

**Alcoholics Anonymous Area E Mini Assembly  
Minutes of Meeting: Monday 02 April 2019 @ 7:30 PM**

Trevor H	<b>Area Chair</b>	Lane Cove Mon PM	Present
Jenny	<b>Area Secretary</b>	RtR North Syd Tue PM	Present
Anna S	<b>Area Delegate</b>	Dee Why Thu PM	Present
Lee S	<b>Area Delegate Alternate</b>	Dee Why Curl Curl Bfast	Apology
Rosemary	<b>Area Treasurer</b>	RtR North Syd Tue PM	Present
Anthony	<b>Area Group Liaison</b>		Present
Andrew I	<b>Area Webmaster</b>	RtR North Syd Tue PM	Present
David M	<b>Area Public Information Coordinator</b>	Neutral Bay Tue 8pm	Present
	<b>The Mixer Editor</b>		Vacant
Mary H	<b>GSR</b>	RtR Kirribilli Fri PM	Present
Michael B	<b>GSR Alternate</b>	RtR North Sydney Tue PM	Present
John R	<b>GSR</b>	Narrabeen Thur morning	Present
Garry T	<b>GSR</b>	Gordon Mon PM	MIA
John	<b>Alternate GSR</b>	Seaforth Tue PM	Present
Pam	<b>GSR</b>	Seaforth Tue PM	Apology
Chris C	<b>GSR</b>	Manly Sun AM	Present
Paul G	<b>GSR</b>	Mona Vale Sun AM	Present
Peter	<b>GSR</b>	Wahroonga Sun AM	MIA
Bernie	<b>Secretary</b>	Wahroonga Sun AM	MIA
Steve	<b>GSR</b>	Cremorne Mon PM	MIA
Jean J	<b>GSR</b>	Kirribilli Sat AM	MIA
Meg	<b>GSR</b>	Teloopa Wed PM	MIA
Linda	<b>GSR</b>	Cromer Fri PM	MIA
Matt	<b>GSR</b>	Cromer Mens Group Tue	Present
Patrick C	<b>GSR</b>	North Curl Curl Sun 4pm	MIA
Jim R	<b>GSR</b>	Narranburn Sun 9am	MIA
Stuart M	<b>GSR</b>	Narrabeen Tues/Thu 0630am	MIA
Bethany	<b>GSR</b>	Lane Cover Mon PM	Apology

**Meeting Open:** 07:30pm  
**Chair:** Trevor H  
**Attendance:** 14 Present  
**12 Traditions Read By:** Michael B  
**Previous Minutes:** Accepted

**Action Items:**

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Status</b>
20190304.01	Andrew posted the proposed meeting schedule on the website	Andrew	20190304	Complete
Standing Item	National PI CPC Forum (Sept 2019) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What it is all about               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) open to general public (to be better equipped to guide people into AA)</li> <li>(b) AA members to inform them on how to better inform the public.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Budget / Funding plan.</li> <li>• Sub committees are John B, Jack, Michael B, Chris and David. They will do a proposal for NSCSO for funding by 18/03 and report back.</li> <li>• Michael B to send info to David M to produce a flyer and then send to Andrew I for the website.</li> <li>• Majority voted that support funding of do will overseas Oversees Speaker decision/funding</li> <li>• Max capacity #185 at Doherty Centre. Fri midday to Sat evening</li> <li>• 02/04/19 update: Flyer first draft required by 03/04. Printed by 18/04 to be available for</li> </ul>	David	20190930	In Progress

	National convention Canberra. Soft copy to go to Andrew by 18/04. Use Eventbrite for bookings from a landing page on website. Funds have been secured from NSCSO for overseas speaker of \$3,000. This will be Mike M from Iowa.			
Standing Item	Combining CSO and Area E Quarterly Assemblies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominated 3 representatives from Area E: David, Anna, Paul to go to next CSO meeting 6:30pm 10/04 to discuss what happens next.</li> </ul>	Trevor	2019	In Progress
20181206.03	Following Rosemary's review of annual expenses voted in prudent reserve of \$4,200	Rosemary	2019	Complete
Standing Item	Area E PI. Providing Centre link with pamphlets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brookvale Centrelink – supported by Curl Curl group</li> <li>Chatswood Centrelink – supported by Lane Cove Monday night Step Study group</li> <li>Ryde Centrelink - Anna to establish pamphlet stand</li> <li>Hornsby Centrelink – Anna to establish pamphlet stand</li> <li>Anna to request annual supply from Eris the NSCSO literature officer.</li> </ul>	Anna	2019	In Progress

