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The planning for this has been in the works since Melbourne's endorsement to hold the National Convention was given at the National GSO conference in November 2019.

The Area delegate at the time received the good news and it is fair to say there was excitement in the room from all Conference members who felt that it had been a while since Melbourne had hosted a national event, in fact the last was in 2012, so God willing we can have this next year in person 10 years on!

Our early planning involved interested members to form a committee and discussion with a planned venue that was central with good transport links, had accessible accommodation and the required room facilities.

The committee came together in earnest in early 2020 following elections and planning discussions held around proposed dates / time and a theme.

The eventual theme we landed on was born out of a members dream, thinking that after the move to online, members would preferably like to attend a national convention in person in 2022 hence the words from our Big Book :

“We shall be with you in the fellowship of the spirit.”
pg. 164, the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

This theme also brings out the nature of our fellowship that we are unified as a national and international spiritual fellowship helping each other and the people who are seeking our help

It is fair to say we have all felt the impact of Covid19, amazing to see how the fellowship pivoted and embraced technology for online meetings, we did the same in holding our HPC planning meetings and we acknowledge the hard work that Adelaide HPC had put in and before that Toowoomba HPC - we can see how hard these events are to organise.

The announcement we have just made above is a call to save the date for next year and launch the website www.aanatcon2022.com

The HPC for 2022 are looking forward to welcoming our members from far and wide next year, in what we believe will be a fun filled message of recovery and discovery.

Calendar of events

Australian National Convention 2021 Melbourne

April 22, - April 24,

Our website is LIVE,

www.aanatcon2022.com and from there you can register your interest in upcoming events or service, download flyers to share with your homegroup, contact us, and access details and updates about the convention.

THE 2021 OUTBACK TAG-A-LONG TO THE GULF COUNTRY

11th June-16 July 2021

For more information visit

www.outback-aa-au.org

Or ring 0436 464 633

Fun Run for the 2022 National Convention

NATCON Fun Run & BBQ is 11:00am, Saturday 17th July (2021) @ Royal Botanical Gardens. We are looking for members who wish to run 1 x 3.8 km lap around The Tan and be sponsored from within their fellowship circles. Home groups are encouraged to get involved. To register your interest or find out more info, contact Fab W on 0432 493 034 or visit our website www.aanatcon2022.com

Bill W Camp Douglas Daly NT 23rd—25th July

Click [here](#) for more info, or talk to one of our AA contacts –

Mark P 0400 255 019,

Terry B 0418 895 007,

Marg M 0402 602 602

Sydney AA Men's Retreat 2021 July 23 - July 25

Youthworks Port Hacking NSW

Cost:\$250

For more info:

Phone: Darren D 0422 255 930

Email: sydneymensweekend@gmail.com

Or click

www.sydneymensweekend.com.au

2021 National Forum Combined Treatment & Accessibility, Correctional Facilities & PI/CPC AUGUST 27th – 29th

Venue: Colmslie Hotel, Morningside, QLD.

The Colmslie's website is [here](#) or phone (07) 3399 8222.

Registrations for the event are set at A\$50.00 for the weekend which includes light refreshments such as tea and coffee. To register online please click [here](#) to go to our Forum website.

Living Sober Spring Camp October 8 - October 10

Camp Getaway 161-163 Kimbolton-Axedale Road Axedale, VIC

For more info email:

saturdaynightlivingsober@gmail.com

Newtown Soberfest October 30

Cost \$10

Join us for a day of fellowship and unity.

Email: aa.newtown.au@gmail.com

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 or write to General Service Office, 48 Firth Street, Arncliffe, NSW 2205.

Fellowship Of The Spirit Australia 7th Annual Conference

November 12 - November 14

Cost: \$240

Long Point conference Centre

20 -26 Wills Rd

Long Point, NSW 2564

To register:

<http://www.fotsaustralia2021.eventbee.com/>

Individual donations are Tax Deductible

Members celebrate sobriety by giving time, energy and money in support of our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship offers. Members assure that group expenses are paid by putting money into the basket passed at each meeting. It is each member's responsibility to support the services that have been requested by the A.A. Fellowship, to help facilitate A.A.'s vital Twelfth Step. Contributions are made in a spirit of sacrifice, and they honor A.A.'s code of "love and service." Contributions also underscore the spiritual nature of our Fellowship and our mutual

love and trust. We have found that these contributions are as important to each member as they are to the service centers supported.

A reminder that individual donations to the General Service Office are tax deductible as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous in Australia is on the list of approved tax-exempt organisations.

