

Meeting Minutes — AGA 2026 (Virtual Area A)

Meeting details Session 1: Sat 17 Jan 2026, 7:00pm–9:00pm AEDT Session 2:
Sun 18 Jan 2026, 10:00am–3:00pm AEDT

Session 1 (GSR/Group Registration) — Sat 17 Jan 2026

1) Opening / Welcome

- Tradition 2 / “WE” version Serenity Prayer
- Agenda explanation (Ally F).

2) Annual Group Registration

- Noted counts:

VA x5 (Terri, Andrew, Alella, Paul, Ally).

GSRs x7 (Tristan (Alt GSR covering John), Brendon, Richard, Maria, Helen, Laura, Corinne (alt GSR for Kristy L Courage to Change)

3) Voting orientation

- Electronic voting explained by Ally F
- Practice election facilitated by Alison G
- No concerns/issues

4) GSR Reports

- Reports read; groups listed (Plan B, GCEIB, C2C, Cremorne, Sth Melb, On Awakening, ITL).

- On Awakening GSR Report to attach

- Notes captured:

- Brendan shared info re security & bombers.
- Helen (On Awakening): two separate contributions by group; seeking clarification; will revert.

Action item (pending)

- Helen (On Awakening) to confirm contributions for Remote Community (x5 = \$110.00).

5) Closing

- Closing time noted as 7:50pm.

Session 2 — Sun 18 Jan 2026

1) Opening / Welcome / Introductions

- Opened with Tradition 2 / “WE” Serenity Prayer (Ally F).

2) Minutes of previous assembly (sent 2025-10-09)

- Draft minutes presented (Ally F).
- Motion to ratify previous assembly minute — *Approved*.
- Motion to use Zoom AI Companion to draft minutes — *Approved*.

3) Review of action items All listed items marked Done:

- Paul S to resume Treasurer role - Ratified at commencement of AGA 2026.
- Motion to use Zoom AI Companion to draft minutes.
- Meredith (acting Tech Co-ord) to manage website uploads/notifications.
- Upload minutes to website.

4) Annual reports (Chair / Registrar / Acting Tech Co-ord / Nat Remote Comms)

- Chair report presented; question raised re “anytime anywhere” measurement. To be covered in PI/PA report.
- Registrar report presented; thanks/recognition noted for Terri’s service. This role has now been made redundant as per motion proposed by Terri and voted in favour by simple majority by assembly.
- Acting Tech Co-ord report provided by Alison G in Meredith’s absence: website revamp to align with national; document updates; Meredith withdrew herself from this position.
- Nat Remote Comms report (final in role): Chapter 6 Motorcycle group connection and bike run to remote communities; appreciation noted for Cliff’s service over the years to Virtual Area A.

5) Alternative Delegates report (PI/PA Chair)

- Professional Awareness Monthly Virtual Sessions progress
Suggestion made by attendee at assembly whether Central Office contact lists would be helpful with database building.
- Anywhere Anytime campaign has been highly successful and we hope to continue this initiative per budget to be discussed in Treasurer’s forecast.

6) Delegate’s report

- Final report in role; conference topic decisions presented to assembly.
- Motion passed to thank Andrew for his service as Delegate to Virtual Area A for the past three years. His contribution has been highly appreciated. Unanimous agreement from assembly - *approved*

7) Treasurer’s report

- Motion to ratify Treasurer’s report as presented - *approved*
- Discussion: report format includes listing individual contributions; no firm decision made at previous assembly despite long discussions;
- Motion to remove individual names from future treasurer reports - *approved*
Orgs being contacted

Action to obtain email addresses

Presentations already created but due to be finalised

Cochran(e) reports referenced

- Bank account balance noted: \$9,547.57 (plus \$916.59 since report written / beginning of 2026).
- Proposed budget raised (website costings referenced).

8) Annual planning — approval of annual budget

- Annual budget presented.
- Motion to approve annual planning forecast - *approved*

9) General business (motions arising from reports)

- Motion for Tech Co-ord to be a voting position and member of Area Committee — *Approved*.
- Motion for discontinuance of Registrar position — *approved*.
- Motion for Safeguarding Policy & Complaints Procedure to be ratified: background outlined; Complaints Procedure shared — *Approved*
- Virtual Area A Guidelines: recap noted. These to be submitted by Andrew over the next few months.

10) Election of office bearers

- Third Legacy Procedure / electronic ballot process explained by Ally F.
- **Delegate:** Alison nominated; no other nominations — *Approved 100%*.
- **Alternative Delegate & PIPA Chair:** Maria and Terri declined initially; shared role discussed; outcome — *Approved 72%*: **Alternate Delegate / PIPA = Maria, Alternate PIPA = Brendan**.
- **Secretary:** Corinne agreed (absent); John declined — *Approved 100%: Corinne*.
- **Technical Chair:** Meredith removed herself; Tristan nominated; questions raised; suggestion re paid website developers — *Approved 100%: Tristan*.

11) Assembly dates & sharing session topics

- Assembly #2 / #3 / #4: dates/topics/comments left blank / to be confirmed.

