

Annual General Meeting 2025

AA Australia Eastern Region Area E Minutes



Date: Saturday 8 February 2025

Time: 12.00 pm
Brookvale Community Centre NSW

Committee Members 6 Voting members present

Name	Position	Attendance
Anna S	Chair	Present
Martin G	Secretary + Webmaster	Present
Andrew S	Delegate	Present
Chelly P	Alternate Delegate	Present
Janine R	Treasurer	Present
Grant Carlson	Group Liason	Present

General Service Representative (GSR) present: 7 Voting members present

Kate G	Curl Curl Womens Monday 7.30pm	Present
Bec	Collaroy Friday 6pm	Present
David H	CrowsNest Saturday Morning	Present
Pauline O	Hornsby Steps	Present
Grant C*	RTR	Present
Jonathan	Neutral Bay 6.15pm	Present
Sarah	St Ives Sunrise mornings	Present

* Non voting GSR

Attendees: Non Voting AA members:

Marcella	AA member	Present
Shane	AA member	Present
Saascha	AA member	Present
John B	Trustee NSCSO	Present
Georgina	RTR AA member	Present
Bronwyn	AA member	Present
Monique	Hornsby AA member	Present
Cam C	AA member	Present
Mary H	Area H Delegate	Present

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting adopted as true and correct record

Minutes Adopted

2. Welcome, Introduction and Outline to AGM Anna S (Chair).

Reports from office bearers
Area E Delegate report from 2024 Conference
Election of office bearers
Vote 7th Tradition changes to donation split
Vote suggested assemblies
Call for GSR's to host 15th March assembly

3. Traditions read by Martin G (Secretary).

4. Area E Committee Report summaries.

Area E Chair

At the 2024 AGM we have elected and welcomed Andrew S. to position of Area E Delegate, Michael S. to position of NSCSO/Area E Liason Officer and Martin G. as Area E Secretary

We have continued face to face Area Committee meetings at St Ives office and we invite all GSRs to attend. The purpose of these meetings is to improve efficiency and effectiveness of attending to the needs of AA in our area and nationally.

The attendance and participation of GSRs increased and we hope it will continue to grow.

Most of our activities this year were directed at encouraging Groups to participate in the national group conscience that happens in November each year at the General Service Conference:

March

Who and how runs AA?

Speaker: Garry S. Eastern Region Trustee

Hosted by: Road to Recovery AA Group

June

Public Information and Professional Awareness

Brainstorming on Topics for GSC

Speaker: Rachel T. PIPA Caringbah

Hosted by: Turramurra Sunday AA Group

September

Voting on Topics for the General Service Conference 2024

GSRs and Area E Committee

Hosted by: Dural AA Group

Between Assemblies we distributed forms for Topics for General Service Conference 2024. Electronic and hard copy versions were delivered to most groups.

To reach more than 80 Groups we have divided Area E into 11 geographical subareas, and were helped in distribution by AA members who lived locally. The number of AA meetings in Area E

remains stable, one new meeting opened (Womens Monday 6.30pm at Narrabeen) and one left Area E (Castle Hill AA Group)

The task of making communication with all groups in the area effective and efficient has been led by Grant, C. Group Liason Officer, who will report shortly.

This is the end of my term as Area E Chairperson, I am stepping down.

I have enjoyed very much working with Committee Members and GSRs and all the AA members who took part in our endeavours.

Thank you

Area E Secretary Martin G

The year of 2024 was my first official year in this two-year role. I stepped in during 2023 as the previous had resigned mid term.

The current role continues to merge with the role of Webmaster for the Area E website and Secretary as one.

We have refined the minutes template and agenda for mailout.

I have refined the webmaster tasks with the publication of minutes, event information and updates.

Our website continues to utilise WordPress for publication, MailChimp campaigns and subscriber lists Google docs for reports, templates and documents.

Thank you.

Area E Group Liaison (Registrar) Grant C

The position of Group Liaison (referred to as Area Registrar in the Service Manual) has been open and unfilled for some time, and I expressed an interest in filling the role – was formally nominated and vote in via the Area E Committee and attending GSRs at the AGM 2023.

With a large geographic area, covering 80+ meetings per week, the Committee and I saw that more can be done to enable better communication between groups – ie: to assist the Liaison part.

