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Does it take a crisis to change a culture? Financial lessons from COVID-19

Most members are probably aware that when Corona Virus descended in early 2020 the AA fellowship was required to move online. Literature sales and members' voluntary contributions via groups plummeted. Other members may even be aware that members' voluntary contributions were substantially down well before COVID-19 because increasingly less people are carrying cash generally and thus often don't contribute to 'the basket' as AA's have historically done.

GSO New York was required to make substantial draw down of funds from their prudent reserve. Unfortunately, AA Australia had calculated its' prudent reserve poorly by including staff liabilities such as long service leave as accessible funds. This issue has since been resolved, however our prudent reserve still required significant bolstering.

What became evident as literature sales and contributions nose-dived is just how heavily reliant our fellowship is on the sale of AA literature for financial survival. Pre-COVID-19 Literature sales accounted for approximately 50% of General Service Office income. But how does this fit with our fellowship's spiritual principle of financial responsibility and being self-supporting through our own voluntary contributions. By definition, a voluntary

contribution is categorically different to income received from a sale, for instance of a Big Book. Therefore, our Seventh Tradition means that as a fellowship, if we are being self-supporting through our own voluntary contributions, we are not being quite so heavily reliant on literature sales for our financial sustenance.

We are working to create better financial communication with groups and

members (an aim to which this article will, in part, serve) in hope that once aware, our fellowship will respond. In 2020, the Conference Finance Committee's recommendation to increase the GSO prudent reserve to an equivalent of 12-16 months operating cost was accepted by conference. Additionally, this year, a draft Finance Guideline

(based upon the US equivalent) has been submitted as a conference topic for consideration.

- The annual operating cost of our General Service Office is \$484,745.00 per annum (\$40,395.42 per month, \$9,322.02 per week).
- We have approximately two thousand registered meetings in AA

COVID-19 has highlighted quite starkly our reliance, as a fellowship, on income from literature sales and our grossly insubstantial voluntary financial contributions.

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Calendar of events

Australian National Convention 2022

Melbourne

April 22, - April 24, 2022

[Find out more »](#)

OCTOBER 2021

Northern Qld Living Sober Weekend

October 1 - October 3

Marian School, 130

Concoron St

Currajong, Townsville

For more info email

chris46235@bigpond.com

Living Sober Spring Camp

October 8 - October 10

Camp Getaway 161-163

Kimbolton-Axedale Road

Axedale, VIC

For more information email

[saturdaynightlivingsober@](mailto:saturdaynightlivingsober@gmail.com)

[gmail.com](mailto:saturdaynightlivingsober@gmail.com)

2021 Gold Coast Mens

Retreat

October 15 @ 4:00 pm -

October 17 @ 5:00 pm

Koonjewarre Retreat

Centre, 2806 Springbrook

Rd

Springbrook, Qld

[Find out more »](#)

Newtown Soberfest

October 30

189 Church St Newtown

NSW

The Newtown Soberfest's primary purpose is to bring experience, strength, hope, and the message of recovery, those who suffer from alcoholism, through an annual AA convention in Newtown. Join us for a

day of fellowship and unity.

If the current covid restrictions are still applicable in October, then the venue will allow up to 125 people to attend the event.

[Find out more »](#)

12 Traditions over 12 weeks webinar

October 31 @ 7:00 pm -

8:00 pm

Starting on the 15th of August and repeating at the same day and time each week for 12 weeks, 12 Traditions over 12 weeks:

NSW Area E presents The

Traditions speaker

meeting. 1 tradition for 1

hour each week. Speaker

meeting, no sharing by

attendees so sit back and

relax. Webinar ID: 856

2317 3902 Passcode:

263650 No sharing

required, listen to two

speakers on a tradition

each week. Tradition 12

will be on 31 October 2021

and that will be...

[Find out more »](#)

NOVEMBER 2021

Grafton Rally 2021

November 20 @ 9:00 am -

4:00 pm

New Life Church, 132

Arthur St

Grafton, NSW 2460 Austral

ia

AA with Al-Anon

participation AA Contacts,

David 0429528537, Tim

0412993022

[Find out more »](#)

OCTOBER 2022

Sydney Roundup 14 – 16

October 2022

October 14, 2022 - October 16, 2022

2021 Event cancelled 2022

Event announced Sydney

Roundup When: 14 - 16

October 2022 Where:

Sydney Masonic Conference

Centre Cnr Goulburn &

Castlereagh St Sydney NSW

2000 Cost: \$165.00

Additional details: Register

online at

www.sydneyroundup.org

[Find out more »](#)

If you would like your fellowship event listed on the national AA website, please fill in the online form at aa.org.au/members/add-an-event or write to General Service Office, 48 Firth Street, Arncliffe, NSW 2205.

