

AA Area E Mini-Assembly Meeting
 Agenda 14 October 2021
 Zoom

Open meeting

Name	Position	Home Group	Attendance
Amanda K	Area Secretary	Seaforth Tue PM	Present
Andy H	GSR	RTR Kirribilli Fri /North Sydney Tues PM	Present
Bob R	Area Alternate Chairperson	Cromer Men's Tue PM	Present
China	GSRs	Curl Curl AM	Present
John B	Area PI & Co-op Professional Community Coord	Seaforth Tues PM	Present
Laura B	Area Group Liaison		Present
Lawrence	GSR	Epping Mon PM	Present
Lee S	Area Delegate	Dee Why Breakfast	Present
Marita	GSR		Present
Martin G	Area Webmaster		Present
Tiane S	GSR	Manly Sun AM	Present
Wendy S	GSR	Curl Curl AM Online	Present
Andrew S	Area Chairperson	RtR North Sydney PM	Apologies
Brad T	GSR	North Sydney Mon PM	Apologies
Paula F	GSR	Northern Beaches Breakfast Group am	Apologies
Stephen S	GSR	Mona Vale Sunday 10 AM	Apologies
Val C			Apologies
Anabelle	GSR	Cremorne Monday PM	MIA

David M	GSR	Neutral Bay Tues PM	MIA
Erica D	GSR	Naremburn Fri Pm	MIA
Jeff	GSR	RNSH Sunday	MIA
John D	GSR	Naremburn Sunday AM	MIA
Michael T	GSR	Collaroy Fri PM	MIA
Nichola S	GSR	Cremore Mon Arvo	MIA
Paula L-G	GSR	Cromer Monday	MIA
Sean M	GSR	Forestville	MIA

Guests: Jenny M R (RTR Kirribilli, Rob H (NSCSO representative)

Read Traditions short form (Bob R)

Adopt Sept Minutes

Conference topics: 12 voters

Topic Number	Area General opinions / consensus
1/20	Defer to ARea E delegate vote
2/21	4 Yes / 8 Defer proxy to delegate
3/21	8 Yes / Abstained: 4
4/20	9 Yes (excellent for young people and another communication link) Abstained 3
5/21	5 No / 4 defer proxy to delegate / abstained: 3 Concerns: 1. Paid position, interview to get person to do job: dumping because it's 2 years doesn't seem sensible. 2. Is there a provision that person can renew contract? 3. Does this process currently include a review of the staff and performance in position? 4. What about Trustees doing reviews each 3-5 years? 5. GSB has responsibility and should address the issue to include spiritual principals of the society and any legal issues.
6/20	7 Yes / 1 defer proxy to delegate / Abstained: 5
7/20	5 Yes / 3 defer proxy to delegate / Abstained: 7

8/20	<p>6 Yes / 3 defer proxy to delegate / Abstained: 3</p> <p>proviso to point out: 4th tradition: every group can run autonomously, this appears to contradict that tradition.</p>
9/21	<p>1 Yes / 6 disagree / 2 defer proxy to delegate / Abstained: 3</p> <p>2021 GSC USA note: a draft version 4th edition be translated to plain language accessible/relatable to a broader audience</p> <p>For: AA should keep up with changing views in world.</p> <p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cannot re-write Big Book, it needs to be changed by AA World Wide before Australia can change. Copyright is owned by the AA Publishing house in USA. ● To huge for one conference for one country. ● Already exists “Easy Big Book” available online ● Disagrees: don’t want to change any changes in Big Book ● Note: Stories at back are amended, suggested to create a version with gender neutral and inclusive stories in new version. ● 2nd TRadition is unity: this change would split the AA with having two books. 10th tradition to not having opinion on outside issues (not enter to controversy). ● It is a historical document - read it as being of the time it was written. (already prefaced acknowledging attitude of historic times/ culture - make this message stronger?)
10/20	<p>10 No / Abstained: 2</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contravenes traditions 8 of owning property (assets) and being organised trad 9. ● Outside scope of primary purpose
11/20	<p>1 No / 9 defer proxy to delegate / Abstained: 2</p> <p>We cannot get GSRs, getting someone to commit to a 4 year editing service position is high expectation.</p>
12/21	<p>5 yes / 2 defer proxy to delegate / Abstained: 7</p>
13/20	<p>5 No / 5 defer proxy to delegate / Abstained: 2</p> <p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How would profit of this central place be introduced back to Conference / AA Australia area budgets? ● Are Centra IService and General service offices ready to handle this additional service? ● Tradition 4: each group can run autonomously. ● Free distribution at the moment, defeats purpose.
14/21	<p>Refer to notes of topic 9/21</p>

