

Virtual Area Assembly - Draft Minutes
Sunday 26 November 2023

Held via Zoom
1.00pm - 3.00PM AEDT

Item	Description
1.0	Meeting Opened at 1pm by the Chair, Dale A
1.1	'We' Version of the Serenity Prayer read by All
1.2	12 Traditions - Short Form read by various attendees
1.3	Voting at Assemblies Only GSR's and Area Officers have voting rights. All other attendees may participate fully in all other aspects. Please note if there are GSRs and Alternates from the same group then only the GSR can vote i.e. 1 vote per group
1.4	Virtual Area Mailing List You do not have to be a GSR to receive VA/AA communications. Anyone wanting to receive correspondence, minutes and newsletters from the VA and/or GSO can request these through aaausvirtualarea@gmail.com If you want to stop receiving correspondence please send an email as above and your address will be removed from the list.
1.5	Present: Dale A - VA Chair Andrew Mc – VA Delegate Jenny K – VA Treasurer Alison G –VA Webmaster Cliff P – GSR, Online Mens Group Blake – Observer, Monday online group Ally – Observer, Plan B Into Action Group Andrew B – GSR - Geelong Online Sunday Bob P - Observer, Tucson Arizona Jane D - Observer, Northern Beaches Breakfast Zoom (NBBZ) (and note taker) Jenafa - GSR, ITL Lee - Alt GSR, Byron Bay Steps Richard H – GSR, Melb Rise and Shine Caroline - GSR, On awakening Brooke W - Observer Glen P - Observer
1.6	Apologies: Kate C - NBBZ GSR Helen - VA Secretary
1.7	Receive and accept previous minutes Motion: The Assembly to approve the previous minutes as provided for 27 August 2023 as an accurate record of that meeting. Proposed: Jenny K Seconded: Cliff P Motion Passed: Unanimous
2.0	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY
2.1	Inviting suggestions on how can the Virtual Area best serve its members:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Providing workshops a great start on what Virtual area does ● Allison - suggestion to distribute Group Handbook, Conference Charter and Service Manual to new groups when they register with the VA. Can also add links to these on the VA website. ● Ally - Suggestion - Recovery (non service based workshops) Response - Virtual Area can put groups in touch with these. Please contact VA via email. ● Richard - Brunswick ID meeting Sat 4.30pm needs support around filling vacant service positions. Possible to mention this at NEWYPAA Committee ● Workshop topic suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jane - Best practice of Group Conscience & Role of Sponsors in passing on AA Structure & General Service ○ Andrew Mc - Engaging the online groups into General Service - open to suggestion around timing and format ○ Cliff - General Workshop for the the Newcomer, support newcomers and young people around going into service ○ How to conduct a Group Inventory ● Andrew Mc -suggested the VA hold a 'Sharing Session' ● Lee - The benefits of General Service eg vital, responsible, fun, belonging ● Andrew B - change the dialog/ different mindset from 'all you have to do is come to meetings
<p>2.2</p>	<p>GSR reports to share information with VA and other groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aim to include GSR Reports in Agenda circulated two weeks prior to each Assembly so other groups can see what other groups are doing - VA Secretary will circulate GRS report template and webmaster will also upload this to the VA website. - Online Men's Group - Thanks for report.
<p>3.0</p>	<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p>
<p>3.1</p>	<p>Election of Alternate Delegate Note: Nominees must not have previously held Delegate job as per Aust Service Manual Position Description outlined by Andrew Mc.</p> <p>Alison G nominated Cliff however declined due to having previously held Delegate role</p> <p>Andrew Mc nominated Alison G - nomination accepted by Alison Vote - passed unanimously Congratulations Alison -3 year term</p>
<p>3.2</p>	<p>3.Proposal for the addition of Registrar to Area Committee and formation of Registrar Working Group. Working group to be coordinated by Registrar and as a minimum, consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Registrar; ● Delegate; ● Alt-Delegate <p>Registrar to proactively recruit AAs to serve on the working group. Refer to Pg 67 of the Aust Service Manual</p> <p>Andrew Mc presented: Proposal & Job Description (attached) Motion: Proposal for the addition of Registrar to Area Committee and formation of Registrar Working Group. Registrar to be a voting committee member and rotate after two year term. Proposed: Andrew Mc Seconded: Cliff B Vote: passed unanimously</p>

