

VAA Minutes Assembly #03 19/7/26

Sunday 19th July 2026, 9am - 2pm AEST, Zoom ID: 737 1364 4056 Passcode: 164

OPENING AND WELCOME 9.02am AEST

Responsibility Statement read by Bec H, Concept 2 read by Richard H. Ally F invited our Higher Power's presence with a minute of silence.

INTRODUCTIONS

- **GSRs:** Helen R On Awakening, John B Plan b Into Action, Kristy L C2C, Kristen C Melbourne Rise and Shine, Jon K Alt GSR SMDR, Mel O Pebbles (10.35am).
- **Office Bearers:** Ally F Chair/Plan b Into Action, Alison G Delegate/ITL, Corinne G Secretary/Alt GSR C2C, Tristan G Technical Chair/Plan b Into Action, Paul S Treasurer, Maria T Alt Delegate/PIPA Chair/ SMDR.
- **Observers:** Richard H C2C, Bec H Plan b Into Action.
- **Apologies:** Bryce A Daily Reprieve Group, Tanya S Nerang 11th Step Meeting, Kate R Alice Springs Women Online, Brendon V GSR GCIEB/Alt PIPA Chair.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM 11 provided $\frac{2}{3}$ of all votes, established quorum.

PREVIOUS MINUTES Ratified with motion from John B. Passed, unanimous.

OFFICE BEARER'S VERBAL REPORTS

Chairperson Report

Ally F: dear_ally@outlook.com | 0435 439 675

- Chaired two additional Steering Committee Meeting.
- Draft Guidelines prevoting procedure was described.
- Treasurer rotation discussed.
- Helen R seconded, report accepted. Unanimous, 1 abstained.

Secretary Report

Corinne G: aaausvirtualarea@gmail.com | 0417 500 886

- Welcomed two new groups. One group is preparing to register.
- Support requested by an extremely remote group: Cunamulla.
- Steering Committee CSP documents and Position Description updates to be drafted.
- Kristy L seconded, report accepted. Unanimous, 1 abstained.

Technical Coordinator Report

Tristan G: tgillanpc@hotmail.com | 0451 112 898

- Audit and correction of dead and ineffective links completed
- Website coordination with National Remote Communities.
- Planned visual updates on website and Google Drive file archiving.
- Helen R seconded, report accepted. Unanimous, 1 abstained.

Alternate Delegate PIPA Report

Maria T: aaausvirtualarea.pipc@gmail.com | 0426 480 800

- Attended 2 Steering Committee, Guidelines, CSP documents meetings.
- PAWG will now meet monthly to support Area F.
- PAWG nationwide database will be used for future PA virtual luncheons, once group infrastructure has been established in these areas.
- Thank you for continued support of the 'Shout a Remote Alkie a meeting' campaign.
- Attended the National Remote Communities Forum and provided an overview.
- Attending AA National Combined Services Forum Canberra in October, tickets available.
- Helen R seconded, report accepted. Unanimous, 1 abstained.

Alison G explained the benefits of narrowing a national task to focus on merging with Area F. To increase momentum. Attend to PI, first then PA. To duplicate the process with other areas.

Delegate Report

Alison G: vareadelegate@aa.org.au | 0419 260 204

- Area F and the Eastern Region Trustee are planning a workshop: Do you have a say in AA?
- Invitation to Southern Region Meeting. Attended Eastern Region Delegate Meeting.
- VAA has the second highest number of registered groups, guidelines are established, CSPs in place, alignment of Office Bearer positions, a locked-in calendar to schedule for timely action.
- Report accepted. Unanimous, 1 abstained.

Treasurer Report

Paul S: aaausvirtualarea@gmail.com

- Contributions total \$2,621.90. Interest \$36.29 Expenditure \$675.50 Conference fee.
- Balance \$4,824.77. PR \$3,000 PR
- DUNDAO and Down Under Not Down and Out contributions have now been combined as separate listings.
- Request for GSRs to remind their Treasurer to include the group name when making any group contributions.
- Kristen seconded, report accepted. Unanimous, 1 abstained.

The generosity of On Awakening and DUNDAO contributions were acknowledged by Richard H.

GSR REPORTS

Courage to Change: Kristy L GSR

- 20-30 attend 7 days DR 5.30am. 6/10-15 attend Thur BB 7pm, Sun 4pm alternate topic and new Wed 9.30pm Steps and Traditions.
- Positions filled, recently rotated, monthly GC.
- Accepted to host an Online International AA Convention meeting.

Plan b Into Action: John B GSR

- Steady 15-25 attendance.
- Positions filled, newcomer position created: Anniversary Officer.

- Sponsorship workshop progressing well, purchase BB's, actively follow up with newcomers.

On Awakening Morning Meditation Meeting and Retiring at Night: Helen R GSR

- 50-60 attend mornings 5 days for 20 min, 15-30 attend Sun 8pm evenings. Dial in access.
- Thursday closed with lack of service. Face to face catch up every 3 weeks. Anniversary chips.
- Contribute to Remote Communities.