Operating Costs and Contributions update

Based on the [audited yearly financial reports the General Service Office's Operating goal for contributions is \\$9322.02 per week.](#)

The contributions up to June 4 averaged out at \$8999,38 a week - This is a shortfall of \$323.64 per week.

Our Prudent Reserve currently sits at 14.59 months.

We encourage groups and individuals to support our services which have been crucial to the continued operation of the fellowship at a National level during the COVID crisis.

A.A. members can make contributions online at G.S.O.'s A.A. website www.aa.org through the donations portal or directly to BSB 012006 ACC 009750529

NSW CORRECTIVE SERVICES “JUST CONNECT” INITIATIVE

During discussions among AA members involved in providing the successful online meetings at the Long Bay Forensics Hospital, it was deemed to be an ideal time to pursue contact with NSW Corrective Services via David Brown (CEO South Australian Corrective Services, and past Class A GSO trustee). At the 2020 National Corrective Services and Treatment Facilities forum where David was a main speaker, he kindly agreed to assist in this endeavour.

These contacts with NSW Corrective Services were considered necessary because of the negative impact on face-to-face AA meetings in NSW prison facilities due to Covid 19. NSW prisons had begun to struggle with providing wardens to escort AA members into prisons to attend AA meetings, likely driven by concern of further risk of Covid 19 infection.

David contacted the Deputy Commissioner of NSW Corrective Services, Mr Luke Grant. Mr Grant in turn directed us to Mr Peter Sharp (manager of NSW Corrective Services Strategy and Policy). Mr Sharp is responsible for assisting with gaining access to NSW Correctives Services video link system called “Just Connect” to organisations like AA.

The goal for the new AA committee (“Just Connect Initiative”) is the provision of group meeting facilities which can be used to host AA online meetings to approximately 38 corrective service facilities throughout NSW. Fortunately, the “Just Connect Initiative” application process also includes permission to gain

access to face-to-face AA meetings in these volunteer group meeting facilities in NSW prisons as well.

The application through Peter Sharp was successful and it was decided team members from AA’s “Just Connect Initiative” committee would be used as a pilot team to begin the project. A member of this AA committee will facilitate the initiative and process approvals. The Just Connect Initiative approval process includes the normal completion of application forms for AA members which includes police checks and various other approvals as required by any applications to visit NSW Corrective Services facilities.

Local NSW AA area delegates and local corrective services group members that may be responsible for maintaining prison rosters are invited to participate in this scheme. Previously information in regard to recording these details was held in various sheets and databases scattered throughout the fellowship. To consolidate the storage of this data in one place, AA’s “Just Connect Initiative” committee members have completed work on designing a database to be stored on the GSO National website. This project was completed in conjunction with Lachlan B the GSO trustee and Julie from Brisbane who is the appointed GSO website manager.

The “Just Connect Initiative” committee has installed a word press database linkable to the GSO website. This database will include each corrective services facility in NSW. The database also requests service information and contact details for AA members. These members

may be currently involved in rosters, prison visits, online meetings and other service work related to NSW Corrective Services.

Currently the “Just Connect Initiative” committee members are working with NSW Corrective Services officers to contact local prisons Program and Services managers. These managers will be asked to contact inmates interested in attending online AA meetings in the relevant group meeting rooms in prisons. Hopefully these online meetings will progress to become face to face meetings once Covid 19 has become more manageable in the prisons.

To volunteer for the AA “Just Connect Initiative” please use this link to go to the application page on the GSO website.

<https://contacts.aa.org.au/index.php/gaols-service-registration/>

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

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**

On behalf of the "National Combined Treatment and Correctional Facilities and Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community Forum 2021" committee or simply Forum2021 as per our email address "forum2021@mail.com", I would like to share a few words about this forum which will be held over the weekend of 27th to 29th August 2021. The event will be held at The Colmslie Hotel Conference Centre located in Morningside Brisbane. The theme of this weekend will be "Let's Be Friendly with Our Friends" and all AA members involved in or who are interested in anyone of these four areas of outreach that AA is involved with, are most welcome to attend the event. As stated in the title of the event, it is a national event which is being

hosted by Area 'C' of the North Eastern Region of Australia's General Service structure.

The main objective of the weekend is to garner the experience, strength and hope from all those involved in these service roles so that it will contribute to a national conscience in ways to better approach our friends in the community who are engaged in dealing with alcoholics. With the impact of COVID19, this Forum will be the first major face to face event our Fellowship has hosted in the last two years. We hope to capture the same spirit of one alcoholic talking with another that started with a simple talk Bill had with Ebby over the kitchen table in 1934 to the Worldwide Fellowship we enjoy today. We anticipate that there

will be online input from some guest speakers both from Australia and from abroad to foster subject matter to be workshopped by the attending participants. These workshops will be held for each of the service portfolios and at the conclusion of the weekend, summaries will be presented to the Forum on ways to move forward.