**General Business:**

- Michael B to get the "General Service Conference Process Map". Send to David and to Andrew to load on website
- Area E committee Members updated their contact details. Jenny to update and pass onto NSCSO. Still to get Lee's details updated at the next meeting

**Meeting close:** 08:30pm

**Next meeting:** **Wednesday 01 May 7:30pm**

## AREA E Committee Reports

April 2019 -- Area E Committee Reports (in no particular order)

<b>Role</b>	Area E Chairperson
<b>Name</b>	Trevor H
<b>Date</b>	21/03/2019
<b>Report</b>	<p>We're off and running for a new AA Area E year!</p> <p>My aim as chairperson continues to be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. seeking to enrich the experience of service work at Area E in the achievement of its mandate</li><li>2. seeking to improve the engagement with the groups in Area E that we serve</li><li>3. seeking to improve the participation rates of groups/individuals in Area E in service beyond the group level</li></ol> <p>I am excited to work with all of you to agree how we can step forward toward those goals and then to take the actions to put the plans in motion, God willing. I can't, but we can.</p>

<b>Role</b>	Area E Delegate
<b>Name</b>	Anna S
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Report</b>	No report

<b>Role</b>	Area E Alternate Delegate
<b>Name</b>	Lee S
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Report</b>	No report

<b>Role</b>	Area E Treasurer
<b>Name</b>	Rosemary
<b>Date</b>	10/03/2019
<b>Report</b>	<p>Opening Balance: \$8,247.91 Closing Balance: \$8,247.91</p> <p>Prudent Reserve is proposed at \$6000 Yearly Quarterly Levies are <math>\\$800 \times 4 = \\$3,200</math> Yearly General Expenses \$1000</p> <p>National Adelaide PI &amp; CPC spent \$2,765 but recovered most of the costs via donations and charging an attendance fee of \$20. They didn't do any catering and had approx 50 in attendance. Area E PI &amp; CPC in October at the Chatswood Dougherty Centre has capacity of 185 seats.</p>

<b>Role</b>	Area E Secretary
<b>Name</b>	Jenny
<b>Date</b>	22/03/2019
<b>Report</b>	I am enjoying the secretary position and minutes went out on time. At our next meeting I hope to collect Area E Committee members contact details to pass onto NSCSO.

<b>Role</b>	Area E Public Information & Co-Operation with the Professional Community Sub-Committee
<b>Name</b>	John B, Michael B
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Report</b>	<p>Information sent to National PI&amp;CPC Co-Ordinator, Dave S received; he is supportive of approach and has suggested having guest speakers from AA in Australia</p> <p>Premises are booked from lunchtime Friday to the Saturday evening. We have had to fit in around permanent bookings. On Saturday morning, the area available is smaller and activities will most likely need to be restricted for AA members.</p> <p>At last month's Area E committee meeting, it was proposed and voted in favour, to invite an international guest speaker. Contact has been made with Mike M from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He has accepted our invitation to speak at the Forum. Flights and accommodation bookings will be made shortly.</p> <p>NSCSO are supportive of the Forum and initially have committed to \$3,000 funding. The proposal presented at NSCSO may be found here:  <a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=15F1jEQQ7WbRzUpp6NkrUzkGdCv_wC0yi">https://drive.google.com/open?id=15F1jEQQ7WbRzUpp6NkrUzkGdCv_wC0yi</a></p> <p>The committee is addressing the matters below for the Forum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discuss with Area E Committee and members in Area E</li> <li>2. Seek your input, contacting Area Committees PI&amp;CPC Co-ordinators from all areas in Australia, relevant Trustees and GSO for their suggestions, cut off date 30 April</li> <li>3. Holding a public meeting with a focus on PI&amp;CPC, on the Friday evening, with participation from areas in Eastern Region</li> <li>4. Holding a social function on the Saturday evening</li> <li>5. Local guest speakers, all suggestions received will be considered</li> <li>6. Flyer being developed with a Forum theme for distribution at Canberra Convention</li> <li>7. Holding the committee meetings either in person or by teleconference</li> <li>8. Detailed planning of program for May</li> </ol>

<b>Role</b>	Area E Webmaster -- <a href="http://www.areaeeraa.info">www.areaeeraa.info</a>
<b>Name</b>	Andrew I
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Report</b>	No report

<b>Role</b>	Area E Group Liaison
<b>Name</b>	Anthony
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Report</b>	No report