15/20	1 yes / 1 no / 5 defer proxy to delegate / Abstained: 5 For point: it makes it clearer Against: CSO is historical term in Australia, why change it.
16/20	12 Unanimous to defer proxy to delegate
17/21	3 yes / 3 defer proxy to delegate / Abstained: 6
18/20	12 Defer proxy to Area E delegate Comment: suggest job description to flesh out how this works better.
19/21	2 yes / 4 defer proxy to delegate / Abstained: 6 Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is the person who decides what is navigable? • At General service board level, maybe the job description of the webmaster needs to be further fleshed out. • As GSO, outside scope of CSO/GSR area to influence.
20/21	1 No / 6 defer proxy to delegate / Abstained: 5
21/20	Read notes on 4/20
22/20	4 yes / 2 defer proxy to delegate / Abstained: 6 Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education is good so long as it's attraction rather than promotion. • Another great action for a group to take on as own project.
23/21	4 no / 2 defer proxy to delegate / Abstained: 6 Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Names that would affect AA as a whole are currently knocked back. • Tradition 4: each group can be autonomous. • Education to groups about inclusivity • Whose job is it to govern this if it was passed?
24/21	5 Yes / 1 defer proxy / Abstained: 6
25/21	3 yes / 3 defer proxy to delegate / Abstained: 6 Concern: anonymity for actual alcoholics looking through keywords / search words.
26/21	12 Unanimous defer proxy to delegate
Other Business to Discuss / Inform	
Standing Item Bob R Completed	areaaaa@gmail.com : Bob R now has full access to use this for distributing emails on behalf of Area E. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested to have 2 members have direct access to this email: check and balance.

<p>Standing Item Bob R / Rob H Completed</p>	<p>Link Letter Issues: Use Link Letter Term on minutes distribution of ARea E minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NSCSO would like to have input to our minutes distribution email. Then we can call it the Link Letter. ● Suggested: submit all stories to areaaaa@gmail.com email then fixed for Secretary to cut and paste it. ● Minutes to include little blurb on AA literature that is now obscure ● Shoot Amanda a blurb/review if you have a favourite piece of AA approved literature to include in future Link
<p>REMINDER ONLY - not topic to discuss</p>	<p>Meeting dates for 2021 - 2022 passed GSR Group to remain on Zoom.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monday 08th November 21 ● Tuesday 14th December 21 ● Wednesday 12 January 2022 ● Thursday 10 February 2022 ● Monday 14 March 2022 ● Tuesday 12 April 2022 ● Wednesday 11 May 2022 ● Thursday 9 June 2022 ● Monday 8 July 2022 ● Tuesday 9 August 2022 ● Wednesday 14 Sept 2022 ● Thursday 13 October 2022 ● Monday 14 November 2022 ● Tuesday 13 December 2022

Confirm next meeting: Monday 8 November 2021 7:30 pm

Close meeting with “we” version of Serenity Prayer.

Area E GSR Committee Reports (in no particular order)

Role	Area E Alternate Chairperson
Name	Bob R
Date	11/10/2021
Report	<p>Attended NSCSO meeting 11/10/2021. Discussed developing a replacement for Linkletter (still using Linkletter name) with input from NSCSO and Area E. Rob H to join Area E meeting 14/10 to further discuss. Still looking for H&I Coordinator from Area. Area E to vote on Alternate Chair sending out emails to current database asking for each recipient's agreement to receive communications from Area.</p>

Role	Area E Secretary
Name	Amanda K
Date	14/10/21
Report	Coordinating with Jenny M R the Traditions Seminar for Sundays continued. Attendance there is about 20 - 26 people and being advertised in 3 social media groups.

