



# MINUTES OF AREA "B" ASSEMBLY

**Church of Christ Hall,  
cnr Foley and Fifth, Bongaree Qld 4507  
9am - 4 pm  
Saturday  
December 8<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**MEETING OPENED:** 10:30am

**TRADITIONS:** Tradition 2, Declaration of Unity and Responsibility Pledge Recited by all in attendance.

ATTENDANCE SHEET FOR AREA ASSEMBLY (AREA B North Eastern Region)

NAME	GROUP	GROUP POSITION	AREA POSITION	ETV
Glenn Waller	BIRG (Bribie Island Recovery Group)	GSR/Sec	Secretary	Yes
Helen Grinter	BIRG		observer	No
Bettina Winkler	SC Traditions & Concepts	GSR		Yes
Richard Bryan	MGM Mooloolabah		Woodford Corrections Coordinator	Yes
Ric Cottrell	Bray Park Big Book	GSR		Yes
Jodi Henderson	Nambour Saturday Night		DCM District 9	Yes
Ian Twigge	Maryborough Tuesday Night	GSR		Yes
Jim Sweeney	Maryborough Wednesday Night	GSR	Maryborough Corrections Coordinator	Yes
Darelle O'Brian	Maryborough		observer	No
Rita Ross	BIRG		observer	No
David Trigg	Bargara		DCM District 5	Yes
Brian Smith	Brisbane Traditions		WSD	No
Dan Bates	Caboolture Big Book		observer	No
Cliff Parrett	Gympie Big Book	GSR		No
Stephen Roche	Toowoomba Tuesday Night		(Incoming) Regional Trustee	No
Brian O'Rourke	Nundah	Alt GSR		Yes
Todd G	Toowoomba Thursday Big Book	2020 HPC Chair		No
Chris Bekker	SC Traditions & Concepts	Speaker Seeker	Delegate	Yes
Norm Bolton	Maroochydore Friday Night	GSR		Yes
Linda Tannion	Coolum Groups		Treasurer	Yes
Tiffany Jones	Bowen Hills YA	Speaker Seeker	Chair	Yes
Scott	Pomona			No



**Treasurer's Report:** Linda

## **Area B NER Treasurer's Report 1/10/18 to 30/11/18**

A huge thank you to all Groups, Meetings, and Members who have contributed and continue to support to Area B.

Most groups are sending their cheques to the correct post office box. So thank you for that.

Cheques to be sent to Area B NER PO Box 1119 Coolum Beach Qld 4573.

However this postal address will change when the new treasurer takes over

Our Account details are as below.. Please make sure you put A GROUP ID in when doing a direct debit so any amount to this account so we can acknowledge your groups contribution.

Bank Account Details Commonwealth Bank Alcoholics Anonymous Area B BSB 064 416 Account No. 1036 6548  
Area B, PO Box 1119, Coolum Beach. Qld 4573

There are still some deposits that are difficult to know which group is donating. Example ... Donation on the 8th November which reads as ... Direct Credit 421520 Central Service Area B for \$25.00 ( I have no way of knowing which group this is)

I would also like to mention an email sent from The Conference Finance Committee reminding us to send any excess funds to the GSO to help the office with our primary purpose to carry the message to the still suffering Alcoholics.

I would like to remind the area that a cheque for \$1460.50 was sent to the GSO voted on at the last assembly

However we do have an excess funds of \$1475.30 so I would like to move a motion that another \$1000.00 be sent to the GSO.

I also spoke to the bank regarding change over of signatories of newly elected service positions.

They advised that the newly appointed treasurer will need to bring along the minutes clearly stating the names of previous signatories and the new signatories and their positions.

The new signatories will need to go to their local CBA bank with either their own cba account details or appropriate id. Eg drivers license.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for allowing me this opportunity to serve as the area treasurer

It has been a real honour and I have learnt a lot about myself during the last two years

	Balance
<b>Opening balance (from prev report) as at 30/09/18</b>	<b>\$ 5,227.39</b>
<b>Plus deposits since 01/10/18</b>	
Group Contributions - see attachment	
Oct-18	\$ 718.60
Nov-18	\$ 571.30
Tradition 9	\$ 115.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,404.90</b>
	<b>\$ 6,632.29</b>

**Less outgoing from 30/09/18 to 30/11/18**

c/n		
292 Area Chair - Fuel Sub	\$ 80.00	
293 Area Secretary - Fuel Sub	\$ 80.00	
294 Area Treasurer - Fuel Sub	\$ 80.00	
295 Area Delegate - Fuel Sub	\$ 80.00	
296 Maryborough Co-ord Prison	\$ 80.00	
297 Secretary - Photocopying	\$ 16.45	
298 GSO - Area B Donation	\$ 1,460.50	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,876.95</b>	<b>\$ 4,755.34</b>