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	Registrar position to be advertised and voted on at next assembly (Feb 2024) Action: When circulating minute and agenda to groups include position description
3.3	Support from group members in writing articles for these publications including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reviewer - NSW ● Pathfinder - QLD ● Serenity Magazine - WA ● B-Line - ACT -Encouraging our members to write about the Virtual Area spreading the message of experience, strength and hope -Send us a message if you have a member who may be interested -Alison G interested
4.0	REPORTS FROM OFFICE HOLDERS
4.1	Delegate Report Report read by Andrew, as attached.
4.2	Treasurer Report Report read by Jenny as attached. Will be presenting budget forecast at next assembly (Feb 2024)
4.3	Secretary Report No report.
5.0	OTHER BUSINESS
	Host for next assembly including workshop 'How to formulate topics for Conference.' - 'On Awakening' Thanks you. Proposal by Andrew Mc to present Sharing Session Topic: 'How the Virtual Area can support Online Groups' Thurs 25 January 7.30pm AEDT Second Cliff Passed unanimously Action: Alison G to create flyer Action: Webmaster to upload the 'about us' document/info to website Action: Alison G to create flyer for sharing session
6.0	NEXT MEETING Sunday 25 February 2024 1.00pm AEDT Host Group details: On Awakening Meeting ID: 737 1364 4056 Passcode: 164 Dial -in (03) 7018 2005 Workshop on the topic of 'How To Formulate Topics For Conference' will be held in the lead up to the next assembly.
7.0	MEETING CLOSE 'We' Version of Serenity Prayer. Meeting closed by Chair at 2.52pm

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FORWARD AGENDA

- Brown Paper Bag (May)
 - Rotation of Office Bearers:
 - Chair (Aug 2024)
 - Delegate (Dec 2026)
 - Alt Delegate (Nov 2026)
 - Secretary (May 2025)
 - Treasurer (Aug 2024)
 - Webmaster (Aug 2025)
 - Registrar TBC
- * Discussion of National PIPC Event in 2024

AA Aus Virtual Area

Purpose

Supporting any AA group based in Australia which hold meetings in formats other than face to face (i.e., online, phone etc), the AA Aus Virtual Area provides groups with a voice at the General Service Conference of Australia.

Conference covers just about all kinds of AA activities and is a platform for the discussion of all actions affecting the movement as a whole.

Scope

Through sharing sessions, discussion, workshops, visits by guests from other AA service areas, sharing group problems etc, we seek to undertake the following to the best of our ability and within the context of virtual AA in Australia:

- To provide support, guidance and information for GSR's of individual groups as well as Districts.
- To maintain communication links between members of AA as a whole
- To support and encourage the health of the conference structure and by the same token, for growth and harmony of our beloved fellowship.
- To suggest, discuss and plan means of carrying the message to those alcoholics still suffering within our Area.
- To elect and support a Delegate for conference who can act as the voice of AA groups with our Area.
- To learn first-hand, via our Delegate what is happening in AA Australia and World Services.

Guided by our 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts, the emphasis shall always be on peace and unity within our fellowship; attracting more service participation among AA's virtual Members.

Note: The AA Aus Virtual Area can only support groups that are not represented by another Area.

Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

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Attachments:

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- VIRTUAL AREA REGISTRAR AND REGISTRAR COMMITTEE PROPOSAL AND JOB DESCRIPTION



Virtual Area Registrar
and Registrar Commit

- Delegate Report



Report for Virtual
Area Assembly Noven

- Treasurers Report



VA Treasurers Report
and attachments - 26-

- GSR Reports



GSR Report
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