

Alcoholics Anonymous Area E Mini Assembly

Minutes of Meeting: Tuesday 07th 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	Present
Andrew I	Area Webmaster	RtR North Syd Tue PM	Apology
John B	Area Public Information Coordinator	Seaforth Tue PM	Present
Andrew S	Alternate GSR	RtR North Sydney PM	Present
Pam	GSR	Seaforth Tue PM	Apology
Chris C	GSR	Manly Sun AM	MIA
Paul G	GSR	Mona Vale Sun AM	MIA
Matt	GSR	Frenches Forest Monday PM	MIA
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	MIA
Steven	GSR	Mona Vale Sun AM	Present
Nicholas	GSR	Not Sure	MIA
Paula	GSR	Comer Monday PM	Apology
Lawrence	GSR	Epping Monday PM	Apology
Lachlan	Alternate GSR	Cromer Men's Meeting Tuesday 7:30	MIA
John D	GSR	Narrenburn Sun AM	MIA
Sean	GSR	Forestville Sat 6pm	Present
Nichola	GSR	Cremorne Monday 1pm	Present

Meeting Open: 07:28pm
Chair: Trevor (Minutes by Jenny)
Attendance: 11 Present
12 Traditions Read By: Lee
Previous Minutes: Accepted

Action Items:

Action Item	Description	Owner	Due	Status
Standing Item	Combining CSO and Area E assembly. - Joint meeting on hold until can have face to face	Trevor	2020	In Progress
Standing Item	Area E PI: Short Video High School / Face Book pages - Sean H has done storyboard. - Getting quote to NSCSO to possibly finance otherwise Area E will look to fund - 01/06 Trevor advised Anna says this is under way - 07/07 Got young female looking for young male. Just waiting approval	John	2020	In Progress
Standing Item	Area E PI: Digital Advertising - John reported there are many options for a Northern Sydney 60 Day campaign. - Trevor shall obtain info from Lachlan B and ask David if he is interested in carrying forward possibly with assistance from Andrew S - 01/06 Trevor advised likely not progressing - 07/07 Andrew & Amy happy to help. Maybe Sean too. Trevor will email "pitch" to them as a starting point, you can do "targeted" marketing. Trevor will assist with a landing page so we can track.	Andrew	2020	In Progress
Closed	Area E PI: Social Media - Could be static images or Video - Steve and Andrew S to develop a brief in order to get a proposal from their respective agency contacts.	Andrew & Sean	2020	In Progress

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amy shall send ideas she has obtained to Andrew - 01/06 Andrew shall do local focus and direct to NSCSO new landing page - 01/06 Sean volunteered to assist. Trevor shall get him in contact with Andrew - 07/07 not proceeding because no way forward without breaking Anonymity. 			
Standing Item	<p>Area E PI: Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trevor encouraged anyone interested in championing any of the other ideas to go ahead and that funding may be available - An Example is Investigate opportunity for AA videos to be placed on TV monitors in professional waiting rooms - 07/07 Laura been in contact with Medical Media we can get discounted rate approx. \$3,000 she will get quote to Trevor, present to NSCSO 	Trevor	2020	In Progress
New Item	<p>Area E PI: Group Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John / Laura encourage group participation in local PI/CPC activity namely distributing literature to Centrelink Offices, Police Stations - 01/06 Nichola offered to assist Laura, Trevor will get her in contact with Laura - 07/07 On hold till face to face 	Laura	2020	In Progress
Closed	<p>NSCSO wanting volunteer numbers for Newcomers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rosemary to draft email. Trevor to confirm. Jenny to send - 01/06 approx. 20 responses. Trevor will pass to NSCSO - 07/07 This was done 	Trevor	02/07	In Progress
Standing Item	<p>Returning to Face to Face meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow Guidelines - Rosemary suggested both online and face to face worked in her home group. - Perhaps have members use Covid Safe App - 07/07 Sean meeting has Hybrid with both Zoom and In Person - 07/07 John face to face only - 07/07 Steve Hybrid meeting if too many arrived they were asked to go to cars, they were ok with that <p>07/07 Lee comments as follows "I want to raise the issue of social distancing at meetings. At several meetings I have been to, in council venues, there are big yellow posters with Covid social distancing requirements including 'No Handshaking' with a picture of a pair of shaking hands with a red line through it. In the Australian health.gov.au site under public physical distancing it says 'avoid (avoid, verb, keep away from or stop oneself from doing something) physical greetings such as handshaking hugs and kisses.</p> <p>At several meetings I have been to I have see trusted servants; Meeting secretaries, GSRs, Chairpersons of meetings and groups members greeting other members and newcomers alike with handshakes hugs and kisses. As trusted servants in leadership positions I believe this is a failure of our responsibility to our groups and the fellowship as a whole. It gives the impression that people in leadership positions at meetings think its ok to ignore venue requirements and government health laws and put peoples lives at risk. If a Covid 19 outbreak is contact traced to our meetings, and our practices are found to have facilitated the spread of the virus, by deliberately ignoring venue requirements and government health laws it could be disastrous for our fellowship as a whole, including negative news media stories, negative perceptions of our fellowship by professionals and a reluctance to refer their clients to us, reluctance of newcomers to come to meetings, and being denied further use of venues.</p>	Trevor	02/07	In Progress

	I believe an appropriate display of leadership would include all groups members and particularly group members in leadership positions, displaying correct social distancing practices, and announcing at all meetings the importance for our fellowship to adhere to venue requirements and government health law concerning social distancing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreed to send an email to all. Follow the regulations at the state and local level and incorporate specifics. 			
01/06	Area E Position description document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trevor will chase Anna and get uploaded to google docs - All are encouraged to help add to the doc to get completed 07/07 Trevor will do something to get relaunched in July	Trevor	02/07	In Progress
07/07	Alternate Chairperson has been created. All Agreed. Looking for volunteer.			

