

June 2020

# AA Around Australia



**Diamond  
Jubilee in  
Australia**

1945 - 2020




Fr Tom Dunlea



Dr Sylvester Minogue

## AA celebrates 75 years

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Most of us know of Bill Wilson's (AA's co-founder) successful transformation in Charles Towns Hospital in 1935. There he was to learn the brutal nature of his illness from his attending physician and then some spiritual concepts for recovery from a Reverend in the Oxford Movement.

Similarly, in 1942 in Sydney, Dr Sylvester Minogue of Rydalmere Hospital, Father Tom Dunlea and a psychiatric nurse (Archie McKinnon) were to be brought in contact with one another through Bobby B of the GSO in New York. Others had tried, without success, to form a Sydney group of Alcoholics

Anonymous. Independently, McKinnon next year organised at the Darlinghurst reception house what is generally recognised as the first meeting in Australia of AA. Two alcoholics attended: Rex, a returned soldier and member of a wealthy banking family, and Jack, a house-painter; meetings soon moved to the Hasty Tasty all-night café at Kings Cross. Making contact with Dr Sylvester Minogue, the superintendent of Rydalmere

Mental Hospital, Frs Tom Dunlea and Murphy, McKinnon co-operated with them to establish the AA organisation in Sydney, in July 1945. The radio broadcaster Frank Sturge Hardy provided publicity. It was in March of 1945 that Rex A first wrote to GSO in New York to introduce his group and himself as the Honourable Secretary of AA in Australia. Indeed, Rex A became acknowledged as the first sober member of AA in Australia after years of relentless effort by three non-alcoholics to help tragic alcoholics under their care. Not surprisingly, the story behind Rex's sobriety bears all the hallmarks of AA's founding 10 years prior in the United States. After years of operating independent of each other, these people of Medicine and Religion had finally succeeded in sobering up a few Aussie alcoholics and essentially founded AA in Australia! So, as we celebrate this great milestone in 2020, let's remember the tremendous debt we owe to our non-alcoholic friends in Medicine and Religion.

# Calendar of events

## Australian National Convention 2020

Toowoomba  
2nd - 5th October  
A Vision For You  
Convention to be facilitated  
as a video conference please  
continue to check website  
for details  
aanatcon2020.com.au

## A message from the General Service Board to the Fellowship



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### August 2020

#### Darwin Unity Weekend: July 31 – August 2

Please check  
[www.aadarwin.org.au](http://www.aadarwin.org.au) for updates  
More information: Terry B 04188  
895 007; Bill H 0417 816 278;  
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#### Sydney Men's Weekend: 21-23 August Vision Valley

7 Vision Valley Road  
Arcadia NSW  
Please check  
[www.sydneyweekend.com.au](http://www.sydneyweekend.com.au)  
for updates

### September 2020

#### Eastern Regional Forum 19 - 20 September Canberra

Check AA website for updates on  
this event

### October 2021

#### Sydney Roundup 15-17 October

Sydney Masonic Conference  
Centre  
Cnr Goulburn & Castlereagh St  
Sydney NSW  
Please check  
[www.sydneyroundup.org](http://www.sydneyroundup.org) for  
updates

9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We want to express our gratitude to those members who initiated The Dig Deep Day on 28 May to support the General Service Board of Australia and the General Service Office. They wish to remain anonymous. Whoever you are we thank you.

An amount of \$9,988 was donated on the day. However, from the period 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May, groups and members donated \$49,180.

A huge thank you to all those who donated on the day and also to the individuals, the Groups, Districts and Areas who have continued to support us during this period. Your support has been very much appreciated.

Best wishes

The General Service Board and the staff of the General Service Office.

The Logo in the top left hand corner and the words "Alcoholics Anonymous" are the registered Trademarks of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Australia

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](http://aa.org.au/members/add-an-event) or write to General Service Office, 48 Firth Street, Arncliffe, NSW 2205.

# Now, more than ever, AA needs your support

With the move to online meetings, the physical basket or hat can no longer be passed. However we need to ensure that our various arms of service survive during this time and continue to prosper.

Twelve step work continues and we have a responsibility to ensure that our service structures are able to support our primary purpose to carry the message, to the still suffering alcoholic. Therefore practising Tradition Seven is more important than ever. Groups may not have rent or refreshments to pay for, but they may have online costs and they need to

be in a financial position to be survive and able to open the doors again when restrictions are lifted. If your Group or meeting does not have a bank

account into which you can pay your contributions (mine doesn't), consider putting your usual 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contribution aside each week in your own basket and contribute that amount when the physical meetings resume.

Our local Central Service Offices will continue to incur expenses such as rent and phone costs and will also need to keep literature stocked up. So please find out from your local one, how to support them.

Areas and Districts too, need our support as their functions such as Public Information, co-operation with institutions and sending their Delegate to the General Service Conference (in what form it may takes this year) continues.

Our General Service Office is reliant on literature sales and 7th tradition contributions to remain effective. These have dropped during this time and it is very important to protect our financial prudent reserve as much as possible, and to ensure that the General Service Office continues to serve our Fellowship.

As well Group contributions, you can personally support the GSO. All personal donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

To donate, go to this page.