There is accommodation at the venue as well as other venues in the surrounding areas of Brisbane. The Colmslie is conveniently located in Brisbane's inner eastern suburbs and is only 6km from the heart of Brisbane's CBD. For those who are flying into Brisbane, the venue is 4km from the Brisbane Airport. The Colmslie offers great catering from their Steak and Seafood Restaurant which operates to 10pm every evening. All meals at the venue are on a user pays basis. Please refer to the venue details for further information. The Colmslie's website is [here](#) or phone (07) 3399 8222.

Registrations for the event are set at A\$50.00 for the weekend which includes light refreshments such as tea and coffee. To register online please click [here](#) go to our Forum website.

Finally, this weekend forum is about Service and our responsibility to carry AA's Message out to those in the community who deal with alcoholics. On behalf of the Committee, I again welcome and look forward to seeing fellow members of Alcoholics Anonymous who are involved in these vital areas of service.

Position Vacant World Service Delegate

The General Service Conference to be held in November 2021 will elect a new World Service Delegate. Applications to stand for election are invited from members.

The position is for a four- year term. Qualifications:

Applicants should be legal residents and citizens of Australia.

They should have at least five years current unbroken sobriety in AA,

and service experience at a national level. They should have demonstrated leadership qualities, genuine service interest, organisational ability,

and a knowledge and love of AA. Responsibilities:

- Attend two World Service Meetings and two 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 the National Convention each year.

- Report to the Fellowship via Conference, Board meetings, AA Around Australia and AA Service meetings like Regional Forums, Area Assemblies and District Meetings their observations of the World Service Meeting and Asia-Oceania 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. Applications must be received by no later than Friday 3rd September 2021

Position Vacant General Service Trustee

The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia is seeking nominations for the position of General Service Trustee. The position is for four years. General Service Trustee applicants should reside within commuting distance of the General Service Office.

Nominations will be considered by the Board and the successful candidate will be chosen by Third Legacy Procedure. The appointment of the successful candidate will then be ratified at the General Service Conference.

Duties:

- To attend General Service Board meetings held at weekends in February

and July. The trustee must also be available to attend the Board meeting and General Service Conference held over four days in November.

- To attend meetings at the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia in Arncliffe, NSW on a monthly basis, as part of the General Service Office Management Group.

- Be available to General Service Office staff in an advisory capacity throughout the year.

- Provide continuous service to the General Service Board throughout the year.

Qualifications:

Sound business or professional background.

Leadership skills.

Understanding of General Service Structure.

Several years of continuous sobriety.

Availability.

Please telephone the General Service Office on gso@aa.org.au for further information, or to obtain an application form.

Position Vacant National Correctional Facilities Co-Ordinator

THE POSITION

The term of office is four years, taking effect on January 1st 2022.

The new Co-ordinator is appointed by the Chairman of the Trustees' Correctional Facilities Committee, in consultation with the General Service Board.

The responsibilities of the Co-ordinator are:

- To actively encourage and promote the growth of Correctional Facilities activities throughout Australia.
- To act as a positive communication link, through reporting, writing, email, the Service website, displays and the National T&CF Forum, between all parts of the Fellowship with an interest in relevant Service work;
- Be in regular contact with the Chairperson of the Trustees' Correctional Facilities Committee in order to be apprised of Service opportunities;
- Liaise with the Board and General Service Office in seeking or conveying

requested Forum-related information, and in implementing national scale projects;

- Send short Reports on main activities and Forum progress (dot points) to the February & July Board meetings via the General Service Office with cc to the Chair of the relevant Trustees' Committee, and report fully to the Board and annual GS Conference in November.

- Publish and distribute a regular newsletter sharing information on AA activities in Correctional Facilities

NATIONAL FORUM

- Actively encourage Areas to have Forum hosting bids in for Conference approval two years ahead, to ensure continuity and certainty for maximum benefit to the Fellowship;
- Be a functioning ex officio member of the relevant National Forum Host Planning Committee (HPC): co-ordinate, attend where feasible, receive all minutes, keep in active touch with the HPC and report to the Board;
- Ensure that the Forum is relevant and attractive to

the Fellowship in its content and activities;

- See that the Forum as a whole is recorded for posterity;
- Attend the Forum and deliver a report to the Service Fellowship on the past two years' activities in Correctional Facilities, including both successes and shortcomings seen by the office-bearer;
- Act on and follow up any requests of the Forum;
- Ensure that the Forum Program includes a slot for a short explanation and questions and the role of the Co-ordinator; ensure nomination forms for the next Co-ordinator position are available and participants are aware of the this and the deadline of the end of the Forum; convey completed forms to the General Service Office as soon as possible after the Forum.