12) Close of meeting

- Meeting closed at 4:10pm AEDT

Action items summary

- 1. Helen (On Awakening)** to confirm Remote Community contributions details (x5 = \$110.00).
- 2. Treasurer report format:** remove individual names/contributions
- 3. Annual budget:** incorporate into report; note website costs increase (as recorded).
- 4. Brendan:** go through list of Conference Topics.

5. PI/PA outreach: obtain org email addresses / continue contacts (as captured under PI/PA report).

6. Assembly dates/topics: confirm Assembly #2–#4 details.

7. Andrew — submit Virtual Area A Guidelines (over the next few months)

Delegate's Report for Virtual Area A Annual General Assembly

January 18th and 19th, 2025

My name is Andrew and I'm an alcoholic

This report aims to provide an overview of the main activities and responsibilities that I have been involved in over the course of the 2024 Conference cycle, and those of the upcoming 2025 cycle as it relates to my role as Virtual Area A (VAA) delegate. Given the bulk of work that is involved in this service position, it is my aim to keep this report as concise as possible to provide the assembly with all relevant information without making the document too cumbersome. Suffice it to say that I am very grateful to the GSRs and office-bearers of VAA that have provided their guidance, support and (most importantly) trust which has allowed me to carry out these responsibilities.

The report begins with an overview of the 2024 topics and floor actions from Conference, followed by a summary of the current AA Australian financial position. Finally, I provide a description of my new responsibilities as I enter my final year as VAA delegate.

2024 Conference Topics

This section outlines the progression of topics discussed at the 2024 General Service Conference, from their release to the fellowship in August, through the VAA Topics Assembly, and culminating in the outcomes and advisory actions determined at Conference in November.

Topic #001/2024: Creating a 2/3 Delegate Voting Majority

- **Summary:** Proposed recognising a unanimous delegate vote as spiritually equivalent to a 2/3 majority, addressing long-standing concerns about the delegate-to-non-delegate voting ratio while upholding Concept IV (Right of Participation).
- **VAA Position:** Supported, noting that the original intention of AA's founders was to prevent the concentration of power, not to mandate a mathematical majority. A unanimous delegate vote would achieve this while preserving the spirit of Concept IV.
- **Delegate Vote:** Aligned with the VAA position and voted in support of the topic.
- **Conference Outcome:** Rejected. Conference discussions highlighted concerns about the implications for related topics and the necessity of a 2/3 majority.

1 Topic #002/2024: 2/3 Majority Consultation

- **Summary:** Suggested consulting the entire fellowship on whether a 2/3 delegate voting majority is necessary.
- **VAA Position:** Not supported. The VAA noted that this issue has been raised and rejected multiple times due to a lack of acceptable solutions.
- **Delegate Vote:** Aligned with the VAA position and voted against the topic.
- **Conference Outcome:** Rejected. The committee agreed that previous discussions rendered further consultation unnecessary.

Topic #003/2024: Cost Equalisation Guideline

- **Summary:** Proposed creating a guideline to ensure conference and board meeting costs are equitably shared among areas.
- **VAA Position:** Supported in principle, but the topic was deemed too vague to endorse fully without further clarification.
- **Delegate Vote:** Supported. After floor discussions, sufficient justification was provided to warrant support for the topic.
- **Conference Outcome:** Accepted. An advisory action was issued to develop and implement the guideline.

Topic #004/2024: Update GL-07 PI/CPC in the Guidelines

- **Summary:** Suggested updating guidelines for Public Information (PI) and Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) to include sections on professional awareness, internet use, and insights from recent forums.
- **VAA Position:** Supported.
- **Delegate Vote:** Aligned with the VAA position and voted in support of the topic.
- **Conference Outcome:** Accepted. A working group will be formed to collate and incorporate the proposed updates.

2 Topic #005/2024: Change Name from CPC to PA

- **Summary:** Proposed renaming “Cooperating with the Professional Community” to “Professional Awareness” to better reflect the relationship between AA and the professional community.
- **VAA Position:** Supported.
- **Delegate Vote:** Aligned with the VAA position and voted in support of the topic.
- **Conference Outcome:** Accepted. The change will be implemented in accordance with GL-27, and relevant documents will be updated.

Topic #006/2024: Flow Chart for PI Material

- **Summary:** Suggested creating a flow chart for the development and approval of Public Information (PI) and Professional Awareness (PA) materials.
- **VAA Position:** Supported.
- **Delegate Vote:** Aligned with the VAA position and voted in support of the topic.
- **Conference Outcome:** Accepted. A working group will develop the flow chart, aligned with existing processes.

Topic #007/2024: World Service Delegates’ Vote

- **Summary:** Proposed transitioning to a structure where World Service Delegates no longer hold voting rights at the General Service Conference, aligning with the ideal that Delegates comprise at least two-thirds of Conference members. This change would take effect after the current appointees complete their terms.
- **VAA Position:** Rejected.
- **Delegate Vote:** Aligned with the VAA position and voted against the topic.
- **Conference Outcome:** Rejected. The Conference Committee could not achieve a 2/3 majority, and the proposal was ultimately voted down.