Meeting break 9.56 am, resumed 10.01am

We version of the Serenity Prayer, a minute of silence (Ally). Quorum with 11 eligible voters.

Melbourne Rise and Shine: Kristen C GSR

- Established from a Melbourne City based DR in person meeting.
- 7.30am 5 days 20-40 attend.
- Many newcomers, directed to resources, sponsorship and carpark.
- Positions filled

South Melbourne Daily Reflections: Jon K Alt GSR

- 15-30 on average attend Mon to Fri 12.30pm.
- GSR and co/secretary positions vacant. Members with long term sobriety

Corinne G shared the history of the extremely remote hybrid meeting established in Cunnamulla. The initiative arose from tag-along support, together with the outcomes of a PIPA luncheon held in Charleville. 7 years in the making. Requested that VAA share the meeting information and/or attend the meeting where possible.

Groups have noticed a recent reduction in meeting bombing incidents.

Daily Reprieve Group: written by Bryce A GSR and Secretary read by Corinne G

- 6-12 attend 7 days 7.15am.
- Regular members have left. Difficulty filling positions.
- Participants reluctant to take up Sponsorship

Gold Coast International Early Birds: written by Brendon V GSR read by Corinne G

- 30 attend 6 am DR, ABSI.
- 5 core members in service, positions filled
- Website, newcomer packs.

Nerang 11th Step Meeting: written by Tanya S interim GSR read by Corinne G

- 10 attend Wed 6pm focus on Steps 2, 3 and 11. Began in person for 3 weeks during 2020.
- Shared positions. Speaker database suggested..
- Host a holiday meeting in a local rehab for young people and connect with YPAA Conventions.

Pebbles Group: written by Mel O GSR attached

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY

1. Ally F motioned that **“the Second Draft of VAA Guidelines is to become VAA Guidelines (Version 1).”** Helen R seconded. Passed unanimous, Corinne G abstained.
2. Ally F motioned that **“the PIPA and Technical Committee CSP documents become the CSP documents for Virtual Area A”.** Helen R seconded. Passed, Unanimous, Corinne G abstained.
3. Ally F motioned **to add changes to the Treasurer Position Description to include “When a payment is due, the Treasurer will announce this to the Steering Committee. Followed by a request for the volunteer use of a bank account and credit card for payment and reimbursement.”** John B seconded, passed unanimous.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. During Assembly 2: ***“John B motioned to form a working group based on what was discussed at the Sharing Session about encouraging GSRs to join the Virtual Area.”***

Alison G made an amends to Tristan G the nomination to role on his behalf.

The sharing session generated valuable ideas, which have not yet progressed into concrete actions. To ensure that groups have a voice and an opportunity to be involved in General Service at Area level, It was agreed that:

1. GSRs would return to their groups to ask for expressions of interest as to who may be interested in forming a Sharing Session Working Group.
2. A WhatsApp Sharing Session Working Group will be set up.
3. GSRs can contact Alison G to add group members.
4. This group could:
 - refer to the Sharing Session Summary list.
 - establish a time commitment.
 - create an order of priority, with no action required at this stage.
 - report back to the Assembly with recommendations on what should be actioned, the order of importance, and who could be involved.

ELECTION OF TREASURER

Quorum confirmed 12, voting method substantial unanimity.

Alison G nominated Bec H, no other nominations. Bec H accepted, shared credentials. Unanimous. Appreciation and thank you for service was extended to Paul S.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **VAA support and assistance to establish an Area F.**

Alison G shared a background and an overview of Area F demographics. Currently without a Delegate. Members are keen to establish an Assembly. The National PIPA Coordinator reached out to VAA for support in forming groups.

Alison G proposed that GSRs return to their groups for a discussion on changing their meeting listing location to an Area F suburb. Points to consider include:

- Newcomers on Chat Now tend to want to be directed to a meeting in their local area.
- Newcomers will be directed to established groups who have strong recovery.
- VA does not have a location, although one is required for group registration.
- Integrity, transparency.
- VAA connected with Remote Communities.
- An individual group decision based on specific group needs.

2. Opening up the WhatsApp chat for VAA Assembly interaction.

It was recommended to define clear group rules and objectives, and that a strong moderator monitor conversations.

VAA does not have a District where GSRs and Committee Members can connect.

The sense of the meeting - agreement to establish a trial WhatsApp GSR and Office Bearer Chat Group. Kristy L offered to set this up, and can be contacted for an invitation.

Meeting break 11.30am, resumed 12.00pm

Minute of silence, Serenity Prayer (we version) (Ally). 14 Participants recorded

3. VAA shared speaker seeker database.

Options discussed included:

- Add a document to GSR and Office Bearer WhatsApp Chat.
- Post requests in the chat.
- Self vs peer nomination to be considered.
- Maria T offered to share an existing tried and tested Speaker Seeker Database.

