

**Minutes Northern Region Area AA**  
**(NRAA)**  
**Assembly 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021 9am via Zoom Conference**

**1. Welcome:**

Area Chair- Mick G welcomed all.

**2. Twelve Traditions: (Long Form)**

Read by all present.

**3. Preamble:**

Read by Area Chair- Mick G

**4. Present:**

Mick G	Darwin DCM/ Tuesday Big Book Recovery Group/ Acting Chair
Carolyn G	Area Delegate / GSR harbour View Living Sober
Sam P	GSR Alice Springs Group
Kate S	Regional District Officer / GSR Alice Springs Women's Group
Pat Mac	Treasurer/ GSR/ Acting Area Treasurer
Doug Wade	GSR Monday Daily Reflections / Treatment and Corrections Facility Co-ordinator.
Susan B	Secretary Area and District/ Editor Serenity Times

**5. Apologies:**

Jane M

**6. Minutes from previous meeting:**

Motion to accept: Moved Pat M, Seconded Mick G. Accepted unanimously.

**7. Business arising from last meeting:**

Special meeting for Jane M to be nominated for the position of Regional Trustee for our Area. Her Nomination was successful.

Motion to accept: Moved Carolyn G Seconded Sam P. Accepted unanimously. Closed

Vacant Positions: Area Treasurer Pat M will continue to act in role.

**8. Reports:**

**Area Delegate:** Carolyn G

World Service Delegate position is available.

If interested contact Carolyn for the information and application forms.

March is Treatment and Facilities month. I would like Feedback and, or Initiatives. This will then be forwarded to the GSO.

2021 Conference Topics have been forwarded to all GSR's, if your group wishes to put forward a topic bring to area to be discussed prior.

2021 Convention cancelled.

Moved Doug W Seconded Susan B Accepted unanimously.

**NORTHERN REGION AREA "A" ASSEMBLY**

AREA REPORT 21/2/2021

**ACTING DARWIN COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT**

It has been a busy start to the year for the Darwin Fellowship.

### **TRUSTEE**

The Darwin District Office supported Jane M in her application to become the "Trustee" for the Northern Region Area "A".

This application was then ratified at a "special" Northern Region Area A Assembly.

Jane's position has since been ratified by the General Service Board and she will be attending her first Board meeting today, Sunday the 21/2/2021.

### **WORKSHOPS**

The year has commenced strongly with some great workshops organised on ZOOM by the Darwin Service Group:

1 Public Information – presented by Jane H, Ex PI Coordinator Area A in Melbourne

2 Twelve Steps – presented Chris and David, Melbourne

3 Twelve Traditions – presented by Chris and David, Melbourne

If your district or group would like to have these workshops on Zoom, these presenters generously offer their service.

### **BILL W CAMP**

The Bill W Camp has had its first meeting for the year.

Further meetings at the Daly are being organised to "scope" the camping area and have discussions with the new proprietors.

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

The Public Information workshop inspired the formation of a PI committee of four members contributing to organise and undertake a more effective and reliable Public Information Service.

Ongoing TV advertising, potential Doctors Surgery TV advertising, and a more strategic effort directed at Health, Emergency Services, Government, and non-Government agencies is to be undertaken.

More member support will be greatly welcomed.

### **POSITIONS VACANT**

#### **Darwin District Office**

District Committee Member

Office coordinator

Office maintenance

Round up Coordinator.

Treasurer

Office volunteers 11am -2pm Thursday, Friday Saturday (6months sobriety required)

## **MEETINGS**

Darwin District has 18 meetings, 10 "face to face", 7 zoom and 1 hybrid (face to face and zoom).

## **PHONE ROSTER**

The 24hr phone roster is operating well. Everyday has a volunteer. There have been 4 calls so far this month to the 24hr phone line.

## **WEBSITE; aadarwin.org.au**

The Darwin Website has over 320 views since January 2021.

Regards

Mickg, acting District Committee Member

## **THE**

**Area Treasure:** Pat M.

We must keep a prudent reserve until we find out if whether the conference will be face to face.

Moved Sam P. Seconded Susan B. Accepted Unanimously

**Secretary:** Susan B.

All going well. Hope you all approve of these minutes.

Moved Carolyn G. Seconded Doug W.

## **Regional District Officer:**

**GSR Alice Springs Women's Group Hybrid Meeting:** Kate S.

Apologies for the disruption at my end. A really committed group 3-4 newcomers coming in. God is at work in Alice Springs. I am thinking about starting a PI group in Alice. One of our core members is Terri from Virginia, America. Will organise PI officers.

**GSR Alice Springs Group:** Sam H

The last quarter have been only face to face meetings, I am grateful to be able to run. Consistent numbers. New ones from time to time. A member put forward a proposal at our Group Conscience on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The member proposed that we divide our group into autonomous meetings. This would provide more opportunities for service. This would make 5 autonomous groups. Pat M was instrumental in doing this successfully in Darwin. Alice pays into Area. I have communicated with all. Kate commented re Sam's proposition that this has been raised before and been thrown out. Asking if anyone from Darwin can send Sam some ideas for next group conscience.

*Carol as Delegate*

Policies and Admission Committee is looking at how to encourage service. People not taking up service levels at grass roots leaving a vacuum at top.

**GSR Monday Night Reflections Group:** Doug W.

Monday Night group back in library at St Pauls. Numbers are starting to pick up. A good lot of newcomers coming through. After meeting we often go for coffee at Nightcliff. Continuing to supply literature to RDH, also Big Book.

**GSR Harbour View Living Sober Group:** Carolyn G.

Down to 3 members, averaging 6-8 people coming. 6 30 10 plan. Literature for sale.