AA Around Australia needs to increase its digital subscription base. Please forward this newsletter to your Fellowship network.

Encourage members to subscribe (It's free) by contacting chris@aa.org.au

Does it take a crisis to change a culture?

Financial lessons from COVID-19

Australia. This equates to \$242.37 per meeting per year to keep our fellowship and GSO functioning.

If, like setting out the chairs and hanging the banners, we share the responsibility, it is an easier load to carry.

So, what does our GSO do and why is it so important? AA Australia's active day-to-day responsibility is predominantly carried out by our Trustee's on the General Service Board and our GSO staff. These individuals carry out decisions and actions as decided by Delegates at Conference on your behalf as AA members. They also do other fun things like print literature (because they hold the copyright license), maintain our National 1300 AA AA AA helpline and aa.org.au website, public information, and keep our insurance up to date (which we wouldn't be able to hire a hall without). Additionally, at the onset of COVID, many groups turned to our

GSO for advice on how to navigate a move to online platforms.

- Where are we at now? AA Australia's prudent reserve is currently sitting at 14.59 months or \$589,369.18
- Our prudent reserve goal is \$646,326.67 which leaves a deficit of \$136,745.67.
- Weekly voluntary contributions are averaging about \$8,803.48 per week
- Based upon our weekly operating cost of \$9,322.02, leaves a shortfall of \$518.54 per week, or \$22,815.88 per year.
- It makes sense that to fill our prudent reserve, this ongoing shortfall of voluntary contributions will need to become a surplus!

How can we help?

- Consider taking electronic donations at your group's meeting; some groups have doubled their 7th tradition by using a square or similar device.
- Direct debit is another possibility, to either your group's bank account or directly to GSO.
- Remember, if you donate directly to GSO your contribution is tax deductible in Australia.
- If your group is holding excess funds, discuss how best to distribute. But best of all, participate in the General Service Structure so you know what is happening! Join a group with a General Service Representative!

(This is an edited version. if you would like to read the entire article by the Conference Chair of the Finance Committee Bonnie I, click [here](#))

Fiji Fellowship joins Asia Oceania Service Meeting

Fiji is a Pacific Island country made up of 330 islands including the two main islands of Viti Levu and Vanua Levu. Our membership is spread out from the capital Suva to four other smaller islands. To maintain our sobriety and carry the message to the alcoholic that still suffers, we have, since the 1990s and long before the COVID pandemic, relied heavily on the virtual platform, skype mainly because our membership span across the islands. Those that lived in Fiji as expatriates, and returned to their home countries, continued to stay connected through this platform. We also been able to connect with the

islands of Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Samoa and very recently, Vanuatu through skype meetings and have included these members into our messenger groups



including Big Book study.

The fellowship has continued to grow since. In 2016, through the support of GSO-Australia, the Australian National Convention was brought to Fiji

and created an opportunity for the Fiji Ministry of Health to bring in 140 ministry officials to be part of an AA information day. A total of 400 participants, including, AA members were in attendance and came from all over the world including Australia, New Zealand and the United States. While the convention has spurred our growth and awareness of Alcoholics Anonymous in the islands, there still an existing need to create awareness of what alcoholism is and the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

To find out more about this, click [here](#)

Conference Topics

CONFERENCE POLICIES & ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

TOPIC #003/2021

Can conference consider that for certain topics which are accepted and become advisory actions we can involve the author(s) in conjunction with relevant Trustee (or delegate) in forming and participating in a working group to actually do the work. This will increase the pool of members who can carry out work under Board Advisory actions, increase involvement in service to the benefit of all of the Fellowship.

TOPIC #023/2021

That the fellowship discontinues using gender based titles for it's meetings ie Men's Group, Women's Group , Gay and Lesbian group,

CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

TOPIC #014/2021

Gender-inclusive global Big Book

It is proposed that the Australian General Service Conference take the following topic to the World Service Conference:

That AA World Services take all necessary steps to bring out a new edition of the standard world-wide 'Big

Book', with more gender-neutral language, which is inclusive of men, women, non-binary and other gender diverse members.

That AA World Services do so as soon as possible, rather than waiting until there has been time to compile a revised set of personal stories in the second half of the Big Book, after p 164, as it normally would. OR if there is insufficient support for that, bring out an e-book of the gender-inclusive version of the first 164 pages only and no personal stories (like a pocket BB), pending publication of a full hardcopy Fifth Edition which could include an updated set of personal stories.