Being a District matter, there was agreement that this could be addressed in the WhatsApp GSR and Office Bearer Chat. Also, that Tanya S be invited once established.

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY confirmed completed.

TOPICS FOR CONFERENCE CONTINUED Topics 31 - 34 Alison G read through, discussed.

Ally F reminded everyone that the VAA Chairperson position will rotate at the AGA in January 2027. Please call Ally or invite potential candidates to the Assembly if interested. See VAA website for Position Description.

MEETING CLOSED 12.24pm AEST

Next Assembly #04 **Sunday 13th September 2026 9am -2pm AEST** Plan b Into Action.

The Responsibility Pledge (Ally).

ACTION ITEMS

- Corinne G to share Cunamulla Meeting information.
- Corinne G to share Area F meeting details on VAA WhatsApp noticeboard.
- Corinne G to share Nerang 11th Step Meeting contact details for speaker volunteers.
- Corinne G to post Sharing Session Summary for GSRs to discuss with groups.
- Tristan G to plan visual updates on the website and google drive file archiving.
- Alison G to set up a WhatsApp Sharing Session Working Group.
- Alison G to provide a list of postcodes for suburbs in Area F.
- Alison G to attempt further contact with Bryce outside of Assembly.
- Alison G to clarify the intention of Catherine F's contributions.
- Kristy L to set up WhatsApp GSR and Office Bearer Chat group.
- Kristy L to extend an invitation to Tanya S when the Chat has been established.
- Maria T to share the Speaker Seeker database with Kristy L.

Office Bearer and Group Reports

VAA Assembly Sunday 19th July 2026

Pebbles Group

We meet on a Wednesday and Friday @7am Sydney time and Sunday 8am Sydney time

GSR Mel O

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We are a topic based meeting reading Daily Reflections and a As Bill Sees It reading each meeting with 3 people in chairing positions.

We have someone to share the screen (readings) and security

We are very welcoming to everyone especially newcomers and have members both here in Australia and a few from overseas

This meeting is very helpful as some members live in remote community and is unable to get to face to face meetings regularly and some who physically cannot due to health conditions

Me personally is trying to get involved in much as I can and offering support when needed with remote communities PI/PA sharing and information sessions and heard about the OIAA convention put it to my group and as a result we will be hosting one of the meetings later in November

Our 7th tradition was voted on members contributing to GSO and a little more in the basket at face to face meetings

YIS Mel O

GSR Pebbles Group

Name of Group: **Gold Coast International Early Birds (GCIEB)**

Day and time of Meetings: **0600 Sydney time**

Name of GSR: **Brendon Vallejo**

GSR Contact Details (email & phone):

Brendon Vallejo brendonvallejo@gmail.com **0404 326 568**

Average meeting attendance: **30**

Trusted Servant Activities

Are group positions filled? Are members fulfilling their position's responsibilities?

We have about 5 core members picking up service like training for timing,

chairing and hosting

Carrying the message

What's the group doing to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic?

We have a website website <https://gcieb.com.au/>

Daily Reflections” for today’s date in Australia, and a reading from “As Bill Sees It”.

Breakout room is available after the meeting for newcomers & anyone to ask questions and/or get additional AA support.

We welcome newcomers and ask anyone in their first 90 days to identify. We send out newcomers packs consisting of AA pamphlets and literature via email.

We hold a group conscience every two months and all our service positions are currently filled.

We collect seventh tradition and distribute to the 60 30 10 plan. 60% of the Brisbane Central service office., 30% to Virtual Area A, and 10% of GSO Sydney. However we sometimes support other groups and rehabs with literature or donate money to the convention committees.

Atm have a robust roster w minimal disruption

Security Protocols

Other relevant activities

(PI/CPC, H & I, Member Protection etc.)

NA

Group Financial Report

Financial Report - Prudent Reserve: **200**

Financial Report - Average monthly collection: **300**

Financial Report - Average monthly Group expenses: **Zoom**

Description:

Financial Report -

60/30/10

Contribution to Area: \$... Frequency:

Contribution to GSO: \$... Frequency:)

Are you functioning successfully within the group handbook guidelines?

YES

members.aa.org.au/service-resources/

That's the voice of the disease Joella Bris

What ideas from your group could Virtual Area A help you bring to life to help carry the message?

Name of Group: **Melbourne Rise and Shine**

Day and time of Meetings: 7:30 am every weekday (Mel/Syd time) Name of

GSR: Kristen Clarke

GSR Contact Details (email & phone): melbourne.rise.and.shine@gmail.com 0409 309

660

Average meeting attendance: 20 – 40 per day

Trusted Servant Activities

Are group positions filled? Yes, however, we are seeking an alternate GSR Are members fulfilling their position's responsibilities? Yes

Carrying the message

What's the group doing to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic? We structure our meeting for the newcomer:

- Call for newcomers in their first 90 days at the commencement of the meeting • We aim to call on newcomers
- We celebrate the newcomers during announcements halfway through the meeting • We call for sponsors or temporary sponsors in the meeting
- Our announcements direct newcomers and other members to resources • We direct post meeting discussion to newcomers who may have questions or wish to chat

Other relevant activities

(PI/CPC, H & I, Member Protection etc.)

