AA Australia - Eastern Region - Area E Committee Meeting

Location: Boronia Grove Community Centre, 40 Victoria St, Epping
Date & Time: Saturday 19th September 2026 @ **1:00pm**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies:

- Leigh
- Jeremy
- Lawrence
- Gary
- Chelly
- Wendy

Attendance:

- Bri (Treasurer)
- Morgan (GSR - Wednesday Curl Curl)
- Steven (GSR – Wednesday Hornsby)
- Susan (GSR – Saturday Crows Nest)
- Corey (GSR – Tuesday & Friday Road to Recovery)
- Andrew (Delegate)
- Melissa (Alt GSR – Curl Curl Breakfast)
- Amanda (Alt GSR – Seaforth)
- Tanya (GSR – Thursday Curl Curl)
- Aaron (PIPA)
- Phil (Member – Epping)
- Anna (Member – Epping)
- Rachel (Alt GSR – Epping)
- Colin (Saturday Pymble)
- Daniel (Secretary)
- Grant (Chairperson)

2. Read Twelve Traditions

Read by all attendees.

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

Aaron & Colin

4. Action Items

Action	Who	Due	Status
Area E / NSCSO Merger working group update - Groups are reminded to register to vote.	Bri		Open
Fundraising National Convention 2027 Geelong. Discuss any proposed activities / communications for Area E. - When? The convention is in Easter. - Why? The proposed fundraising is to help with the costs of the convention ahead of time, as there is no guarantee that ticket sales will cover the costs. Also, so that the hall can be booked, etc. Any excess funds will be sent to the General Service Office. - Open to attendees to see if anyone feels the urge to fundraise. - This item to be left open for now.	All		Open

5. Updates

Written and verbal updates to be tabled and discussed:

a. Area E Committee

i. Chairperson

Grant:
It's been a quiet month.
Increased engagement with the topic voting app.
A few Area E positions will be rotated out in February.
Chairperson, Delegate, Alternate Delegate.
Please put the word out for interest.
Drive some nominations for our AGM.
Action: Find and supply the role descriptions.

ii. Treasurer

Bri:
Bri spoke through the treasurer's report.
Question: Is it normal to have no donations from groups?
Answer: It is rare to have no donations at all.
The donations ebb and flow, and we are still in a healthy spot.

iii. Secretary

Daniel:
Nothing much to report.
Seeking any other announcements that can be made through the email list.
Two emails a month is the maximum I want to send, as people unsubscribe if bothered too much.
Decided not to reach out to Chelly's group contact list.
We are volunteers, and we could lose people if seen as bothersome.

iv. Registrar

Jeremy:
Absent with apologies.

v. PIPA Officer

Aaron:
Recently bought new literature.
Small Big Books and business cards for library boxes.
Recently got a quote for a new banner of $400.
(They sometimes go missing)
The new banner will probably go up in Manly.
Also getting some pamphlets for community boards.
Question: What information do we have for doctors?
Answer: There is a Blue pack similar to the yellow pack for newcomers but for doctors.

vi. Area E Delegate

Andrew:
As a 3rd year Delegate I help organise the conference.
The topics as we receive them get vetted by three working groups.
That way we are able to offer recommendations on topics.
This makes for a much smoother conference.

b. Group Service Representatives reports & updates.

Colin – Saturday Pymble:

Attendance drops in winter.
We are getting back up to about 25-30 attendees.
Always on the lookout for new members.

Rachel – Epping

Recently got a new secretary for both the Monday and Thursday meetings.
Attendance is about 20-30 on Mondays, and 15-20 on Thursdays.

Tanya – Thursday 6pm Curl Curl

Member numbers are solid.
Attendance has lowered.
Recently voted to get speakers, which has increased attendance.
The resistance to discussing conference topics has abated.

Amanda – Seaforth

Approximately 25 attendees on average.
A member has the temporary Service Position to put topics into Whatsapp for voting a few at a time.
This has worked well.

Melissa – Curl Curl Breakfast

Nothing to report on.

Corey – Tuesday & Friday Road to Recovery

Tuesday attendance is about 40 people.
Friday attendance is about 60+ people.
Recently held our group conscience.

Susan – Saturday Crows Nest

30-40 attendees.
It's an As Bill Sees It meeting.
We do 3-minute shares with a timer to get around to everyone.
I'm a new GSR so learning the role.

Steven – Wednesday Hornsby

20-25 attendees each week.
12 members (6-7 who regularly attend).
Held a special meeting to discuss the topics.
Recently taken over from Pauline as GSR.

Morgan – Monday Curl Curl

28 members.
30-40 attendees (also get attendees from South Pacific Private Rehab)
Our group distributes Big Books with contact details into street libraries.
We also put group bookmarks into welcome packs.
Found there to be resistance to topic discussion, more so than last year.
The alternate GSR is prepping to take my place.

6. New Topics for discussion/voting

Topic	
Detail of Topic	

7. Other Matters

Nil.

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Important Dates

- GSR/Delegate feedback by: 26 September

Proposed Committee meetings and Assemblies for 2026:

Area E (7:00pm)	NSCSO (7:00pm)
Saturday 19 September + Assembly	Tuesday 15 September
Wednesday 28 October	Wednesday 21 October
Thursday 26 November	Thursday 19 November
Monday 28 December	Monday 21 December

Area E Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: 22nd August 2026 - 17th September 2026

Financial Summary

Description	Date	Amount (AUD)
Opening Balance	22nd August 2026	**$12,605.79 (Including Prudent Reserve of $2,230.77)**
Income		
N/A		
Total Income		**$0**
Expenses		
PIPA Combined Services Forum Accommodation Cost	8th September 2026	$348
INV-12114 (Conference Levy Installment 2 of 4)	8th September 2026	$675.50
INV-12552 (Conference Levy Installment 3 of 4)	8th September 2026	$675.50
INV-12587 (PIPA Literature Order)	8th September 2026	$452.88
Total Expenses		**$2,151.88**
Closing Balance		**$10,453.91**
Prudent Reserve		**$2,230.77**
Total Available Balance		**$8,223.14**