CONFERENCE TREATMENT FACILITIES & ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

**NO TOPICS WERE
ALLOCATED TO THIS
COMMITTEE**

CONFERENCE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**NO TOPICS WERE
ALLOCATED TO THIS
COMMITTEE**

CONFERENCE PUBLIC INFORMATION & CO- OPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

TOPIC: 002/2021

That Conference resolve to create a dedicated first response page on aa.org.au for the still suffering alcoholic who has not yet joined our fellowship and invite all AA websites to place links to this page as their website's response to requests for information on help to stop drinking from the still suffering alcoholic.

TOPIC #004/2020

***Note: Raised as floor action at Conference 2020.**

Advisory Action #034/2020

Conference resolved that the Conference PI&CPC Committee investigate a Chat Now function on our website and provide a report to be sent as an attachment with topics submitted in 2020 which were deferred to Conference 2021.

That conference look at developing a "CHAT NOW"

Conference Topics

feature on the aa.org.au website, which would allow a newcomer to “talk” (typing questions in real time to a live person / volunteer AA member, on a national roster)

TOPIC #006/2020

Creation of 2 additional radio community service announcements (CSAs) to supplement our existing CSAs. One targeted at Indigenous Australians, another at the LGBTI+ community.

TOPIC 007/2020

To make a series of engaging videos aimed at Professionals within the health, prisons and Armed Forces sectors.

TOPIC #010/2020

Taking the advantages and benefits we have seen from the use of online meetings forward, Alcoholics Anonymous in Australia (or Oceania Region) should scope the possibility of developing and using an AA owned and supported Online Video-Conferencing Platform (Our own Version of Zoom etc.).

TOPIC #019/2021

Due to the continuing digitalisation of our community, we need the AA Service Website to be more user friendly, current and navigable to encourage more engagement from AA

members and Service Committees

We propose:

- a. That the current working group expedite the Update of the Service Website
- b. This action be taken by the end of 2021

TOPIC #021/2020

Request that the webmaster and/or responsible committee, source and implement a live chat function on aa.org.au

TOPIC #022/2020

This topic proposes that AA Australia, together with the National and Area PI Committees, develop a series of videos, similar to the UK <https://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/Professionals/Videos-for-Professionals>, targeting the professional community including health, employment, correction services and armed forces. These videos should incorporate current evidence supporting the efficacy of AA in helping alcoholics to recover¹ and use recovery language relevant to the respective professions rather than the unique recovery language of AA. Subject matter experts who are friends of AA should be involved in the production of these videos

An audit into AA communications² suggested

that professionals are keen for information to address alcoholism but that AA resources designed for the Professional Community do not speak in a language relevant to the respective professions; are not delivered across platforms that professionals use; and that those within the Conference structure are not necessarily trained (or armed with tools) to forge cooperative relationships with the Professional Community. This is negatively impacting A.A.’s relevance and its effectiveness in reaching the still-suffering alcoholic

TOPIC #024/2021

We ask that conference adopt the following three videos (please see links below), as conference approved literature. We also ask that conference consider how best to distribute the videos. Jack & Sophie’s Story 30 Second Edit – <https://vimeo.com/556783986>
Jack’s Story – <https://vimeo.com/556753757>
Sophie’s Story - <https://vimeo.com/556757818>

Conference Topics

CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE

TOPIC #026/2021

The wording on the auto-generated email response regarding group requests for Public Liability insurance be changed to

Our group conscience has agreed to donate % of our surplus funds to the General Service Office of AA or local AA Central Service Office to defray the cost of public liability insurance and the other services it provides

CONFERENCE REMOTE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

**NO TOPICS WERE
ALLOCATED TO THIS
COMMITTEE**

TOPIC #008/2020

Amend the Group Handbook to add that all groups, Districts and Areas be transparent with members who donate to their group, District or Area about how funds are distributed at Group, District or Area. This is so members can make an informed choice when making their contribution.

TOPIC #009/2021

Gender-inclusive Australian Big Book
It is proposed that the Australian General Service Conference:

CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

take all necessary steps to bring out a new edition of the Australian Big Book, with more gender-neutral language, which is inclusive of men, women, non-binary and other gender diverse members.

do so as soon as possible, rather than waiting until there has been time to compile a revised set of personal stories in the second half of the Big Book, after p 164, as it normally would. OR if there is insufficient support for that, bring out an e-book of the gender-inclusive version of the first 164 pages only and no personal stories (like a pocket BB), pending publication of a full hardcopy Third Edition which could include an updated set of personal stories. seek copyright permission from AA World Services or any other relevant entity, if necessary.

Alternatively, if it cannot do so for copyright reasons: bring out a publication that is as close as possible to being a gender-neutral version of the Australian Big Book, without breaking copyright law.