If you are interested in this position please ask for a nomination form from gso@aa.org.au and return it by no later than Friday the 3rd of September

From our World Service Delegates...

The disease of alcoholism affects humankind throughout the world and is arrested by the Twelve Step Program of Alcoholics Anonymous in over 80 countries in the world. It is interesting to read of the successes and trials in the Fellowship as we reach out internationally to suffering alcoholics. And although the languages may change from country to country the saving message of our Fellowship remains the same. These are some quotes from last year's World Service Meeting.

Columbia. All the events of our national structure, including anniversaries, forums, roundups, and so on, have moved to a virtual platform, due to these times of the pandemic. This has not at all meant that we have stopped fulfilling our Fifth Tradition, Our Primary Purpose.

India is a unique country, with 1.3 billion population and a considerable presence of A.A. With 22 major spoken and written languages, more than 20 minor languages and countless more dialects, India in itself is a mini United Nations. Consequently A.A. India, as a Fellowship is not only one of the largest outside the U.S. and Canada (with more than 2,250 groups and estimated 50,000 members) but is also one of the most diverse, with literature in 14 languages. The Indian GSO publishes the Big Book in ten languages, pamphlets in 14 languages (excluding English) and, going forward, the number of languages is bound to increase.

Ireland There has been much discussion about encouraging members into service, the

importance of member-to-member sponsorship and the benefits of service. To address this, at the 2019 Conference, service workshops were held exploring these themes: How can we improve Service? How can Conference members lead by example? What action can we as Conference take to encourage Service? How can we implement changes and in what timeline?

Belarus

Unfortunately, at the moment not all A.A. members realize the importance of the office and service structure. **We must acknowledge that most alcoholics come to A.A. primarily for their own recovery and are poorly informed about**

Working with Young Doctors on the Sunshine Coast

With a Slow start to the year with PI work, we have just had our first presentation on the 15th of April with young Trainee Doctors at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

This is such a wonderful opportunity to sit with young Doctors and explain to them what AA does and doesn't do, how AA works and how we may assist. The event was hosted by Brian F, Linda T, Jodi H and Cliff P who presented the information to 7 young Trainee Doctors.

Towards the end of the session there were a few questions some general conversation with the Doctors, it was during the time that we were informed that this is not a mandatory session for them as these young Doctors chose to attend these sessions. Once again it is such a pleasure to work closely with the medical field.

the need and benefits of the A.A. office and service committees. In order to change this situation, we have started some additional activities to raise awareness of Service in A.A. at the Fellowship level. These meetings do not gather meeting rooms full of people yet, but there are changes for the better. More people have become interested in serving. Committees have begun to collaborate, and more and more members have grown interested in A.A. Traditions. I believe that if we go ahead and continue to gently inform groups, many "indifferent" A.A. members will eventually change their minds about service structures.

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.

HAVE YOU LOGGED IN TO THE SERVICE WEBSITE?

Share your experience and gain some inspiration from what others are doing.
aaservice.org.au

From the General Service Board...

Trustees' Message

On the 16th May, we held a further 'Meet the Board' session via Zoom. This covered an array of updates on various topics and was well received. We had a discussion around the role of the Emeritus Class A Trustee; the dangers of giving medical advice within AA and why we don't; a discussion around the need for service; an update from the GSO; and we even heard from members from Fiji and India. Our sole Class A trustee, Narelle, shared her association with AA whilst working as a prison officer in WA.

We will be discussing at our July board meeting if these 'Meet the Board' sessions should continue. This newsletter will cover off on a lot of the matters that were discussed. Most of the GSB were in attendance along with the GSO staff. Some shared a bit of their personal journey in the Fellowship and answered questions from the floor.

Membership Survey

As per Advisory action 035/19, it is proposed that a membership survey be undertaken. It was not undertaken in 2020 due to Covid and the lack of face-to-face meetings. The aim of the survey is to provide a snapshot in time of our Fellowship's makeup, which will assist with the General Service Board (GSB) planning, provide Public Information and be of interest to the media and professionals who work in the field of alcoholism.

All members will be asked to participate. The questions will be sent out via Delegates, posted on social media and available on our website. Paper

surveys will be available to members who do not have access to the internet. We will aim to have around 2,000 surveys returned, around 20% of our membership.