<https://aa.org.au/members/donations/>

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Account: 009750529

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## New York Times publishes new research into alcoholism programs

The New York Times

TheUpshot  
 THE NEW HEALTH CARE

### *Alcoholics Anonymous vs. Other Approaches: The Evidence Is Now In*

An updated review shows it performs better than some other common treatments and is less expensive.



For a long time, medical researchers were unsure whether Alcoholics Anonymous worked better than other approaches to treating people with alcohol use disorder. In 2006, a review of the evidence concluded we didn't have enough evidence to judge. That has changed.

An updated systematic review published Wednesday by the Cochrane Collaboration found that A.A. leads to increased rates and lengths of abstinence compared with other common treatments. On other measures, like drinks per day, it performs as well as approaches provided by individual therapists or doctors who don't rely on A.A.'s peer connections.

What changed? In short, the latest review incorporates more and better evidence. The research is based on an analysis of 27 studies involving 10,565 participants.

Read the whole article here, <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/11/upshot/alcoholics-anonymous-new-evidence.html>

# Invigorating Areas — Ideas from the Festival of Recovery Ideas

A number of Areas in Australia are struggling. This is evidenced by some not sending delegates to Conference and at past Conference there has been even more absences. We all know that is not a good situation as members in those Areas are not participating in General Services and don't have a voice through their Delegate at Conference.

So with that in mind a workshop was held at a recent Regional Forum to come up with some ideas on what we can do to reinvigorate areas that are struggling or in recess.

These are some of the suggestions that arose out of those workshops and since.

A starting point would be to find out why members don't participate in General Service. We have heard it said that it is too political, that there are disagreements and it's too stressful. But what is meant by this? Have we ever asked members why? A workshop or survey sent to groups might be revealing and allow us to counteract any issues brought to light.

Some Areas don't have districts. Districts are important especially in large Areas and are a good place to start when with when trying to reinvigorate areas that are in recess or struggling. Experience has shown that as the number of groups expand so should the number of Districts within the Area. Districts are the building blocks of new Areas.

To encourage members into General Service, Area Committee members and past Area Committee members could offer to be service sponsors to guide the newer person and make the process smoother. Members don't always know what is required and may be fearful of being thrown in the deep end. Newcomers can be taken to an Assembly since they are never too young to learn about the General Service Structure.

All members should be able to do service and as such out of pocket expenses should be met. This is not

being paid for 12<sup>th</sup> step work but ensures that all Area Committee members are able to attend Assemblies and this not dependent on the members financial situation. Having expenses covered means General Service is to open to all.

Workshops at Assemblies and between Assemblies aids education, but we need to make these relevant and fun. There are some videos on You Tube which show our Service structure in an interesting way with some catchy music. Role play is also good. GSO has one on "How a Topic is brought to Conference", but why not make up your own. Having a panel to answer questions is also a good tool. There are ways to make it fun. For instance have a quiz, a debate, set up a panel based on the ABC show "You Can't Ask That".

Areas need to be active in the PI and TCF area. Members will want to join in service when an Area is active and outward looking and where it is clear that Our Primary Purpose is being demonstrated.

Each year our Conference has a theme, but do our members know that or what it is? It may be a good idea to have a speaker at each Assembly on the theme drawn from the local membership, or a workshop on the theme or a even a day of meetings where each meeting uses the theme. Doing this may stimulate a more interest in Conference and get members thinking about topics for Conference relevant to the theme.

Page 164 of our Big Book says "He will show you how to create the fellowship you crave" We must not forget that our loving Higher Power (as you understand) is present in our Group Conscience or underestimate the power of prayer. Perhaps we could have a day of prayer where we concentrate on what our HPs will is for our service entities and ask for the power to carry that out. Too often we feel

(and perhaps are) powerless to change things, but we can with help from our Higher Power. The Serenity Prayer is a good place to start.

Lastly, we need to keep sharing ideas, what works, what doesn't work and keep talking to our members. Let them know we need them, the Fellowship needs them and people born today needs them. Other ideas can be found in Advisory Action #059/2001 (Action Plan to encourage the development of service structure) and Page 52 of The Australian General Service Manual (When the Service Structure needs Rebuilding).

So let's keep this conversation going. Let's build our Areas to be active, outward looking, truly engaging with members who want to participate, who are excited at the idea of Service. It is a vital leg of our Triangle. Without Service our triangle would collapse.