<b>RECONCILIATION</b>	
<b>Bank as at 30/11/18</b>	<b>\$ 4,755.34</b>
<b>Actual Balance as per worksheets</b>	<b>\$ 4,755.34</b>

**This report covers 30/09/18 to 30/11/18**

Incoming	<b>\$ 1,404.90</b>
Outgoing	<b>\$ 1,876.95</b>
Actual Balance 28/09/18	<b>\$ 4,755.34</b>
Less Prudent Reserve	<b>\$ 2,800.00</b>
Funds available	<b>\$ 1,955.34</b>
Less payments for approval (listed below)	<b>\$ 480.00</b>
Balance - Surplus	<b>\$ 1,475.34</b>

**Payments for Approval this 8/12/18 Assembly:**

Fuel Subsidies for Area Delegate, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Prison Co-ordinator  
Fuel Subsidies 6x80.00 **\$ 480.00**

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR NEXT ASSEMBLY

Fuel Subsidies 6 x \$80.00	<u>\$ 480.00</u>
First Conference Levy due Feb/march	<u>\$ 750.00</u>
	\$ 1,230.00

I move my report be accepted and payments approved.

Yours in Service,  
Linda Tannion (Area Treasurer)

Note - Collection for lunch to Bribie was 148.30 - Tradition 7 - \$75.00

Please find attached the file "Contributions AA Area B 2018 Dec 2018.pdf" for the spreadsheet of the Group Contributions for Area B 2018, NER. sec

**Moved:** Linda **Seconded:** Ric Carried

**Business Arising:** A Motion to pay a Fuel subsidy for attending WSD (World Service Delegate) of \$80 (standard amount) Passed Unanimously

**AREA DELEGATE'S REPORT:** Report to Area December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

My name is Chris, Alcoholic.

Area Delegate for Area B North Eastern Region.

It is my great pleasure to present this report.

A warm welcome to all members of Area B and visitors, especially to any new DCMs and GSRs. A special welcome to Norm from Cosmos – we think the oldest GSR in the world, and a true servant of AA.

These are the points I wish to raise in this part of my report.

- Conference was an amazing experience again this year. One goes there thinking that one is prepared, however there are unexpected twists and turns, which make it very exciting. My thanks to Area for the ongoing support of the structure in this way. Not all Areas have it so easy from this angle. I have no idea of the costs, but I can certainly say that the accommodation was hugely better than last year, in terms of comfort and convenience, which eased getting to and from the meetings and sessions.
- I will speak later in my topic report on the big hairy old chestnut from last year - Topic 017/2017, where “Conference resolved to take an inventory of the Service structure and produce a simple plan to achieve this.” It was basically summarily dismissed. There were many reasons and grounds for this, not the least of which is that it has been extraordinarily difficult to get the people putting the motion forward to identify the exact nature of their complaints, and what exactly is wrong with the structure. It has come to light that there seems to be personalities interfering with the conference process, and disgruntled members coaching people, instead of allowing them the dignity of having their own experience as Delegates. I personally find this very troubling, and it seems to me to be well outside the spirit and intent of our Steps Traditions and Concepts. We know already that it will come up again next year.
- Ongoing troubles with predatory behaviour within the fellowship. The latest information I have been able to locate is this article which was published in “Your Pathfinder” in March 2006, and authorised by the General Service Board. Copies are on the table or it will be in the minutes.
- In regard to this type of behaviour in our rooms, disrupting our precious programme, may I respectfully request that members call it what it is, and not denigrate our 12 Steps by adding one. I realise it’s a common practice, but I believe it takes away from what we have. It certainly does not add **anything**.
- I hope you will all have seen the letter from the Conference Finance Committee. It’s just a gentle reminder. Copies on the table, and in the minutes. Of course it does not apply to all, but there are still some groups and meetings within Area B which hoard money collected for the specific purpose stated in Tradition Seven. False pretences perhaps?
- The Board is still seeking out people who could be suitable candidates for Class A Trustees. If anyone has a bright idea on that, please pass it on. The selection process is quite formal, and by no means is every candidate accepted. People who take on this role, mainly say that it is very rewarding, so if you know of anybody who you think might be suitable, please get in touch initially with me.
- Good news from the Accountant this year. We’re back in the black. However, the Board has decided to continue with the successful austerity measures put in place after Conference 2017.

