

# THE SERENITY TIMES

## The monthly newsletter of the Darwin district NOVEMBER 2021

### Tradition 11. Long Form.

Our relations with the general public should be characterised by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not to be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed.

Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion.

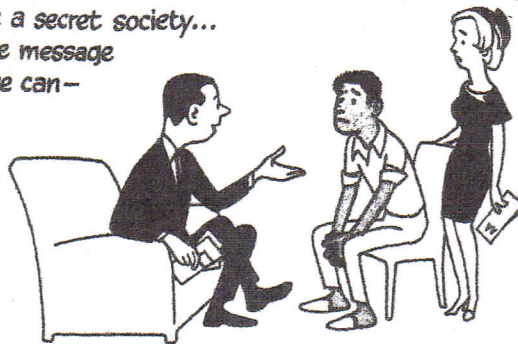
There is never need to praise ourselves.

We feel better to let our friends recommend us.

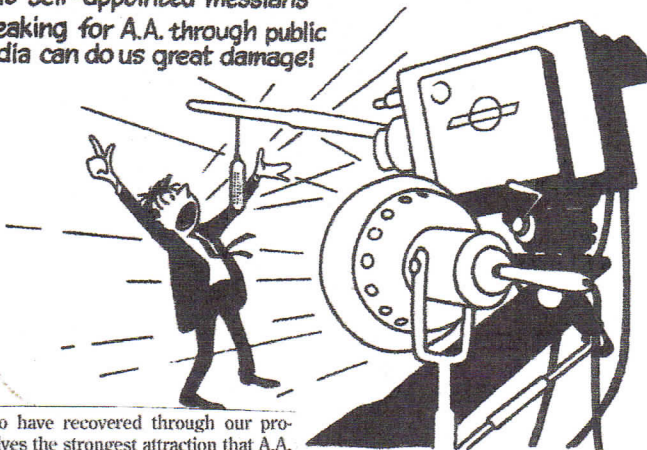
### Short Form.

"Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films."

Ours is not a secret society...  
we carry the message  
anywhere we can—



But we must ever be aware  
that self-appointed messiahs  
speaking for A.A. through public  
media can do us great damage!



Alcoholics who have recovered through our program are themselves the strongest attraction that A.A. has. When people are asked what led them to seek A.A. help, the answer given most often is: "An A.A. member." Their chances would have been slim if all of us had remained completely in hiding. But many of us have chosen to tell our friends, neighbors, employers, co-workers, doctors, or spiritual advisers that we are in A.A.—and when we do so, we are *not* breaking our anonymity in the meaning of this Tradition.

Suppose a sick alcoholic never has the good fortune to meet an A.A. How is such a person going to find us? The search will be difficult if the local group thinks it should be anonymous, too. The Tradition is talking about "personal anonymity," remember? Alcoholics will not be attracted to A.A. if they don't know that it exists or if they have distorted, unfavorable impressions of its members or its program.



**Darwin District**  
Darwin District  
serves the A.A.  
groups in the  
Darwin District.

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### Office Hours:

11am-2pm Monday-Saturday

(Please call before visiting as we  
are short of volunteers)

District Committee Member **Vacant**

Treasurer **Vacant**

Secretary **Vacant**

Registrar **Vacant**

Webmaster **Vacant**

Co-ordinator -- Caroline B.

Maintenance Officer **Vacant**

Public Information Officer **Vacant**

Literature Officer **Vacant**

Treatment & Correctional Facilities

Coordinator **Vacant**

Roundup Coordinator **Vacant**

Editor-- Susan B

### Next Meeting

The next District meeting for  
committee members and GSR'S is  
scheduled for Wednesday  
December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, via Zoom.

The next Area meeting is Sunday  
November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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, service, steps anything  
that will encourage others,

Giving the general public an accurate picture of A.A.  
is the chief job of our public information committees.  
In addition, they often carry the message to certain  
groups—from police officers to personnel directors—  
whose work includes contact with active alcoholics.



### WHAT SERVICE MEANS TO ME

Being involved with service work within AA has kept me focused on being a useful member of the fellowship. I need to be involved doing whatever I possibly can to assist my AA family. I want to make sure AA will be available for many more years to come. I have gained so much from being sober. Sobriety is something I never thought I could live with, now I would not want to live without it. It doesn't make me any better than someone that cannot be involved in service it makes me feel useful. There are many ways to provide service within AA. Your home group will always encourage you to be involved within the group. Also, we are expected to give to others what we have gained through sponsorship. Just writing a piece for the Serenity Times is another form of service that can be shared with so many. Our Area and District Committee's are in desperate need of members to fill vacant positions. I am going to share what is required to fill these positions, maybe you can fill one.

Kindest

Regards

SB (The Editor)



### POSITION DESCRIPTIONS:

#### DARWIN DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

- Schedules and chairs monthly Office sub-committee meetings and quarterly District meetings.
- Submits a report to each monthly Office sub-committee meeting and to each quarterly District meeting.
- Supports and assists the Office Co-Ordinator to ensure the efficient and functional operation of the District Office.
- When the position of Office Co-Ordinator is vacant, performs the duties of the Office Coordinator in addition to the Chairperson.
- Represents the groups in the District on the Area Committee.

#### DISTRICT SECRETARY

- Attends monthly Office sub-committee meetings and quarterly District meetings.
- Calls for items for meeting agenda from group GSR's and from Office sub-committee.
- Drafts and distributes meeting agendas.
- Takes minutes of monthly office meetings and distributes them to members of the Office sub-committee.
- Takes minutes of quarterly District meetings and distributes them to GSR's and Office sub-committee members.
- Submits a report on external correspondence sent and received to each monthly Office sub-committee meeting and to each quarterly District meeting.

