

THE SERENITY TIMES

The monthly newsletter

Of the

Darwin district

March 2021



Tradition 3. Long Form.

Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence, we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any 2 or 3 alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

Is not every organisation entitled to have rules for membership? Why did A.A. decide to forgo this privilege, to be "inclusive...never exclusive"? That is easy. Early members tried it the other way, and it just did not work. As the Fellowship was nearing its 10-year mark, the office that served as headquarters "asked the groups to list their membership rules and send them in," Bill W. recalled. "If all of these edicts had been in force everywhere at once, it would have been practically impossible for any alcoholic to have ever joined A.A. About nine-tenths of our oldest and best members could never have got by!" So, the rule books went out the window and were replaced by one uncomplicated sentence: Tradition Three.



Darwin District

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Next Meeting

The next quarterly District meeting for all GSRs and committee members is scheduled for Wednesday 3rd March at 7pm, via Zoom.

The next Area meeting is Sunday 23rd May 2021 9am via Zoom.

To submit your story, or any other articles A.A. suitable, for printing in the

SERENITY TIMES:

Please contact the editor at

serenitytimesaa@outlook.com

The editor has the right to decide the suitability, for printing, of all articles forwarded, and would love to print your story or a story about your group, anything that will encourage others.



Public Information Update

Treasurer DDO: Pat M

FINANCIAL REPORT Summary At the end of January, we retain a healthy balance (cash and bank account) of \$5,780.38. We recorded a surplus for the month of \$282.90 compared to a loss of \$801.69 for the same month last year. The difference is attributable mainly to no group donations recorded in January 2020 together with higher expenses. Year to date we are showing a loss of \$1,141.60 and this is expected due to our decision to donate \$2,000 of excess funds to GSO. Otherwise, group contributions and literature sales seem to be sufficient to cover operating expenses. Petty Cash/Literature Cash Sales The petty cash tin was counted on 20 January at \$78.75. Opening balance \$48.20 and receipts for \$19.45 for paper towels, detergent, disinfectant spray, methylated spirits, and kitchen tidies were found. Hence \$48.20 - \$19.45 = \$28.75. Fifty dollars was added to the float making it \$78.75. Caroline is now keeping the float to \$50.00 and will advise if this needs to be adjusted. February Meeting - Financial Detailed Report Reconciled to 31/01/2021

Acting DCM: Mick G

Welcome Everyone and thank you very much for attending tonight's Darwin District Office Meeting. Thank you to every coordinator for your continued service to the fellowship.

WORKSHOPS

The year has commenced strongly with some great workshops.

- 1 Public Information
- 2 Twelve Step
- 3 Twelve Traditions

It has been great to see some Darwin members attend these workshops.

TRUSTEE

The DDO supported Jane M in her application to become the "Trustee" for the Northern Region Area "A" which was then ratified at a "special" Area Assembly.

As the Area Delegate was away on leave, I have signed the application and lodged it with Valerie at the General Service Office.

BILL W CAMP

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Public Information Coordinator has organised a PI committee meeting and now has other members contributing to organise and undertake a more effective and reliable Public Information Service. So far, the above activities, have created very productive start to 2021.

Webmaster: Mick G

Nil to Report

Secretary: Susan B

I have sent out my first lot of minutes, hopefully without to many mistakes.

Literature: Caroline B

It has been a busy month for literature.

Treatment Facilities: Doug W

Institutions going well. Banyon now running strongly. Mission Australia needs volunteers. No progress with corrections. All that are interested in assisting with corrections will need security clearances.

Registrar: Denis P

Denis away on holidays.

Office Co-Ordinator: VACANT

Office maintenance: Denis P is acting.

G 'day again this one can be shortened! Keeping the office clean and attractive each week filling spray bottles purchasing what is needed leaving all receipts in petty cash tin. Printed up revised meetings lists for office desk and front pigeon holder. Also regularly print up copies of the serenity times for the office desk. Kind regards Denis.P

Public Information Officer: Dan T

The first PI meeting was held on Saturday Feb 6th with just members in attendance. We established some areas of focus for PI activity for the month and assigned some activities for the members that were present and willing to contribute.