- The full financial report is available here today. I only have one copy, but it will come out in the Conference report.
- Just to let everybody know. It is possible to make personal contributions to AA via the General Service Office. The Birthday Club, the Gratitude Club or a bequest are all avenues worth exploring. All details available as to limits and methods of donating are on the service website: [aaservice.org.au](http://aaservice.org.au)
- If individuals have a problem that they may wish to bring before the General Service Board, the correct and most efficient method of approach is through the General Service Trustees. These two people are elected Trustees of the GSB. They live close to Sydney, and form what is known as the GSO management committee.
- It is not the role of the General Office Staff to initially field complaints. Their role is to do what the Board and the management committee direct them to do, via the Conference, and via their respective job descriptions.
- Certainly as our valued staff and trusted servants they do not have to endure abuse, of any sort. I am so relieved to report that this largely does not come from this Area, but it happens regularly. To quote one of the staff who I spoke to this week. You get in trouble. We get crucified. I told him for the millionth time not to exaggerate!
- It was pointed out to us at Conference that if our staff had a mind to take action, we would be in the employment court ad-nauseum, for abusive behaviour from members. REALLY?? I think there is a little sentence in our Big Book which mentions restraint of pen and tongue. Maybe it's not in every copy? It was embarrassing to hear that spoken about, when all we have to do is play nice in the sand-box!
- They love for you to ring and ask questions, ask for advice, have a joke or even to compliment them on a good job well done. They're human like the rest of us. But abuse? NO!
- Topics for Conference close Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. This might seem like a long time frame, but it really isn't in terms of getting them out to everybody, time to consider and vote, and for the Delegate to prepare for Conference. Please keep your eye on the websites.
- Conference will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> November next year, with the theme of "Our Primary Purpose"
- Early Bird Registration for the Canberra Convention close on New Year's Eve. I'm sure that the 2019 Convention needs support just as much as the 2020 in Toowoomba. Maybe first conventions first.
- The Eastern Region has a new Class B Trustee - Judy W from Canberra.
- The North Eastern Region also has a new Class B Trustee - Steve R from Toowoomba. Area B had proposed Diane C from District 9 and the recent ex-Regional Remote Area coordinator. The vote was so close. Both candidates were well supported by their Areas. This was the first time I'd seen the 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy vote go right down to the hat, and so God ruled! I was really impressed by the way that the Board Chairman and the Committee Chairman took great care to ring the unsuccessful candidate to let her know, because it's recognised that it can be painful. Such care and unity in action. Awesome!
- We have a new Chairman of the Board - Mike Eastaway who is one of the General Service Trustees.

- We must make a huge vote of thanks to our outgoing Board Chairman and NER Regional Trustee Brett F. Brett has certainly copped a beating during his term. Fiji. Victoria. Croydon. Financial accusations to the Board. Restructure - to name just a few of those beating sticks, not to mention a sick child and moving house. His power of example of happy, selfless sobriety and service has been awesome. Thank you Brett, and a very warm welcome to Area B from your new base in Gin Gin.
- I did not get to bid for any of the Forums on offer. With your kind permission I will look at it again in 2019, as Brett has an idea...
- Just before the last Area Assembly in Bundaberg I attended the National Treatment Centre/Special Needs and Correctional Facilities forum in Byron Bay. Thank you to District 9 for funding myself and 2 others to attend. It was very generous and much appreciated. It was marvellous forum. Very informative, and a couple of weeks later I and one other member from here attended to Unity & Service Regional Forum at Coomera. Excellent event. Well organised Great networking. There was room for heaps more people! My apologies if I've mentioned these two events previously.
- Since the last Area Assembly in Bundaberg I have attended part of the Sunshine Coast Roundup, The Sydney Roundup (no longer to be called Boomerang), Conference, the Birthday meeting of Brisbane Traditions where I was asked to speak on the Concepts (that was fun!), and the Area C Corrections luncheon, so it's been pretty busy, but wonderful.
- I have been privileged to witness some awesome service at District levels this year. Many thanks to those who are rotating - not OFF - I hope, but in to another area of service to our fellowship. Please don't take all your valuable experience away.
- Welcome to those of you who are taking on new roles within the fellowship. Congratulations. Enjoy.
- I close this unapologetically lengthy report with another fervent hope that by the end of this Assembly we will have an Alternate Delegate. In one short year from now, my position as Area Delegate will come to an end. No Delegate. No representation at Conference. Area falls out of the loop. AA will struggle on for a while, but without unity and service within the structure, it won't last long in Area B. If there is anybody who may be considering this path, I personally cannot recommend it highly enough. And if you're a bit hesitant at this stage, put your hand up for Alternate Delegate in January 2020, and enjoy the benefits of a 3 year apprenticeship.
- I hope that's all I had to report. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as Delegate.
- I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year's holiday, and look forward to seeing you all in Caloundra in February.
- I move the adoption of my report.