Meeting close: 08:28pm

Next meeting: Mini Assembly on Wednesday 05th August 7:30pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

ID: 778 965 283.

Password: hope

07 July 2020 - Area E Committee Reports (in no particular order)

Role	Area E Chairperson
Name	Trevor H
Date	07/07/2020
Report	<p>COVID-19 continues affect us; some meetings have been able to open for physical attendance and others not yet for a variety of reasons.</p> <p>In the meantime, we do our best to do the work that our higher power assigns us and do what we can to help each other keep our spirits up and keep spiritually fit.</p> <p>I propose that we create a deputy, alternate, or vice-chairperson position, with an idea of potential handover (but not the obligation). We'll discuss in the meeting.</p>

Role	Area E Secretary
Name	Jenny
Date	02/07/2020
Report	Minutes from the last meeting done, Reports rolled over.

Role	Area E Public Information & Co-Operation with the Professional Community Coordinator
Name	John B
Date	
Report	<p>Matters reported in last report are current work in progress</p> <p>Suggested matters to focus on for action are:</p> <p>Centre and Medicare Offices (Curl Curl Group are attending to Brookvale)</p> <p>Police Stations</p> <p>Distribution of letter and pamphlet to doctors</p> <p>Suggestions for making these service tasks attractive to Groups and Members sought</p> <p>Other matters in progress</p> <p>Social Media opportunities</p> <p>Beginners Packs for H&I (communicating with H&I coordinator)</p> <p>Young People in AA video (Sean is communicating with NSCSO)</p>

07 July 2020 - GSR Reports (in no particular order)

Group	Seaforth Tue 7 PM
GSR	Pam W
Members Approx	15
Attendance Approx	25-35
Last Group Conscience	23rd June 2020
Rehab Clients Visiting	N/A
Key Highlights	Went back face to face last Tuesday 30th June, 2020 - with all the health regulations and COVID Safe items implemented. 35 in attendance for the first meeting back. We are no longer doing Zoom.

Group	RtR Kirribilli Fri and North Sydney Tue PM
GSR	Jenny MR
Members Approx	20
Attendance Approx	45
Last Group Conscience	09 June
Rehab Clients Visiting	Yes some rehabs visit on Zoom
Key Highlights	In person and Zoom

Group	Lane Cove Mon PM Step Study
GSR	Trevor
Members Approx	10
Attendance Approx	12
Last Group Conscience	13 July
Rehab Clients Visiting	N/A
Key Highlights	Closed Zoom meeting. Please contact me if you would like to attend and I'll send instructions and let the host know.

Group	Epping Group: Mon 7:30pm (ID) and Thu 7:30pm (Beginners)
GSR	Lawrence.
Members Approx	15-20
Attendance Approx	15-25 at Monday meetings regularly, 10-15 at Thursday Beginners meetings
Last Group Conscience	11 June 2020
Rehab Clients Visiting	Nil
Key Highlights	No further bombing episodes since restructured with dedicated Host and Co-host and Chairperson and Speaker.

Group	Naremburn Sunday 9:00am Doing The Deal
GSR	Amy J
Members Approx	15
Attendance Approx	40 (Zoom)
Last Group Conscience	2 May 2020 (Zoom)
Rehab Clients Visiting	0
Key Highlights	

Group	Forestville
GSR	Sean Mc
Members Approx	8
Attendance Approx	17 at meeting + 13 on zoom
Last Group Conscience	1/6/20
Rehab Clients Visiting	not at the moment
Key Highlights	big book topic meeting , open face to face plus zoom

Group	Cromer Monday Womens
GSR	paula l-g
Members Approx	8
Attendance Approx	35+
Last Group Conscience	15/6/20
Rehab Clients Visiting	occasionally 6
Key Highlights	Group Conscience met to discuss possible return to meeting room by 1) bringing meeting start time forward by 45 minutes which would enable use of larger room (indoor basketball court) 2) adopt "first come, first served" policy in regular meeting room (approx 20) Generally agreed that neither policy worked for the GC and therefore Zoom meeting to continue until social distancing rules are relaxed. Accumulated \$\$'s enabled large donation to GSO.

Group	<u>Cremorne Monday 1pm</u>
GSR	Nichola S
Members Approx	7
Attendance Approx	25
Last Group Conscience	20/06 decided against going back to face to face meeting for now
Rehab Clients Visiting	not sure since on zoom
Key Highlights	<u>focused big book study</u>