Let it Begin with Me

Judy W (ER Trustee) and the Eastern Region Delegates

## AAAAAAG\*

- Quarterly national service newsletter of AA Australia
- More than 1700 copies printed each issue
- Stories from individuals, groups, areas or districts about newsworthy initiatives welcome
- First published as News Digest in 1969. Renamed AA Around Australia in March 1972

\*AA Around Australia At A Glance

# Australia Oceania Service Meeting Report

Ruby Jones Class A Trustee

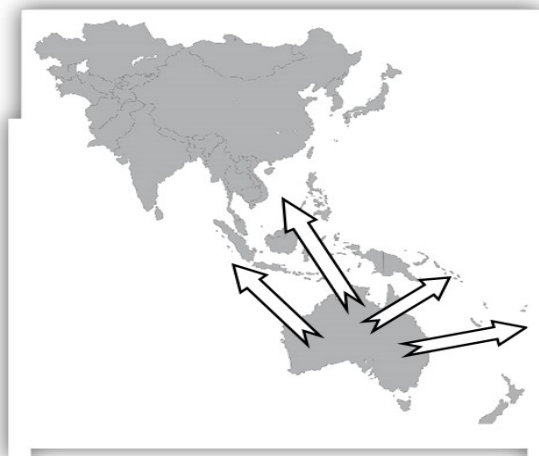
General Service Board

I had the opportunity to accompany Brian S to the 13<sup>th</sup> annual AOSM which was held in Hong Kong in July last year and I am incredibly grateful to have been considered by the Board to participate. To sum it up briefly would be to say it was a very educational experience; rewarding and enlightening.

My first day was spent exploring the city of Hong Kong in the morning and in the afternoon attend registration for the AOSM and meeting the other delegates. There were representatives from Thailand, Mongolia, Hong Kong, China, Russia, New Zealand, Iran, South Korea, India, UAE, Japan and Fiji in attendance; some who were first-term delegates and some who were second-term. The chairperson and secretary of the AOSM were from New Zealand, and had two delegates in attendance, as well as Australia and Japan. The Japanese delegates had two interpreters who spent the days of the AOSM repeating everything that was said into Japanese, which was a tough job. In addition, we had two representatives from AAWS, Eva and David, who had attended the AOSM and provided interesting insight and spoke on topics of their expertise in AA World Services.

The second day of the AOSM began with countries reading their reports and commenting on what the Fellowship of AA looked like in their regions. Some countries, such as Thailand and the UAE/MERCAA, have struggled to maintain a strong AA Fellowship due to cultural differences and the fact that AA is still considered to be a very hidden resource in communities. Another common problem which was being faced in many of the

countries in attendance was engagement from those of the native land and non-English speaking; the representative from Thailand was an American man, the representative from China was a New Zealand Maori man, the representative from Hong Kong was an English man, and the representative of South Korea was a Canadian man. It was brought up frequently in discussions that it was a common problem that was being faced in the Fellowship of some of these countries and attempts to discuss solutions were made during the AOSM. After the



countries had read their reports, we moved onwards to the Secretary and Treasurer reports. Following this, the committee reports were read.

Later, we separated into workshop groups to discuss questions which were designed to invite discussion of how the AOSM could function better and how countries could support one another. Workshop discussions were held again on the third and fourth days, to address a total of 8 topics which included:

*AOSM statement of purpose,  
Country-to-Country Service Sponsorship,  
Networking and communication between meetings,  
Countries financing their delegates,  
Financial sponsorship for*

*delegates to attend AOSM,  
Agenda items/topics for discussion in the 14th AOSM,  
Prudent reserve for AOSM.*

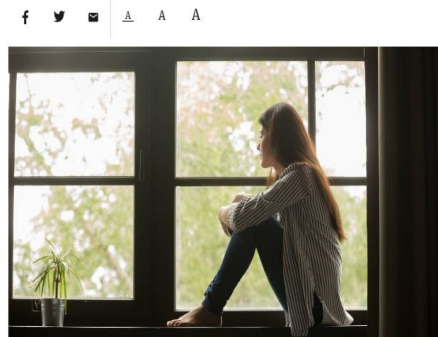
A presentation was given from David R at AA World Service regarding literature and licensing. Exciting advancements in the realm of AA literature included adaptation of text into e-book format for prisons and treatment facilities, audio versions of pamphlets, and looking into production of material in sign language. David then went on to describe how future advancements would look; such as voice-activated intelligence in the home (think Alexa home systems) which would be able to read AA literature over speaker! David advised that the GSO New York is not seeing any decline, currently, of literature sale due to the introduction of e-books and revenue is maintaining steadily. Eva advised that when it comes to the depiction of AA in film and TV, they receive requests from producers to ensure accuracy and the GSO New York will review prior to the material being produced and distributed.

I came back from the AOSM feeling very inspired by the discussions and sharing that had been had, and excited about my role within the Fellowship. Having just come off a Board meeting only a few days prior where we had a portion of time which was to discuss issues that left me feeling tired and drained, engaging in the AOSM discussions had given me a new perspective and appreciation for my role in the Fellowship and for the opportunity which had been provided to me. I left Hong Kong with relationships built, laughs had, tears shed and an educated mind. I was immensely grateful to have been able to attend.

# AA in the News - click on the links

## Coronavirus in Ballarat: Easter amid COVID-19 looms as high-risk time for drinkers

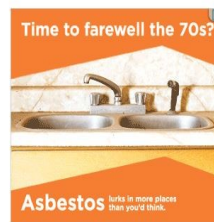
Melanie Whelan Coronavirus



EASTER and isolation combined will make for a particularly tough time for those wanting to give up drinking, a Ballarat Alcoholics' Anonymous member says. But peers in Ballarat are reaching out to ensure support for all those in need - even if it has to be virtual.