Editor Serenity Times: Susan B

I am getting a lot of good comments re the newsletter. It is only as good as the contributions that come in, so please consider sending something in to share with your AA family. I like to know who the contributions come from but am happy for it to be printed as anonymous. I do not reveal to others who has sent an article in. I do not discuss anyone's stories I just appreciate receiving them. 😊



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Service work: From ashtrays to zooming.

Do you ever wonder why some groups have no trouble filling service positions while others must beg and beg for weeks and weeks and even months at a time to get someone to step up and take over? I have first-hand experience with both types of groups, and would you believe that some of the same people belong to both kinds of groups? Is this just human nature and we just have to accept the fact that's the way we alcoholics operate or can we change our attitude towards the joys of service work?

When I turned to the traditions for a definitive answer on service work, tradition nine appears to briefly touch on service work without using the actual words.

Each A.A. Group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee.....

All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole.....

Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

(Page 191 of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions)

Stories are shared quite often in meetings about the benefits of doing service work. A major benefit is the immediate sense of belonging to the group. Even the shyest person in the group can blend into a line of people putting chairs away without having to say his name or even smile. A secondary benefit is making a drunk feel responsible. I have heard one or two members say that it was really tough to open the church door in the morning or make coffee when you got drunk the night before. Believe me some have tried but no amount of mouthwash and/or deodorant can hide the stench that comes with alcohol seeping out of your pores. Those of us with a few 24 hours under our belt will say without a doubt that service and sobriety go hand in hand.

Before COVID surfaced, our meetings hummed with all kinds of service work. Setting up before a meeting can be as simple as just opening the door and turning on the lights to making coffee, putting out the literature, bringing snacks, setting up tables and chairs, and turning on the air con or heat as the seasons demand are only a few necessities that make for a comfortable and safe meeting. During the meeting, positions as a chairperson, secretary, treasurer, and timekeeper just to name a few can be utilized. Of course, the smaller the meeting the less organization and service is needed (Tradition 9) Most members eventually begin to recognize that just saying your name at a meeting is a big step, especially if followed by the words "I am an alcoholic". After the meeting, there is the taking down of tables and chairs, cleaning up the cups and emptying the ashtrays. Remember the old days when there were smoking meetings?

But wait what about our online meetings? All that service work goes out the window with zoom, right? NO! I have heard it mentioned more than once, "I don't have any computer skills, too old to learn, and I don't like the "Hollywood Squares" set -up. I am afraid I will push the delete button and the whole group will disappear. "Personally, I tried that excuse while volunteering in the technology committee and it did not work either.

However, depending on the size of the group, there are many ways to get members involved with service positions with online meetings. For example, in my 40-50 people Monday thru Friday group, we have 5 daily hosts, 5 co-hosts, and 5 greeters for each day of the week. There is one secretary, a treasurer, a contact person who handles members' phone numbers, and a fellowship chair who facilitates the after-meeting portion, making sure newcomers feel welcome. There is also a chip person who distributes virtual chips for amounts of sobriety. They rotate service positions every 6 months and very rarely is there an unfilled position.

In two of my 6 to 12 groups that meet once a week, we have a chairperson, a security person or two, to watch and remove bombers, a treasurer, and readers. Through group conscious we decided to rotate positions, for one small group, monthly, and the other larger group, every 6 months.

Believe it or not there is a group that rotates once a year. It learned the hard way that rotating positions could come easier if the time commitment was shorter. *Again Tradition 9 reminds us each A.A. group needs the least amount of organization. Rotating leaderships is the best.*

A final thought to pass along. Writing about our experience, strength, and hope is a service to A.A. Each district throughout the world has newsletters like this one. Another great service position is to get writers to contribute to this newsletter. It is a great way to meet people and to help maintain your sobriety. As you see there is lots of service work to be done online and in person, from zooming to cleaning ashtrays. Keep it simple. Pass it on.

In service,
Terrie S (Alice Springs)



2021 BILL W AA CAMP a goer

This year's Bill W Camp is expected to be at the usual Douglas Daly venue, but some members of the camp's planning committee are going to meet with the new owners of the tourist park to make sure they are on board with our plans.

Saturday, the 27th of February is the date we are planning for a small delegation to meet proprietors Leanne and Tony. Anyone is welcome to come along-just for the day or to stay overnight when we are sure to have a fireside meeting under the stars.