- Not at present

Group Financial Report

Financial Report - Prudent Reserve:\$250 \$250.00

Financial Report - Average monthly collection:150-200

Financial Report - Average monthly Group expenses: \$21.90 zoom

Description:MR&S DONATION

Financial Report -

Contribution to Area: \$50-100 Frequency:monthly

Contribution to GSO: \$50-100 Frequency:monthly

Are you functioning successfully within the group handbook guidelines? yes

Courage to Change

GSR kristy L lemmo@y7mail.com

Alt GSR Corinne G corinne.gatehouse@hotmail.com

Meetings

AEST

5.30am Daily Reflections 7 days/week

- 20- 32 attendance

9.30pm Steps and traditions meeting Wednesday night

- 6-10 attendance

7pm Big Book meeting Thursday night

-6- 10 attendance

4pm Alternating Topic meeting Sunday

- 6-15 attendance

Contributions

We wait until the total reaches \$1000 then

Divvy it up

30/30/30 Gso, VAA and another AA cause the group decides on.

All positions are filled most of the time, we are currently going through rotation of a few key positions and finding it a little tricky to navigate. This will be great material to grow from as a group.

To carry the message we hold regular GC's, frequent agenda items are -How are we each carrying our message in our individual shares and when we contact newcomers.?

We read HIW during our daily reflection and we offer different meetings at different times to fill a need we see.

We are trialling different methods to increase sponsorship, currently we are simply asking for hands up at the end of meetings for those who are able to sponsor.

We have been selected to host a meeting for OIAA2026

Name of Group: **Plan b - Into Action Group**

Day and time of Meetings: Monday 6:30pm – 7:30pm AEST

Name of GSR: John

Name of Alt GSR: Tristan

GSR Contact Details (email & phone):

- Plan b Into Action Group email - Planbintoactiongroup@outlook.com
- GSR – John B
Phone 0401 388 756
Email cr8unique@gmail.com
- Alt GSR – Tristan G
Phone 04 5111 2898
Email tgillanpc@hotmail.com

Average meeting attendance:

- 15-25

Trusted Servant Activities

Are group positions filled?

- All group positions are filled.

Are members fulfilling their position's responsibilities?

- Yes

Carrying the message

What's the group doing to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic?

- We are in the process of starting an ongoing Sponsorship workshop.
- We actively follow up newcomers and the still sick and suffering Alcoholic
- We study the big book line by line in our general meeting.

Other relevant activities

(PI/CPC, H & I, Member Protection etc.)

- We are active in PI/PA
- Member Protection – Safeguarding Policy

Group Financial Report

Financial Report - Prudent Reserve:

- \$250 Zoom licence
- \$100 literature
- Total \$350

Financial Report - Average monthly collection:

- \$100

Financial Report - Average monthly Group expenses:

- Minimal

Description:

- Yearly zoom licence
- Literature – Big Books

Financial Report –

Contribution to Area: \$... Frequency:

Contribution to GSO: \$... Frequency:)

Other

- After group expenses are met we contribute 60 30 10 on a monthly basis.
- 60% CSO
- 30% GSO
- 10% Area

Are you functioning successfully within the group handbook guidelines?

- Yes, our group utilises AA's literature to help stay inline with AA's Three Legacies.

What ideas from your group could Virtual Area A help you bring to life to help carry the message?

Name of Group: **Daily Reprieve Group**

Day and time of Meetings: Monday to Sunday 7:15 am

Name of GSR: Bryce A

GSR Contact Details (email & phone): dailyreprievezoom@gmail.com

Average meeting attendance: 6-12 per meeting

Trusted Servant Activities

Are group positions filled? Are members fulfilling their position's responsibilities?

We have had regular members doing service, however it has become difficult to fulfil all the positions, as new members are reluctant to do service work. The regular members have now left the group so it is becoming even more difficult to fulfil positions, it is in God grace if we continue or not.

Carrying the message

What's the group doing to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic?

Topic meetings from Monday to Friday, focusing on the readings Daily Reflections and As Bill Sees It. Saturday we have an ID meeting and Sundays a Spiritual Concept meeting with invited AA guest speakers. We offer sponsorship, however this offer seems to be not taken up by participants in the meetings. There have been supportive relationships formed between participants and group members.

Other relevant activities

(PI/CPC, H & I, Member Protection etc.)

Artificial Intelligence has been disabled for all Daily Reprieve meetings. We thought it was against the AA principle of anonymity. AI would create transcripts and record those who attend meetings.

We close the chat for most of the meetings and open it toward the end of the meetings.

