



DARWIN DISTRICT
AREA "A" NORTHERN REGION
Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Type: Monthly District Office Meeting
Meeting Location: Zoom
Meeting Date: 5th May 2021
Start Time: 7pm
Chaired By: Mick G: Acting Darwin District Committee Member (DCM)
Minutes Taken By: Susan B
Present:

Name	Group	GSR (Y/N)	District Position
Mick G	Big Book Recovery Tuesday and Wednesday Service Group	Y	Acting District Committee Member (DCM)/Webmaster
Pat Mac	Nightcliff Saturday	Y	Acting Treasurer District
Susan B	Harbour View Tuesday Lunchtime	Y	Secretary/Editor Serenity Times
Denis P	Big Book Recovery Tuesday	Y	Registrar/acting Office Maintenance/ acting Office Co-Ordinator
Doug W	Sunday Living Sober	Y	Treatment and Corrections Facilities Co-ordinator
Caroline B	Big Book Recovery Tuesday	Alt GSR	Literature Officer
Dan T	Daily Reflections Monday	Y	Public Information Officer

Mick G (ADCM)

Traditions and Statement of Purpose

The long form of Traditions was read by all present.

Statement of purpose was read by Mick G. (Acting DCM)

All identified themselves and stated their positions.

Apologies: Nil

Acceptance of previous minutes

Caroline B. moved the minutes of previous meeting be accepted.



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Seconded by Doug W. carried unanimously.

Outstanding business action items

No.	Item	Who	When	Status
1	<u>6 Feb: Brief talks on Traditions</u> – At each meeting more experienced committee members will deliver brief talk on the tradition that matches the month number. <i>Moved Marg M Seconded Mike B Approved unanimously</i>	Susan B. Trad 6	9 th June 2021	5 th May 2021 Dan T Delivered Tradition 5
2	<u>6th Mar 19: Vacant position Roundup Co-ordinator</u> <u>Call for nominations</u>	All	9 th June 2021	5 th May 2021 No Nominations
3	<u>9th December 2020: Vacant Position-Darwin District Committee Member (DCM)</u> <u>Call for nominations</u>	All	9 th June 2021	5 th May 2021 No Nominations Mick has agreed to hold an acting position until someone nominates and is selected for the position.
4	<u>Vacant Position-Office Co-ordinator</u>	All	9 th June 2021	5 th May 2021 No Nominations
5	<u>4th November20: Vacant Position-Office Maintenance</u> Since Denis took up position of Registrar, he continues in this role until a replacement is found.	All	9 th June 2021	5 th May 2021 No Nominations

New Business Action Items

No.	Item	Who	When	Status
1	Caroline to purchase supplies so display of books in office are more presentable.	Caroline B	9 th June 2021	Caroline proposed Dan seconded. Accepted by all.



REPORTS – OFFICE BEARERS

ADCM – Mick G:

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ADCM-Mick G.

ACTING DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

DARWIN DISTRICT OFFICE MEETING 5TH MAY 2021

May 2021

Welcome and thank you for attending this month's Darwin District Office Meeting.

It is with great appreciation for your time and diligence in your service work, in maintaining the functional operation of AA Darwin that I thank all of you.

We do this work to support the AA GROUPS of Darwin, in their "singleness of purpose", that is, so that they may better carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

At times, I need to remember that it is my duty in service work to support, connect, direct, and inform the AA GROUPS of Darwin so that **those Groups and members can DO THE WORK.**

It is not my responsibility to do the groups work, it is my responsibility to serve the groups so that they can better do their work.

This is the essence of Service Work in Alcoholics Anonymous.

The positions on the Darwin District Committee are generally classified as "Coordinators". These positions, as are all Service Work positions, are to work for the groups in supporting, organising, and informing them with the information THEY require to do THEIR work.

I often find that most groups think that the Darwin District Office and Coordinators are the only ones who need to do this work.

To the current Co-ordinators, thanks you, as you do, do ALL the work.

Is there a group/s out there who will help our Corrections and Treatment Facilities Co-ordinator in his job.?

This coordinator has organised the facilities, time, and days – are there groups who will commit to, let's say "one month" every 6months to attend these facilities as coordinated?

Are there groups who can at least have one member attend the Public Information Committee? Dan T is working inventively and with great vigour, but how many at the last PI meeting? Dan and an Alice Springs member. Two people – is this the best we can do in our sobriety?

Public Information is the "well spring", "the life blood" of every AA member and AA group – IT IS THE REASON we got sober, it is HOW we stay sober. PI is the primary driver, in "carrying the message".