This month we are seeing the welcome opening of State borders and more free movement around the country. If that trend continues, we could expect quite a crowd of interstate visitors once again coming for the camp. About 15 brave visitors chanced border closures and quarantine to get to last year's camp.

This year the committee has decided to do more online to publicise the event and save the costs of having a printed flyer and mailing it out. The event will, of course, be up on GSO's national website under "AA events" and on our own DDO website. A single page flyer will be available for those who want one or just want to print it out. There are also more than 20 CSO's and district offices around the country which we can ask to list our event in any printed or electronic media they use. We also email those members who put their names in the registration book requesting information about upcoming camps.

The first planning meeting on the 31st of January unanimously elected Marg M as secretary. She replaces Bob W who is well overdue to rotate off. We are still looking for a treasurer, whose main job is to count the money at the camp and bank it. Not too hard.

Dates for the 2021 camp are 23-25 July (Darwin Show long weekend). Venue to be confirmed.

This Zoom meeting is well worth catching, I am amazed at what I have learned over the past few months. Believe me we all have something to learn. These meetings follow the guidelines from the A.A. Service Manual. Through last year I learned that the 12 Traditions were more than just writing on a banner at the meetings and The 12 Concepts wow, how clever were the pioneers of A.A. in forward thinking with the Traditions and Concepts, these were written to protect us all.

17/02/2021 we pulled apart, the Service Guidelines, turned them upside down and inside out, so we thoroughly understood how to lead a beginners meeting. Even if you have been doing it for years there is always something to learn or contribute.

24/02/2021 A.A. Conference approved Literature. Our guest speaker was qualified through experience to lead this meeting. A lot was learned as well as the fact that we have 3 levels of Conference approved literature. We all learned something.

03/03/2021 **Cancelled DARWIN DISTRICT MEETING**

10/03/2021 Regional Forums. Come along and see what you can learn or contribute.

17/03/2021 A.A. Answering Service. I know we can all learn something here.

24/03/2021 Armed Services, maybe you are in the services and can contribute.

31/03/2021 Relationship between A.A. and Al Anon. Something I need to learn as I have always wondered, other than the obvious.

07/04/2021 **Cancelled DARWIN DISTRICT MEETING**

14/04/2021 The National Convention

21/04/2021 Treatment and Correctional Facilities Committee. We have many members that came in through these facilities.

28/05/2021 A.A. members employed in the Alcoholism Field.

05/05/2021 **Cancelled DARWIN DISTRICT MEETING**

12/05/2021 Suggestions for members visiting Correctional Centres.

19/05/2021 How a Conference Topic is Developed.

25/05/2021 Suggestions for members visiting Treatment Facilities.

02/06/2021 **Cancelled DARWIN DISTRICT MEETING**

INTERESTED, DON'T BE SHY ZOOM INTO DARWIN AND PARTAKE OF WHAT WE ARE OFFERING.

7PM WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
DARWIN TIME

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I Am Responsible

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,

I want the hand of A.A. to always be there.

And for that:

I am responsible.

DISSAPPOINTMENT

I find disappointments difficult to cope with. Plans are made, expectations are in place – then splat ---- things fall through.

I recently had one of these experiences here in Darwin. My Husband and I thought we had a place to live for a few weeks, it was all organised, then everything went wrong, and it fell through.

My old patterns of slumping into hopeless/ helplessness instantly re appeared. Fear of the future and of financial insecurity grabbed at my innards – and slowly building in my thinking was that “I was a loser” – no home – little money – insecure. Boy what a cocktail! Pardon the pun! And Yes! The thought of drinking to ease that feeling of general anxiety and despair.

What I have learned in my now 21 months of sobriety in A.A. and working the Program is –

1. Immediately go to my God and ask for strength courage (and acceptance) of the situation.
2. Do something constructive – tidy up the kitchen, put clothes away, etc.
3. Read something spiritual on dealing with difficulties.
4. Arrange to ring my sponsor.

All these things eventually shifted my fear.

Something my sponsor said impacted my thinking – “Try and see the beauty of life all around you still, then Pray and ask your God to help you accept the situation (and your feelings) as they are now.”