We assign multiple cohosts to boot out Zoom boomers

Group Financial Report

Financial Report - Prudent Reserve: \$260.00

Financial Report - Average monthly collection: \$50.00

Financial Report - Average monthly Group expenses: \$22.00

Description:

Financial Report -

Contribution to Area: \$... Frequency: 10% of our monthly total is sent to Virtual Area

Contribution to GSO: \$... Frequency:) 0%

On Awakening Morning Meditation Meeting (online) 30 June 2026

Day and time of Meetings:

This meeting is held 5 days a week from 7:30am for 20 minutes. We read 2 short readings based on Step 11 from conference approved literature and share for 2 minutes.

On Sunday night at 8.00pm we have the same format. This meeting is called 'on retiring at night'. This was on a Thursday as well. GC decided to close one night due to challenges with filling service roles.

Name of GSR:

Helen R - hmrobinett@gmail.com 0409324248

Alternative GST – Santosh M - s_muni2000@yahoo.com 0431635290

(both on a weekly zoom with Andrew learning AA concepts)

Average meeting attendance:

Morning meeting – 50-60

Evening meeting – 15-30

Trusted Servant Activities

Are group positions filled? Are members fulfilling their position's responsibilities?

We have a treasurer, secretary, GSR, and member roster for meetings.

Our quarterly group conscience sees a rotation of service roles. We have a meeting chair, timer, screen share, zoom 1 and zoom 2 to admit and monitor for zoom bombers. The meeting is locked 5 minutes after commencement.

We communicate via *Whatsapp* in case a position cannot be filled. 42 members.

Carrying the message

What's the group doing to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic?

We keep the focus of all the meetings to carrying the message by applying relevant readings to each meeting. We encourage people to stay back after the meeting to chat if they would like to and share numbers for outreach.

Other relevant activities

(PI/CPC, H & I, Member Protection etc.)

Group Financial Report

Our treasurer Paul M allocates funds to GSO (x2) and the Virtual Area each quarter. (**Note:** The 2nd monthly payment to GSO of \$22 is the group's contribution to Remote Communities)

Financial Report - Prudent Reserve: \$100

Financial Report - Average monthly collection (for Apr-Jun 2026): \$273.33 (slightly down on last quarter)

Financial Report - Average monthly Group expenses - AA anniversary chips and Zoom expenses - (for Jan-Mar 2026): \$23.09

Financial Report -

Contribution to Virtual Area: \$344.50 in past 3 mths (monthly ave - \$114.83) Frequency: Monthly

Contribution to GSO Main: \$344.50 in past 3 mths (monthly ave - \$114.83) Frequency: Monthly

Contribution to GSO Remote Communities: \$132.00 in past 3 mths (monthly ave - \$44.00) Frequency: Monthly

Name of Group: **Nerang 11th Step Meeting**

Day and time of Meetings: **Wednesday 6:00pm AEST**

Name of GSR: Tanya S (interim)

GSR Contact Details (email & phone): nerang11thstepmeeting@gmail.com, 0407 013931

Average meeting attendance: ~10 (established in March 2020 as an in-person meeting 3 weeks before COVID shutdown)

Trusted Servant Activities

Are group positions filled? Are members fulfilling their position's responsibilities?

We are a pretty informal group and share most positions, but struggle to fill the GSR role due to extra time commitments/full time work by most members.

Carrying the message

What's the group doing to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic?

We take a holiday meeting to the local in-patient rehab for young people (Mirikai) and try to ensure that they are connected with the broader AA community events (Young People's meetings and Conventions).

Other relevant activities

(PI/CPC, H & I, Member Protection etc.)

One member was on the host committee for the National Convention (Gold Coast 2026)

Group Financial Report

Financial Report - Prudent Reserve: \$50

Financial Report - Average monthly collection: \$75

Financial Report - Average monthly Group expenses: \$26

Description: Zoom account

Financial Report -

Contribution to Area: \$ 100 - 150 Frequency: 1-2x/year

Contribution to GSO: \$100 - 150 Frequency: 1-2x/year

(Also donated to National Convention and Brown Bag Appeal ~ \$300)

Are you functioning successfully within the group handbook guidelines?

Yes

What ideas from your group could Virtual Area A help you bring to life to help carry the message?

Perhaps the VA could help create a Google document with prospective speakers who would be open to being contacted by email, text, or a phone call to arrange to speak.

We are a speaker meeting and would love help finding speakers to share on Steps 2, 3 & 11 for ~10 - 15 minutes. Our group welcomes members of all spiritual persuasions. We adhere to Bill Wilson's emphasis on inclusivity, and his directive to not pressure others with our individual or even our collective views.

Other

If anyone at the Assembly is available to speak one Wednesday night please direct them to contact us via email or text. Also we do not publish our Zoom link online to prohibit Zoom bombers, but it is available by email (nerang11thstepmeeting@gmail.com) and pasted here for any AA member to join:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/435364820> (<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/435364820>)

Meeting ID: 435 364 820

No password

updated 21/4/26

Secretary Report

Virtual Area A

Assembly #02 – 19 April 2026

Hello, my name is Corinne G, and I am an alcoholic.

