

Alcoholics Anonymous Area E Mini Assembly
Minutes of Meeting: Thursday 02n April 2020 @ 7:30 PM

Trevor H	Area Chair	Lane Cove Mon PM	Present
Jenny	Area Secretary / GSR	RtR Kirribilli Fri PM	Present
Anna S	Area Delegate	Dee Why Thu PM	Apology
Lee S	Area Delegate Alternate	Dee Why Curl Curl Bfast	Present
Rosemary	Area Treasurer	RtR North Syd Tue PM	Present
Laura	Area Group Liaison / GSR	Cremorne 1pm Friday	MIA
Andrew I	Area Webmaster	RtR North Syd Tue PM	Present
John B	Area Public Information Coordinator	Seaforth Tue PM	Present
Andrew S	Alternate GSR	RtR North Sydney PM	Present
Pam	GSR	Seaforth Tue PM	Present
Chris C	GSR	Manly Sun AM	Present
Paul G	GSR	Mona Vale Sun AM	MIA
Matt	GSR	Frenches Forest Monday PM	Present
Anna	GSR	Naremburn Fri PM	MIA
Paul	GSR	Harbord Saturday PM	MIA

Amy	GSR	Naremburn Sun AM	Present
Matt	GSR	Cromer Men's Group Tue pm	Present
Steven	GSR	Mona Vale Sun AM	MIA
Michael S		Road To Recovery Tue PM	Present
Paula	GSR	Comer Monday PM	Present
Lawrence	GSR	Epping Monday PM	Present
Lachlan	Alternate GSR	Cromer Men's Meeting Tuesday 7:30	MIA
John D	GSR	Narrenburn Sun AM	MIA
Sean	GSR	Forestville Sat 6pm	Present

Meeting Open: 07:30pm
Chair: Trevor (Minutes by Jenny)
Attendance: 16 Present
12 Traditions Read By: Rosemary
Previous Minutes: Accepted

Action Items:

Action Item	Description	Owner	Due	Status
Standing Item	Combining CSO and Area E Assembly on local 12 step work: - Joint meeting on hold until we can have face to face	Trevor	2020	In Progress
Standing Item	Area E PI. - The output from the January session has been uploaded to Google Docs. Trevor showed the Area E PI Resource folder in Google docs. - Rosemary volunteered to type up hopefully after Easter	Trevor	2020	In Progress
Standing Item	GSR Buddy System - Lawrence called. Suggested the others should too	Trevor	April 2020	In Progress
New 02/04/20	Online Meetings - Trevor showed the letter from NYIG - Andrew I suggested NYIG letter was helpful and his group has multiple Co hosts and a waiting room - Trevor showed the communication from GSO posted on Area E website 02/04 that there are not to be any Face to Face meetings. And GSO asking for contributions	Trevor	April 2020	In progress

Any Other Business:

- Sean suggested that NSCSO volunteers have access to a telephone number list to put Newcomers in touch with members. Trevor will make suggestion to NSCSO
- John discussed possible Digital Advertising.
- Andrew said his group Road To Recovery was interested in doing a face book campaign if they could get financial support from Area E.
- John asked to discuss with Andrew as he has info on previous face book campaigns
- Trevor shall put John and Andrew in contact with one another.
- It is hoped to have a proposal distributed via email before 14/04 NSCSO meeting

Meeting close:

08:25 pm

Next meeting:

Mini Assembly on Wednesday 06th May 7:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/422501089?pwd=WnZZSlhqYy80ZGg4NUp6QWNocjJOUT09>

Meeting ID: 422 501 089

Password: hope

02nd April 2020 - GSR Reports (in no particular order)

Group	Cromer Men's Meeting, Tuesday 7.30 pm
GSR	Matt W.
Members	40
Approx	
Attendance	40-50
Approx	
Last Group	scheduled to be held within the next week
Conscience	
Rehab Clients	
Visiting	
Key Highlights	<p>Autumn Camp Out at Treachery Beach was held in March, 50+ men attended. Guest speakers on Friday and Saturday nights.</p> <p>The Cromer Men's meeting has offered a dial-in option for a long time. The meeting began using the Zoom platform Tues 31st March after using Google Meet previously. Unfortunately, the beginning of the first meeting using Zoom was hijacked. The malicious infiltrators were quickly identified and removed from the meeting. Not a great experience. The group feels it is important to remain open and accessible for all who seek us.</p>

Group	Manly Sun AM
GSR	Chris
Members	8
Approx	
Attendance	30
Approx	
Last Group	21/3/20
Conscience	
Rehab Clients	1 or 2
Visiting	
Key Highlights	Our last meeting face to face! Future meetings with Google technology.

Group	Seaforth Tue 7 PM
GSR	Pam W
Members	15
Approx	
Attendance	20-30 and sometimes more
Approx	
Last Group	24th March 2020
Conscience	
Rehab Clients	SPP started back and then stopped about 5 weeks ago
Visiting	
Key Highlights	24th March was the last face to face Meeting. We went to Zoom for the first time last night. The Meeting was hacked about 15 minutes before it was to start. Our Administrator of the setup - pulled the Meeting immediately for the inappropriateness of the Hackers. Managed to setup a new Link with a Password and call around. Still was able to have 20 join the Meeting.