These I did. Before I knew it, I discovered I was more in the present moment and actually enjoying what was happening and not obsessing about “What will become of us.”

I remember a member saying, “God didn’t save you from drowning to kick you to death on the beach.” I had to laugh! But I get the point Recovery is a continuum its way way more than just not picking up. It is developing the willingness to actually work the A.A. Program in all situations, both pleasant and unpleasant.

What I have learned is not to expect the instant fix e.g. I ask for help and zap everything suddenly becomes cool again. For me, I just keep praying plus do “estimable acts” or positive action, think of someone else to serve and then let go. After all I now have a new life coach and manager who I am learning to trust and surrender to more deeply every day.

So, our circumstances are precisely the same, but I am no longer obsessing fearfully about them. Oh boy.

What a freedom and relief I am offered. I am grabbing it with both hands.

Thanks Bob, Bill and A.A.

And of course, my God.

**GOD GRANT ME THE
SERENITY
TO KNOW THE THINGS
I CANNOT DO
COURAGE
TO DO THE THINGS I CAN
AND THE
WISDOM
TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.**

History of Alcoholics Anonymous in Darwin and the Northern Territory

Part Seven

27) On an infrequent basis, Sailor Tom J, a former member of the old group in Glebe, Sydney visited Darwin, and was a valued contributor at group meetings. He was particularly valuable in helping the first female member of the group, Cecelia B. Painfully shy and introverted, and dearly loved by her husband Alan, she needed the powerful message that Tom carried. Fiercely anti-smoking, Tom constantly urged the smokers in the group to keep on doing so, "It helps to pay my taxes." How ironic that Tom was to die in Perth from lung cancer around the turn of the millennium, not from the smoking-induced variety, but from mesothelioma derived from inhaling fibres loosened from the asbestos lagging that was abundant in ships, especially steam driven.

28) On Sailor Toms, first telephone contact with the group, his accent had the answerer, John, totally baffled. He had the temerity to enquire from where in England Tom hailed. Apparently, to ask a former Falkland Islander that question was tantamount to insult!

29) A bricklayer, Hector and his wife moved up to Darwin from Perth in 1964 and had probably been doing so for some time each dry season. His temporary Darwin residence was with his daughter. Hector often spoke about the member in Perth named Clem, who eventually did serve with distinction a term in his civilian occupation.

30) Jimmy B-B was the next cautious arrival, which came about from a chance meeting with John in a corrugated-iron clad, concrete floor residence in McMinn Street. Jimmy's wife Julie, worked as a seamstress at the Darwin, invited John to their home, explaining that Jimmy was very shy about meeting people, but loved to meet people from distant places. When introductions were made and the ice broken, Jim quietly revealed he was descended from one of Melbourne's two pioneering families, only to be informed by John he was descended from the other of the two pioneering families. That was all that was needed for all barriers to be lowered. God works in remarkable ways to guide alcoholics to sobriety.

Another 3 sick alcoholics arrived at the door of the group in rapid succession. They were Jock F., One-armed Jimmy S. and Oskar the Dane, Kenny B. from Adelaide, but not necessarily in that order.

Jock was a referral from the R.A.A.F. medical officer, whose attention was drawn to Jock's outrageous behaviour outside the nurses' quarters at the Darwin Hospital. Although supremely fit, (Jock could do 100 push ups in rapid succession), the doctor put him into isolated quarters and vocal quarantine until he agreed to seek help. Then the doctor rang John, referring Jock to AA, as he had run out of patience with him. Jock, in his capacity as a cook, astounded the group members with his ability to pick up two eggs in each hand and crack them into a bowl without breaking either the yokes or getting shell fragments into the bowl, but was equally astounded in his total helplessness in leaving the bottle alone! The members used that as an illustration to verify the aspects of the disease from which we suffer.

One armed Jimmy was a former printer from Melbourne who escaped from Mt. Isa where he had blown off his left arm in a drunken episode when firing shots at the Mines danger signs. On arrival at Darwin, he was fitted out with an artificial calliper. On being questioned about his travels and learning that he came from Melbourne after migrating from Scotland, John conferred with his sponsor, Ricky, to learn that Jimmy had amputated his left hand with a printer's power guillotine. Although he had taken up Sunday school teaching at a church in Mt. Isa, he relapsed into active alcoholism, and the shooting incident had taken care of the remainder of his limb.

