AA Australia - Eastern Region - Area E Committee Meeting

Location: NSCSO Office, 177 Rosedale Rd, St Ives NSW 2075
Date & Time: Monday 24th August 2026 @ **7:00pm**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attended:

- Grant (Chairperson)
- Daniel (Secretary)
- Corey (GSR)
- Andrew (Delegate)
- Aaron (PI/PA)
- Lawrence (GSR)
- Rachel (Alternate GSR)
- Gary (GSR)
- Megan (Alternate GSR)
- Bri (Treasurer)
- Tanya (GSR)
- Leigh (GSR)
- Wendy (GSR)
- Chelly (Alternate Delegate)

Apologies:

- Jeremy (Registrar)

2. Read Twelve Traditions

Read by all attendees.

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

Confirmed as true and accurate by Lawrence & Chelly.

4. Action Items

Action	Who	Due	Status
Area E / NSCSO Merger working group update: • Four information sessions are done. • Groups will now need to register by 10th of October. • The email address for the merger committee is: areaeavisionforyou@gmail.com	Chelly P		Open

• Please reach out to Chelly of Bri anytime with questions. • Note: Two concurrent votes are happening. One for the proposed merger. Second for the Topics for the national conference.			
Fundraising National Convention 2027 Geelong. Discuss any proposed activities/communications for Area E: • Should we close this action item? • Suggested that we keep this open for one more month to see if we have any fundraising ideas. • What happens to the funds if there are excess funds? • Andrew: Excess funds (if any) go to the GSO.	All		Open
Select and confirm location for September Assembly: • Where should we hold the assembly next month? • Suggested either at Epping or Turramurra. • Location to be confirmed.	All	ASAP	Open
Conference Voting App • Various feedback about the voting app. • Corey: Road to Recovery recently held an extra group conscience to go through the topics. With the help of the app, they were able to get through all the topics in the hour! • Leigh: Does the app need to be used in person? • Yes, it's best used to aid discussion. The GSR will be able to see voting totals of the members.	Grant	Sept	Open

5. Updates

Written and verbal updates to be tabled and discussed:

a. Area E Committee

i. Chairperson - Grant

- Nothing to report.

ii. Treasurer – Bri

- Spoke through the report.
- (See the report at the end of these minutes).

iii. Secretary – Daniel

- A few new subscribers to the mailing list.
- Two emails received to the Area E inbox.
- Another announcement of a new meeting.
  It's great to see that people are encouraged to use the mailing list for exciting announcements.
- Also an email of new GSR's looking for guidance on what to do next now elected.

iv. Registrar - Jeremy

- Not present (with apologies).

v. PIPA Officer

- Looking to buy some books.
- Suggested by Bri to buy via the GSO website using Area E funds.

vi. Area E Delegate - Andrew

- National conference is approaching.
- The Delegates are getting ready by researching topics in 3 working groups.
- Conference will be in the 1st or 2nd weekend of November.

b. Group Service Representatives reports & updates.

Wendy – Seaforth Tuesday

- Getting about 15 attendees per week.
- Some interest in the topics.
- About 5-10 members that have voted on the topics.

Leigh – Warriewood

- Group has been doing PI/PA work by putting little big books into street libraries.
- Done about 10 local street libraries.

Tanya – Curl Curl

- 20 members of the group.
- Fluctuating attendance numbers (Maybe due to winter).
- Trying to get traction on the merger with the group.
  It's a slow and gentle process.

Megan – Curl Curl

- 30 members of the group.

- Getting 20-30 attendees per week.
- Female SPP rehab patients come to the group every fortnight.

Gary – Curl Curl Breakfast

- Group Conscience to be held this week.
- Needing to find an Alternate GSR.
- Had a few members attend the merger information sessions.

Lawrence – Epping

- As mentioned by Tanya, broaching the subject of the Topics to the group gently.
- Group Conscience to be held soon.
- Some strong opinions about the merger.
- Rachel, the Alternate GSR, is on board and attending this meeting.
- Fluctuating attendance (possibly winter cold keeping people at home?).
- Membership has been very stable.

Corey – Road to Recovery (Kirribilli & North Sydney)

- Healthy attendance.
- Some new regular faces.
- Held an extra Group Conscience to discuss the Topics.
- The App was very useful and straightforward to use.
- Suggestion for those going to use the app: Open the voting 5 minutes before the meeting starts.

6. New Topics for discussion/voting

Topic	**That the Area E Committee approve funding for up to three committee members to attend the Combined Services Forum in Canberra from 2–4 October 2026, utilising the funds already approved in the 2026 budget.**
Detail of Topic	Earlier this year, the Area E Committee approved $1,500 to support Aaron's attendance at the Combined Services Forum in his role as PI&PA Coordinator. As the actual cost is significantly less than originally anticipated, there are sufficient funds within the approved budget to support the attendance of up to two additional committee members. The Combined Services Forum brings together the national coordinators for Public Information & Professional Awareness (PI&PA), Young People in AA (YPAA), Treatments & Accessibility, Remote Communities, and Corrections. It provides a unique opportunity to learn directly from experienced trusted servants, gain a deeper understanding of these service arms, and share experience with members from across Australia. I believe this would be a valuable investment in the future of Area E by: enhancing the knowledge and service skills of our trusted servants;

	increasing our understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the various service committees; supporting Area E's continued alignment with the General Service structure; and enabling attendees to bring their experience and learning back to Area E to benefit our committees and the Fellowship as a whole. This proposal makes effective use of funds already allocated by the committee while providing a valuable opportunity to strengthen service and build capacity within Area E for the future. • Question: Do we have any initiatives planned that cost money? • Answer: Only the purchase of new banners and books for PI/PA. • Question: Why send more people, and who would we send? • Answer: The more people who are exposed to information, the better for AA. We would send people who are interested in service. • **Proposal was successful:** **Voting was unanimous, with 6 votes to proceed.**

7. Other Matters

Service Positions will be rotated in Feb for a few committee members.

Positions that will rotate out are:

- Delegate
- Alternate Delegate
- Chairperson.

Important Dates

- GSR/Delegate feedback by: 26 September

Proposed Committee meetings and Assemblies for 2026:

Area E (7:00pm)	**NSCSO (7:00pm)**
Monday 24 August	Monday 17 August
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

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Area E Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: 21 July 2026 – 21 August 2026

Financial Summary

	Date	Amount (AUD)
Opening Balance	21 July 2026	**$12,405.79**
Income		
Mona Vale Wednesday Night Meeting Donation	05 August 2026	$200
Total Income		**$200**
Expenses		
N/A		$0
Total Expenses		**$0**
Closing Balance	21 August 2026	**$12,605.79**
Prudent Reserve		**$2,230.77**
Total Available Balance		**$10,375.02**