



**DARWIN DISTRICT**  
**AREA "A" NORTHERN REGION**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

**Meeting Type:** Monthly District Office Meeting  
**Meeting Location:** Via ZOOM Conference Call  
**Meeting Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
**Start Time:** 7pm  
**Chaired By:** Mick G: Darwin District Committee Member (DCM)  
**Minutes Taken By:** Susan B  
**Present:**

Name	Group	GSR (Y/N)	District Position
Mick G	Big Book Recovery Tuesday	N	District Committee Member (DCM)/Webmaster
Pat Mac	Nightcliff Saturday	Y	Treasurer
Susan B	Harbour View lunchtime Tuesday	N	Secretary/Editor Serenity Times
Denis P	Big Book Recovery Tuesday	Y	Registrar/Acting Office Maintenance
Caroline B	Big Book Recovery Tuesday	N	Literature Officer
Jane M	There is a solution Thursday	N	Nominee for Area Trustee

**Apologies:**

Dan T	Between Groups	N	PI Co-ordinator
Doug W	Sunday Living Sober and Monday Daily Reflections (GSR for both groups)	Y	Treatment and Correction Facilities Co-ordinator

**Traditions and Statement of Purpose**

Statement of purpose was read by Mick G, Traditions read in turn by all present.

**Acceptance of previous minutes**

Susan B moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted, seconded Denis P carried unanimously.



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**Outstanding business action items**

No.	Item	Who	When	Status
1	<p><u>6 Feb 19: Brief talks on Traditions</u> – At each meeting more experienced committee members will deliver brief talk on the tradition that matches the month number, starting with John S Tradition 3 for March 2019 meeting</p> <p><i>Moved Marg M Seconded Mike B Approved unanimously</i></p>	Denis P – Tradition 1	6 Jan 2021	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan: Caroline B delivered talk on Tradition 1
2	<p><u>6 Mar 19: Vacant position – Roundup Coordinator</u></p> <p>Call for nominations</p>	All	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2021	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan: No nominations.
3	<p><u>9 Dec 20: Vacant position – Darwin District Committee Member (DCM)</u></p> <p>Call for nominations</p>	All	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2021	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan: Mick G rotates off effective from 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 but has agreed to chair the District meetings until the vacancy is filled. No nominations so far.
4	<p><u>Vacant Position-Office Co-ordinator</u></p> <p>Deb H has stepped down</p>	All	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2021	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan No Nominations
5	<p><u>4 Nov 20: Vacant Position— Office Maintenance</u></p> <p>Since Denis took up position of registrar, he continues in this role also until a replacement is found</p>	All	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2021	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan: No nominations
6	<p><u>9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020: Proposed PI Workshop mid-January</u></p> <p>A workshop with the aim of establishing a PI sub-committee so that more effective service projects can be undertaken.</p>	Dan T		9 <sup>th</sup> Dec: Agreed to hold a PI workshop Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 in conjunction with the AA service Zoom meeting.  6 <sup>th</sup> Jan Closed



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7	<p><u>9<sup>th</sup> Dec 20: Proposed donation of excess District Funds to GSO.</u></p> <p>(note this item was omitted from original minutes distributed 17/12/2020)</p> <p>Since the District is holding a cash and Bank Balance of \$8,784.98 it was proposed that we donate \$2000.00 to GSO. The current balance exceeds our requirements for local needs and maintenance of a prudent reserve.</p>	Pat Mac	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021	<p>9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Motion proposed by Pat Mac, seconded Mick G approved unanimously. Pat will make the payment of \$2000 to GSO before next meeting.</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> Jan: Payment has been made, GSO most grateful.</p> <p>Closed</p>

**New Business Action Items**

No.	Item	Who	When	Status
1	<p>6<sup>th</sup> Jan 21: Jane M, from There is a solution Group (Thursday) joined the meeting tonight to nominate for the Northern Region General Service Board Trustee. Jane was contacted by another trustee who suggested Jane apply for the position. Jane has spoken with Caroline G and has her support. She has discussed this role with her family and there is no opposition from them regarding time taken to fulfil this role. Jane comes highly qualified for this position and she has a lot to offer within this service role. She has fully researched the obligations as well as time required to take on the position of Regional Trustee. The Board have twelve</p>	Jane M	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2021	<p>6<sup>th</sup> Jan: Motion to record Office Committee's full support of Janes nomination.</p> <p><i>Moved by Pat M, seconded Mick G, Carried unanimously.</i></p>



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	positions and only 8 are filled at moment, compiling of 6 Men and 2 Women.			
2	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021: Denis P will be away from 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb—21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Pat M/Mick G	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan: Pat Mac Office, Mail etc, Mick G Emails

**REPORTS – OFFICE BEARERS**

**DCM – Mick G:**

Thank you to all the committee members for your ongoing work for the Darwin District Office. Meetings continue to operate on a 50/50 basis of Zoom and "face to face".

The office continues to need volunteers for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 11am – 2pm with 6 months sobriety required.

The office continues to be maintained by Denis P in a clean, safe and operable manner although Denis has rotated off from the Office Maintenance Position. Thank You, Denis.

Two speakers have been purchased and connected to the office computer as agreed at the last Darwin District meeting.