Topic #008/2024: Class A Trustee Numbers

- **Summary:** Proposed reducing the maximum number of Class A Trustees from four to two to improve the delegate-to-non-delegate voting ratio.

- **VAA Position:** Not supported. The VAA valued the role of Class A Trustees as the public face of AA and their objectivity as non-alcoholics.

- **Delegate Vote:** Aligned with the VAA position and voted against the topic. I believe there is no reason to reduce the opportunity for people outside AA to support and advocate for our cause, especially as they are not bound by anonymity like members are.

- **Conference Outcome:** Accepted. An advisory action was issued to implement the reduction.

Topic #009/2024: Accessibility Guideline for AA Australia

- **Summary:** Proposed creating an Australian-specific guideline on accessibility to enhance carrying the message.

- **VAA Position:** Supported.

- **Delegate Vote:** Aligned with the VAA position and voted in support of the topic.

- **Conference Outcome:** Accepted. A working group will define “accessibility” and develop the guideline, potentially incorporating existing guidance.

Topic #010/2024: Add Upside-Down Triangle

- **Summary:** Suggested reinstating the upside-down triangle diagram in the AA Service Manual to clarify the service structure.

- **VAA Position:** Supported.

- **Delegate Vote:** Aligned with the VAA position and voted in support of the topic. •

Conference Outcome: Accepted. The diagram will be added back to the Service Manual. ***Topic #011/2024: Accepted Literature***

- **Summary:** Proposed creating a new category of “Accepted” literature, distinct from Conference Approved literature, for national use.

- **VAA Position:** Not supported. The VAA emphasised that Conference-Approved literature guarantees adherence to AA principles and traditions.

- **Delegate Vote:** Aligned with the VAA position and voted against the topic.

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- **Conference Outcome:** Rejected. The committee noted potential confusion among members and the public.

Topic #012/2024: Online Meeting Guideline

- **Summary:** Proposed refining criteria for listing online meetings to ensure they align with the Australian fellowship.

- **VAA Position:** Not supported. The VAA suggested a simpler approach of trusting groups’ claims of being Australian.

- **Delegate Vote:** Aligned with the VAA position and voted against the topic.

- **Conference Outcome:** Referred. A working group will investigate responsibilities and guidelines for online meeting listings, and I am part of this group.

Topic #015/2024: Alcoholics Anonymous Australia, One United Structure

- **Summary:** Proposed forming a working group to explore uniting the General Service and Central Service structures.

- **VAA Position:** Rejected. The VAA recommended reformulating the topic to address ambiguities.

- **Delegate Vote:** Aligned with the VAA position and voted to reject the topic, based on the conviction that Tradition 9 precludes Conference from having any authority over any findings from an investigation. Additionally, the outcomes of such investigations are already known to us.

I spoke as part of the minority opinion, which swayed some opinions but was not sufficient to overturn the vote.

- **Conference Outcome:** Accepted. A working group will investigate the feasibility and mechanisms of unification.

Topic #016/2024: Correctional Facilities Book

- **Summary:** Proposed publishing an anthology of Australian members' stories about correctional facilities.

- **VAA Position:** Supported in concept but noted the need for further feasibility research.

- **Delegate Vote:** Aligned with the VAA position and voted in support of the topic after sufficient justification was provided from the floor.

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- **Conference Outcome:** Accepted. A working group will develop the book.

Topic #017/2024: Past Delegates and Trustees – Service Manual

- **Summary:** Proposed rewriting the section on past delegates and trustees to clarify appropriate roles.

- **VAA Position:** Supported.

- **Delegate Vote:** Aligned with the VAA position and voted in support of the topic.

- **Conference Outcome:** Referred. The topic will be progressed as part of the Service Manual rewrite by the Trustees Document Review Committee.

Floor Actions

Floor actions at the General Service Conference provide an opportunity for attendees to propose new items of business that arise during the course of discussions. Unlike pre-conference topics, which are extensively prepared and distributed to the fellowship for review, floor actions are spontaneous and require immediate consideration by the conference. This section summarises the floor actions entertained at the 2024 conference, their advisory outcomes, and their implications for AA as a whole.

Floor Action #1: Creating 2/3 Delegate Voting Majority

- **Summary:** Proposed that at the commencement of each General Service Conference, a count of delegates be taken, and if delegates comprise less than 2/3 of voting members, delegate votes would be weighted to achieve a 2/3 majority. No weighting would occur if delegates already form 2/3 of voting members.

- **Delegate Vote:** Voted against. I believe that given the history of this debate, any new proposals need to be circulated to the fellowship for consideration as a topic and are therefore ineligible as a floor action.

- **Conference Outcome:** Accepted. This will be implemented to create a 2/3 delegate voting majority for future conferences.

Floor Action #2: Conference Committees Section Marked Under Review

- **Summary:** Proposed stamping the "Conference Committees" section in the Service Manual as "under review" until updates are made to reflect current practices.

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- **Delegate Vote:** Supported.

- **Conference Outcome:** Accepted. The General Service Office (GSO) will facilitate this update.