At the Virtual Area A Annual General Assembly in January, I was elected as your Secretary. My home group is Courage to Change, where I serve as an Alternate GSR.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service, to learn, and to grow, and to be part of putting the AA program, Traditions, and Concepts into action.

The strong foundation set by previous office bearers continues through maintaining clear and open lines of communication, sharing information via email and WhatsApp group chats, along with distributing newsletters and flyers to members and external contacts.

I liaise with all Virtual Area A office bearers to coordinate meetings, agendas, minutes, and any required follow-up actions. We are an enthusiastic, supportive, and cooperative team.

Recent interest from new groups is very encouraging and reflects increased awareness and improved access to our website. I am particularly excited to assist groups joining the Virtual Area by answering questions and directing inquiries. Other inquiries have also included requests for information regarding Seventh Tradition contribution details for the Virtual Area and for National Remote Communities.

I have recently begun posting flyers to the AA members website, and will begin to submit our event information for sharing in the GSB Quarterly report and the AA Around Australia Newsletter.

Monitoring and administering the Virtual Area Gmail account, Google Drive, and the Virtual Area A WhatsApp group continues. I am also a part of the Professional Awareness Working Group.

Ongoing maintenance of records including databases, mailing lists, contacts and group directories ensures information remains current. Document templates have been introduced to improve efficiency in record-keeping and time management.

Exploration of AI tools and technology is underway to streamline administrative tasks while maintaining accuracy.

I look forward to continuing to settle into the Secretary role and remain open and available for suggestions, brainstorming ideas, and sharing solutions for improvement.

Thank you for your participation today. It is a privilege to serve as your Secretary.

Virtual Area A - PIPA Coordinators Report Assembly 3 **Sunday 19th July, 2026**

My name is Maria. I am an alcoholic and am Alternate Delegate and Public Information Professional Awareness coordinator for Virtual Area A.

Since the last Assembly I have begun to familiarise myself with PIPA related everything including literature in Alcoholics Anonymous.

I joined the steering committee members and attended the Virtual Area A Draft Guidelines session run by National Online Services Coordinator Andrew Mc.

The guidelines were written in line with the Twelve Concepts for World Service to promote clarity and accountability and protect groups from overreach and confusion among other things.

I also joined VAA Secretary Corinne G and Andrew Mc to put together a PIPA Public Information & Professional Awareness CSP Compositions Scope Procedure document.

I found the two sessions to be very informative.

The Public Awareness Working Group continues to meet monthly and has had a re-focus of direction since the last Assembly. We will be joining Rob F Easter Region Remote Communities Coordinator in helping the largest (geographical) area in the Eastern Region of NSW - Area F (which includes places like Dubbo, Mudgee, Cowra, Orange etc) - in its efforts to get active as an area. We will have more to report in the coming months.

The Facebook Anytime Anywhere campaign will reflect this going forward too.

Thank you to the GSRs who continue to remind your groups of the **'Shout a Remote Alky a Meeting' campaign** inviting members to set up a direct debit to support the Anytime Anywhere FB ads. (image of flyer below).

I continue to attend the National Remote Communities monthly meetings and was privileged to attend the first ever National Remote Communities Forum. Congratulations National Remote Communities Coordinator Colleen L and your service team for a successful forum. I learnt so much at the forum.

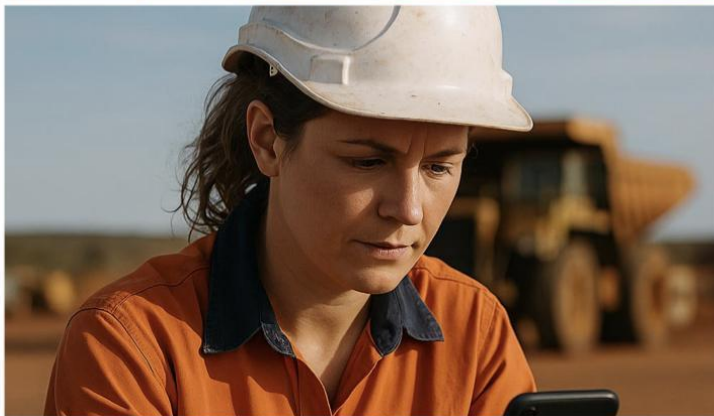
There were presentations from people talking about how the message is carried to people in remote communities in Australia. There was a share on the history of the Tag-Along, which starts out at Lightning Ridge in the first weekend of June every year and visits remote communities all the way to Darwin. There was a share from a member of the service team for Loners International - who talked about how some AA members get their meetings only through letters and emails. There was a share from a member of Chapter Six - a group of AA members who ride bikes to visit remote areas to carry the message of AA. And our delegate Alison also delivered a powerful share about Virtual Area A and how her own recovery has been shaped by the online experience of Alcoholics Anonymous.