TOPIC #011/2020

That a 4-year AA service position of Editor of AA *Around Australia* be created and advertised on aa.org.au.

TOPIC #012/21

To update the Australian AA Group Handbook to include an extra section on how an online AA group may function.

TOPIC #013/2020

This submission proposes AA utilise modern technology to streamline the Australian AA Two Arms of Service Structure to minimise duplication of effort and expense, by establishing a national online literature sales and distribution service. This includes the availability of electronic literature where possible.

TOPIC #017/2021

Include the personal story “(16) ACCEPTANCE WAS THE ANSWER” from the Alcoholics Anonymous World Service, Inc.; © 1939, 1955, 1976, 2001 Fourth Edition (“American Big Book”) ‘Alcoholics Anonymous’, into the Alcoholics Anonymous World Service, Inc.; © 1939, 1955, 1976, 2001 Second Australian Edition (“Australian Big Book”).

TOPIC #020/2021

To remove the pamphlet “A Brief Guide to AA” from all Australian literature sources

Conference Topics

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

TOPIC #005/2021

That the General Service Conference (GSC) suggests that the General Service Board (GSB) consider terms of employment and set a policy that any FUTURE General Service Office (GSO) staff appointed, are done so on a reasonable fixed term contract, Maximum 5 yrs. (option of +2 yrs. by negotiation) This Topic would like to respectfully acknowledge the work remunerated and commitment to AA, of any past/current GSO staff.

CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE

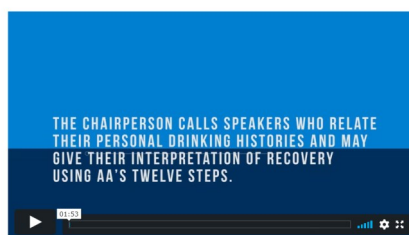
TOPIC #001/2020

The General Service Board recommends that the General Service Conference considers changing the Conference Committee system by having three committees instead of the current eleven. The Board makes this recommendation having reviewed the committee system of the Great Britain General Service Conference. Two documents are attached. Document 1 is the proposed new committee system. Document 2 shows how many topics each current Conference Committee has been allocated in the last five years

Lockdowns let loose lots of leadership

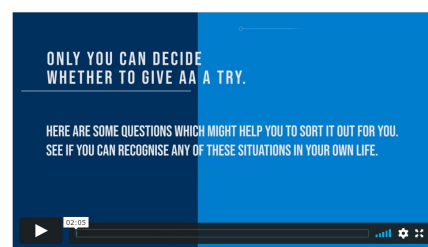
North West Intergroup (Area D, Southern Region) is an A.A. telephone answering service supported by participating local A.A. groups to help carry the A.A. message in our local area to those seeking help. There is no physical location of the answering service but the region of 12th Step calls roughly cover from Kyneton in the north to North Fitzroy in the east, Werribee in the west and Williamstown in the south.

As part of its function we have a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Alcoholics-Anonymous-North-West-Melbourne-359613911469805>) and website which can direct



suffering alcoholics to the national number 1300 22 22 22 or our direct number 0419 610 025. We have been regularly posting content to our Facebook page which suffering alcoholics/newcomers would find interesting - AA videos, stories from AA members, newspaper articles local groups have

had published, links to meetings etc We have found that videos have, by far, been the most popular format.



Due to this popularity we made two simple videos which took the text from the aa.org.au website and animated it. ***What Happens At An AA Meeting?*** and ***12 Questions***. These originally had our contact details but we have made copies with the general AA details on the end in the hope that they would be helpful in other Public Information activities. These have been uploaded to aaservice.org.au

If you are in the West or North West of Melbourne and are keen to volunteer on the NWIG telephone helpline please contact nwigcommittee@gmail.com We look forward to hearing from you.

Click [here](#) to see "What happens at AA meetings"

Click [here](#) 12 Questions

Remote Communities

My name is Diane and I am an alcoholic very grateful to be of service. This was reportedly Queensland's largest Tag-A-Long in the 26 years history, beginning in Lightning Ridge and finishing in Normanton over 3,000 kilometre journey. <https://outback-aa-au.org/au/event/tag-a-long-2021/> The journey is



undertaken in all types of vehicles anything from a small sedan with a tent to a Mobile home with a tow car. The committee provide information on the journey and places to stay along the way from free camping options to caravan parks, all travellers are responsible for where they stay; except when the local group make arrangements either in a showgrounds or some other facility for the tag.

