

# Northern Regional Trustee News

## February 2021 General Service Board Meeting

### Dates for Diary

**March** – Treatment Facilities & Accessibility and Correctional Facilities MONTH

Conference resolved that Areas be requested to provide feedback to the National Co-ordinators on local initiatives during National Treatment & Correctional Facilities Month in March.

**March 16** @7.30pm EST - online Meeting ID:834 0367 0906 Passcode:956161

Meeting to create a sub-committee of National PI Coordinators to run ongoing PI sessions for Professionals.

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**27-29 August 2021** Annual National Service Forum combined Public Information and Cooperation with Professional Community (PI & CPC), and Treatment Facilities & Accessibility, and Correctional Facilities (TA & CF) is occurring face to face.

Need 100 Registrations to cover costs

Held at the Colmslie Hotel  
<https://www.thecolmsliehotel.com.au/>

Keep your eye on the AA Service Website <https://www.aaservice.org.au/membersonly/>

### Meet the General Service Board

27<sup>th</sup> February 2021

This online Session attracted 40+ registered AA members. GSB will hold another before the next Board meeting on 21 July 2021.

### Regional & General Trustee Notices – 4 year term

Five vacancies

The GSB accepted the resignation of the Southern Regional Trustee at the February 2021 Board meeting. This Trustee was rotating off in December 2021.

In December 2021 there will five Trustees rotating off (inclusive of latter Trustee). New nominations are being sought for Western, Southern, & Central roles, one General Service Trustee role (sources from Sydney only) and one World Service Delegate (non-voting GSB member)

### Class A Trustees – 5 year term

Three vacancies

The GSB has space for four Class A Trustees and currently has one from Western Australia in their second year of office.

These Trustees have skillsets and speciality areas which increase the effectiveness of the Board and support our relationships within Business and Industries (Cooperation with Professionals).

If you would like to make recommend someone please contact me via the District Service Office email or directly on 0411502904

## Other Areas of News

**Of interest** - an Area in the Eastern Region has split into two Areas, creating another General Service Area committee and Delegate for Conference.

## General Service Opportunities for interested members

Do you or someone you know have an interest in AA History? Are you looking to be of service and have skills in information management? If this is you, GSO needs you. The role of Archivist is vacant and is based in Sydney initially to transfer all hard copy archives onto an electronic record. Please contact GSO for further information if interest.

## National Coordinators Contact Details

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### **CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – this job has become vacant**

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## General Service Board Balance Sheet

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In summary, there is a focus on increasing the prudent reserve to cover 12-16 months of running costs by asking AA Groups to pass on any funds to the GSO they do not have any designated purpose for. The General Service Board of AA released this letter to the fellowship today.



# THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA

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## Letter to Members of Alcoholics Anonymous

### A Call to Action

10 February 2021

As you may be aware, the impact of COVID 19 on the General Service Office caused an unexpected and substantial reduction in normal revenues. This has continued into 2021 with the literature sales declining and the Adelaide Convention Committee having to make the decision to cancel the convention. It is clearly not sustainable to rely on these avenues any more for our revenue. It has been shown that our General Service is vulnerable and our services will suffer.

The table below demonstrates our current revenue decline

	January 2021	December 2020	30 Nov 20	30 Oct 20	30 Sep 20
<b>Income</b>					
Action Club	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$550.00	\$655.00	\$720.00
Birthday Club	\$0.00	\$297.00	\$188.00	\$160.00	\$219.00
Central Region	\$1,720.00	\$4,412.00	\$7,615.87	\$8,715.12	\$9,311.32
Eastern Region	\$7,267.00	\$7,366.00	\$47,813.20	\$49,810.51	\$50,198.28
Northeastern Region	\$3,297.00	\$9,079.00	\$24,033.28	\$27,967.42	\$35,663.00
Northern Region	\$265.00	\$2,157.00	\$1,746.73	\$1,759.89	\$1,500.92
Personal	\$13,086.00	\$6,859.00	\$54,304.56	\$59,592.07	\$76,570.83
Southern Region	\$2,239.00	\$1,998.00	\$19,475.16	\$22,694.93	\$25,774.77
Western Region	\$1,354.00	\$4,330.00	\$15,653.89	\$15,038.89	\$11,537.39
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$29,238.00</b>	<b>\$36,508.00</b>	<b>\$171,380.69</b>	<b>\$186,393.83</b>	<b>\$211,495.51</b>