#### DISTRICT TREASURER

- Responsible for all financial records of the District, including Office operations, other District expenses and the annual Darwin Roundup.
- Attends monthly Office sub-committee meetings and quarterly District meetings.
- Submits a report to each monthly Office sub-committee meeting, to each quarterly District meeting in the approved format and to the Roundup Committee as required.
- Manages the District bank account and ensures that all income received is banked on a weekly basis.
- Prepares payments for all invoices received and approved.
- Delivers an annual financial report at the Annual General Meeting in the approved format.
- Makes recommendations regarding financial management of the Darwin District including the Office.
- Ensures that the Office cash box is supplied with a permanent \$50 float in a range of denominations.

**REGISTRAR**

- Attends Office sub-committee meetings and quarterly District meetings.
- Submits a report to each monthly Office sub-committee meeting and to each quarterly District meeting.
- Keeps an up-to-date record of the contact details of all Groups in the Darwin District, and co-ordinates with the Area Committee to maintain details of other groups in the Northern Region for publication in the meetings list.
- As a service to the Area Committee, keeps the Northern Region Meetings list up-to-date and publishes a new meetings list whenever necessary, distributing it to the Groups, Office sub-committee members and the Australian General Service Office via email. Provides the Office with hard copies of the meetings list and ensures copies are always available in the receptacle outside the Office door.

**OFFICE MAINTENANCE OFFICER**

- Attends Office sub-committee Meetings and quarterly District meetings.
- Submits a report to each monthly Office sub-committee meeting and to each quarterly District meeting.
- Keeps the Office supplied with office supplies including tea, coffee, milk, sugar, copy paper, toner, garbage bags and stationery.
- Keeps the Office vacuumed, clean and tidy.
- Arranges for service, repair and replacement of office furniture and equipment when necessary.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION CO-ORDINATOR**

- Attends Office sub-committee Meetings and quarterly District meetings.
- Submits a report to each monthly Office sub-committee and to each quarterly District meeting.
- Increases the profile of AA in Darwin using advertisements, AA posters, letter to professionals etc.
- Cooperates and coordinates with Area A in all public information activities.

**TREATMENT AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COORDINATOR**

- Attends Office sub-committee Meetings and quarterly District meetings.
- Submits a report to each monthly Office sub-committee meeting and to each quarterly District meeting.
- Takes AA into treatment and correctional facilities in Darwin.
- Cooperates and coordinates with Area A in all T&CF activities.
- Maintains 12 step roster for T&CF activities.

**LITERATURE OFFICER**

- Attends Office sub-committee Meetings and quarterly District meetings.
- Submits a report to each monthly Office sub-committee meeting and to each quarterly District meeting. Report to include details of stock, purchases and sales.
- Ensures that an adequate quantity and range of AA literature is kept at the Office for sale to the Fellowship in Darwin.
- Takes all AA literature orders from the Fellowship in Darwin.
- Regularly seeks financial approval to order AA literature from the GSO, places orders, unpacks literature orders, checks literature received against tax invoices, advises District Treasurer of invoice to be paid, packs literature onto CSO shelves.
- Carries out an annual stock-take and reports the results to the Fellowship at the AGM.
- Discards unsaleable and old stock.



**WEBMASTER**

- Attends office sub-committee Meetings and quarterly District meetings.
- Submits a report to each monthly Office sub-committee meeting and to each quarterly District meeting.
- Operates the District website.
- Publishes a current AA Meetings List on the website.
- Maintains a members-only area on the website which contains issues of The Serenity Times for download, AA news and coming AA evets.
- Administers and maintains the District and Roundup websites.
- Administers the District office account with Telstra and the NBN or whatever ISP is being utilized at the time.
- Is responsible for the maintenance of the District office computer; its software updates and backups to One Drive.

**We also have vacancies within the office. TUESDAY'S, WEDNESDAY'S, FRIDAY'S, AND SATURDAY'S.**

**11am –2pm**

**You must have 6months sobriety and be recommended by the GSR of your group**

This is an important service as having the office open creates the opportunity for our members to be able to call in and collect whatever they need from the office.

***“In all our affairs”***

meeting

*7pm Wednesday night zoom only*

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**THE SERENITY PRAYER**

*God grant me the serenity  
To know the things, I cannot change  
Courage to change the things I can  
And the  
Wisdom  
To  
Know the difference.*



Congratulations to all who supported the great effort to gain the finances to our newest AA PI creation.

This will be on the bus starting this month and wow this looks great. All driving in Darwin will get to see this.

A very big thank you to our outgoing PI Dan T.



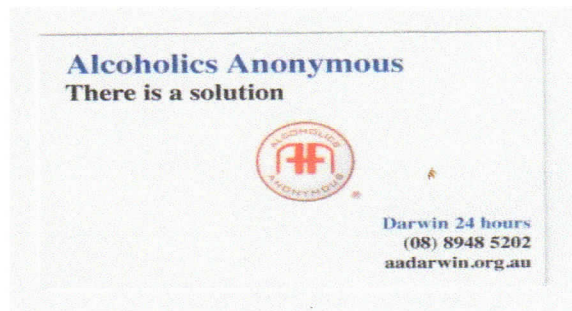
Now borders are opening and the big possibility of being able to travel again. Especially if Darwin lets us home quarantine when we return.

Don't forget this Melbourne Convention, It promises to be really great.



We have lost a well-known identity to many Darwin members her name is Mavis  
Her funeral is 10<sup>th</sup> November, 10am at Holy Spirit Casuarina.

Please consider the positions available and forward your nominations via your GSR.



**NEWS ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS NEWSLETTER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?**

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