The tag is a moving beast; members will start and leave at any stage of the itinerary, some are interested in the local tourist sites others will move off to different towns to visit particular interests. Bores are a popular pastime on the tag and lots of roaring fires especially where it is very cold. Regardless of what is happening it is very evident that the tag interests a lot of outsiders and questions such as how can I bring AA into my Korean community, who is Bill W we see a lot of vehicles with that sticker, and we were even told wish we could join you instead of doing our dull trip. We always have to remember we may be the only walking 'Big Book' someone sees and we hope that it is a good one. Attraction rather than promotion.

Received the books and pamphlets order and sold 2 Big Books to a remote member and delivered the majority of books to libraries on the journey. Literature was provided to professionals who attended the Professional Awareness Luncheons held in Murgon and Charters Towers. Murgon had good attendance and after the speakers had presented what AA is, does and doesn't do; the tables were abuzz with conversation. It was a pleasure to see the oldest sober member in an intent conversation with one of the youngest professionals in the room who was very interested in how AA works. Cooloola Cove Group member presented a Big Book to the first person to arrive, who happened to be an Aboriginal Woman. There were some Big Books and a small Big Book on display and a number of professionals requested a copy, they were all given away to various organisations. Who knows where the power of God will take them.

The numbers were down in Charters Towers which could have been due to it being Naidoc week and school holidays. An AA member of 7 weeks sobriety was very interested in the PI work and generated a lot of interest especially with the 2 Ambulance Drivers who took a lot of AA Business Cards which also has the bar code on the back and can be scanned using a smart phone. A Big Book was also donated by the Cooloola Cove Group and presented to the Mayor, I also handed one out to an ex-school teacher now lay preacher along with a lot of pamphlets to the Clergy.

Some of the other initiatives that has been happening is the placing

of the postcard to the young male & female into the public toilets these were placed in a plastic bag along with the AA Business Cards hole punched and a rubber band used to hook around handles or hooks in the toilets which does not deface any of the council's property.

Other pamphlets were given to hospitals, police stations etc. In Normanton we had the privilege of meeting with the Manager of Gidgee Healing who was very interested in AA I left her some Indigenous pamphlets and we discussed initiatives such as Indigenous AA Conference Call/ Zoom meetings so the participants could participate remotely in AA meetings. To proceed this type of initiative further I am already aware of the National Indigenous AA Online Meeting held Saturday at 2.00pm; however I would like to call on any current Zoom meetings that have Aboriginals in attendance to forward details to me via the email address below.

That Tag ended and I joined another that went into the NT still putting up packs and dropping off pamphlets but with COVID some of the places are getting very wary of accepting pamphlets. I am continuing my journey down the West Coast and will be stopping at



places along the way. My plan is to be back home in Queensland in July 2022, one day at a time with God's grace.

If you'd like to read the full story with pictures click [here](#)

A new way to receive your copy of AA Around Australia

AA Around Australia is now available as a digital copy delivered to your email inbox on an “opt in” basis.

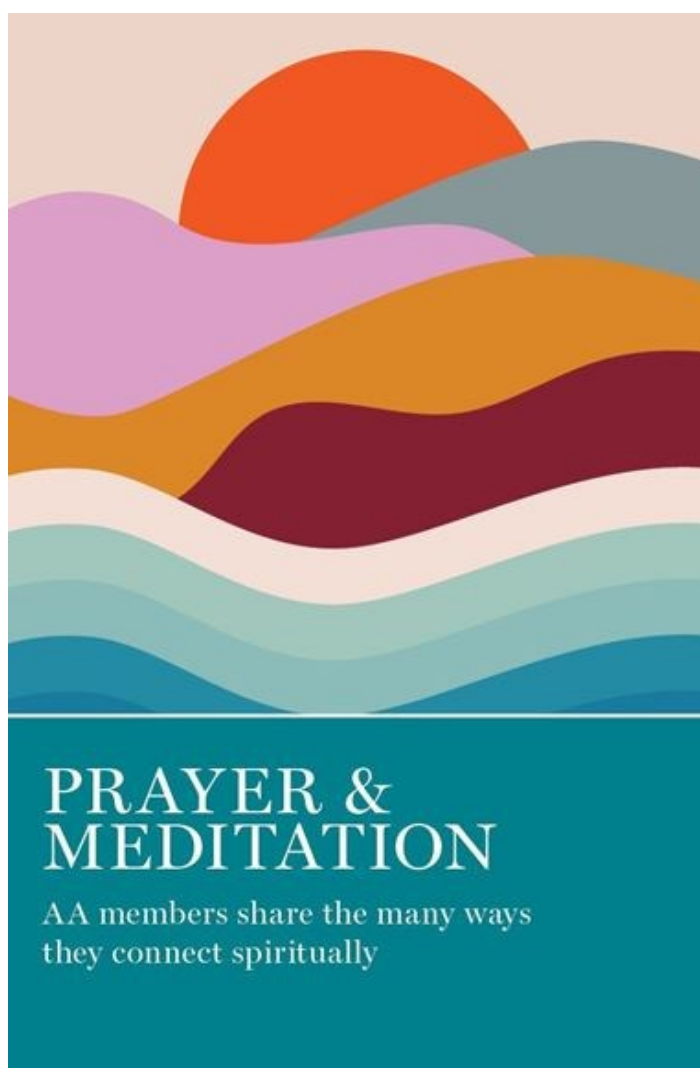
Over the years production costs and postage has risen, and with a mailing list of around 1800 it's quite a considerable cost each year to produce and deliver. But don't worry, AA Around Australia will always be free and mailed to any group or member that wants it.