Office maintenance – 1 hour per week, vacuum, dust, wipe, fix, clean empty. Is there not one group, not one member who cannot afford this time for office maintenance coordinator.

Office Coordinator – manage, maintain, and support the office and phone volunteers.

Your Office is working because of the commitment of a handful of members, some fulfilling two and even three positions, which is unsustainable.



YOU, the Groups, the members, ARE THE OFFICE, we serve you.

If that is to be maintained for the alcoholic who is still to find AA, then that is yours and my spiritual and physical responsibility.

Regards

Mickg (acting DCM)

Moved Pat M. Seconded Denis P. Accepted Unanimously.

Secretary – Susan B:

May 2021

At the time of completing this report, I have no issues to write about.

Thank You to the Committee for letting me have this role in Service.

Kindest Regards

Susan B.

Moved Caroline B. Seconded Dan T. Accepted by all unanimously.

Acting Treasurer Pat Mac:

Attached to Financial Report and read at meeting.

Moved Susan B Seconded Denis P Accepted Unanimously

Acting Office Co-ordinator

This month Mick. G. suggested a phone log for office volunteers to try and keep a tally on incoming calls which I have printed out, placed on DDO desk and explained to the two volunteers of the use of it. Diverting the phone over to the 24hr volunteers each day with a call or text to let them know with the occasional late diversion putting forth my apologies. We have a full 24hr phone roster with one member as a backup for when anyone can longer fill it. Also emailed the phone volunteers a REFERRAL LIST-DARWIN DDO. We still have 3 days vacant to fill for office volunteers; Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11am to 2pm with a minimum of 6months of sobriety, to have a home group and be backed and supported by their group.

Warmest regards Yours in service Denis P.

Just as sending remembered Mick and myself have been making a go at keeping a phone tally with the call diversion incoming calls. If I am correct we've had 19 calls since the 7th of last month. Takes a bit of working out but I think we might have it. Very worthwhile especially seeing them arrive at their first meeting. Thank you to all the 24hr phone volunteers.

Regards Denis P.

Moved Pat M. Seconded Doug W. Accepted Unanimously.



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Public Information Officer – Dan T
April Darwin District PI Coordinator Report. 29.04.2021

April has been a productive month on the PI front with several new PI initiatives in the pipeline. Thanks to some help from a handful of local members we are getting literature out to several Drs Surgeries.

The Monday daily reflections group is continuing to do an excellent job of getting literature into the hospital as well.

Thanks to the help of a member (with a better social network than me) it looks like we might finally get some PI info up at the police stations. I am very grateful for this because I have been trying for ages with no success, and I believe the foyer where they let the drunks out in the morning is about as good a place as you could get for rock-bottoms (personal experience) and extending the hand of AA to those that may be ready.

We have 2 new 15 second TV clips which the GSO have provided me with, which give a powerful message and are also non-race and non-gender specific. One is titled 'Champaign', and the other 'Sauvignon Blackout'. Channel 10 have agreed to air this for us for free, on an on-going basis once they have received **ratings advice** which the production company in Sydney needs to provide us with. I am working with Chris from the GSO to obtain what is required and it might take a while but it will happen eventually.

Hannah. M, our PI co-ordinator from Alice Springs has joined our small sub-committee and we are looking forward to sharing ideas and helping her out where we can going forward. So far, we have been discussing the use of Imparja for our new TV clips, and a company called Tonic TV that operate pamphlet boards and TV monitors in Doctor's surgeries and Clinics, but these are quite expensive.

Diane. C – Our National Remote Communities Coordinator will be joining us for our next sub-committee meeting on zoom and will hopefully give a bit of a talk on what she is up to and what she hopes to achieve in her position. It will be good for Hannah and myself to get some dialogue started on what we might be able to do to carry the message (as indigenous-specific as possible) out to some of our remote communities.

Dave Scott – Our National PI Coordinator will also be dropping in again to do a bit of a talk about PI at a National level and what it means to him. Hopefully, there will be a few more people attending this time around.

Some Ideas for May:

- Contact the Faculty of Criminology at Charles Darwin Uni and offer to do a talk about AA and what we do. This could aid to improve understanding of our fellowship for current and future police officers and help foster a better relationship.
- Contact Territory FM Radio and offer to do an on-air talk about the fellowship addressing some of the myths about AA.
- Contact Casuarina Square Shopping Centre Management and enquire about the cost involved to get our Male and Female posters cycling on their massive notice board above the food court.