Chris Bekker

**Moved:**

Chris

**Seconded:**

Bettina

Carried



**(Incoming) Trustees Report:** from Stephen Roche, 2019 January 1st.

Currently Deputy Chair of the Toowoomba 2020 HPC, and will stay on in that position after his service as Trustee begins.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Glenn

**Incoming Correspondence** aa-2018 conference financial report, Assembly suggestions food and beverages - BIRG, Finance Committee letter, Jobs up for re-election at Dist 9, Dist 9 agenda nov 20 2018, Invite Maureen - Corrections Co-ordinator.

**Outgoing Correspondence** Clarify agenda items with Bettina

**Moved:** Glenn **Seconded:** Jim Carried

**PI & CPC Report:** n/a

**ETV 14 11:04am**

**Correctional Facilities Reports:**

**Maryborough Prison Co-ordinator** Jim S

Hi, My name is Jim and I'm an alcoholic and the coordinator for the MCC.

There are three meetings per week at the centre.

One Tuesday morning for Protection with an average of ten attending. Last week there was sixteen attending.

One on Wednesday morning for main stream with one attending and one on Wednesday afternoon with three attending.

Yours in service Jim S.

**Moved:** Jim S **Seconded:** Glenn Carried

**Business Arising:** also there is one H&I service prospect under formal consideration.

**Woodford Prison Co-ordinator** Richard B (updated)

Sunshine Coast AA group members visit Woodford Correctional Centre every Friday excluding public holidays.

A North Brisbane member and a Sunshine Coast member visit Residential once a month on Saturdays.

We have 4 meetings at the Centre on Fridays.

Residential and Secure 2 in the morning and Protection and Secure 1 in the afternoon.

Meetings have 2 to 8 attendees on a regular basis, meetings lasting 1 1/2 to 3 hours.



**11:35 Lunch Break**

**12:30 Resume Assembly ETV 14**

**District 5 Bundaberg:** Dave

**DISTRICT 5 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS,**

**Report to**

**AREA B ASSEMBLY**

**Bribie Island 8/12/18**

**WE ARE SMALL BUT WE ARE STRONG,**

All Meetings in District 5 are functioning well with all groups contributing when they can to the 60/30/10 plan.

There has been some changes to the format of some Meetings with Friday night going to a BIG Book Study

Public Information is at the forefront of our agenda with yet another Doctor requesting more Literature to hand to patients. This is really welcomed in a smaller community like ours.

Childers Meeting has resurfaced after a prolonged absence and also along with Maryborough would like to join our District.

We are growing.

YIS,

David Trigg

**Moved:** David T

**Seconded:** Chris

Carried

**Business Arising:** District spans Bundaberg, Agnes Waters and Childers...





**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Address from Toowoomba HPC Chair, Todd G**

**National Convention**

**2 - 5 October 2020**

**Host Planning Committee**



**HPC TOOWOOMBA REPORT TO AREA B DATED 7  
DECEMBER 2018**

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Thank you for the opportunity to give you a short presentation about the 2020 National Convention.

At Conference in 2017, Toowoomba won the Bid to be the Host City for the AA National Convention in 2020. We have themed it 'A Vision For You' and aim to have a warm, friendly, country hospitality feel to it. All are welcome.

Since that time, we have formed a Host Planning Committee that has met regularly to start planning.

We are a small fellowship and the excitement and trepidation of organising something of this size and importance is being embraced by our enthusiastic committee.

The HPC last met on 10 November and a copy of the Minutes has been sent to the GSB. All the sub-committees furnished reports. This includes the Venue and Meals, Transport & Accommodation; Program, AI-anon, Communications and Treasurer. We have accepted a quote from a Crowe Howarth Accountants to be appointed as auditors. Should any member wish to volunteer please come and see me - and thank you to those who have already assisted.

Fundraising update: we have raised over \$9,000 towards the initial target we set of \$25k by April 2019 so we have a way to go. By April 2019, when Canberra is hosting the National Convention, we will need to be in attendance with our brochures, merchandise, website etc all ready to go. In order to have our brochures and web site, we have to do a lot of work around costings and budgets.

The number of people who are offering to assist has warmly surprised us. This has given us a lot of confidence as we continue our preparations. There are also a number of groups from inside and outside Toowoomba that have made and are making regular contributions for which we are extremely grateful.

However, we do need some fundraising assistance. As this is a whole of region event, I have included an excerpt from our Bid document that was discussed at Conference last year.