The survey was originally to be launched at the 2021 Convention in Adelaide. With its cancellation, the launch will be at the Combined National Forum (see below for more details) in Qld in August. Thereafter, it will be distributed electronically via Delegates and Areas, CSOs, Districts and social media platforms.

It is proposed that it will be open for three months, closing in early November. Once the results are collated, they will be published as a Conference Approved Pamphlet in 2022. The survey will be delivered via the Survey Monkey platform which is an easy and accepted survey platform to use.

Ahead of its release to the membership, the GSB has tested the survey. This test was to ensure that the survey is appropriate, flows in a logical way, that all questions have correct options, and that the time to complete the survey is not too onerous. The test was successful and we look forward to its launch.

Call for Class A Trustees

We currently only have one Class A (non-alcoholic trustee) and so there are three vacancies. One of the benefits of Class A alcoholics is that they can speak on behalf of AA in public. If you know of anyone who may make a good Class A trustee, please contact the GSO.

Intellectual Property

Judy W, Eastern Trustee gave an update at the recent 'Meet the Board' session on AA's intellectual property, covering off on copyright of AA literature, our licensing agreement with A.A. World Services Inc., how to acknowledge copyright when quoting from AA literature for use in publications such as flyers etc, and our registered trademarks.

This is an important role of the GSB to protect AA's intellectual property and to ensure that we are using it in terms with our licence agreement.

Donation or Contribution?

At the recent 'Meet The Board' session, Valerie gave an overview of the role of the GSO.

One of the many queries the GSO receives is around the word 'contributions' which is used in our Traditions and literature, begging the question why does the General Service Board use the word 'donations' in communications and on the website.

The answer is quite simple. Legally there is a difference between the two words.

A **donation** is a gift of money or property made voluntarily with no material benefit to the donor. The General Service Board has Tax Deductibility Gift Recipient Status, which simply means that if you make a donation to the General Service Board you can claim it on your tax return.

If you receive a material benefit (e.g. a raffle ticket) this is a **contribution** and you cannot claim it on your tax return.

From the General Service Board con't...

Income - September 2020 to January 2021					
	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

Finance update

We have been talking about the Reserve Fund (GSO's prudent reserve) in past newsletters and will continue to keep the Fellowship up to date. The Reserve Fund's principal purpose is to provide the financial resources to continue the essential services of the GSO for up to a year in the event of an unexpected and substantial reduction in the normal revenues of the organisation.

Advisory Action 025/20

In response to a request that it define the term "prudent reserve", Conference suggests that each group is autonomous:

- General Service Office: 12-16 months
- Central Service Offices: 6-12 months
- Areas, Districts, Groups: 1-3 months

GSO Prudent Reserve Plan

•The Prudent Reserve will be quarantined, and we will work towards a minimum of 12-16 months reserve based on the Office operating costs of the previous financial year.

•The Prudent Reserve will not include current employee long service leave liabilities they will be reserved in a separate account.

•The Prudent Reserve will be assessed at the end of each Financial Year on the production of the Audit figures and adjustments will be made as agreed upon by the Management Group and presented to the Board.

•In the event of unexpected and substantial reduction in the normal revenues of the organisation. This would be decided upon by the Board.

Current status

- 2020 GSO operating costs were \$484,745, which equates to \$9,322.02 per week
- The prudent reserve goal is therefore \$484,745
- The current reserve is \$509,581- this is up from \$378,517 last quarter, and represents a prudent reserve of 12.61 months.

Contributions goal

- Contributions goal is \$9,322.02 per week
- Average contributions from July 2020 to present are \$8,803.48 per week