**GSR Nightcliff Saturday Night Group:** Pat M.

The group is held via Zoom with no plans to return to face to face, attendance averages 6 to 10 with some regular attendees from interstate and overseas, some with long-term sobriety as well as newcomers, making it an interesting meeting. Only disadvantage is lack of financial contributions, not a problem for the group but effects our ability to support District, Area and GSO. We need to keep providing Bank Account details and reminding attendees to contribute. Meetings are scheduled for an hour, but we tend to let it expand if necessary, so that all members can share.

**GSR Harbour View Group:** Susan B.

5-6 members generally about 10 present sometimes more, we often get visitors from other states. We have had a few new ones come along lately. We go for Coffee at the Coffee Club regularly.

## DARWIN SERVICE GROUP

### AREA ASSEMBLY REPORT

The Darwin Service Group continues to run workshops and guest speakers in an effort to demystify what SERVICE Work is, what it involves and to maintain its focus on the UNITY and SERVICE sides of the AA triangle, to achieve a "balanced sobriety" and therefore better "carry the message" and continue the service operations of Alcoholics Anonymous for future generations.

The group consists of a "steering committee" which suggest what materials would be good for the "newcomer to service work"

Group Members have a wide experience of Service Work, from Ex Trustees, Delegates, Alt Delegates, GSR's, District and CSO members from all over the country and internationally, recently having the ex-chairperson of the World Literature Committee as a guest speaker.

The group has run 12-week workshops on:

The Twelve Traditions,

The Twelve Concepts

Which were followed by one-night workshops on Public Information, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions delivered by National guest speakers.

The group also ran a 6 week "Back to Basics" workshop, the focus of which was on simple questions such as:

What is a "home Group" what is the role of GSR, Delegate, Trustee, what does the General Service Board do, how does it operate.

We have just commenced a 12-week workshop called "the next phase", the focus is how to further extend our sobriety through further Service Work based on the topics and suggestions in the **AA Guidelines**.

This week we looked at Topic One – suggestions on "leading a Beginners meeting" Next week will be on "AA Conference Approved Literature."

Most topics have a 20 min guest speaker followed by questions and each member sharing their experience strength and hope on the topic.

This is a very informal, light-hearted meeting, hoping to bring fun and knowledge into Service Work.

Mickg

On behalf of **the DARWIN SERVICE GROUP -ZOOM WED NIGHTs ID 85656704661 PW 719924**

Moved Sam P Seconded Susan B Accepted Unanimously

**Next Meeting: 23 May 2021**

**Mick G.** What's on your mind.

Finished with the Serenity Prayer at 10 am.

**AREA A NORTHERN REGION - ACCOUNTS 1 JULY 2020 TO 30 JUNE 2021**

Date	Description	Income	Expense	Balance
1/07/2020	Bank Account Balance as per statement			3,302.73
7/07/2020	Tuesday Big Book Recovery	79.63		3,382.36
13/07/2020	Womens Group	20.00		3,402.36
29/07/2020	Tuesday Big Book Recovery	15.90		3,418.26
10/08/2020	Harbour View Tuesday	44.10		3,462.36
11/08/2020	Zoom Meetings	91.00		3,553.36
17/09/2020	Womens Group	40.00		3,593.36
22/09/2020	Monday Daily Reflections	60.00		3,653.36
4/10/2020	Humpty Doo Sunday	20.00		3,673.36
5/10/2020	Tuesday Big Book Recovery	22.16		3,695.52
23/10/2020	Zoom Meetings	99.00		3,794.52
26/10/2020	Bill W Camp	33.00		3,827.52
5/11/2020	Saturday Nightcliff	32.95		3,860.47
12/11/2020	Wednesday Rapid Creek	14.55		3,875.02
19/11/2020	Harbour View Tuesday	18.00		3,893.02
30/11/2020	Tuesday Big Book Recovery	19.20		3,912.22
30/12/2020	Alice Springs Groups	1,000.00		4,912.22
8/01/2021	Womens Group	30.00		4,942.22
27/01/2021	Humpty Doo Sunday	20.00		4,962.22
31/01/2021	Tuesday Big Book Recovery	14.00		4,976.22
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**BANK RECONCILIATION**

19/11/2020	Balance as per statement	4,976.22
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DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
31/01/2021	OSKO DIRECT CREDIT OSKO MICHAEL GROWNEY Darwintuebigbook	\$14.00	\$4,976.22 ...
27/01/2021	OSKO DIRECT CREDIT OSKO MARGARET MILLER Humpty Doo NT Meet	\$20.00	\$4,962.22 ...
08/01/2021	OSKO DIRECT CREDIT OSKO MS SAMANTHA ELLEN HULLICK Saturday Womans	\$30.00	\$4,942.22 ...
30/12/2020	CASH & CHQ DEPOSIT	\$1,000.00	\$4,912.22

**SUMMARY OF INCOME**

Group	Contributions
Alice Springs Groups	1000.00
Bill W Camp	33.00
Harbour View Tuesday	62.10
Humpty Doo Sunday	40.00
Monday Daily Reflections	60.00
Saturday Nightcliff	32.95
Tuesday Big Book Recovery	150.89
Wednesday Rapid Creek	14.55
Womens Group	90.00
Zoom Meetings	190.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1673.49</b>

**Report 21 February 2021**

Finances are in good shape with a balance of \$4,976.22. Group contributions have suddenly skyrocketed to \$1,673.49 year to date due to the \$1,000 contribution from Alice Springs. Quarterly levy payments due to the General Service Office amount to around \$820 per quarter or \$3,280 per annum. However these payments have been suspended due to Conference being held on-line rather than face to face. It would be sensible to retain the balance in case face to face conference resumes, in which case Darwin groups need to be aware that they might need to start contributing more to Area - at the current contribution (Submitted by Pat Mac Area Assembly 21/02/2021)