So grateful to all working hard behind the scenes, including you present here today, to ensure the sick and suffering alcoholic, regardless of who they are and where they're located gets AA's message of depth and weight.

And just as a reminder the AA National Combined Services Forum is being held in Canberra 2- 4 October 2020. I will attend this on behalf of the Virtual Area A.

If you'd like to attend (there are tickets still available according to the website) or learn more about it, please see: www.aancsf2026.org.au

Thank you to you all for your continued service in carrying the message to the sick and suffering alcoholic inside and outside of Alcoholics Anonymous.



'Shout a Remote Alky a Meeting'



The 'Anywhere Anytime' PI initiative is a joint National Remote Communities / Virtual Area A targeted social media campaign connecting remote alcoholics to an online meeting.

Set up a regular \$5/week direct debit to help someone in remote Australia get sober and stay that way

Virtual Area A: BSB: 633 000
Acct: 199 788 209
Reference: Remote

aaausvirtualarea@gmail.com
www.aavirtualarea.org.au

and Meeting notes

5 July 2026

1. Attached Financial Report as at 05/07/2026 – refer Attach 1

- total contributions received for the period 07/04/2026 to 05/07/2026 :

\$2621.90

Breakdown- **\$2321.90** 10 groups

\$300.00 1 individual **1 contributions, no group name listed**

in bank transfer details)

- interest **\$36.29**

- contributions to other AA organizations **\$500.00** since last assembly

2. - expenditure total for period \$675.50

- **\$4824.77**- current bank balance as at 05/07/2026

- **\$1824.77** available funds (taking into account prudent reserve of \$3,000.00)

3. Contributions

- **\$500.00**- total contributions since inception: refer Attach 2

4. Other

GSO allocation of group contributions from groups in Virtual Area – suggestion for groups to ensure any donations to GSO include a reference re “Virtual Area” so they aren’t incorrectly allocated to another area. Example when depositing “Group Name Virtual Area” AA Around Australia will reflect any contributions made from groups in Virtual Area.

5. Budget Forecast vs Actuals as at July 2026 – refer Attach 3

Yours in service

Paul S

Treasurer,
Virtual Area A

Attach 1**Treasurers Report - Virtual Area - AA****As at 07/04/2026 for July 2026 Assembly**

	\$
b/fwd 07/04/2026	11674.52
<i>Income</i>	
Contributions	2621.90
Interest	36.29
Total income	2658.19
Contribution to other AA Entities	500.00

Total Contributions to other AA Entities 0.00 Expenditure

GSO (60%)	3602.00
Remote Communities (30%)	2638.80
Internat Sponsorship Committee (10%)	879.60

Total Expenditure 1097.04**Bank Balance 4824.77****Less prudent reserve 3000.00****Available funds as at 05/07/2026 1827.77**

Comments: Accrued expenditure details approved, expenditure but not yet spent

Attach 2				
Virtual Area A				
Contributions and Expenditure				
1 September 2022 to 07 July 2026				
Groups				
AA Aussie Recovery	200		Northern Beaches Breakfast	14729
Alice Springs Women	3791.6		On Awakening	7585.11
Central Service Office	88.17		On Awakening-Remote Communities	110
Courage To Change	400		NB- On Awakening 7th trad-transferred to GSB 30/06/2026	-110.00
Daily Reprieve	168.31		OMG Online Men's Group	70.2
Darwin Tuesday Big Book	132.65		Pebbles Group	100
Down Under Not Down & Out	3764.35		Plan B Into Action Group	245.06
DR Zoom	19.44		Ruby Tuesday	354
Geelong Sunday	5		Shivering Denzions	622.16
Goldfields	1954.74		Shout An Alkie	265
Gold Coast Internat. Early Bird	1063.91		South Melbourne Zoom	400
International Three Legacies	851.08		Still Sparkling	94.35
Keep It Simple	350		Wagga Tuesday Lunch	100
Melbourne Rise & Shine	265		Warrnambool SOTS	270
Nerang 11th Step	300		Whiskey In My Milk	1726.93

Individuals				
<i>As per January 2026 Assembly, individual contributions will be presented as a total figure</i>				
Combined Individual Contributions	\$3347.20		(\$1000.00- Several contributions, no group name listed in bank transfer details)	
Total contributions- Grps & Indiv	\$43373.26		Groups- \$40026.26 / Individuals- \$3347.20	
Bank interest	361.87			