Group Contributions March to May

CENTRAL REGION		CR					
Area A CR	CR/A		Casino	740.00	Area H ER	ER/H	
Brompton Beginners	42.70		Coffs Harbour Steps Sisters	180.00	Blaxland PPG	492.17	
Daveron Park	3.00		Dorrigo	36.00	Burwood Mon	400.00	
Elizabeth East	67.50		Forster Mon Womens	200.00	Emerton Sat Beginners	180.00	
Gawler	172.62		Forster AA	1,000.00	Fairfield Mon	60.00	
Gawler Sobriety Sisters	48.00		Grafton BBS	600.00	Kings Langley Weds BBS 4D	450.00	
Grange	130.62		Hastings District Committee	473.90	Lawson Mon	200.00	
Henley Beach E S	39.53		Laurieton BBS	100.00	Lawson Sat	150.00	
Henley Beach Promises	309.60		Lismore Red Dove	180.00	Penrith BBS Sun 6pm	400.00	
Junction Middy	75.00		Nimbin	300.00	Quakers Hill Tues pm	250.00	
Kadina Speakers	168.70		Port MacQuarie Fri 8pm	600.00	Seven Hills Mon Night	300.00	
Kapunda	30.00		Port Macquarie Daily Reflections	700.00	Springwood Wed Night	1,208.00	
Kilburn	119.80		Pottsville Joys of Recovery	180.00	Total Area H:	4,090.17	
Kilburn Zoom	12.00		Sawtell Living Sober	500.00	Total Eastern Region:	27,473.42	
Mansfield Park	424.01		South Golden Beach	300.00			
Mens Topic	123.00		Tabulam	30.00	SOUTHERN REGION	SR	
Port Adelaide Friday	240.23		Wauchope	250.00	Area A SR	SR/A	
Port Augusta	159.00		Total Area A:	8,736.84	Warrnambool Central Fri	200.00	
Port Pirie Hope	99.03		Area B ER	ER/B	Wendouree Tues	160.00	
Riverton	45.00		Ainslie Village	90.00	Total Area A:	360.00	
Salisbury Sunday	1.50		Back to Basics	120.00	Area B SR	SR/B	
Semaphore Serenity Mon	90.00		Batemans Bay Friday	5.00	Albury BBS	482.50	
Semaphore Sunday	180.00		Batlow	20.00	Castlemaine Sun	80.00	
Tea Tree Gully	166.13		Bermagui	200.00	Castlemaine BB Weds	50.00	
Two Wells	69.74		Daily Reprieve	224.00	Dingley Chater 6	75.00	
Whyalla Wednesday	15.00		Dickson BB	120.00	Total Area B:	687.50	
Total Area A:	2,831.71		Ginninderra	150.00	Area D SR	SR/D	
Area B CR	CR/B		Kambah	30.00	Eltham	31.20	
Adelaide Beginners	309.00		Moruya Wed	170.00	Footscray Fri	400.00	
Aldinga	1.50		Rainbow Group	120.00	Geelong District	800.00	
Aldgate	85.79		Canberra Recovery	5.00	Geelong Into Action	187.96	
Bedford Park (Clovelly)	80.00		Staying Sober	165.00	Geelong SOTS	95.00	
Belair (Blackwood)	169.19		Ulladulla Thurs	250.00	Geelong Mens	819.38	
Berri S&T	30.00		Weston Creek	78.72	Laverton PP	100.00	
Brighton By the Book Speakers	500.00		Woden Valley	36.00	Moonee Ponds Road to Recovery	200.00	
Breakfast Groups	356.34		Total Area B:	1,783.72	Northern Exposure	480.00	
Brighton Women's	210.00		Area C ER	ER/C	Preston Sunrise	445.00	
Burnside Friday Lunchtime	76.02		Bateau Bay	500.00	Sunbury	800.00	