Anonymous hotline is diverting to a recovered son in Ballarat for both existing and those new to in Ballarat.

s, a Ballarat AA member said it helped to have that local



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## Online AA meetings take off on the Coast

TOPICS: AA CCAA Online AA Meetings



AA zoom meeting. Image: Smart Recovery Australia

MAY 16, 2020  
Worrying new data exploring the rise of drinking during home isolation, shows that one-in-five Australians have purchased more alcohol than usual during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the majority have concerns about their alcohol use and the drinking of others in their household.

National polling by YouGov Galaxy, commissioned by the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education

<https://coastcommunitynews.com.au/central-coast/news/2020/05/online-aa-meetings-take-off-on-the-coast/>

## COVID-19 is global but so is recovery from addiction

For our free coronavirus pandemic coverage, [learn more here.](#)

By Anonymous  
11/03/21, 2020 12:00am  
<https://www.smh.com.au/national/covid-19-is-global-but-so-is-recovery-from-addiction-20200420-p541a9.html>

The first time I walked into a 12-step meeting I was overwhelmed by how many people were in this together. I came back. And when the people around me applauded and congratulated me as I marked 30, 60, and then 90 days of sobriety, I felt years of shame lifting.

The key of 12-step recovery is the steps. But 'the rooms' are the heart of Alcoholics Anonymous and its associated fellowships. The rooms are the meeting places where other addicts talk about their lives, their despair and the difficult road back. Those stories are often extraordinary. An ex-prisoner with a stone-hard gaze will weep and talk about decades lost running away from his fears. A senior business executive will describe the shocking steps she once took for that one last hit. There's no judgment. Everyone here has walked through horror.



## Life Matters

with Hillary Harper, Michael Mackenzie

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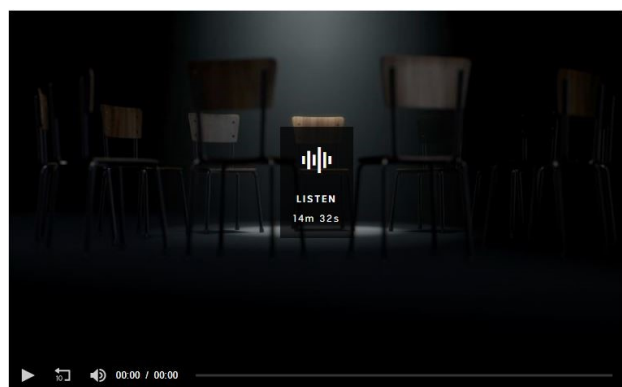


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## How Alcoholics Anonymous is staying relevant

<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/lifematters/how-alcoholics-anonymous-is-staying-relevant/12146338>

## AA moves online to combat drinking in self isolation

15/04/2020

Like 42



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Goya Dmytryshchak

Not once during self isolation has Kate\* felt like a drink.

Kate, who previously attended Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in the Newport area, said COVID-19 had forced the support fellowship to quickly change the way it connected people.

<https://maribyrrnonghobsonsby.starweekly.com.au/news/aa-moves-online-to-combat-drinking-in-self-isolation/?fbclid=IwAR27nXn-Yr6DJ-2S148g7F0hM1P7R26sXwPqitEB79VWGUyvj0u-zogGSgPs>

## AA in the News - click on the links

### AA members across Manning-Great Lakes keep fellowship going online



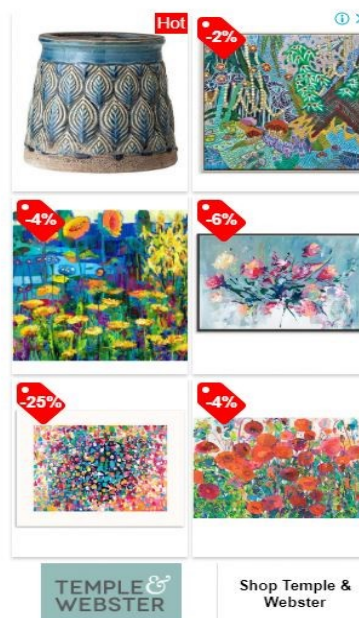
Manning-Great Lakes Alcoholics Anonymous are now holding virtual meetings online.

Like most organisations that rely on social interaction to function, Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) has been severely impacted by the restrictions that have been placed on people in response to the coronavirus.

The international fellowship has a long and successful history of helping men and women overcome their struggles with alcoholism through a recovery method that, at its most basic level, involves one alcoholic talking to another about their struggles with alcoholism and their subsequent recovery through a 12-step program and the support of their fellow members.

Local News

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Fun in the sun

<https://www.greatlakesadvocate.com.au/story/6710405/alcoholics-anonymous-confronts-the-coronavirus/>

### Alcoholics face extra challenges with coronavirus isolation

Damon Cronshaw

Coronavirus

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Coronavirus-imposed isolation is posing big challenges for people who attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

Meetings have been cancelled indefinitely because of restrictions around the virus.

"The biggest impact I think is the isolation," a local organiser said.

"As an alcoholic, I'm most vulnerable when I'm isolated. My mind goes into overdrive and I overthink everything."