In Darwin he astounded the members with the capacity to drink 2 bottles of paraldehyde in the one day! Because of Darwin's then lack of facilities for handicapped people, he was sent for rehabilitation to an institution in Brisbane at the end of 1964. Mother Nature endowed him with a prodigious cowlick in his hair. When John relocated to Perth in WA in 1971 AA meetings were being held in an alcoholism clinic attached to the Royal Perth Hospital. On taking a seat in the back row, he was amazed to recognize Jimmy, who was sitting in the front row, by the unmistakable cowlick in his hair. Jimmy passed away in Geraldton, where he was an inmate at the Rosella House treatment facility.

Oskar the Dane, a very likable fellow stayed just a few weeks, but endeared himself to all members—his loneliness was profound.

Kenny B's arrival prior to Christmas coincided with the extreme weather conditions of the time. The monsoon was overdue, and the humidity overwhelming. It was always a struggle for him. He agonised over Al Martino's version of "You always hurt the one you love", giving members cause to believe he had a painful memory of a personal failure, probably with his mother. Like thousands of others, his departure was unannounced and unheralded.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

We are meeting at 7pm on Zoom.

Saturday 13th March

Is your group doing any PI work, or are you interested in doing some?

Would you like to get involved, if so, come along to the meeting?

Zoom ID 89950772600 Password 616503

Pamphlets and posters have been going to Drs Surgeries.
AA is on channel 9 community services for the next 3 weeks.

THE TWELVE STEPS

- 1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.**
- 2. Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.**
- 3. Made a decision to turn our will and lives over to the care of God, as we understand Him.**
- 4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.**
- 5. Admitted to God to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.**
- 6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.**
- 7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.**
- 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.**
- 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so, would injure them or others.**
- 10. Continued to take a personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.**
- 11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand him, praying only for knowledge of His will and the power to carry that out.**
- 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the results of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.**

WORLD SERVICE DELEGATE POSITION AVAILABLE

At the General Service Conference to be held in November 2021, a new World Service Delegate will be elected.

The position is for a four-year term.

Qualifications:

Applicants should be legal resident and citizen of Australia.

Have at least five years current unbroken sobriety in AA, and service experience at national level.

Should have demonstrated leadership qualities, genuine service interest, organisational ability, and a knowledge and love of AA.

Responsibilities:

- Attend World Service Meetings and Asia/Oceania Service Meetings in the four- year term of service.
- Write a Country Report and/or Presentation for the World Service Meeting and Asia/Oceania Service Meeting. Be fully informed on AA in their countries and/or zones.
- Attend General Service Board meetings and the General Service Conference in Sydney each year.
- Attend National Convention.
- Report to the Fellowship via Conference, Board meetings, AA Around Australia and AA Service meetings like Regional Forums, Area Assemblies and District Meetings the observations and decisions reached at the World service Meeting.
- Actively support, help organise and inform the fellowship about the International Sponsorship Fund "Brown Paper Bag" collection held during Founders Week in June each year.

Please telephone email gso@aa.org.au for further information, or to obtain an application form for either of these positions.

Applications must be received by no later than Friday 24th September 2021



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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
Income					
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
Total Income	\$29,238.00	\$36,508.00	\$171,380.69	\$186,393.83	\$211,495.51

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.

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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 through the donations portal.

Andy Poad
Chairman
General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia



The Port Augusta Alcoholics Anonymous Group
 invite all to participate in our 2021 Annual Camp
 On the June Long weekend 11th – 12th – 13th – 14th
 At Pichi Richi Park

The Pichi Richi Explorer and The Afghan Express will be operating this weekend and the rail track runs alongside the Park. Photo opportunities galore! Hiking trails. Fantastic views of the magnificent Flinders Ranges



With AI -Anon and AI -Aleen participation
 Join us for a weekend of Fellowship and family recovery

To be held at PICHIRICHI PARK

On The Port Augusta—Quorn Road , 12 kms South of Quorn.
 Set in 1000 acres of beautiful bushland with glorious views of the Devil's Peak.