Christies Beach	60.00		Hamilton SA	400.00	Surfcoast Serenity Sat 5pm	68.00	
Eastwood Recovery	101.52		Kincumber	15.00	Total Area D:	4,426.54	
Eastwood Women's Sunday	126.74		Newcastle FOTS	100.00	Glenorchy Sat Lunch	100.00	
Flinders St Friday	76.95		Newcastle FOTS	100.00	Hobart City Tues Night	250.00	
Glenelg	214.35		Raymond Terrace Mon Night	57.45	Hobart Womens	300.00	
Glen Osmond R2R	300.00		Saratoga Fri Night	100.00	Sandy Bay	280.00	
Goodwood	6.00		Swansea Weds	100.00	Total Area E:	930.00	
Hackham Steps Monday	1.50		Tarro Young at Heart	500.00	Area F SR	SR/F	
Kingston on Murray	101.34		Toronto Sat pm	62.00	The Deal	1,053.03	
Magill Mon	225.00		Truth Rutherford	200.00	Belmont Speakers	30.00	
Malvern	212.00		Tuncurry	325.30	Belmont Unity Recovery	1,300.00	
Meadows	45.00		Total Area C:	2,359.75	Carlton	150.00	
Mt Barker	30.00		Area D ER	ER/D	Croydon Tues	200.00	
Mt Barker Sober on Sat	22.50		Liverpool Sunday 11am	400.00	Dandenong Common Welfare Fri	116.00	
Murray Bridge	30.00		Nowra TIAS	135.00	East Ringwood Womens	218.00	
Norwood	140.42		Oatley Sat 9am Daily Reflections	500.00	Elwood Womens	145.50	
Parkside Wednesday	1.50		Padstow CTM	150.00	Elwood Bill by the Bay	100.00	
Payneham	39.00		Total Area D:	1,185.00	Hampton Sunrise	105.00	
Payneham Womens	74.15		Area E ER	ER/E	Kew Fri	300.00	
Seaford	123.60		Area E Groups via NSCSO	2,324.44	Mansfield	277.85	
Serenity by the sea	383.25		Curl Curl Bfast	1,267.00	Mornington Mon	200.00	
St Cyprians	38.40		Manly Sun 6pm	100.00	Mount Martha	70.00	
Sunday Women's	44.19		Total Area E:	3,691.44	St Kilda SNL	120.00	
Unley Park	1.50		Area F ER	ER/F	South Melbourne Mens Group	990.00	
Victor Harbour Friday	75.00		Bathurst Sun Hospital	40.00	Total Area F:	5,375.38	
Victor Harbours Womens ABSI	6.00		Orange Tues Night	300.00	Total Southern Region:	11,779.42	
Willunga	78.03		Total Area F:	340.00	NORTH EASTERN REGION	NER	
Yankalilla	15.00		Area G ER	ER/G	Area A NER	NER/A	
Total Area B:	4,390.78		Balmain Sat	250.00	Airlie Beach	40.50	
Total Central Region:	7,222.49		Balmain Thurs pm	200.00	Via Cairns CSO	800.00	
EASTERN REGION	ER		Camperdown Thurs	342.60	Cairns BB Mon	105.00	
Area A ER	ER/A		Dulwich Hill	1,000.00	Cairns Connection	75.00	
Armidale Free To Be	200.00		Erskineville Womens	6.30	Edmonton	150.00	
Ballina Spiritual Concepts Sun	650.00		The Into Action Group Waverley	600.00	Holloways Beach	166.40	
Ballina Wed BBS	116.94		Lilyfield Steps	95.10	Kuranda	170.00	
Bangalow	400.00		Randwick Steps & Traditions	150.00	Port Douglas Paradise	67.45	
Byron Shire District	1,000.00		Sydney City Wed 8am Lawyers	72.50			
			Waverley Rocket 4D	2,570.00			
			Total Area G:	5,286.50			