One of the most interesting stories to come out of the COVID-19 pandemic is about how AA has so nimbly responded to the challenges wrought by the closure of face to face meetings. In a matter of a few weeks, (and with some heavy duty, behind-the-scenes hard slog) the member volunteers that keep the AA Meeting Database up to date have pivoted from zero video conferencing meetings at the middle of March to now nearly 1000 video conferencing meetings per week! Members have had the opportunity to engage with AA members across the globe in fellowship. For some, video conferencing meetings will be a part of their recovery meetings alongside face to face meetings. How lucky we are.

<https://www.newcastleherald.com.au/story/6705265/alcoholics-face-greater-dangers-with-isolation/>

## Southern Region Area D hits the heights!



At the last Area D, Southern Region Assembly in February it was agreed to look at the possibility of commissioning one metro and one country railway billboard. Then Covid-19 restrictions happened. The next hurdle we found was that V-Line do not allow billboards at the country stations. After further research we came across a digital billboard in Ballarat.

A local member in Ballarat checked the location of the 7mx3m site to see if it was worth further investigation. It is in a prime location directly by a Dan Murphy's within a busy shopping area. As members were unable to do face to face PI, so felt that this was a great opportunity to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic, so contacted the company. Normally the billboard costs \$1600 for a 2 week campaign but as we are a not-for-profit they agreed to give us a 3 week campaign for a total cost of \$495. Our image is seen approx once every 2 minutes within the billboard rotation.

Several Ballarat Groups, the Ballarat District and Area D all financed the billboard. The design was adapted from a previous project with consultation from the Ballarat Committee and the member who originally designed the image.

Going live May 21st, this project had a quick turnaround time and shows that when we unite Groups, District and Area together we are able to achieve great public information. Both the Ballarat District and Area D would love to encourage Groups to come along to their next meetings.



## 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.

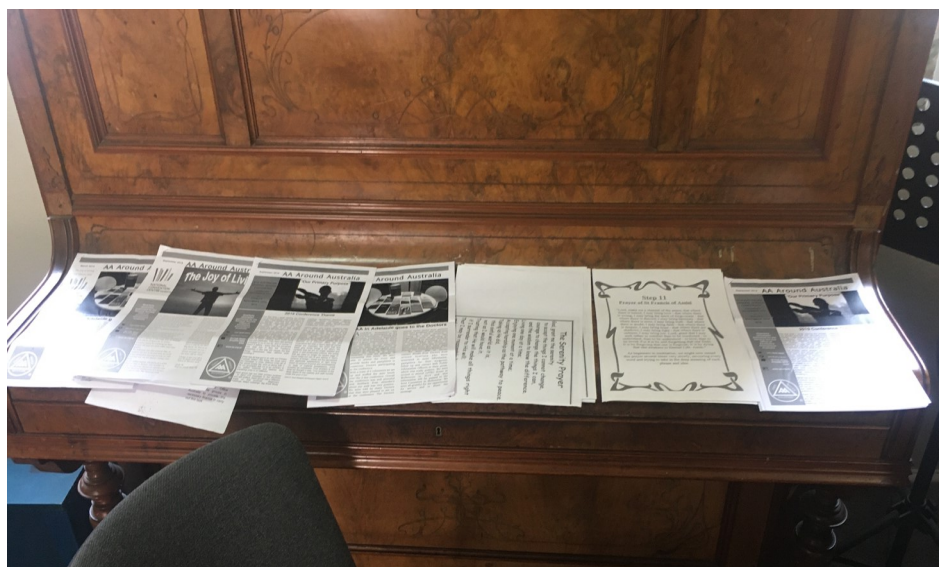
## A new way to receive your copy of AA Around Australia

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](mailto: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.

**Contributors photo from a meeting that keeps their copies of AA Around Australia for members to read - excellent idea!**



## Group Contributions March to May

<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>		CR
<b>Area A CR</b>		CR/A
Brompton Beginners		207.84
Daveron Park		1.50
Elizabeth Grove		40.00
Gawler		169.90
Gawler Sobriety Sisters		94.50
Grange		80.80
Henley Beach		380.65
Henley Beach Indigenous		1.50
Junction Middy		60.00
Kadina Recovery		81.90
Kapunda		8.70
Kilburn		439.78
Kilburn Aldinga		4.50
Mansfield Park		155.20
Malvern		418.60
Naracoorte		15.00
Playford		91.50
Port Adelaide Friday		100.50
Riverton		51.00
Salisbury Sunday		1.50
Salisbury Friday		135.00
Sunday Women's		26.20
Taperoo		108.40
Tea Tree Gully		123.50
Two Wells		194.50
Whyalla Friday		6.00
<b>Total Area A:</b>		<b>2,998.47</b>
<b>Area B CR</b>		CR/B
Adelaide BBS		130.00
Adelaide Beginners		98.70
Aldinga		132.45
Aldgate		120.85
Bedford Park		122.95
Belair		22.50
Berri S&T		85.35
Brighton By the Book Speakers		3.00
Breakfast Groups		139.80
Brighton Beginners		103.80
Brighton Women's		66.00
Burnside Welcome		45.00
Cumberland Park		60.00
Eastwood Recovery		131.70
Flinders St Monday		14.70
Glenelg		181.60
Glen Osmond R2R		209.30
Goodwood		9.00
Goolwa		150.00
Hackham Steps Monday		6.00
Hyde Park Recovery		72.95
Maslin Beach		114.15
Meadows		30.00
Mens Topic		60.00
Morphett Vale Wed BB		4.50
Mt Barker Sober on Sat		73.40
Norwood		114.30
Park Holme		52.75
Parkside Wednesday		67.30
Payneham		58.60
Payneham Womens		135.00
Penola		51.00
Renmark Sunday		22.40
Repatriation Daw Park Sun		30.00
Spiritual/Speaker		91.50
Serenity by the sea		81.00
Southside Serenity by the Sea		16.50
St Theodore's Steps		150.00
Willunga		112.20
Yankalilla		24.00
<b>Total Area B:</b>		<b>3,194.25</b>
<b>Total Central Region:</b>		<b>6,192.72</b>

