has made to their life and ask to have their phone number passed onto anyone they come across who may need help
- Also mid this year, a PI lunch or dinner will be held at the Ron Dyer Centre – members are open to invite non-members who can benefit from hearing about AA and what it is all about.

Linda, PI Officer from Dee Why Thursday night also reported how they have been providing AA pamphlets to Brookvale Centrelink. The Message to Teenagers has been the most popular with an estimated 200 taken.

## Area E Service Position Rotations:

14 Voting Members:

| Service Position | Newly Appointed for 2018 |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Chairman         | David P                  |
| Secretary        | No Nominations           |
| PI & CPC         | No Nominations           |
| Group Liaison    | Rosemary P               |
| Webmaster        | Trevor H                 |

## General Business:

- Anna S submitted a proposal that she would like each of the Area E district responsables to take to their district meetings the topic of Area Assemblies and Area Meetings. To inform them that frequency, content and structure of both will be discussed at the next Area Assembly on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March. The current model isn't working as attendance at the Area Assemblies is very low and hence needs to be rethought.