Role	Area E Public Information & Co-Operation with the Professional Community Coordinator
Name	John B
Date	14/10/2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The AA videos for Young People working group met on 30 September and agreed: A project briefing note on the videos to be sent to the Area E Delegate That Bruce M follow up on opportunities for cinema advertising campaign To defer AA Facebook pages and AA Online meetings proposals until outcome of conference on Topic is known It was agreed that the digital screen advertising project be removed from the agenda as it had previously been agreed as an Area E activity. Laura and I will work on tabling a submission on this activity for the Neovember area meeting Next meeting on 9 December subsequent to Conference and lifting of lockdown restrictions - Digital viewing statistics of the videos at 30 September: Jack's & Sophie's Story : 96 views Jack's Story : 69 views Sophie's Story : 67 views
Closing	

Role	Area E Treasurer			
Name	Marita			
Date	Transaction Desc	Date	Transaction Amount	Open / Closing Balance
Report	Opening balance \$10,447.69			
	Zoom Sub	13/09/21	\$63.02 debit	
	Conference Levy	13/09/21	\$500 debit	
	Donation	27/09/21	\$894.06 credit	
		1/10/21	\$90.59 debit	

Zoom sub	1/10/21	\$800 debit	
Area E GSC levy			\$9888.14

Area E GSR Group Reports (In no particular order)

Group	Cromer Men's Meeting, Tuesday 7.30 pm
GSR	Bob R.
Members Approx	30
Attendance Approx	35
Last Group Conscience	21/9/2021
Rehab Clients Visiting	0
Key Highlights	Voted on Conference topics. ITEM 9/21 No, ITEM 14/21 No, ITEM 15/20 Yes, ITEM 23/21 No, ITEM 24/21. Resuming face to face meetings on 12/10/2021.

Group	Manly Sun 8 AM
GSR	Tiane
Members Approx	14
Attendance Approx	55
Last Group Conscience	10/10/21
Rehab Clients Visiting	?
Key Highlights	With the lockdown coming to an end, the group conscience has decided to go back to face-to-face meetings from 17/10/21. We'll follow the NSW health order to only admit double-vaxxed individuals and when needed a member can choose to share their E,S & H outside. Voted on Conference topics 4/20: Agree, 9/21: Disagree, 12/21: Agree, 23/21: Disagree.

Group	Seaforth Tue 7 PM
GSR	Amanda K
Members Approx	18
Attendance Approx	35
Last Group Conscience	25/9/21
Rehab Clients Visiting	2
Key Highlights	Discussing end of Oct whether to remain on zoom or face to face depending on Venue concerns. Conference topics discussed and summary included in main body of Area E minutes.

Group	RtR Kirribilli Fri and North Sydney Tue PM
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GSR	Andy H
Members Approx	30
Attendance Approx	50
Last Group Conscience	10/9/21
Rehab Clients Visiting	2
Key Highlights	Conference Topics - no voting (discussion)- 24/21-In favour , 5/21-Not in favour , 9/21-Not in favour

Group	Epping Group: Mon 7:30pm (ID) and Thu 7:30pm (Beginners)
GSR	Lawrence
Members Approx	15
Attendance Approx	Mon 15-30, Thursday 20-35
Last Group Conscience	4th Oct, voted to maintain Zoom meeting format at present, max room capacity of 9 limits reopening opportunity
Rehab Clients Visiting	Via Zoom intermittently, small numbers e.g. 1-5
Key Highlights	No feedback for Conference Topics

Group	Mona Vale Sunday Spiritual Concepts 10 AM
GSR	Stephen S
Members Approx	
Attendance Approx	
Last Group Conscience	
Rehab Clients Visiting	
Key Highlights	<p>Topics 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,21,22,24,25 and 26 = compliant.</p> <p>Topic 11- Tony C needs to let go of commitment.</p> <p>Topic; 20 - Why?</p> <p>Topic 23: Preamble yes. No to specific groups which deal with particular issues/perspectives/experience. eg: "Grave emotional or mental disorders in the Rocks".</p>

GSR	Mona Vale Monday 1.00pm
Members Approx	Bob R
Attendance Approx	5
Last Group Conscience	18
Rehab Clients Visiting	
Key Highlights	0
	Resuming face to face meetings on 11/10/2021.

GSR	Curl Curl Breakfast AM Monday to Sunday
Members Approx	China
Attendance Approx	26
Last Group Conscience	0
Rehab Clients Visiting	Before lockdown
Key Highlights	0
	Meeting presently not on. GC planned to discuss agenda items for conference, before next area meeting in October.