# Group Contributions March to May

<b>EASTERN REGION</b>		ER	The Into Action Group Waverley	300.00	Hobart Mon BB	926.55
<b>Area A ER</b>		ER/A	Kings Cross Sun 7pm	90.00	Kingston Sun Night	300.00
Alstonville Study	600.00		Kings Cross Womens Sat	150.00	Newstead	105.00
Banana Coast District	400.00		Kings Cross St Canices	300.00	<b>Total Area E:</b>	<b>1,831.55</b>
Bangalow	10.00		Leichhardt Saturday	280.00	<b>Area F SR</b>	SR/F
Brunswick Heads Sun	100.00		Lilyfield Steps	132.20	The Deal	452.10
Byron Shire District	300.00		Lilyfield Women's	150.00	Albert Park WOL	10.00
Dorrigo	90.00		Maroubra Wed am	82.44	Belmont Unity Recovery	300.00
Forster Mon Womens	100.00		Maroubra Junction Mon noon	71.10	Bentleigh Life's in Session	297.50
Kyogle Wed 7pm	120.00		Newtown Fri 7pm	45.00	Carlton	50.00
Manning/Gt Lakes District	1,000.00		Paddington Fri Night Speakers	60.00	Caulfield Sober Saturday	355.50
Port Macquarie Daily Reflections	400.00		Randwick Steps & Traditions	690.00	Dandenong Common Welfare Fri	130.00
Pottsville Joys of Recovery	860.00		Rocks Breakfast	1,200.00	Docklands DR	90.00
Scone Fri Night Steps	100.00		Rozelle Fri pm	500.00	Elwood Sober Circle	150.00
South Golden Beach	50.00		Surry Hills	450.00	Glen Waverley Wed	100.00
<b>Total Area A:</b>	<b>3,530.00</b>		Pyrmont 11am Sun SC	228.00	Mentone	100.00
<b>Area B ER</b>	ER/B		Pyrmont Thurs 6pm	90.00	Mornington Spiritual Concept	150.00
ACT Central Service Office	1,132.15		Sydney City Wed 8am Lawyers	78.00	Mount Martha	200.00
Big Book Basics	180.00		Ultimo 11AM Sat	162.00	ST Kilda HH	60.00
Bundanoon	100.00		Ultimo Wed LGBT	30.00	St Kilda Serenity now	164.97
Canberra SC	150.00		Wesley Groups	1,306.94	South Melbourne Mens Group	1,233.95
Goulburn Doers	300.00		<b>Total Area G:</b>	<b>9,461.42</b>	South Melbourne Recovery	309.35
Lakeside BBS	63.30		<b>Area H ER</b>	ER/H	<b>Total Area F:</b>	<b>4,153.37</b>
Manuka	182.87		Blaxland PPG	671.00	<b>Total Southern Region:</b>	<b>12,259.62</b>
Canberra Recovery	60.00		Cranebrook Thurs	144.70	<b>NORTH EASTERN REGION</b>	NER
Tomakin BBS/ ABSI	115.00		Fairfield Steps	200.00	<b>Area A NER</b>	NER/A
Ulladulla Thurs	400.00		Katoomba ABSI Sun	90.00	Cairns Beginners	200.00
<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>2,683.32</b>		Katoomba GLBT	60.00	Cairns BB Mon	150.00
<b>Area C ER</b>	ER/C		Nepean Hosp Tues Detox	20.00	Cairns Lunchtime	3.90
Berkeley Vale Mon Steps	15.00		Penrith Sunday 8pm	100.00	Kuranda	78.00
Branxton	100.00		Quakers Hill Tues pm	300.00	Mackay Serenity	150.00
Cessnock Living Sober	50.00		Springwood Wed Night	50.00	The Strand	100.00
East Maitland Fri TGIF	10.00		Springwood	300.00	Townsville Annandale	20.00
Hamilton SA	71.06		St Marys Sat	200.00	<b>Total Area A:</b>	<b>701.90</b>