Floor Action #3: Online Meetings and Advisory Actions

- **Summary:** Proposed formally acknowledging that Advisory Action #009/2020 renders Advisory

Action 2011/043 obsolete, confirming that Australian online meetings and groups are full members of AA, including the General Service Structure.

- **Delegate Vote:** Brought by me. Supported unanimously by the conference.
- **Conference Outcome:** Accepted. This decision will be reported in the Key Conference Resolutions.

Floor Action #4: Extending Conference Duration

- **Summary:** Proposed investigating the feasibility of extending conference to start on Friday to reduce late-night meetings.
- **Delegate Vote:** Supported.
- **Conference Outcome:** Accepted. GSO will review total costs of extending the duration and report back via extraordinary meeting or mail poll.

Floor Action #5: Promoting New Areas

- **Summary:** Proposed forming a working group to promote and encourage the establishment of new Areas, aiming to reach 30+ Areas by 2030.
- **Delegate Vote:** Supported.
- **Conference Outcome:** Accepted. A working group will be formed to assist districts in forming new Areas.

Floor Action #6: New Script for Radio Ad

- **Summary:** Proposed a new script for Advisory Action #006/2021 to include diverse voices, particularly from the LGBTIQ+ community.
- **Delegate Vote:** Supported.

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- **Conference Outcome:** Accepted. The script will be sent to the Trustee Communications Committee for recording.

Floor Action #7: Reconsidering Reduction of Class A Trustees

- **Summary:** Proposed reversing the decision to reduce the number of Class A Trustees.
- **Delegate Vote:** Supported. I believe there is no reason to reduce the opportunity for people outside AA to support and advocate for our cause, especially as they are not bound by anonymity like members are.
- **Conference Outcome:** Rejected.

Financial Overview

At the 2024 General Service Conference, the financial report highlighted key trends, challenges, and priorities for the coming year. For more detailed information please refer to the [2024 General Service Conference Report](#).

Summary of Income and Expenses

- **Income:** Total revenue for the year ending 30 June 2024 was **\$959,617**, up from **\$906,131** in 2023. This increase reflects higher sales revenue and other contributions.
- **Expenses:** Significant expense categories included:
 - **Cost of Goods Sold:** \$286,839 (increased from \$133,379 in 2023).
 - **Employee Benefits Expense:** \$199,078 (down from \$298,956 in 2023).
 - **Public Information Expenses:** \$6,032 (a slight reduction from \$7,093 in 2023).
 - **Conference and Seminar Costs:** \$43,584 (up from \$27,326 in 2023).

Current Financial Position

- **Total Assets:** Increased to **\$1,932,465** in 2024 from **\$1,741,905** in 2023, reflecting strong growth in current assets.
- **Liabilities:** Total liabilities decreased to **\$486,035** from **\$515,728**, reflecting lower provisions and steady lease obligations.
- **Net Surplus:** The organisation recorded a surplus of **\$220,254** for the year, up from \$91,965 in the previous year.

8 2025 Delegate Responsibilities and Activities

As I enter my final year as the Virtual Area A (VAA) Delegate, I am honoured to continue serving our fellowship in various capacities. My responsibilities for 2025 include supporting ongoing VAA initiatives, contributing to working groups, leading the Conference Steering Committee (CSC) as its Chair, and faithfully representing the Australian virtual group conscience.

Chair of the Conference Steering Committee (CSC)

At the conclusion of the 2024 General Service Conference, I was privileged to be elected as Chair of the Conference Steering Committee (CSC) for 2025. The CSC is integral to the organisation and execution of the General Service Conference, responsible for overseeing topic submissions, developing the agenda, and addressing procedural matters throughout the year.

As Chair, my primary responsibilities will include:

- Leading the planning and coordination of the 2025 General Service Conference.
- Facilitating CSC meetings to ensure effective collaboration and decision-making.
- Guiding the committee in reviewing and allocating topics for discussion.
- Overseeing the development of the Conference agenda to address key fellowship issues.
- Acting as a point of contact for procedural and logistical queries from delegates and trusted servants.

My election into position of CSC Chair is a tangible demonstration of the integration and recognition of Virtual Area A in the broader AA fellowship. I am deeply grateful for the trust placed in me and will work to ensure a productive and meaningful Conference that upholds AA's principles.

Remote Communities Working Group

I will continue to actively contribute to the Remote Communities working group alongside Alison, VAA's Public Information/Professional Awareness (PI/PA) Coordinator. Together, we will support initiatives aimed at ensuring no alcoholic is left behind, regardless of their geographical isolation. This includes ongoing consultation with groups and trusted servants interested in remote community outreach.

9 Support for VAA Groups and Individuals

I will remain available to individuals and groups for discussions about involvement in VAA activities and initiatives. Whether it's sharing information, offering guidance, or helping groups navigate service responsibilities, my focus will be on fostering active participation in our area's work.

Working Group: Online Meetings List

I will participate in the working group established under Advisory Action #012/2024 to investigate responsibilities and guardrails for online meeting listings on aa.org.au. This group will consider the Traditions and our common welfare, ensuring that online meeting lists align with AA's principles. The outcomes will provide clear guidance for service entities and trusted servants handling these listings.