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All this being said, I might also be on Jury-Duty all month as well and get nothing at all done, so it's all in God's hands.

Yours in Fellowship

Dan T.

Moved Susan B. Seconded Doug W. Accepted Unanimously.

Office Maintenance – Denis P acting

Hello again to everyone here tonight. After the last report I met with the air conditioning specialist sent via Darwin city council. He checked everything out, turned off the main switch outside and it came back. Said it could have been a power surge that kicked out. Refilled the disinfectant spray bottles. Vacuumed the office carpet and checked on supplies.

Keeping up with supplies for the Darwin District Office, cleaning, and vacuuming. All is going well.

Please could GSR's or members announce this position is still available for nominations.

A quiet month for acting office maintenance.

Kind regards Denis P.

Moved Pat M. Seconded Dan T. Accepted Unanimously.

Registrar – Denis P:

Evening everyone! This month I have forwarded the 2022 National Convention Flyer to be held in Melbourne April 22nd to the 24th to the committees' and group contacts also printed out copies for members on the DDO desk. Forwarded the Ireland convention flyer also to those earlier indicated. Emailed a copy of the DDO Position Descriptions to the Secretary Susan. Emailed Gillian for Wednesday's group the DDO Bank details for literature payments. Sent GSR's and group contacts the Bill W. Camp next planning meeting Flyer and printed copies for members leaving on DDO desk. Forwarded an email to PI Dan from David Scott the National PI and forwarded the PI subcommittee meeting details also to GSR's and group contacts. Replied to a query from a member over eastern states that will be passing through Darwin briefly about what meetings are available on those days letting her know and passing on a member's number after communicating with both first. Checked the Darwin Districts PO-Box each week picking up the S.A, W.A and Victorian newsletters. A letter for the NTH Region Area A treasurer letting Pat Mac. know and a Darwin City Council rental Bill. Cross checked the GSO website updating Tuesday night Palmerston with Macca's contact details to match the Darwin website as there was no group contact on there.

Great month thank you to all.

Regards Denis P.

Moved Doug W. Seconded Dan T. Accepted Unanimously.



Literature Officer - Caroline B

April, I ordered more pamphlets for PI.

13th April sold 2 Daily Reflections books and 8 just for today cards.

and picked up an order for DDO being for 100 is AA for you and a serenity prayer banner that was a replacement.

19th April sold a large print living sober book to a member. picked up PI order of AA at a Glance and is AA for You, pamphlets.

Please note there are plenty of pamphlets in the office, available for PI.

Sorted out a drawer in our new filing cabinet to keep the PI pamphlets aside.

2nd May banked \$34.00 For literature sale emailed Pat the bank Receipt. Checked literature tin the float remains as \$50. Thank you all for your service.

Yours in Service Caroline B

Moved Denis P. Seconded Pat M. Accepted Unanimously.

Treatment & Corrections – Doug W

T and C

Currently visiting Banyan House and Stringybark on a fortnightly basis. Many thanks to Peter and Darren who have built a strong rapport with the clients and staff at Banyan.

Slowly people are coming forward for Stringybark and all those who have come report the visits are well received. Please note clients with alcohol issues from the nearby detox facility are also offered the chance to attend these presentations at Stringybark.

Nothing new to report on organisation for prison visit. However, I heard two inspirational stories of the success of such programs at a recent meeting.

Moved Dan T. Seconded Denis P. Accepted Unanimously

Webmaster- Mick G.

Although a comprehensive statistical breakdown is available to the webmaster, it is now in an unprintable version.

A snapshot below is provided.

APRIL 2021

Views – 527

Visitors – 218

Views per visitor – 2.42

208 views – “find meeting”. Statistically relevant as to the service given/required of the website.

Views to “all areas” of the website can also be produced if required.



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Regards

Mickg

Moved Pat M. Seconded Susan B. Accepted Unanimously.

Editors Report – Susan B

May 2021

I am happy to say that thank you to the committee's effort and I or 2 others, I had plenty to include in this month's issue.

I have received a few positive comments which makes me feel I am on the right track.

I think my use of Microsoft word was a little better this time. Even though some were different I managed to page numbers on all pages.

I want to end with a very large THANK YOU to the Committee for supporting me.

Kindest Regards

Susan B

Moved Doug W. Seconded Dan T. Moved Unanimously.

Next Meeting 9th June 2021
Quarterly Meeting
All GSRs Invited
Zoom Meeting.

Meeting Finished with Serenity Prayer at 8.30pm