Kincumber	130.00		<b>Total Area H:</b>	<b>2,135.70</b>	<b>Area B NER</b>	NER/B
Newcastle FOTS	30.00		<b>Total Eastern Region:</b>	<b>28,337.63</b>	Area B	3,500.00
Saratoga Fri Night	100.00		<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b>	SR	Agnes Waters	150.00
Terrigal Beach	200.00		<b>Area A SR</b>	SR/A	Aspley DR Sat am	140.00
Toukley Tues ID	50.00		<b>Area B SR</b>	SR/B	Auchenflower	30.00
Truth Rutherford	250.00		Albury Sun am	250.00	Bray Park BBS	60.00
Wyong Beginners Wed Night	245.00		Bendigo District	500.00	Brisbane Tues am Seize the Day	420.00
<b>Total Area C:</b>	<b>1,251.06</b>		Bendigo Weds noon	100.00	Brisbane Traditions	60.00
<b>Area D ER</b>	ER/D		Castlemaine Thurs	500.00	Bulcock Beach	762.00
Bowral Thurs	400.00		Castlemaine Weds	115.00	Caloundra BB Sat	85.00
Bowral Womens	210.00		Rutherglen Discussion	250.00	Caloundra Mon ABSI	150.00
Hurstville S&T	50.00		Shepparton District	100.00	Carina ID	57.36
Kogarah Beginners Thurs Night	120.00		Shepparton Fri	100.00	Chinchilla	132.00
<b>Total Area D:</b>	<b>780.00</b>		<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>1,915.00</b>	Coolum	360.00
<b>Area E ER</b>	ER/E		<b>Area D SR</b>	SR/D	District 9	4,000.00
Avalon/Palm Beach Mon	2,825.36		Ballarat ABSI	169.70	Dorrington Steps	90.00
Curl Curl Bfast	4,100.00		Bellarine Peninsula	100.00	Far Western District	100.00
Manly Sun am	400.00		Diamond Reflections	300.00	Glenwood	60.00
Manly Vale	400.00		Flemington Discussion	120.00	Gympie Steps	85.80
Narrabeen Sat	200.00		Footscray Thurs	200.00	Howard	50.00
<b>Total Area E:</b>	<b>7,925.36</b>		Footscray	150.00	Kawana Friday	200.00
<b>Area F ER</b>	ER/F		Geelong Primary Purpose	500.00	Margate Beginners	40.00
Dubbo Fri ID	30.00		Geelong District	80.00	Maroochydore Friday Cosmos	815.00
Lithgow Thurs	200.00		Geelong SOTS	260.00	Maryborough Sat BBS	80.00
Orange Fri am	160.77		Moonee Ponds Road to Recovery	350.00	Mooloolaba Beginners	25.00
Wagga Wagga Tues Steps	180.00		Northcote Mens	650.00	Morven	300.00
<b>Total Area F:</b>	<b>570.77</b>		Northern Exposure	600.00	Petrie Park Sun	400.00
<b>Area G ER</b>	ER/G		Northern Lights	80.00	Pialba	150.00
Annandale Mon 8pm	225.00		Torquay Wed BB	250.00	Rockhampton GumBi GumBi	114.00
Balmain Sat	76.11		Westhope Recovery	300.00	Sandgate Monday	120.00
Balmain Thurs pm	330.95		Western Unity	200.00	Sandgate Sat pm	212.00
Bondi Beach Sea Change	1,280.00		Williamstown ABSI	50.00	Taringa Steps	30.00
Bronte Mens Breakthrough	300.00		<b>Total Area D:</b>	<b>4,359.70</b>	Tin Can Bay 12 x 12	50.00
Camperdown Thurs	103.68		Burnie Fri Night	200.00	<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>12,828.16</b>
Darlinghurst Fri Gay Mens	600.00		Cygnat	300.00		
Darlinghurst Sun 5pm	150.00					