Group Contributions March to May

Marlin Coast ABSI Cairns	30.00	Toowong Beginners	150.00	Unknown Internet Deposits	Unknown
Townsville Zoom	433.03	Toowoomba Tues Night Recovery	5.00	1/3 263308	100.00
Upper Ross/Rollingstone	180.00	Toowoomba Womens	640.00	1/3 WWBBS Tue	60.00
Total Area A:	2,217.38	Tugun Thurs	40.00	1/3 4724	30.00
Area B NER	NER/B	Wynnum Serenity	84.53	8/3 Armindale	1,000.00
Albany Creek/ Carseldine HP	140.00	Yeronga BB Basics	60.00	12/3 Gutter Bravado	350.00
Ashgrove West Big Book Sun 8pm	120.00	Total Area C:	6,875.83	15/3 Frost Tongs	120.00
Aspley Steps Monday Night	30.00	Total North Eastern Region:	21,904.81	18/3 Albury	250.00
Auchenflower	240.00	WESTERN REGION	WR	22/3 Unshakeable Foundation	150.00
Bray Park BBS	60.00	Area A WR	WR/A	23/3 NB Breakfast Zoom	2,785.00
Buddina Monday noon	600.00	Area A	1,100.00	29/3 Rainbow AA	45.00
Bulcock Beach	450.00	Bassendean	300.00	29/3 Eastern Twilight	540.00
Bundaberg Wed Midday	30.00	Burns Beach	87.00	31/3 Sunlight of the Spirit	40.00
Caboolture Big Book Recovery	130.00	Claremont	260.70	6/4 Lismore	520.00
Caloundra Mon ABSI	580.00	Universal Steps	37.50	6/4 North Mens Sun Steps	140.00
Chevallum	400.00	Ellenbrook Steps	9.75	7/4 Sth Melbourne	292.00
Cooloola Cove	100.00	Heathridge Group SC	244.80	15/4 Sisterhood in Recovery	100.00
Coolum	400.00	Heathridge Steps	75.00	16/4 Katoomba	40.00
Cooroy	30.00	Inglewood Women's	45.00	19/4 Freedom	180.00
District 9	3,800.00	Joondanna	18.00	26/4 Big Wednesday	55.00
Gladstone	150.00	Maylands Rainbow	30.00	30/4 Wollongong	225.00
Glenwood	20.00	Merriwa Mon Steps	44.78	30/4 LGBTQIA Wed zoom	45.00
Howard	211.00	Midland Steps	120.00	3/5 Whisky in my milk	160.00
Margate Beginners	40.00	Nedlands Breakfast	150.00	5/5 SGB meeting	50.00
Maroochydore Friday Cosmos	500.00	Nedlands Joy of Living	300.00	6/5 Toowoomba	30.00
Maryborough Sat BBS	100.00	Nedlands Womens	180.00	6/5 Narellan	420.50
Mooloolaba Tues Mens	300.00	Noranda Steps	54.00	12/5 Wed Mens	50.00
Mount Morgan	75.00	North Beach Tues	122.40	13/5 699700	55.00
Nambour Saturday Night	127.00	North Beach Womens	34.13	13/5 699700	43.35
Noosa Tewantin Tue Thur Topic	112.00	Northbridge midday	60.00	18/5 774541	250.00
Nundah	210.00	Northbridge Mon EO	42.00	18/5 Tue PM Steps	52.00
Paddington Serenity	218.10	Perth Early Openers	90.00	21/5 Melbourne On Awakening	360.00
Red Hill Amity	200.00	Perth Mens	375.34	28/5 NBBZ	752.69
Sandgate Sat pm	298.50	Scarborough Encouragement	135.00	28/5 Gutter Bravado	330.00
Sandgate/Brighton Steps Thurs	60.00	Subiaco Steps	120.00	Total Unknown Deposits:	7,327.00
Sunshine Coast Roundup	3,000.00	Vincent St Morning Group	300.00	TOTAL ALL REGIONS:	83,474.00
Tewantin Women's	50.00	Total Area A:	4,335.40	Total 83,474.00	
Urangan	30.00	Area B WR	WR/B	Thanks to all groups for your support	
Total Area B:	12,811.60	ABC Steps (Spearwood)	26.45	<p>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</p>	
Area C NER	NER/C	Cloverdale	90.00	<p>Contributions March 2021 - May 2021</p>	
Annerley Womens	30.00	Coolbellup Early Risers	45.00	<p>Central Region: 7,000.00 Eastern Region: 27,000.00 Southern Region: 11,000.00 North Eastern Region: 22,000.00 Western Region: 6,000.00 Unknown Deposits: 7,000.00</p>	
Ashmore ABSI	40.00	Esperance	150.00		
Bethania Plan B	132.37	Fremantle Doctor	40.00		
Brisbane Traditions	135.00	Fremantle Spiritual Concepts	90.00		
Bulimba Thurs Secular	25.00	Glen Forrest Womens	73.20		
Burleigh Heads Early Birds	390.00	Gosnells	45.00		
Burleigh Heads Fri The Way Out	150.00	Hamilton Hill The Hub	300.00		
Burleigh Heads Fri 8pm	60.00	Kalamunda	65.43		
Cleveland Topic Thurs am	60.00	Kalamunda A New Freedom	135.00		
Coomera BB Monday 7pm	254.95	Kalgoorlie Steps	18.00		
Coomera GC S&T Thurs	300.00	Kwinana - Medina	300.00		
Coorparoo Day	28.20	Mandurah Womens	30.00		
Forest Lake Steps	140.00	Margaret River BB Steps	120.00		
Gold Coast District PI	100.00	Mt Barker Plantaganet	90.00		
Gold Coast Mens	940.00	Mundijong	30.00		
Greenslopes	129.00	Rockingham Discussion	22.50		
Gumdale Wed Night	90.00	Rockingham Peoples Group	39.00		
Gumdale	100.00	Victoria Park Topics	120.00		
Hope Island Thurs S&T	160.00	Willagee Beaconsfield	60.00		
Ipswich Queens Park	10.00	Total Area B:	1,889.58		
Ipswich ID Recovery	90.00	Total Western Region:	6,224.98		
Ipswich SC	20.00	NORTHERN REGION	NR		
Isle of Capri	690.00	Area A NR	NR/A		
Kenmore Groups	60.00	Alice Springs Womens	50.00		
Mt Tamborine	250.00	Casuarina	1,104.00		
Mt Gravatt Sun Night	180.00	Darwin Daily Reflections	40.00		
Murwillumbah Sat pm	200.00	Darwin Harbour View	191.58		
New Farm	236.00	Darwin Tues BB	96.30		
Oxley Station	227.16	Darwin Wed Rapid Creek	30.00		
Palm Beach Sat 5:30pm Topic	90.00	Humpty Doo	30.00		
Redland Bay Sun BBS	180.00	Total Northern Region:	1,541.88		
Robina S&T	111.00	From the Australian General Service Conference of 1974:			
Samford Tues & Thurs	82.50	<i>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.</i>			
Southport Mon Womens BB	82.63				
Southport Sun BB 6pm	20.00				
Springbrook BB	32.49				
Springwood Topics	70.00				

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