Some progress was made here with the creation of a WhatsApp group for GSRs, however not all GSRs have opted so far into the group. This may just be a short-term improvement until a longer term communications solution can be found that supports Anonymity is more technology-agnostic (ie: not relying on WhatsApp)

I would encourage the next person (along with myself helping) to start to work on this area with the GSO. As an example in the USA they have some kind of platform called “Fellowship Connection” which seems to achieve this). A very rewarding part of the role has been getting out and visiting the many diverse groups in the Area E

We are reaching most groups to pass on information about Area E activities

There are still at least a dozen or more (of the 86) that I have not been able to visit, however many of these have active GSRs.

I have been able to grow in understanding and effectiveness in the importance of general service in this role, and will continue to serve where I can.

Area E Treasurer Report by Janine R

Role	Area E Treasurer			
Name	Janine R	Annual Financial Summary	February 2024 - February 2025	
Date	Transaction Description	Date	Transaction Amount	Open / Closing Balance
Report	OPENING BALANCE	01/02/24		\$5,303.88
	COSTS:			
	Internet Transfer Area E GSC Levy	02/04/24	\$800.00 -	
		01/07/24	\$800.00 -	
		01/10/24	\$800.00 -	
		02/01/25	\$800.00 -	
	TOTAL		\$3,200.00	
	Annual Conference Levy		-	
	GSCSO Levy	30/10/24	\$1,050.00 -	
	TOTAL	31/10/24	\$1,050.00 -	
			\$2,100.00	
			-	
	Assembly - March - North Sydney		\$62.40 -	
	Catering -	22/03/24	\$87.83 -	
	Room Hire -	22/03/24	\$350.00 -	
	TOTAL	20/05/24	\$500.23 -	
	Assembly - June - Turramurra	17/06/24		
	Catering -	17/06/24	\$202.17 -	
	Room Hire -		\$125.00 -	
	TOTAL		\$327.17 -	
	AGM - February 2025 - Brookvale			
	Catering -	29/01/25	\$38.25 -	
	- Woolworths (Plates, cups, serviettes, cutlery)	08/02/25	\$211.00 -	
	- Golden Chicken Brookvale			
	*Last two items have not been paid at the time of treasurer report on 29/01/25			
	Room Hire -	9/12/24	\$99.50 -	
	TOTAL		???????	
	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:			
	Printing -	30/08/24	\$207.40 -	
	- Area E & Copies of Topics For Conference			
	Website Maintenance		\$180.00 -	

<p>INCOME:</p> <p>←</p> <p>NSCSO-50/40/10-plan</p> <p>NSCSO-Backpay</p> <p>NSCSO-50/40/10-plan</p> <p>TOTAL</p> <p>Donations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - → Living-The-Solution-(Curl-Curl) - → Thursday-7pm-AA-Group - → Curl-Curl-Sunday-4pm - → Dee-Why-7pm-Thursday - → Cromer-Wednesday-Night - → Mona-Vale-Wednesday-7pm - → Narrabeen-8.30-Saturday - → Living-The-Solution-(Curl-Curl) <p>TOTAL</p> <p>TOTAL-INCOME</p> <p>TOTAL-EXPENSES</p>	<p>24/07/24</p> <p>24/07/24</p> <p>18/11/24</p> <p>23/05/24</p> <p>18/06/24</p> <p>10/07/24</p> <p>12/09/24</p> <p>23/09/24</p> <p>04/11/24</p> <p>07/11/24</p> <p>13/01/25</p> <p>14/01/25</p> <p>29/01/25</p> <p>29/01/25</p>	<p>\$1,689.64+</p> <p>\$120.22+</p> <p>\$676.15+</p> <p>\$2,486.01+</p> <p>\$780.00+</p> <p>\$400.00+</p> <p>\$100.00+</p> <p>\$400.00+</p> <p>\$806.70+</p> <p>\$600.00+</p> <p>\$100.00+</p> <p>\$120.00+</p> <p>\$-90.00+</p> <p>\$3,396.70</p> <p>\$5,882.71+</p> <p>\$6,614.30-</p>	
<p>CLOSING BALANCE</p>			<p>\$4,752.29</p>
<p>Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • → Thank-you-for-the-opportunity-of-being-the-Treasurer-of-Area-E-&-the-privilege-to-be-on-the-Area-E-Committee-&-work-with-other-committee-members • → The-costs-of-catering-for-Area-E-AGM-in-February-2025,have-not-been-included-in-this-report,as-the-catering-expenses-had-not-been-paid-at-the-time-the-report-was-produced. 			