Virtual Area A contributions to other AA entities				
AA Convention 2025	2000		AA Remote Communities- Jun 2025	1716.44
AA NatCon Fees- Jun 2025 (April Assembly)	2446.54		AA Remote Communities- Mar 2025	707.6
AA GSO- Jul 2026	3602		AA Remote Communities- Dec 2024	655.61
AA GSO- Jun 2025	986.35		AA Remote Communities- Message Sticks Book	573.5
AA GSO- Mar 2025	1415.21		AA Internat Sponsr Comm- Jun 2026	879.6
AA GSO- Dec 2024	2622.44		AA Internat Sponsr Comm- Jun 2025	572.15
AA GSO- May 2024	5600		AA Brown Paper Bag Appeal- Mar 2025	235.87
AA Remote Communities- Jun 2026	2638.8		AA Remote Communities- On Awakening	110
Total contributions to other AA entities	26762.11			
Expenditure				
Conferences & Forums				
2026 Conference Fees (4x installments)	1351		2023 Conference Levy for Virtual Aread delegate to attend Conference	1500
2026 National Forum	500		2022 Conference Levy for Virtual Area delegate to attend Conference	500

2025 Conference Fees (4x installments)	2573.08			
2024 Public Awareness Forum registration			Website & Social Media (FB, Insta)	
- Registration	128.37		2026/27 VA AA Domain & Website	460.00
- Flights	374.70		2025/26 VA AA Domain & Website	315.77
- Accommodation-2024	410.00		2024/25 VA A Domain Renewal	23.95
- Accommodation-2026	637.04		2024/25 VA A Website Renewal	227.40
2024 Conference Levy for Virtual Area A delegate to attend Conference	2100		Reimbursement website	188.74
			2025 PI/PA- Social Media	850.00
Total Expenditure	12140.05			
Bank transaction fees	3.50			
Other	4.70			
Balance	4824.77			

Attach 3													
2026 VA A Budget Forecast													
Details	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Septemb er	October	Novemb er	Decemb er	Total
Websi te (refer to line 36)													
Websi te hostin g- due 31/05 /2026 (estim t'd)	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	240.00
Websi te domai n- due 31/05 /2026	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	36.00
Confer ences & Forum s													
Confer ence Levy equalis ation fund betwee n \$1500 - \$2500	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	2520.0 0
Public Aware ness & Public Inform ation (Include s Registr													

ation, Accom modati on & Flights)													
Anytim e Anywh ere	152.00	152.00	152.00	152.00	52.00	152.00	152.00	152.00	152.00	152.00	152.00	152.00	1824.0 0
Natio nal Servic es Forum	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	83.33	1000.0 0
Other													
Prude nt Reserv e	291	291	291	291	291	291	291	291	291	291	291	291	3492.0 0
Total month ly contri bution s requir ed to cover expen ses and prude nt reserv e	758.3 3	758.3 3	758.3 3	758.3 3	758.3 3	758.3 3	758.3 3	758.3 3	758.3 3	758.3 3	758.3 3	758.3 3	9099. 96
Actual							As at 05/07/20 26						
2026 Actual contribut ions and interest received	946.59	1255.2 8	585.40	1699.0 7	597.01	1140.5 3	148.35						6371.2 3
2026 Actual expendit ure / contribut ions to	0	0	675.50	0	0	1597.0 4	0						2272.0 8

AA entities													
2025 Actual contributions and interest received	658.02	523.36	567.83	1319.04	1122.15	371.61	582.28	612.85	419.79	3210.31	1183.36	1155.48	11726.08
2025 Actual expenditure / contributions to AA entities	0	0	2530.21	0	0	3405.58	0	1493.27	0	0	643.27	0	8072.33
2024 Actual contributions and interest received	1220.61	1572.12	478.53	1802.35	686.76	933.42	953.09	1231.46	1292.86	646.42	1602.61	516.69	12936.92
2024 Actual expenditure / contributions to AA entities	0	0	503.07	1963.07	8037	251.35	1050	136.5	0	0	0	3278.05	15219.04
2023 Actual contributions received	254.12	438.91	1605.16	629	642	900	1092	847.5	683.5	739.93	830.84	936	9598.96
2023 Actual expenditure					1500		188.74						1688.74

Comments

Expenses based on 2026 actuals

\$3000.00- Prudent Reserve (as per group conscience decision May 2023)

\$1824.00- Anytime Anywhere Social Media budgeted expenditure

\$2500.00- Conference levy (annual) to be kept aside from available funds at all times (as per group conscience decision May 2023)

Conference Levy is payable between June/September

Individual Contributions will be listed as a combined total(as per group conscience decision January 2026)

All forecast figures are approximate, with conference levy based on highest cost for F2F attendance

National Public Awareness Forum November-PI Budget will be presented separately

For noting:: Website hosting and domain costs paid in Jul 2024 were slightly higher than budgeted due to increase by Go Daddy (refer VA A Treasurer's Report August 2024) Anticipate a price increase for website fees

Printing costs removed in October 2024 assembly, incorporated into "available funds"
<i>*For future VA Assembly consideration</i>
Funding of VA representative at National Public Awareness Forum
Funding of activities/posters etc, detox material
Anticipate a price increase for website fees to be factored into budget
PI Budget will be presented separately

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