You can however, opt out of the hardcopy and receive AA Around Australia digitally to your email each quarter. To opt in please email chris@aa.org.au with the current name and address that AA Around Australia is delivered too and your preferred email.

The great thing about the digital copy is that it's in colour and can then be easily sent on, by you, to your Group Members.

Coming Soon—Prayer and Meditation

Prayer & Meditation features powerful stories by members of Alcoholics Anonymous about the many ways they pray and meditate in their daily lives.



Message from your General Service Board

Update on Membership Survey

Unfortunately the membership survey we undertook in 2017 was technically flawed and the data is unusable.

We apologise to the fellowship and in particular to those members who gave of their time and volunteered their personal information.

We are seeking to engage professional help to enable us to complete this project.

Positions Vacant Editor for LIM-Australia required

The Loners-Internationalist Meeting Australia is an “AA meeting in print” for members unable to attend regular meetings and those who share their experience, strength and hope with them, by letter.

If you:

- have up to 20 hours a week to spare
- have access to a computer (e-mail not essential)
- have access to a photocopier
- have a post office box

•love writing and receiving letters
then perhaps you might like to think about being a trusted servant of LIM-Australia. It is a two-year appointment. Please contact General Service Office

HAVE YOU LOGGED IN TO THE SERVICE WEBSITE?

Share your experience and gain
some inspiration from what
others are doing.

Position Vacant General Service Trustee

The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia is seeking nominations for the position of General Service Trustee. The position is for four years. General Service Trustee applicants should reside within commuting distance of the General Service Office. Nominations will be considered by the Board and the successful candidate will be chosen by Third Legacy Procedure. The appointment of the successful candidate will then be ratified at the General Service Conference.

Duties:

- To attend General Service Board meetings held at weekends in February and July. The trustee must also be available to attend the Board meeting and General Service Conference held over four days in November.
- To attend meetings at the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia in Arncliffe, NSW on a monthly basis, as part of the General Service Office Management Group.
- Be available to General Service Office staff in an advisory capacity throughout the year.
- Provide continuous service to the General Service Board throughout the year.

Qualifications:

- Sound business or professional background.*
- Leadership skills.*
- Understanding of General Service Structure.*
- Several years of continuous sobriety.*
- Availability.*

Please telephone the General Service Office on (02) 9599 8866 or email gso@aa.org.au for further information, or to obtain an application form.

June to August

CENTRAL REGION		CR
Area A CR		CR/A
Daveron Park		9.00
Elizabeth East		30.00
Gawler		74.06
Henley Beach Promises		1.50
Kapunda		30.00
Kilburn		33.06
Mansfield Park		442.90
North Adelaide Beginners		450.00
Two Wells		74.04
Total Area A:		1,144.56
Area B CR		CR/B
Adelaide BBS		1,000.00
Adelaide Beginners		158.28
Aldgate		32.21
Bedford Park (Clovelly)		10.50
Belair (Blackwood)		3.00
Breakfast Groups		206.79
Christies Beach		97.50
Eastwood Recovery		48.06
Eastwood Women's Sunday		72.48
Glenelg		108.56
Goodwood		12.90
Malvern		71.69
St Cyprians		31.20
Sunday Women's		21.76
Yankalilla		72.00
Zoom As Bill Sees It Women's		31.50
Adelaide AA for Agnostics Zoom		12.00
Unknown Central Region		63.00
Total Area B:		1,946.93
Adelaide CSO (Group Donations)		2,801.01
Total Central Region:		5,892.50
EASTERN REGION		ER
Area A ER		ER/A
Banana Coast District		1,289.32
Bangalow		45.00
Forster Sun S&T		300.00
Port Macquarie Thurs S&T		455.00
Pottsville Handover		500.00
South Golden Beach		240.00
Wauchope		200.00
Wingham Wed Night		390.00
Total Area A:		3,419.32
Area B ER		ER/B
Batemans Bay		200.00
Emotional Sobriety		2.82
Goulburn Doers		300.00
Lakeside BBS		189.00
Moruya Wed		50.00
Total Area B:		741.82
Area C ER		ER/C
Lambton BBS		40.00
Newcastle Three Legacies		320.00
Newcastle WIWO		500.00
Newcastle FOTS		75.00
Tarro Young at Heart		400.00
Terrigal Beach		140.00
Truth Rutherford		200.00
Umina Sun		100.00
Woy Woy Sun SC		200.00
Woy Woy Wed 7:30pm		100.00
Total Area C:		2,075.00
Area D ER		ER/D
Padstow CTM		300.00
Southern Highlands CSO		239.85
Towradgi		120.00
Total Area D:		659.85
Area E ER		
Area E Groups via NSCSO		800.00
Baulkham Hills Sunday		600.00
Brookvale Mon noon		5.00
Cremorne Wed 8pm		30.00
Curl Curl Bfast		674.00