12 cabins sleep up to 55 people
 Most cabins are grouped around a courtyard area and all are adjacent to Male and Female Bathrooms. Disabled toilet available
 Spacious rooms for meetings and dining. Fully equipped kitchen and outdoor kitchen with BBQs. Camp Fire area. Bring items for the auction please.
 Plenty of space for campervans, tents etc but NO powered sites
 BYO Bedding. Don't miss out, this an awesome venue!

As this venues requires payment in advance, please consider paying upfront
 Price \$50.00 per night includes accommodation and meals (Sausage Sizzle Friday night) or \$130 for three nights Children under 5 free 5-12 half price. Day visitors \$40

Bookings for cabins is essential. A deposit will secure your booking

Please prepay for this camp if you can, but we also accept cash at the venue as normal
 Pay into the CSO by BSB 065115 Account 00902824 or payment by credit card (call 82216888). Please confirm your registration by text or call or

For more info ring Trevor 0467648658, Jack 0428824561 or Ian on 0400031821

STRICTLY NO PETS ALLOWED IN PARK PLEASE RESPECT VENUE REGULATIONS

Corny Point Camp

2021

12/13/14

March

Let's do it

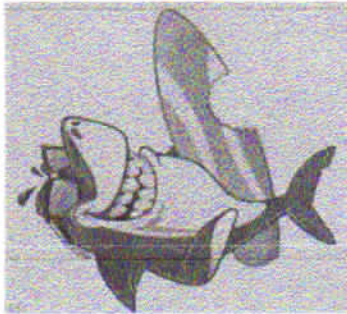
Free camping

Auction and Quiznight

Tea, coffee and Nibbles provided

Gold Coin Donation for

BBQ Lunches and dinners,



Fishing if

Weather

permits

Unwanted

items For the

Auction

More than welcome

Corny Point Caravan Park

Ph 088 855 3368

No fees or registration required

For further enquiries please contact

ISSY Ph 0402 191 770

2021 NATIONAL FORUM

Treatment & Accessibility, Correctional Facilities
& PI/CPC



REGISTRATION IS OPEN
SEE OVERLEAF FOR DETAILS

AUGUST 27TH - 29TH

LOCATION

The Colmslie Hotel,

Morningside

Qld



LET'S BE FRIENDLY
WITH OUR
FRIENDS

Registration

\$50

Please register using bank transfer.

Bank Details

Account: Area C National Combined T&CF

BSB: 633000

Account # 173460288

(Use your Surname or Homegroup name if you prefer.)

If you have any questions please contact

Syd ; 0458 668 675

Accommodation

Accommodation is available at our venue

The Colmslie Hotel Morningside.

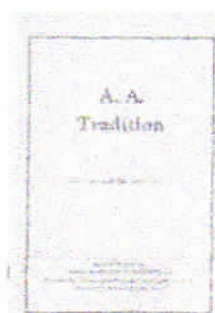
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The Twelve Traditions



In April of 1946, Bill W. wrote an article for the Grapevine entitled "Twelve Suggested Points for A.A. Tradition," an early presentation of what would become known simply as The Twelve Traditions. With his usual foresight, Bill had looked around the program some ten years after he and Dr. Bob met in Akron in 1935, and realized that, as A.A. grew, it was important to preserve its unity and singleness of purpose. During the 1940s, Bill received hundreds of letters from the A.A. groups that were springing up all over the country, letters asking him sometimes contentious questions about group autonomy, anonymity issues, A.A. endorsement of outside enterprises, and the like.

These letters, which described what Bill would call a "welter of exciting and fearsome experience," played a key role in helping him formulate the Twelve Traditions. Published one by one in the Grapevine, from December 1947 to November 1948, and adopted at the First International Convention in Cleveland, the Traditions provided guidelines (not rules) that would help A.A. groups then and in the future conduct themselves in their relationship with the outside world and with Alcoholics Anonymous itself. "I offer these suggestions," Bill wrote in that first April 1946 article, "neither as one man's dictum nor as a creed of any kind, but rather as a first attempt to portray that group ideal toward which we have assuredly been led by a Higher Power these ten years past."

Today, A.A. groups continue to use the Traditions to strive towards that group ideal as they carry their message of hope to still-suffering alcoholics around the world.