Commitment to the Virtual Group Conscience

Throughout 2025, I will continue to seek out the will of the Australian virtual group conscience and

execute the authority delegated to me by the Australian online groups as faithfully as possible over the course of the 2025 Conference cycle

Final Remarks

The 2024 General Service Conference marked a significant milestone with the adoption of Advisory Action #024/2024, formally rescinding Advisory Action 2011/043. This historic decision recognises Australian online meetings and groups as full members of the Australian AA fellowship, including the General Service Structure. To my knowledge, this is the first formal policy of its kind in the world, setting a precedent for inclusivity in AA's evolving service landscape.

I am deeply grateful to be part of a service structure that demonstrates such progressive thinking, actively working to open the door of AA as wide as possible for the still-suffering alcoholic. It is an honour to contribute to this momentous change and to witness our fellowship's continued growth and adaptation to meet the needs of all alcoholics seeking recovery.

Yours in Service,

Andrew Mc – Delegate

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Chairperson's Report

I am Ally and I am an alcoholic. I am the Virtual Area A Chairperson. I was elected into the role at the last AGA in January 2025.

Reporting on the work of the area committee this year, we have had a fruitful year that involved further development of the Virtual Area through its infancy and some exciting PIPA initiatives.

The Steering Committee adapted the AA Australia Safeguarding Policy for application within the Virtual Area. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Virtual Area meets the same standards as AA as a whole with respect to safeguarding within VAA activities. A Virtual Area Complaints procedure has been developed as a recommended course of action when the virtual area is faced with complaints of breaches of the safeguarding policy or the code of conduct. These have been up on the Virtual Area website since the last assembly to give the GSRs a chance to review it. In General Business this policy will be brought up for discussion and possible ratification by the Assembly.

Drafting Virtual Area A Guidelines are a big task which is well underway. Rather than reinventing the wheel, permission was given by the Online Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous to use their Guidelines as a model. These are being tailored to fit a Virtual Area, within the Australian service structure. The Steering Committee aims to have the proposed guidelines uploaded to the Virtual Area website ready to be considered by the GSRs at the next Area Assembly.

A website committee was formed comprised of AA members with the relevant technical

expertise. This committee is taking care of updating the website to be more closely aligned with the National AA website.

Excitingly, Virtual Area PIPA have spearheaded a paid Facebook add, called “Anywhere Anytime” to support visibility and accessibility of AA online meetings. The success of Facebook add has been extraordinary in increasing awareness of AA. These results will be presented in the PIPA Report.

Chairperson’s Recommendations:

1. The Technical Co-ordinator be included as a fully fledged part of the Area committee giving them an independent vote and thereby their right of decision and participation (Concepts III & IV) 2. The Area consider ratifying the Virtual Area Safeguarding Policy and

Complaints Procedure. 3. The Area considers the PIPA officer’s recommendations about continuation of

the “Anywhere, Anytime” Facebook add in order to extend AA’s reach in relation to online AA meetings and accessibility.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve AA. It has been a privilege albeit a learning curve, and I hope to continue playing my part in the growth and progress of the Virtual Area in the upcoming year.

In God’s Love and Service,

Ally F

Virtual Area A Chairperson

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Public Information & Professional Awareness Report

Virtual Area A – AA Australia Roles: Public Information & Professional Awareness (PI/PA) Representative and Alternate Delegate Reporting period: December 2024 – December 2025 Submitted by: Alison Garay Attachments: Facebook “Anywhere Anytime” Insights Report (attached)

1) Public Information Initiative – Facebook “Anywhere Anytime” Paid Advertising

During this reporting period, Virtual Area A conducted paid Facebook public information advertising to support awareness of AA’s “Anywhere Anytime” online meeting access and public information messaging.

- Funding: Using the financial allocation for Public Awareness Forum (per Area Group conscience agreement) as there wasn’t one in 2025.
- Purpose: Increase public visibility of AA and improve pathways for people seeking help to locate meetings and information.

- Reporting: A Facebook Insights summary report is attached to this report for review (reach/ engagement outcomes and other performance indicators).

2) Professional Awareness Working Group – Monthly PA Session (Remote Communities Focus)

A working group has met monthly to progress the introduction of a monthly Professional Awareness (PA) session, with a specific focus on professional communities in remote areas. Progress has been slow and steady, with foundational work now well underway. Progress and actions completed / underway:

- Database development: A detailed database has been created to support structured outreach.
- Email contact collation: The group is currently collating email contacts for each database entry.
- Presentation development: Once contact collation is complete, the group will move to polishing and tailoring the presentation to the professional community being targeted.
- Targeted monthly approach: Different professional communities will be targeted each month, including:
 - Law enforcement, legal services and corrections professionals
 - Medical and psychological community
 - Neighbourhood and community support services
- Next phase: Following presentation finalisation, the group will develop promotional material to be distributed to the database contacts.

3) Virtual Area A Website Committee – Website Update and National Alignment

The Virtual Area A Website Committee has met every month or two to support progress on updating the Virtual Area A website, with the intention of aligning more closely with the National AA website.