Area E Delegate Andrew S

Delegate Catch Ups:

I have been meeting monthly online for the Eastern Region Delegate Catch Up chaired by the Eastern Region Trustee Gary Scott.

It is a round table discussion where delegates provide an update about the activities in their area.

This meeting is helpful because it allows new delegates like me to ask questions about our Fellowship.

Conference Committee #2

On Saturday 12 October, I attended Conference Committee #2 Working Group Meeting with other delegates including the Eastern Region Trustee.

We voted on topics for the conference and made recommendations in preparation for the National Conference on the second weekend of November.

There was lively debate mostly about the 2/3 majority topics, several of which were deferred to conference for further discussion.

It was suggested a working group be formed to define the term 'Accessibility' as it applies more broadly today for one of the topics. Delegates met again on 27 Oct in preparation for the conference.

General service Conference 9-10 Nov 2024

I attended the General Service Conference held at the Novotel (Mascot) from the 9 to 10 November, rescheduled from the first weekend of November so that our World Service Delegates could attend, the World Service Delegate Meeting in New York.

Late Friday afternoon I attended a delegate meet and greet session before we had dinner, the board and trustees met separately. The agenda Saturday mostly involved voting on the 17 topics for conference this year, 6 of these were related to the ongoing issue of 2/3 majority vote for delegates.

There were 29 voting members, 17 of these were area delegates, the remain 12 were board members including, 8 Trustees - 6 Regional and 2 General Service, 2 World Service delegates, 1 office representative and one of the two Class A Trustees.

Following voting, we received Committee Reports a highlight was the approval of an LGBTQ radio advertisement.

On Sunday, Area E's bid for the 2025 Eastern Region Service Forum went unopposed. The Service forum will be held at Crows Nest Community Centre from Saturday 23 to Sunday 24 August 2025, a 10-minute walk from Crows Nest Metro Station. Expressions of interest from Area E members to form a working group to host the event are welcome.

The Class A Trustees were confirmed, and the Financial Report was presented and approved.

At a post conference delegate meeting we elected the 2025 Conference Chair from the second-year delegate cohort, Andrew X the virtual area delegate was ultimately successful.

am looking forward to working with the incoming Area E Committee members

Yours faithfully

Andrew S - Area E Delegate

5. Election of Office Bearers

- Voting by all committee members and GSR's
- GSR or AA member who is representing their home group
- Committee members, with the exception of Alternate if the Delegate is present
- Voting options: Yes, No, Abstain, followed by minority voice

Total of Votes				
Area E Chairperson	Grant C	10 Yes	0 No	1 Abstain
Group Liaison Officer	Janine R	11 Yes	0 No	0 Abstain
Treasurer	David H	9 Yes	0 No	2 Abstain
PIPA (PI+CPC Officer)	No selection	-	-	-

6. Voting on proposed changes to distribution of the 7th Tradition contributions

Ratify the NSCSO Management Committee decision to vary the division of

7th Tradition contributions to 50% NSCSO, 30% GSO (currently 40%) and 20% Area E (currently 10%) effective

from 1 January 2025. This was agreed as a result of Area E requesting additional funding.

7. Voting on suggested dates for Assemblies in 2025

1st Assembly: March 15th 2025

Instructional session: GSC, Report on Topics tutorial and information.

2nd Assembly: June 14th 2025

Topic related to service, e.g., Concepts workshop

3rd Assembly: August 9th 2025

Discussion of topics.

4th Assembly: September 20th 2025

Voting for topics for Conference.

Thank you for your participation

Meeting Concluded at 4.00pm

Signed as True and Correct:

Grant Carlson (Group Chairperson): _____

Izabella Kwoka (Group Treasurer): _____



Area E

Saturday March 15 2025 Minutes by Secretary Martin G