Group	RtR Kirribilli Fri and North Sydney Tue PM
GSR	Jenny MR
Members	15
Approx	
Attendance	25
Approx	
Last Group	20 March 2020
Conscience	
Rehab Clients	Not at the moment because of Virus
Visiting	
Key Highlights	Gone online Zoom

Group	Lane Cove Mon PM Step Study
GSR	Trevor
Members	12
Approx	
Attendance	20
Approx	
Last Group	30-Mar
Conscience	
Rehab Clients	No
Visiting	
Key Highlights	The physical meeting has been closed for 2 weeks. We've practiced with a zoom meeting for members only and are progressing to a wider group next week. Pleased to be proceeding cautiously, given the interlopers that some zoom meetings have experienced. We will definitely keep the "waiting room" function to maintain a safe space online.

Group	Gordon Womans Group Tuesday 10:30am
GSR	Jenny MR
Members	10
Approx	
Attendance	25
Approx	
Last Group	30/03/2020
Conscience	
Rehab Clients	None
Visiting	
Key Highlights	Gone online Zoom meeting hosted by Susan

Group	Epping Group: Mon 7:30pm (ID) and Thu 7:30pm (Beginners)
GSR	Lawrence.
Members	25+
Approx	
Attendance	Mon 20-30, Thurs 15-25 regularly
Approx	
Last Group	Extraordinary Meeting held re COVID-19 Mon 23rd March
Conscience	
Rehab Clients	Nil
Visiting	
Key Highlights	Strong numbers continue especially with Beginners meeting. Zoom meetings established from 29th Mar for both Monday and Thursday. CSO meetings schedule updated.

Group	Saturday Forestville 6pm The Great Reality
GSR	Sean M
Members	7
Approx	
Attendance	10-20
Approx	
Last Group	28/03/20
Conscience	
Rehab Clients	0
Visiting	
Key Highlights	Steady numbers but meetings are not growing. Tried to reach out to local Northern Beaches hospital to get patients to attend the meeting with no response.

Group	Naremburn Sunday AM Doing The Deal
GSR	Amy J
Members	11
Approx	

Attendance Approx	25-30
Last Group Conscience	Feb 2020
Rehab Clients Visiting	1-2 walk over from Northside
Key Highlights	Strong numbers each week. Topics covered are solution based. Started Zoom meetings effective 29/03

02nd April 2020 - Area E Committee Reports (in no particular order)

Role	Area E Chairperson
Name	Trevor H
Date	02/04/2020
Report	<p>God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change...</p> <p>Hasn't the world changed in the last 3 weeks? There's a lot happening at the moment that I cannot change, and I for one have been a bit slow to accept it but I'm surprised at how quickly I've adapted my behaviour. It took less than 2 days to quell my instinct to shake hands in greeting, for example. I've followed the guidance through the levels of escalation and it's the new normal, for now.</p> <p>So we'll give zoom meetings a try for April and for as long as the guidance says we should. And if there's anything you would like in terms of support or guidance for you or your group, the Area E network surely has decent experience upon which to draw--please reach out.</p>

Role	Area E Delegate
Name	Anna S
Date	31.03.20
Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On 18.03 Delegates gathered via teleconference to discuss challenges within Eastern Region. The discussion included: formation of a new area by splitting Area A (geographical and population reasons), how to improve communication within geographically extensive areas (eg., integrated website for Area and CSOs, getting voting structure modified to provide an opportunity for 2/3 majority by Delegates. 2. Forwarding messages from GSO (meetings closure and continuation of financial support for GSO and CSOs). 3. Discussing with John B. PI and CPC Coordinator ways of carrying the message to newcomers during current restrictions (eg., newcomers packs with the national phone number and blue big books at South Pacific and Northside to be handed to clients upon leaving the treatment). 4. Proposal for agenda on 2.04: contacting members near Hornsby and Ryde Centrelinks to drop pamphlets, approaching older members and those who do not use internet and keeping connected via the phone.

Role	Area E Secretary
Name	Jenny
Date	31/03
Report	Not much to report. Set up Zoom for this meeting, hoping that works ok.

Role	Area E Public Information & Co-Operation with the Professional Community Coordinator
Name	John B
Date	31.3.2020
Report	<p>Collation of notes from January workshop is a work in progress task</p> <p>Spoke to Susan M, NSCSO Office Manager, re suggestions for PI activities with current closures and restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running adds in local newspapers; Susan suggested if approved by Area committee, obtain quotes and submit to NSCSO (News Corp. has since announced that only regional digital newspapers will be published), if possible for their committee meeting next week Newcomer packs have been distributed to rehabs in the past but not aware of follow up. Linda, NSCSO H&I Co-ordinator, to contact me and provide an update Inquire about advertising opportunities with Community Radio in Northern Sydney <p>PI activities; I had a further discussion with the member doing Group Liaison previously. Whilst selected Groups had been approached to undertake a PI activity, there was no ongoing communications. Re-visiting Group participation in distributing PI information to Police Stations and Centrelink Offices might be worthwhile.</p>

Role	Area E Treasurer													
Name	Rosemary P													
Date	01/04/2020													
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Role	Area E Webmaster -- www.areaseraa.info
Name	Andrew I
Date	
Report	

Role	Area E Alternate Delegate
Name	Lee S
Date	
Report	

Role	Area E Group Liaison
Name	Laura B
Date	
Report	