- Progress: A draft prototype has been developed.
- Next step: The prototype is scheduled to be presented at today's Assembly for approval.

4) Remote Communities Meetings – Attendance and Liaison

Remote Communities continue to meet monthly. I have attended as many of these meetings as possible, however some meetings have conflicted with other personal commitments and I have not been able to attend consistently.

- Reporting: Cliff will be reporting on the initiatives arising from Remote Communities over this reporting period.
- Support: Where I have been able to attend, I have remained engaged and supportive, particularly where Remote Communities initiatives intersect with PI/PA pathways.

5) Looking Ahead – Priorities for the Next 12 Months

Key PI/PA priorities moving forward include:

1. Review Facebook PI activity and consider learnings from the attached Insights report for future campaigns.
2. Progress the Professional Awareness session plan from database/contact completion → tailored presentation → promotional rollout.
3. Support the website update pathway through Assembly approval and implementation, ensuring clear public pathways to AA information and meetings.
4. Maintain liaison with Remote Communities work where capacity allows, and support alignment between emerging initiatives and PI/PA activities.

Submitted by: Alison Garay PI/PA Representative and Alternate Delegate, Virtual Area A

Facebook

1 Aug 2025-26 Dec 2025

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Views →

73.4K ↑ 431.5K%

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Viewers →

40.9K

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Virtual Area A

Treasurer Report and Meeting notes

02 January 2026

1. Attached Financial Report as at 31/12/2025 – refer Attach 1

- total contributions received for the period 15/09/2025 to 31/12/2025: **\$5630.75**

Breakdown- \$5250.75 10 groups

\$380.00 3 individuals

- interest **\$8.40**

- contributions to other AA organisations **\$0.00** since last assembly

2. - expenditure total for period \$643.27

- **\$8635.53**- current bank balance as at 31/12/2025

- **\$5635.53** available funds (taking into account prudent reserve of \$3,000.00)

3. Contributions

- **\$37061.61**- 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 April 2025 – refer Attach 3

Yours in service

Paul S

Treasurer, Virtual Area A

Attach 1 Treasurers Report - Virtual Area - AA As at 31/12/2025 for January 2026

Assembly

\$ b/fwd 19/09/2025 3635.10 **Income** Contributions 5630.75 Interest 8.40 **Total income 5639.15**

Contribution to other AA Entities 0.00

Total Contributions to other AA Entities 0.00 Expenditure

GSO (60%) (Funds contributed to 2025 NatCon) 0.00 Remote Communities (30%) 0.00 Internat Sponsorship Committee (10%) 0.00

Total Expenditure 643.27

Bank Balance 8630.98 Less prudent reserve 3000.00

Available funds as at 14/09/2025 5630.98 Comments: Accrued expenditure details approved,expenditure but not yet spent

Attach 2

Virtual Area A Contributions and Expenditure 1 September 2022 to 31 December 2025

Groups AA Aussie Recovery 200 Northern Beaches Breakfast 13663.8 Alice Springs Women 2971.6 On Awakening 6783.61 Central Service Office 88.17 OMG Online Men's Group 70.2 Courage To Change 200 Pebbles Group 100 Daily Reprieve 136.71 Plan B Into Action Group 166.58 Darwin Tuesday Big Book 132.65 Ruby Tuesday 354 Down Under Not Down & Out 1440 Shivering Denzions 622.16 Dundao 1884.35 Shout An Alkie 135 Geelong Sunday 5 South Melbourne Zoom 395 Goldfields 1954.74 Warrnambool SOTS 270 Gold Coast Internat. Early Bird 1063.91 Whiskey In My Milk 1726.93

Individuals Alanna C 5 Jane D 20 Alexandra H 50 Jenny K 25 Alison 2 Joanne DD 37 Amanda P 20 Jodine C 5 Andrew B 317.2 Julie D 165 Andrew Mc 965 Lynette N 10 Catherine F (2/12/25 donation- Group?) 250 Mardi M 30 Catriona L 20 Melissa H 25 CJ Smith 70 N

Mannering 5 Christine J 20 Nicole M 15

Danielle E 5 Nichol P 10 Deborah O 25 Rachel T 2 E A Barber 18 Renee D 200 Elizabeth M 5
Robyn D 10 Gabriella N 2 Sandra C 3 Geraldine V 55 Sandra Mac 10 Georgia P 20 Taleaha L 2
Gwen M 10 Vanessa S 5 Hannah A 25 Yvette R 19 J Newman 15

Total contributions- Grps & Indiv 37061.61

Groups- \$34564.41/ Individuals- \$2497.20

Bank interest 301.29

Virtual Area A contributions to other AA entities AA NatCon 2025- June 2025

2446.54 AA Remote Communities- June 2025 1716.44 AA Convention 2025 2000.00 AA
Remote Communities- Mar 2025 707.60 AA GSO- June 2025 986.35 AA Remote Communities-
Dec 2024 656.21 AA GSO- Mar 2025 1415.21 AA Remote Communities- Message Sticks Book
573.5 AA GSO- Dec 2024 2622.44 AA Brown Paper Bag Appeal- June 2025 572.15 AA GSO-
May 2024 5600.00 AA Brown Paper Bag Appeal- Mar 2025 235.87