In 1974, The Australian General Service Conference on behalf of all members made this pledge:

***“That the Australian Service Conference on behalf of all AA members in Australia pledges that we accept responsibility for the maintenance of a General Service Office and ask the groups in Australia to provide the necessary finance to carry out this task.”***

A.A. groups or individuals support A.A.'s essential services because the services benefit all A.A. members. Our Seventh Tradition states that “Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.” A.A.s want our Fellowship to endure, and to be readily available for the still-suffering alcoholic to come. This means to be fully self-supporting this funding needs to come from members to ensure that General Service will happen.

Your contributions pay for

- Our 1300 number
- Underwriting Conventions
- Literature Printing and sales
- Facilitating the Australian General Conference which is the Group Conscience of Australia
- Public Information and producing video and radio community service announcements
- Our National Website
- Running of GSO
- Funding our presence at National professional events
- Your Group's Insurance

These are all very important functions and without these the ability to carry out our primary purpose is impacted.

**Our long form of Tradition 7 states that “We view with much concern those AA treasuries which continue beyond prudent reserves to accumulate funds for no stated AA purpose”**

The General Service Board is asking groups and members to review what they are doing with their contributions and, if they have excess funds, to forward that money to the Board so that it can continue to carry out the vital purposes outlined above. In this regard it would be helpful if your Group could pledge regular contributions to support these services.

Contributions to the General Service Board of AA made by individuals are tax deductible. Contributions to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous can be deposited in the following bank account:

BSB: 012 006  
A/C: 009750529

Or online at G.S.O.'s A.A. website [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) through the donations portal.

Andy Poad  
Chairman  
General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia

# Balance Sheet

## GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA As at 31 January 2021

	31 Jan 2021	31 Jan 2020
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
ANZ AU 012006 009750529	163,520	215,526
ANZ Term Deposit A/C 980594501	96,243	95,189
Bendigo Bank Fiji Acc	-	157
Bendigo Bank main acct	-	3,402
Business Online Saver 012006 302375721	86,132	-
Cash Mngment A/C 1082-99809	283,338	17,060
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>629,232</b>	<b>331,335</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors [11210]	40,310	61,135
Deposit Paid	-	6,550
Inventory	198,279	173,739
Literature Stock at Cost	130	890
Prepayments - Insurance	3,705	4,966
Prepayments [11310]	2,960	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>245,384</b>	<b>247,280</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Accum Deprecn Leasehold Improv	(23,026)	(23,026)
Accumulated Amortisation - Lease	(95,987)	-
Furniture & Equipment-at cost	12,553	12,553
Leasehold Improvement	23,026	23,026
Less: Accum. Depreciation	(12,553)	(12,553)
Right of Use Asset	171,303	-
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>75,316</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>		
Less: Provn for doubtful debts	(11,049)	(6,400)
Less: Provn.Stock Obsolescence	(7,909)	(10,202)
Loans to National Conventions	10,000	10,000
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>	<b>(8,959)</b>	<b>(6,602)</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>940,974</b>	<b>572,013</b>

### Liabilities

<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
GST	(56)	833
Lease Liability	34,261	-
Other Current Liabilities	-	4,746
PAYG Withholding Tax	3,972	4,513
Provn for Audit	10,000	10,000
Provn for Long Service Leave	75,400	67,993