Positions Available at the DDO.

1. District Committee Member
2. Office Maintenance Co-ordinator
3. Office Co-ordinator
4. Round Up Co-ordinator

Positions Vacant on Area Committee.

1. Treasurer

Please continue to announce at meeting the following workshops:

1. Public Information Workshop Wed Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm
2. The Twelve Steps to recovery Wed Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm
3. The 12 Traditions Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm

All on Zoom.

Regards

Mickg.

Moved Susan B, Seconded Denis P accepted unanimously.

**Secretary – Susan B**

As this is my first meeting as secretary, I can say I hope to take correct notes and then successfully transfer to print in these pages.

Regards



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Susan B

**Treatment & Corrections – Doug W**

**STRINGYBARK REHAB**

**BANYAN HOUSE**

**DARWIN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

**Registrar – Denis P**

Hello again and thank you to all committee members for your constant efforts and for being a great influence on me. Answered a few newcomers' requests about meetings including a father asking about Alcoholics Anonymous for his son. Answered an email from a member in Alice Springs for Susan B, assisting them to contact each other. Forwarded an email, from a member who loved listening to the speakers Chris and David at Darwin Service Group, to Mick G. Updated Monday night Daily Reflections group contact on the meetings lists and GSO website. When Marg M dropped into office, we noticed her emails were not making it to the big pond address and neither were Tony F's.

Got in touch with Mick G to get help sorting that out. Sent out updated meeting lists to group contacts and printed some up for the DDO office and pigeon holder. Printed the upcoming workshop flyers and Serenity Times leaving a stack on the DDO desk for members to take. Which has been good volunteers reading while there and taking to hand out at meetings. Acting on emails remotely from home with ease. Last but not least it has been enjoyable sharing the remote 24hr diversions each fortnight with Mick G with no issues. Thanks to all.

Kind Regards

Denis P

Moved Pat M Seconded Mick G accepted unanimously.

**Office Co-Ordinator – Vacant**

**Office Maintenance – Denis P acting**

All has been going well, regularly topping up office supplies each fortnight or as when needed for the DDO. Kept disinfectant bottles topped up. Vacuumed the office floor each week. Latest shop for the office was on the 28<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and that was for; 2x2 pack of paper towels, 1x dishwashing detergent, 1x Glen 20 surface spray, 1x roll of bin bags and 1x bottle of metho coming to a total of \$19.45 leaving receipt and change in petty cash tin. Checking the Casuarina post office box each week picking up the regular magazines from WA, SA and Victoria. Also Telstra bills, northern region area a treasurer letters and other important treasure mail letting Pat Mac know. Overall a good month of service with Darwin Alcoholics Anonymous.

Regards Denis P

Moved Susan B Seconded Mick G accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer – Pat Mac**

Attached to Financial Report and read at meeting.

Moved Denis P Seconded Susan B accepted unanimously.

**Webmaster – Mick G**



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Nothing to report except that entry to the 3 January workshops can be via [aadarwin.org.au](http://aadarwin.org.au) website, go to "find a meeting", scroll down to Wed night 7pm Darwin Service Group and "click" on Link.

Regards

Mick G

Moved Denis P Seconded Caroline B accepted unanimously.

**Literature—Caroline B**

8<sup>th</sup> December sold an Australian Big Book for Wednesday night group and a small 12x12 to a member.

14<sup>th</sup> December picked up literature order for the DDO office, being for 7 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Big Books there is plenty in stock for over Christmas and New Year period.

14<sup>th</sup> December Dan T brought back to the DDO office all the literature including banners from Tiwi re- Andrew.

15<sup>th</sup> December sold literature for Humpty Doo group of \$64.00 and literature for Daily Reflections group total of \$203.00 Marg paid \$150.00 cash and \$53.00 electronically. I emailed Pat the copy of the receipt, also \$24.20 for a personal sale in total \$240.00 for that day.

16<sup>th</sup> December sold a little Big Book and a newcomer pack to a member for the Tuesday Harbour view group.

28<sup>th</sup> December counted literature tin float \$50.00.

29<sup>th</sup> December banked \$32.50 Literature sales and emailed Pat Mac the receipt.

31<sup>st</sup> December picked up order for office being 6 Daily Reflections books, sent Pat Mac copy of the invoice.

1st January 2021. Thank you, Susan, for your service.

Grateful to be a part of service and the service of those about me. Happy New Year 2021.

Thanks, Pat, for taking over for the two weeks.

Moved Denis P Seconded Mick G

**Editor – Susan Burnside**

The January Serenity Times has been emailed out. All the members of one AA group in America have been forwarded a copy of this edition by Terrie, the author of Zooming into Alice. I had no problems fining content for this issue and hope this stays the same. The hardest part in creating the newsletter is getting stories from AA members to include in newsletter. Caroline is still a great support, providing her book of the month for which I am extremely grateful. Mick provided me with an article this month and plenty of advertising material. I rely on contributions to make the newsletter interesting and not mine but our members. I have received a little feedback which was all good.

Susan B (editor)

Moved Denis P seconded Caroline B accepted unanimously.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8:25 PM**

The Serenity Prayer was read by all.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting monthly DDO meeting will be held via Zoom at 7pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021.