# Group Contributions March to May

<b>Area C NER</b>	<b>NER/C</b>	<b>WESTERN REGION</b>	<b>WR</b>		
Gold Coast CSO	380.00	<b>Area A WR</b>	WR/A	6/4 Group 115	210.00
Alexandria Hills	30.00	Butler	54.00	6/4 Bowral Groups	163.75
Annerley Mon ES	50.00	Heathridge Group	45.00	6/4 Progress Not Perfection	66.70
Annerley Womens	25.00	Inglewood Women's	15.00	8/4 Cairns Groups	104.95
Bethania Plan B	48.76	Joondanna	243.61	9/4 608978	40.00
Brisbane Traditions	30.00	Joondanna Fri	200.00	14/4 Breakfast with Bill	100.00
Bulimba Thurs Secular	90.00	Kalgoorlie Steps	52.50	15/4 SoTS	174.00
Burleigh Heads Early Birds	210.00	Leederville BTB Speakers	150.00	24/4 816847	1,000.00
Burleigh Heads Fri The Way Out	273.47	Maylands Sat	60.00	27/4 TGIF	250.00
Cleveland Tuesday S&T	50.00	Maylands Rainbow	30.00	27/4 TYAH	400.00
Cleveland Thursday Open ID	30.00	Merriwa Mon Steps	30.00	7/5 Woden Hosp 80	100.00
Coomera BB Monday 7pm	123.50	Midland Steps	90.00	11/5 Gympie	25.00
Coomera GC S&T Thurs	165.00	Mirraboooka Spanish Speaking	45.00	11/5 Group 73	20.00
Coorparoo Day	730.40	North Beach Tues	174.60	11/5 3030	700.00
District 2	500.00	North Perth City	200.00	13/5 Pt Geelong	100.00
Forest Lake Steps	150.00	Northbridge The Beacon	15.00	13/5 MGM Mens	250.00
Gold Coast District PI	651.00	Royal Perth Hospital Mon pm	81.00	15/5 Eastwood	40.00
Gold Coast Rally	2,893.20	Scarborough Encouragement	84.00	18/5 864473	70.00
Greenslopes	50.13	Scarborough Sat Candlelight	150.00	19/5 Sat night rewind	10.00
Gumdale Wed Night	60.00	Subiaco BB	235.00	19/5 Bayside District	50.00
Kenmore Groups	120.00	Subiaco Steps	337.43	28/5 Albion Park	100.00
Mt Tamborine	200.00	Vincent St Care	625.00		
Murwillumbah Tues 10am	100.00	Wanneroo	148.80		
Nerang Steps	21.00			<b>Total Unknown Deposits:</b>	<b>5,706.27</b>
New Farm ABSI	775.00	<b>Area B WR</b>	WR/B	<b>TOTAL ALL REGIONS:</b>	<b>81,192.72</b>
New Farm	436.50	ABC Steps (Spearwood)	59.12	<b>LIM - Australia Donations</b>	<b>30.00</b>
Oxley Station	150.00	Beaconsfield Early Risers	90.00	<b>TOTAL LIM</b>	<b>30.00</b>
Palm Beach Sat 5:30pm Topic	105.47	Cloverdale	195.00		
Paradise Point Fri 6pm	100.00	Coolbellup	31.20		
Robina S&T	54.00	Forrestfield ID	90.69		
Slacks Creek	10.00	Fremantle Sunday Beginners	30.00		
Southport Mon Womens BB	154.59	Fremantle Unity	52.70		
Springwood Topics	20.00	Gosnells	91.50		
Toowoomba BBS	200.00	Hamilton Hill The Hub	36.00		
Toowoomba Beginners	475.00	Kwinana - Medina	100.00		
Toowoomba How	120.00	Margaret River	115.00		
Toowoomba Sat	200.00	Mt Barker Plantaganet	79.50		
Toowoomba Step 11	150.00	Mundijong	30.00		
Toowoomba Tues Night Recovery	150.00	Mundijong Fri Ch 6	200.00		
Tugun Thurs	21.00	Mundijong Womens	15.00		
Western Suburbs District NER/C	60.00	Rivervale CTM	18.00		
Woodridge Sat ID	110.00	Rockingham Discussion	30.00		
Yeronga BB Basics	300.00	Rockingham Peoples Group	150.00		
		Victoria Park Topics	60.00		
<b>Total Area C:</b>	<b>10,163.02</b>	Willagee Beaconsfield	60.00		
<b>Total North Eastern Region:</b>	<b>23,693.08</b>	Willagee JFT	72.00		
<b>WESTERN REGION</b>	<b>WR</b>				
<b>Area A WR</b>	WR/A	<b>Total Area B:</b>	<b>1,605.71</b>		
Butler	54.00	WAYPAA	180.00		
Heathridge Group	45.00	<b>Total Western Region:</b>	<b>4,851.65</b>		
Inglewood Women's	15.00	<b>NORTHERN REGION</b>	<b>NR</b>		
Joondanna	243.61	<b>Area A NR</b>	NR/A		
Joondanna Fri	200.00	Darwin Harbour View	151.75		
Kalgoorlie Steps	52.50	<b>Total Northern Region:</b>	<b>151.75</b>		
Leederville BTB Speakers	150.00	<b>Unknown Internet Deposits</b>	<b>Unknown</b>		
Maylands Sat	60.00	26/2 Wed pm ID	30.00		
Maylands Rainbow	30.00	28/2 60 30 10	105.90		
Merriwa Mon Steps	30.00	2/3 2032020	150.00		
Midland Steps	90.00	2/3 Eastern Twilight	1,600.00		
Mirraboooka Spanish Speaking	45.00	5/3 lts to AA	40.40		
North Beach Tues	174.60	9/3 Armidale	639.00		
North Perth City	200.00	10/3 Rule 62	50.00		
Northbridge The Beacon	15.00	11/3 Sun 8pm BB	60.00		
Royal Perth Hospital Mon pm	81.00	12/3 Agent 451	30.00		
Scarborough Encouragement	84.00	13/3 BCC Transfer	65.00		
Scarborough Sat Candlelight	150.00	26/3 SC Break	151.57		
Subiaco BB	235.00	2/4 AA Friday Night	150.00		
Subiaco Steps	337.43				
Vincent St Care	625.00				
Wanneroo	148.80				
<b>Total Area A:</b>	<b>3,065.94</b>				

## Total \$81,222.72

Thanks to all groups for your support

If your group would like to make a contribution to General Service Office, please make all cheques or money orders payable to: The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia. If making a contribution via internet transfer, BSB 012006 Acc 009750529. Please make sure you write down in the memo what group the donation is from. If your group isn't listed correctly, please call General Service Office 02 9599 8866

## 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.

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