Meeting Type: AREA COMMITTEE

**Meeting Location: DARWIN DISTRICT OFFICE**

**Meeting Date: SUNDAY OCT 8 2023**

**Start Time: 11AM**

**Chaired By:** ANDY B

**Minutes Taken by**: MICK G:

**Present:**

| **Name** | **Group** | **GSR (Y/N)** | **AREA Position** |
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| ANDY B | MON DAILY REFLECTIONS |  | CHAIR/ALTERNATE DELEGATE |
| DOUG W | MONDAY DAILY REFLECTIONS |  | DELEGATE |
| MICK G | TUES BIG BOOK RECOVERY GROUP | GSR | SECRETARY |
| MARG M | MONDAY DAILY REFLECTIONS |  | PAST DELEGATE SUPPORT |
| PAT MAC | SATURDAY NIGHT |  | TREASURER |
| KATE S | SUNDAY HUMPTY DOO | GSR | OBSERVER |
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**AREA CHAIR – ANDY B**

**WELCOME**

**AREA PREAMBLE AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE READ**

**Apologies: NIL**

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| **Name** | **Group** | **GSR (Y/N)** | **District Position** |
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**Acceptance of previous minutes**

MOVED: MICKG

ACCEPTED: PAT M

**Outstanding business action items**

NIL

**AGENDA ITEMS**

| **No.** | **Item** | **Who** | **When** | **Status** |
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| 1 | Area responsibilities to the groups | Area committee |  | **To support the delegate in all conference matters**, until the groups ask Area for more services  Alice Springs and Katherine are currently inactive in NRAA |
| 2 | Committee positions and responsibilities | Area committee |  | **See Item 1.** No further positions currently required until groups request so |
| 3 | Job Description documents | Area committee |  | As suggested in the Australian Service Manual for each position |
| 4 | Meeting scheduling and next meeting | Area committee | **Sunday October 8th 11am at DDO**. Hybrid meeting – zoom to be available if necessary | Three Area committee meetings each year. Approx 2 weeks prior to each Northern Region Area Assembly |
| 5 | Groups that NRAA represent and how to notify them | Secretary |  | NRAA represents all groups/meetings registered with AA General Service Office within the Northern Region Area A designation |
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**New Business Action Items**

| **No.** | **Item** | **Who** | **When** | **Status** | |
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| 1 | 2023 Conference Topic forms to be sent to all GSRs | Secretary | Immediately | | **COMPLETED** |
| 2 | Area Assembly to be held for all GSRS to discuss Conference topics with Delegate | Area Committee | **October 22 Sunday 11am at Darwin District Office and Zoom** | | **TO BE COMPLETED** |
| 3 | 2023 Conference Topics to be distributed to GSRs | Secretary | When available | | COMPLETED |
| 4 | Workshop “How to write a Conference Topic” | Area Committee | **APRIL/MAY 2024** | | **TO BE COMPLETED** |
| 5 | Corrections: Marg M has initiated dialogue through national corrections coordinator Tim O. with NT Corrections Head Mathew Varley.  Marg to follow up Prison chaplain and AA member already in prison as to advocating an AA meeting online  **ITEM 5 CONTINUED** | Marg/ Tim O  Andy B | **To continue liaison with M Varley**  **To follow up his contacts**  **NOW** | | IN PROGRESS |
| 5 | Darren H to be asked to continue his liaison with corrections | Marg | **NOW** | |  |
| 6 | TOPICS ASSEMBLY CHAIRPERSON | ANDY | **22/10/2023** | |  |
| 7 | SEND OUT INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS TO GROUPS FOR ASEMBLY | MICKG | **NOW** | |  |
| 8 | FINANCIAL REPORT  $4745 IN ACCOUNT. SUGGESTED $1500 KEPT FOR CONFERENCE LEVY PAYMENT, PLUS $1000 PRUDENT RESERVE -ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES LEAVING $2200 CONTRIBUTION TO GSO | PAT MC | **TABLED** | | TO BE DECIDED |
| 9 | **NEW AA MEETINGS OUTSIDE OF THE DARWIN DISTRICT.**  **AREA COMMITTEE AGREES TO TAKE OVER SUPPORT FOR ANY NEW GROUPS OUTSIDE THE DARWIN DISTRICT AREA AND THANKS THE DDO FOR COVERING THIS WHILE AREA WAS IN RECESS** | COMMITTEE | **IMMEDIATELY** | | ALL NEW GROUPS WILL NEED TO HAVE :  1 A MEETING SPACE  2. BE REGISTERED AND INSURED WITH AA AND THE AREA  3. PAYMENT FOR BANNERS, BOOKS, LITERATURE WILL BE REQUIRED |

**REPORTS – OFFICE BEARERS**

**AREA CHAIR – ANDY B NA**

**AREA DELEGATE – DOUG W ATTACHED**

**TREASURER - Pat Mac: ATTACHED**

**SECRETARY – MICK G NA**

**DELEGATES REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

Report to Conference 2023 Northern Area A

My name is Doug Wade and I am an Alcoholic. I am a member of the Rapid Creek Monday Night Daily Reflections group in Darwin and have recently been selected as Delegate for Northern Area A and this will be my first conference.

In A Nutshell

Northern Area A covers the entire Northern Territory which has a population of 250,000 people, around 31% are Aboriginal people and it is over 1.42 million square kilometers’. The main population centers are Alice Springs (pop. 33,000), Tennant Creek ( pop. 3,800), Katherine (pop. 6,300), Gove/Nhulunbuy (pop. 3000), Palmerston (pop.33,000) and Darwin (pop. 132,000). The rest of the population is in smaller remote towns and Aboriginal communities. The Northern Territory also has a high number of FIFO workers and tourist both domestic and international.

AA Meetings are regularly held in three centres Alice Springs (6 meetings a week), Gove/Nuhlunbuy (1 meeting a week) and Darwin (18 meetings a week). Until recently meetings were also held in Katherine. There is a member in the East Arnhem region who is contactable and telephone support is offered to FIFO workers through members and Darwin District Office. It has been reported that there is an AA Meeting on the Tiwi Island however it is understood the meeting is run by non-members and it has not engaged with local AA.

The Area Committee was inactive for awhile due to lack of office bearers and has recently been re established through hard work of a few committed people to generate interest. Some members have taken on “Acting” positions they have previously held, or in addition to other service roles so the Committee can function in accordance to guidelines. Most groups within the Area follow the 60:30:10 recommendation and the Area has sufficient funds to operate.

The Area is also seeking to become engaged in brokering access for AA into correctional facilities across the NT. Both the major correctional facilities in the NT are located several kilometres outside Alice and Darwin and access has been problematic to the extent that efforts to hold meetings or other engagement has not been successful.

The current Area Committee is also working towards build cohesive working assistance across all the meetings in the Area.

The greater Darwin area is also supported by the Darwin District Office (DDO). They maintain a website, 24 hour phone line, monthly magazine, literature sales and office which is open to the public. they also have an active committee and handle P & I and ……

Also groups and members with the Area work towards the staging of several AA events including The Bill W Camp and The Darwin Unity Weekend.

**Next Darwin Northern Region Area “A” Meeting**

**Sunday October 22, 11am at DDO/zoom**

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**Closed with the Serenity Prayer at : 12:15pm**