# Balance Sheet

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	31 Jan 2021	31 Jan 2020
Provn Holidays & Sick Pay	10,725	5,921
Rent Payable	-	30,612
Rounding	-	-
Superannuation Payable	1,688	1,688
Trade Creditors	1,446	7,669 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>137,435</b>	<b>133,975</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
25% Due from ILF to A/O	169	169
25% due to New York for ILF	575	5,111
75% Due to Intern'l Lit. Fund	(152)	(170)
75% of ISF for AOSM Zone	16,569	19,896
Due to CSO's & Areas	(2,014)	1,062
Lease Liability - NC	41,055	-
Remote Communities Fund	10,867	6,960
Wages Payable - Payroll	1,147	-
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>68,216</b>	<b>33,028</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>205,651</b>	<b>167,003</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>735,322</b>	<b>405,010</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Year Earnings	217,591	(19,646)
Retained Earnings	517,731	424,656
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>735,322</b>	<b>405,010</b>

## Notes

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Figures converted into Australian Dollar using the following rate:  
0.669147 USD United States Dollar per AUD. Rate provided by XE.com on 31 Jan 2020.

# Profit and Loss

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## GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA 1 July 2020 to 31 January 2021

	31 Jan 21	31 Jan 20
<b>Income</b>		
Action Club	570	1,508
Bequests [49001]	313	5,035
Birthday Club	485	1,013
Central Region	13,278	11,138
Conference Levies [49051]	564	41,620
Convention Surplus [49057]	60,960	-
Eastern Region	62,446	60,307
Freight Charged on Sales [49080]	10,589	9,087
Interest	201	67
Literature Sales	137,238	168,744
Loners Int/tional Aust	-	50
Northeastern Region	36,409	27,462
Northern Region	4,169	1,820
Personal	74,419	12,849
Southern Region	23,713	15,163
Western Region	21,338	15,703
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>446,691</b>	<b>371,567</b>
<b>Less Cost of Sales</b>		
Cost of Stock Sold	52,315	68,308
Literature Freight Inwards	260	15
Literature Freight Outwards	1,174	-
Literature Postage	8,504	8,233
Literature Purchases	(793)	631
Literature Shrinkage	9,520	729
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>70,979</b>	<b>77,916</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>375,712</b>	<b>293,650</b>
<b>Plus Other Income</b>		
COVID19 Stimulus - Cash Flow Boost	34,998	-
COVID19 Stimulus - Jobkeeper	40,500	-
Donations(MC)	46	-
Interest Received(MC)	7	-
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>75,551</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>		
1300 National Helpline expense	4,701	3,159
AAAA Postage	-	1,400
AAAA Production Costs	-	1,418
Accounting Fees	891	827
AOSM Delegates O/Seas Travel	-	5,683
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Audit & Accountancy [61160]	20,156	21,097
Bank Charges	853	408
Board Accom (Brd Mtgs Only)	-	6,363
Board Travel (Brd Mtgs Only)	-	3,791
Bookkeeping services	-	(2,942)
Class A Trustee Travel	-	144
Computer Software	-	(158)
Conference - Online Hosting /Teleconferences	4,000	-
Conference Caring & Sharing TL	-	1,500
Conference Delegates Travel	-	9,165
Conference non-Deleg Accommodn	635	-
Conference Printing & Assoctd	-	510
Conference Venue Hire	(9,955)	53,667
Corrections Correspondence	-	(38)
Electricity	2,324	982
Foreign Currency Gains and Losses	(100)	(7,913)
Gas	168	225
Insurance	12,452	12,357
International Delegates Travel	-	(245)
KM Allowance	84	472
National Forum Expenses	909	-
National PI Co-ordinator Trave	-	523
Office Expenses	2,301	1,588
Photocopier Rental	-	22
Postage	-	140
Printing of Brochures, etc	(45)	-
Public Info Expenses	2,033	2,720
Regional Trustees Travel	-	528
Remote Communities	-	(315)
Rent	21,882	18,417
Repairs & Maintenance	-	84
Staff Salaries	141,206	150,691
Superannuation	12,651	13,114
Telephone, Fax & Modem	3,508	3,601
Trademark Renewal Expense	364	-
Website Development	1,952	54
Workers Compensation	9,278	8,814
World Service Levy [62490]	1,424	-
WSM Delegates - Local Travel	-	1,526
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>233,672</b>	<b>313,296</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>217,591</b>	<b>(19,646)</b>

**Donations**  
**GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AUSTRALIA**  
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