**FUNDRAISING**

***This is an important issue. As the guideline states, 'The Region that intends to bid for the Convention should realise, prior to making a bid, that they are responsible for the funding of the Convention'. And a business-like approach will need to be adopted.***

We are not aware of the state of funds of the Area B. Area C recently made a decision to donate \$2,000 now and

a further \$2000 will be considered when it has more funds.

We were hoping that between now and April, that Area B may be able to consider a financial contribution. Whatever amount the Area decides, if any, we would be grateful.

We intend to approach both Areas A for financial (and other) contributions in due course.

We do wish to emphasise that we are limited to fundraise within Queensland until the Canberra convention has taken place. And we have not asked for the GSB for any funds. The GSB will usually advance up to \$10,000 as a loan, which is then required to be paid back. We do not want to burden the GSB unless it becomes absolutely necessary.

Also, we have launched a fundraiser calendar campaign being a 2019 Historical AA Calendar that is an ideal Christmas gift for members. They are now on sale and is a great way to support the 2020 convention. Calendars are - \$20 each, 3 for \$50 and 7 for \$100 or 10 for \$150.00. We sold 100 just at your Samford weekend! As its only 3 weeks to Christmas please come and buy some calendars for your home group!

The first draft of the Toowoomba website is underway. This will go live in April next year.

Members have recently promoted the 2020 Convention, taking the banner and Toowoomba information booklets to the October Rally, Unleash the Beast (World Mental Health Day event), Brisbane Rally, Sunshine Coast Roundup, Samford Weekend, and Sisters in Sobriety. We will be attending the Tenterfield and Dalby weekends coming up early 2019. We will also be attending by invitation the Area Assemblies for Areas A in February 2019.

Finally, with Brett F rotating off as Regional Trustee, and Steve R being elected as the new Regional Trustee, Steve will stay as Deputy Chair of HPC Committee and I will remain as Chair.

There are no further committee meetings before Xmas but we will move to a monthly meeting starting in January.

Yours in service,

Todd G Chair Toowoomba HPC

**Next meeting Saturday at 4pm 12 January, at All Saints, 26 Arthur St**

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday going forward -**

**February 9**

**March 9**

**APRIL 13**

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**GENERAL BUSINESS con't**

**Discussion on Cost of Area Assemblies and the Impact on Groups and Districts - Bettina**

We would request that following motion is discussed: Area B NER suggests that for future assemblies the venue fee not exceeding AD 100.00 should be reimbursed by Area if the host group is not financially able and applies for it.

The motion was raised,

Future assemblies hosted by a group not affiliated with a district be reimbursed by Area up to \$100 when a group applies to the area assembly for it.

Motioned by, Bettina

Seconded by, Linda

The **costs for meals/beverages for participants** not exceeding AD 10.00 per person should be recovered through a registration fee announced in the invitation. BYO should be accommodated.

Background: With the assembly now again occurring four times a per year and a higher demand on hosts and venues all AA Groups should be encouraged and enabled to host an Area Assembly without worrying about the costs.

The motion was raised,

That a fee of not exceeding \$10 per person be charged for food and beverages consumed at area assembly

Motioned by, Bettina

Seconded by, Chris

WSO recommends reading "Spirituality And Money" 04U-27

The item about Box 459 is to suggest to the Assembly that the area take out a subscription to the BOX 459 magazine which is published quarterly from New York, Area B Delegate.

More information is required detailing the cost and purpose and how it will benefit Area B(?). It was revealed in the magazine that it is not free and may be subscribed to by groups who appeal to that North American agenda (World Conference Timetable).

Woodford Corrections Facility Literature funds \$400      Motioned by, Richard      seconded Cliff

It was proposed to split Area contributions from treasury surplus at the February Assembly in Caloundra 2019.

**Bids for Assemblies 2019/20**

Brisbane North have proposed a motion to hold the Area B Assembly at their Samford Serenity weekend over the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2019. This caused motions to be rescinded by Bundaberg for





**Meeting closed 3.30 pm with Serenity Prayer**

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition \$75.00**

**Next Assembly: February 16th 2019, Caloundra**

<b>Date and Group/District</b>	<b>Place</b>
February 16 <sup>th</sup> 2019 Nambour T's&C's	Salvation Army Hall, 119 Sugarbag Rd (off Caloundra Rd), Little Mountain.
May tba 2019 Maryborough	St. Mary's church hall Bazaar Street Maryborough 4650
August tba 2019 Bundaberg	Uniting Church Hall, Barolin Street, Bundaberg
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2019 Samford	BP Scout Park Samford

Motioned by Brian O

Seconded by Jodi

Carried