Total contributions to other AA entities 19532.31

Expenditure Conferences & Forums Website 2026 Conference Fees- x4 Installments
2573.08 2025/26 VA A Domain Renewal 21.77 2025/26 VA A Website Renewal 294.00 2024
Conference Levy for Virtual Area A delegate to attend Conference 2100 2024/25 VA A Domain
Renewal 23.95 2023 Conference Levy for Virtual Area A delegate to attend Conference 1500
2024/25 VA A Website Renewal 227.40 2022 Conference Levy for Virtual Area delegate to
attend Conference 500 Reimbursement website 188.74
2024 Public Awareness Forum registration

Total Expenditure 9192.01

- Registration - Flights

128.37 374.70

Bank transaction fees 3.50

- Accommodation 410.00

Other 4.70 Balance 8630.98

Attach 3

2025 VA A budget forecast

Details January February March April May June July August September October November December Total

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Total monthly contributions required to cover expenses and prudent reserve 656.4 656.4

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as at 31/12/25

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2024 Actual contributions and interest received 1220.61

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739.93 830.84 936 9598.96 2023 Actual expenditure 1500 188.74 1688.74 **Comments** Expenses based on 2024 actuals Prudent Reserve \$3,000.00 (as per group conscience decision May 2023) Conference levy \$2,500(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 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" ***For future VA Assembly consideration** 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

2026 PROPOSED VA A budget forecast

Details January February March April May June July August September October November December Total

Website (refer to line 36) Website hosting- due 31/05/2026 (estimt'd) 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 240.00 Website domain- due 31/05/2026 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 36.00 **Conferences & Forums** Conference Levy equalisation fund between \$1500 - \$2500 210 210 210 210 210 210 210 210 210 210 210 210 210 210 2520.00 **Public Awareness & Public Information (Includes Registration, Accommodation & Flights) Anytime Anywhere** 152.00 152.00 152.00 152.00 52.00 152.00 152.00 152.00 152.00 152.00 152.00 152.00 1824.00 **National Services 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 83.33 83.33 83.33 1000.00 **Other** Prudent Reserve 291 291 291 291 291 291 291 291 291 291 291 291 291 291 291 3492.00 **Total monthly contributions required to cover expenses and prudent reserve 758.33 758.33 758.33 758.33 758.33 758.33 758.33 758.33 758.33 758.33 758.33 758.33 758.33 758.33 758.33 9099.96**

Comments

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actuals Conference levy \$2,500(annual) to be kept aside from available funds at all times (as per group conscience decision May 2023 Conference Levy is payable quarterly All forecast figures are approximate, with conference levy based on highest cost for F2F attendance ***For future VA Assembly consideration** 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

AA Online Virtual Area 2026

My name is Terri Gordon and I am an alcoholic.

Firstly I would like to say to this Assembly that I feel privileged to have played a small role for a time during this early part of the establishment of the AA Australian Virtual Area.

I put my hand up to take on the task of Registrar in an effort to offer my services to help establish this side of our Online Fellowship.

The initial task was to help sort and maintain the AA listings as per AA.org.au and to ascertain information about each group to find out in fact if they actually did exist, as many were set up during the Covid Pandemic and had simply abandoned that forum once things reverted back to the new norm for AA.

Due to the at times overwhelming difficulties of the task, eg the need to attend so many meetings to simply maintain the accuracy of information of course, this task proved to be daunting to say the very least. Nevertheless with some help many meetings listings were in fact cleared with others simply dropped on the basis of no longer being relevant.

I then put forward a recommendation at the 2025 VA AGM that a “Working Group” be established with the responsibility of investigating guardrails for the online meeting listings on AA.org.au as there seemed to be too many ambiguities.

I went on to note in my report:

” that the notion of visiting each online group for verification is too cumbersome and slow to be effective. No sooner will the group be visited, that the contacts could be changed shortly after, making the information again irrelevant. I therefore strongly recommend all groups listed be given a moratorium and a time limit, to be determined by the Working Group, to contact us or AA.org.au with current contact details or risk being removed from the listings until they have done so. The notifications could be done, as I mentioned through Facebook pages and all local CSOs. and GSO. After that, any groups wishing to be listed should be in agreement to keep a current contact via phone or email available as needed.”

I believe somewhat to that end there has now been established a new position of National Online Meetings Co-ordinator where these issues will go forward to be resolved in time for the Australian online listings. I wholeheartedly welcome this endeavour.

My position as Registrar has therefore become simply unnecessary.

I take this opportunity to thank the working committee of Virtual Area both past and current members for their time and valuable contributions to our Fellowship that I have been privileged to be part of briefly in the whole scheme of things.

My commitment to Virtual Area has not waived and I hope to enjoy watching it grow and develop in the coming years.