Vacancies – General Service Board Class A Trustees

The General Service Board needs to fill three vacancies for Class A (non-alcoholic) trustees.

Do you have any suggestions for someone who might be suitable? The person would need to be willing to attend one four-day meeting and two three-day meetings each year (all costs are paid for by AA) and to contribute on committees or individually throughout the year. They would also be required to develop an understanding of the Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts for World Service and the General Service Structure.

The qualities that would be particularly valuable include:

good communication skills as a writer, public speaker, negotiator, or media personality,

have experience/skills that would be useful to the Board, e.g. media, medical/psychological, legal, accountancy, information technology, etc.

open-mindedness and respect for AA's spiritual path.

If you know anyone who might be suitable, please email gso@aa.org.au for an application form.

Group Contributions June to August

Dee Why Fri 8pm	800.00	Cairns Connection	100.00	Maylands BB	280.00
Manly Sun am	500.00	Edmonton	100.00	Marangaroo Friday	132.00
Manly Sat 5 pm	415.00	Kirwan Easy Does It	110.00	Morley/Dianella ABSI	80.00
Total Area E:	3,824.00	Kuranda	100.00	Nedlands Breakfast	150.00
Area F ER	ER/F	Mackay Pioneer	559.80	Northbridge midday	60.00
Bathurst Weds Womens	240.00	Marlin Coast ABSI Cairns	30.00	Perth Early Openers	75.00
Orange Tues Night	300.00	Townsville West End	120.00	Perth Mens	472.31
Total Area F:	540.00	Total Area A:	1,808.70	Subiaco Steps	61.44
Area G ER	ER/G	Area B NER	NER/B	Subiaco YP	15.00
Area G groups via SCCSO	100.00	Albany Creek/ Carseldine HP	40.00	Vincent St Morning Group	270.00
Camperdown Thurs	300.00	Aspley Steps Monday Night	35.00	Total Area A:	2,768.16
Lilyfield Steps	105.00	Brisbane Traditions and Concepts	135.00	Area B WR	WR/B
Paddington Sat 8am	60.00	Buddina Monday noon	500.00	Armadaie	180.00
Randwick Steps & Traditions	210.00	Bulcock Beach	60.00	Bunbury Wed Steps	30.00
Saturday Night Sober	100.00	Caboolture ID/Recovery	75.00	Cloverdale	120.00
Vaucluse Recovery Tues pm	1,200.00	Caloundra Mon ABSI	470.00	Coolbellup	36.00
Total Area G:	1,975.00	Coolum	490.00	Forrestfield ID	60.00
Area H ER	ER/H	Fortitude Valley Mens	90.00	Fremantle BB	195.14
Blaxland PPG	330.00	Glenwood	30.00	Fremantle Doctor	60.00
Burwood Sat pm	100.00	Kippa Ring Monday Living Sober	100.00	Fremantle Spiritual Concepts	120.00
Katoomba ABSI Sun	10.00	Mooloolaba Beginners	240.00	Fremantle Unity	171.81
Katoomba GLBT	20.00	Mount Morgan	90.00	Glen Forrest Womens	60.00
Kings Langley Weds BBS 4D	600.00	Nambour Saturday Night	436.00	Gosnells	45.00
Lalor Park Sat 2pm	207.52	Nanango Recovery	40.00	Joy of Living	135.00
Macarthur District	321.06	Noosaville Big Book	26.40	Kalamunda	130.69
Quakers Hill Tues pm	130.00	Noosaville Topic	90.00	Kalgoorlie Steps	88.40
Total Area H:	1,718.58	Paddington Serenity	25.00	Kwinana - Medina	180.00
Total Eastern Region:	14,953.57	Pomona	537.50	Rockingham Peoples Group	75.00