<b>Role</b>	Area E Public Information & Co-Operation with the Professional Community Coordinator
<b>Name</b>	David
<b>Date</b>	25/03/19
<b>Report</b>	<p>I see this role as encouraging 12 Step work (carrying the message to the public and professionals) throughout the groups in Area E. Conversations I've had around the area so far have highlighted a lack of understanding of area and group structure, as well as an understanding of service beyond door greeter and washing cups. I believe education is the first step and I'd like to use the Area E website as a resource.</p> <p>My aim is to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a simplified document (taken from the AA Service Manual) to explain these structures and the possible areas of service for each.</li> <li>- a separate section on the Area E website for the professional community.</li> <li>- possibly a promotional piece (flyer?) to take around meetings to promote traffic to the website.</li> </ul>

<b>Role</b>	Area E "The Mixer" Editor
<b>Name</b>	Vacant
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Report</b>	

## AREA E GSR Reports

GSR Reports (in no particular order)

<b>Group</b>	Seaforth Tue 7 PM
<b>GSR</b>	Pam W
<b>Members Approx</b>	15
<b>Attendance Approx</b>	18-25
<b>Last Group Conscience</b>	31st January 2019
<b>Rehab Clients Visiting</b>	SPP Bus No Longer Attends - but we do get some SPP who are on day program
<b>Key Highlights</b>	<p>We now have moved back into the Hall after being in the church whilst the Hall was going through some renovations. Everyone is liking the new layout back in the Hall and good to have the kitchen facilities in use again.</p> <p>We voted at last GC to bring our Meeting back to 1 hour - but this was voted against to keep at the 1.5 hours which it has been for over 60 Years.</p>

<b>Group</b>	<b>Neutral Bay Tue 8PM</b>
<b>GSR</b>	David M
<b>Members Approx</b>	30
<b>Attendance Approx</b>	50-70
<b>Last Group Conscience</b>	19/3/19
<b>Rehab Clients Visiting</b>	Foundation House
<b>Key Highlights</b>	<p>Group membership declined for a while but has started growing again. In the last two months, we've had three group members who joined in their first 90 days celebrating first birthdays. Annabelle will take over as Secretary from April, her first time in the role.</p>

<b>Group</b>	Cromer Men's Meeting, Tuesday 7.30 pm
<b>GSR</b>	Matt W.
<b>Members Approx</b>	25
<b>Attendance Approx</b>	40
<b>Last Group Conscience</b>	05/Mar/2019 (Group Conscience scheduled for 02/Apr/2019)
<b>Rehab Clients Visiting</b>	We get good numbers of new AA's coming from rehab, but no, we do not get visits from rehabs. We have lots of attendees identifying as being in their first 90 days
<b>Key Highlights</b>	<p>Continuing to see strong attendance numbers each week. At a recent meeting we had 47 attendees and only 43 chairs in the room.</p> <p>Fellowship of this group is strong.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In March the Cromer Men's Group held their first camping trip to Treachery Camp at Seal Rocks. Over 40 men attended this camp.</li> <li>• A follow-up camping trip is being planned for November 2019.</li> <li>• The Group meets for dinner each week on Tuesdays at 6 pm at The House of Thai in Dee Why . The invitation to dinner is open to all who attend the meeting. We get between 15 to 25 guys attending these dinners each week.</li> <li>• Next Group Conscience is scheduled for Tuesday 02 April 2019</li> </ul>

<b>Group</b>	Lane Cove Mon PM Step Study
<b>GSR</b>	Bethany
<b>Members Approx</b>	15

<b>Attendance Approx</b>	20-25
<b>Last Group Conscience</b>	Every 14 weeks (last in March 2019)
<b>Rehab Clients Visiting</b>	
<b>Key Highlights</b>	<p>Read steps (etc) from Big Book and 12x12 in 28 week cycle followed by jump-in sharing on topic. Good mix of Sobriety.</p> <p>We have taken on responsibility for Chatswood Centrelink PI (pamphlets) and done one replenishment visit since Anna set it up.</p> <p>44 Questions: 8 there, left 2 more  A Brief Guide: 7 there, left 9 more  Is AA for You: 9 there, left 8 more  A Msg to Teenagers: 10 there, left 12 more  AA at a Glance: none there, left 12 (now out of stock)</p>

<b>Group</b>	Manly Sun AM
<b>GSR</b>	Chris
<b>Members Approx</b>	7
<b>Attendance Approx</b>	20
<b>Last Group Conscience</b>	
<b>Rehab Clients Visiting</b>	No
<b>Key Highlights</b>	We use Skype at this meeting and 2 or 3 join us this way. Our numbers are staying consistent