Sincerely

Terri Gordon

18/1/2026

GSR REPORT Brendon Vallejo GCIEB (Gold Coast International Earlybirds)
GOLD COAST INTERNATIONAL EARLY BIRDS Runs from 6am - 7am QLD AEST Monday to Friday & 7am - 815am QLD AEST Saturday and Sunday on Zoom. Average attendance is 30 atm Our details are available on the AA Australia Online Meetings List. FORMAT 3 minute share on "Daily Reflections" for today's date in Australia and a reading from "As Bill Sees It". Breakout rooms are 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. We also 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 attached pdf

In service

Brendon

To Whom it may concern, This is our GSR report for Courage to Change.

Name: Kristy Lehmann Alt GSR: Corinne G Group name: Courage to Change

Since our last assembly we have continued with our Daily Reflections meeting at 6am, our Sunday Alternating topic meeting at 4pm and our Big Book Study Thursdays at 7pm. We are consistently seeing between 10 and 25 at each of these. We are considering beginning another weekly meeting. To access our meetings for the first time you need to email for the password. We feel this reduces bombers but has also provided a great way to contact newcomers with phone numbers etc. We use whatsapp to discuss GC matters and we also have a separate whatsapp group for connection. We are a relatively new group still, starting in Feb last year. With that we have faced teething challenges, but thanks to other groups support we have managed to overcome these with minimal scrapes. We hold regular security training which allows us to open up service positions which we actively encourage newcomers to take on. We're set up for 7th tradition, and hold monthly Group Consciences.

Our main focus now is carrying the message to alcoholics and looking at ways to ensure that remains to be our main focus.

Thanks Kristy L

Name of Group: Plan b - Into Action Group

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

We hold our Group Conscience second Saturday of the month at 2pm AEST (observers welcome)

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/PA, 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

Name of Group: **Daily Reprieve (online)**

Day and time of Meetings:

This meeting is held 7 days a week from 7:15am AEST. Monday to Friday it is a topic meeting focusing on readings from the books *As Bill Sees It* and *Daily Reflections*. On Saturday the meeting is an Identification Meeting and on Sunday the meeting is a Spiritual Concept.

Name of GSR:

GSR Contact Details (email & phone):

Bryce A.

Daily Reprieve

Average meeting attendance:

12-20

Trusted Servant Activities

Are group positions filled? Are members fulfilling their position's responsibilities? We have a treasurer, secretary, and member roster for Hosting & Chairing meetings. We have a *Whatsapp* for communication between group members in case a position cannot be filled on a particular etc. We currently have 13 group 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. Before we start, we take a moment's silence to remind ourselves why we are here and to think of the alcoholic who still suffers.

Other relevant activities

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

Group Financial Report

Our treasurer and myself have finally been able to set-up a non-profit bank account. We currently have approx \$150. We will need \$220 by February to keep our Zoom account opened.

Financial Report - Prudent Reserve:

Financial Report - Average monthly collection:

Financial Report - Average monthly Group expenses:

Description:

Financial Report -

Contribution to Area: \$... Frequency:

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

Other

GSR REPORT South Melbourne Daily Reflections group Topic meeting Daily Reflections

We meet Monday to Friday at 12.30pm AEDT with between 19 to 34 people attending in the month of December.

We have our Group Conscience the first Monday of the month and service positions rotate at this time.

We have a secretary and co-secretary (who are in position for one year) and a treasurer who serves for two years.

We have a speaker meeting twice a month - first friday of the month on the step of the month

(e.g. January speaker shares on step one) and last friday of the month speaking on the tradition of the month (e.g. January = Tradition one)

- We continue to advertise the 'Shout a Remote Alky a meeting' or the 'Anytime / Anywhere' campaign via our group
- Our seventh tradition contribution continues to go to GSO, Remote Communities and International Sponsorship network with an additional amount \$250 going out to NATcon 26 in response to their request via VAA.

Maria S GSR

South Melbourne Daily Reflections

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International Three Legacies

8:30pm we'd, Thurs, fri 8 active group members \$600 deciding where to contribute at our next GC 3 meetings a week 3 topics 35 attendees at every meeting Stick to the traditions to the best of our ability Welcome newcomers, stress sponsorship and stick to the book Because of the time we have good international presence Security service position and we are happy to train other meetings ninjas 3 whatsapp groups for business group members, a general chat and a women's

Cremorne Monday (7pm) Steps & Traditions Group 6-8 members who name us as their home group 10-12 members attend our meeting regularly There is a high level of committed participation

Our format is a focused 1.5 hour reading and discussion on the 12x12 book.

Our purpose is to share our learning and experience on the spiritual principles explicit in this work as we grow together and share this strength with newcomers and returning members.

Our service structure is traditional and currently includes: Secretary (Host), Treasurer, Co-hosts, GSR 7th Tradition practice allows us to be self-supporting, covering all Zoom fees and then contributing surplus funds to GSO Sydney and other AA entities as directed by the GC.

Our group is willing to fully engage within the General Service Structure. We will, in due time, submit topics, issues or questions to the Assembly for

discussion and possible action. We entrust the Area A Delegate to carry our group's conscience to the GSC. Thank you for your service.