SOUTHERN REGION	SR	Sandgate Monday	50.00	South Fremantle Steps	35.00
Area A SR	SR/A	Sandgate Sat pm	135.80	Willagee JFT	37.50
Wendouree Tues	110.00	Sandgate/Brighton Steps Thurs	54.00	Total Area B:	1,759.54
Total Area A:	110.00	Taringa Steps	240.00	Total Western Region:	4,527.70
Area B SR	SR/B	Total Area B:	3,989.70	NORTHERN REGION	NR
Castlemaine Sun	80.00	Area C NER	NER/C	Area A NR	NR/A
Dingley Chater 6	100.00	Alexandra Hills	120.00	Darwin Daily Reflections	150.00
Wodonga BB	250.00	Annerley Womens	60.00	Darwin Tues BB	388.86
Total Area B:	430.00	Bayside Beginners	120.00	Humpty Doo	90.00
Area D SR	SR/D	Bethania Plan B	50.43	Total Northern Region:	628.86
Castlemaine BB Weds	81.00	Broadbeach Waters Thurs	167.50	Unknown Deposits	
Clifton Hill Big Wednesday	55.00	5.30pm		14/6 Melbourne Rise and Shine	513.00
Geelong Mens	201.11	Burleigh Heads Early Birds	570.00	15/06/2021 Wed 8AM	62.50
Laverton PP	100.00	Burleigh Heads Fri 8pm	90.00	2/7 Clifford Gardens	30.00
Moonee Ponds Road to Recovery	325.00	Coomera BB Monday 7pm	55.66	1/07/2021 CFCU Bright Spot	1,050.00
Northern Lights	240.00	Cooparoo Day	202.50	20/7 Unknown Grp22-603010	45.00
Seddon Steps	250.00	Forest Lake Steps	180.00	20/7 Unknown Canning Vale	15.00
Surfcoast Serenity Sat 5pm	222.00	Gold Coast District PI	536.68	30/07/2021 Unnow Daily	140.00
Torquay	300.00	Gold Coast Mens	308.80	Reflections	
Total Area D:	1,774.11	Greenslopes	60.00	30/7 Unknown UBL	15.00
Battery Point Mon Lunchtime	500.00	Hope Island Thurs S&T	300.00	Down Under Not Down Zoom	125.00
Beaconsfield Tues	40.00	Isle of Capri	60.00	18/8 61668 Zoom Meeting	10.00
Burnie Fri Night	300.00	Isle of Capri Sunrise	180.00	18/8 Gratitude Circle BBS	180.00
Hobart Womens	304.00	Kenmore Groups	60.00	18/08/2021 Zoom In All Our	90.00
Kingston Sun Night	300.00	New Farm	97.20	23/8 Women in Recovery Retreat	875.00
North Hobart	400.00	Oxley Station	268.92	Total Unknown Deposits:	3,150.50
Sandy Bay	500.00	Paradise Point Fri 6pm	400.00	TOTAL ALL REGIONS:	50,501.31
Total Area E:	2,344.00	Redland Bay Sun BBS	150.00		
Area F SR	SR/F	Samford Tues & Thurs	250.00		
The Deal	947.00	Southport Mon Womens BB	242.03		
Albert Park WOL	225.00	Southport Sat 10am	50.00		
Armadaie	180.00	Southport Sun BB 6pm	121.24		
Carlton	75.00	Springwood Topics	130.00		
Croydon Tues	100.00	Toowoomba Beginners	3,580.00		
Elwood Womens	171.71	Tugun Thurs	42.00		
Glen Waverley Wed	1,200.00	Wynnum Serenity	105.00		
Hampton Sunrise	64.00	Yeronga BB Basics	60.00		
Mansfield	55.00	Total Area C:	8,497.96		
Mount Martha	100.00	Total North Eastern Region:	14,296.36		
South Melbourne Mens Group	1,848.06	WESTERN REGION	WR		
Total Area F:	4,965.77	Area A WR	WR/A		
Total Southern Region:	9,623.88	Bindoon	102.00		
NORTH EASTERN REGION	NER	Claremont	30.00		
Area A NER	NER/A	Universal Steps	75.00		
Airlie Beach	90.00	Duncraig	400.00		
Cairns District	468.90	El Salvador	19.41		
Cairns BB Mon	130.00	East Vic Park	66.00		
		Heathridge Group SC	120.00		
		Heathridge Steps	60.00		
		Joondanna	300.00		

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