GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
NSW REGIONAL SERVICE OFFICE

Minutes of RSO Meeting
Held: Tuesday 13.10.2026
Venue: via Zoom

RSO EXECUTIVE

Coordinator:	Darren K
Secretary:	Caroline
Treasurer:	Warwick/Anna
PR/Office:	Mark

NSW TRUSTEES

Andy:	Cremorne
Maria:	Newcastle CBD
Rob L:	Dulwich Hill
Tony T:	Liverpool

Meeting Commenced:	6.30 pm.	
Meeting Concluded:	7.16pm.	
Unity Program read by:	Warwick	
Attendance:	13	
Next Meeting:	Tuesday:	10 November 2026 at 6.30pm (Zoom)
	Zoom ID:	811 3626 3542
	Passcode:	1234

Attendees / Delegates:		**Apologies:**	
Darren K	RSO Coordinator	Andy	Trustee
	Mount Annan (Wed)		Cremorne
	Western Sydney Zoom (Fri)	Caroline	RSO Secretary
Warwick R	RSO Treasurer		Penrith (Mon)
	Rockdale (Sun)	Josh M	Bondi (Thu)
Anna A	RSO Treasurer	Greg Y	Manly (Sat)
	Liverpool (Mon)		
Mark H	RSO Public Relations	**Visitors:**	
	GA Office	Wendy S	Rockdale (Thu)
	Fairfield (Tue)		
Maria G	Trustee		
	Newcastle CBD (Wed)		
Rob L	Trustee		
	Dulwich Hill (Mon)		
Thelma	GA Office		
	Fairfield (Mon)		
Darren L	South Coogee (Wed)		
Andrew Y	Blacktown (Wed)		
Jen D	NSW Central West Zoom (Tue)		
Stuart	Springwood (Tue)		
Lenny	Cessnock (Mon)		

AGENDA

1. Adoption of previous RSO Minutes.
2. Office Report.
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. Public Relations Report.
5. Trustees Report.
6. Helpline Report.
7. 2027 National Conference Report.
8. Other Events/Fundraising.
9. General Business.

1. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Minutes of previous RSO Meeting held on 08.09.2026 reviewed as to accuracy.
- No issues raised.

Received by: Warwick

Seconded by: Anna

2. OFFICE REPORT

Incoming Correspondence

- Received Victoria RSO Minutes of September 2026 Meeting.
- Received Queensland RSO Minutes of September 2026 Meeting.
- Received the following invoices:

Item	Amount
Ricoh	$283.03
Telstra (Helpline)	$55.00
Zoom	$79.05
NAB	$40.00

Outgoing Correspondence / General Office

- NSW RSO Minutes for September 2026 sent to Vic RSO and QLD RSO.
- Responding to enquiries by some services for flyers.
- Some orders for literature filled.

- Moving forward, once Anna takes over all treasurer duties, Thelma to send through to Anna the Officeworks receipts that have been sent to Warwick in the past.

Received by: Anna

Seconded by: Darren L

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Warwick gave the following details:

Item	Amount
Income (September)	$2,102.40
Expenditure (September)	$1,950.92
Closing Balance (Both Operating Accounts)	$36,711.42

- Warwick noted the donation of $1,000.00 from Liverpool GA. Thank you for your generosity.
- Warwick has also put in a claim for GST rebate of $2,000.00 for a recent instalment towards the National Conference.
- See Income and Expenditure Statement September 2026 (**Attached**)

Received by: Darren K

Seconded by: Stuart

4. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Mark gave the following details:

- He noted Greg had posted a message in the Whats App Group for NSW Announcements confirming SPP H & I has been running smoothly and a few members had volunteered to participate in this service.
- He has also received an enquiry from the Ozanam Learning Centre in Forbes Street, Woolloomooloo (operated by St Vincent de Paul) about arranging GA meetings for their members – to be held at their centre. Apparently they already have AA and NA there. Mark requested the Trustees discuss this with a view to making this happen. Darren L mentioned it's a beautiful facility and very spacious. Mark suggested perhaps members from City Steps and/or Bondi might be interested in attending.
- He received a request from ABC which was politely declined.
- Mentioned an upcoming Gamble Aware event coming up in a couple of weeks.

Received by: Maria

Seconded by: Warwick

5 TRUSTEES REPORT

Maria gave the following details:

- She has been impressed with the discussions being held in the Whats App Group Chat for the NSW Trustees.

- She noted there has been some discussion at a very general level, not at any particular group or other level, about the differing views held by members concerning the various GA Guidelines – some consider they are just that – guidelines. Others consider they are more like rules.
- She intends to make her presence known at various groups.
- She noted some of the GA literature is available in different languages – a message that would be helpful to be conveyed more broadly.

Received by: Rob L

Seconded by: Warwick

6. HELPLINE REPORT

- The roster is working very well.
- Rockdale had the phone in September. Darren L noted it has been well-received and there has been excellent participation by members in that group who have seen new members come into the rooms as a result of taking the calls.
- Great work Rockdale!
- The phone is now with Fairfield for October and will be passed on to Liverpool for November.

Received by: Anna

Seconded by: Thelma

7. 2027 NATIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Warwick confirmed:

- The 2nd instalment was paid to Novotel Parramatta in the last week of September.

Darren K confirmed:

- The Save the Date Flyer has been amended / updated on the GA NSW Website so that it now reads as the actual flyer with confirmed date and details.
- The Registration Form is also on the GA NSW Website – please let your groups know this and get the word out to other states so they can be made aware of this.
- The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 October 2026 on zoom from 6.30pm.

Received by: Darren K

Seconded by: Thelma

8. FUNDRAISING & OTHER EVENTS

BBQ on Sunday 18 October 2026

- Darren L confirmed all is in readiness for this event. He has acquired the EFTPOS machine from Warwick.
- Confirmed bacon and egg rolls from 8.30am with the function going through until about 3.00pm or later.
- All details on the GA NSW Website – Events Page.
- Everyone agreed they are looking forward to a big attendance with people bringing their wallets to help fundraising for the GA National Conference next year.

Comedy Night on Saturday 21 November 2026

- Discussion about this event to be held at Oakdene House.
- Noted the Manly hybrid group will host their meeting from 2.30pm to 3.30pm here instead of their usual venue in Manly – so that members can attend a meeting first followed by the Comedy Night.
- Everyone also looking forward to this event with a view to hosting another one next year before the conference.
- All details on the GA NSW Website – Events Page.

Other Events - 2027

Darren K raised the following on behalf of Andy:

- The events we are contemplating for 2027, before the National Conference, are:
  - One Day Conference in February 2027.
  - Another Comedy Night – possibly April 2027.
  - Trivia Night – May/June 2027.
- A committee needs to be formed very soon for the One Day Conference to get the ball rolling in terms of booking a venue and starting to plan for the day including food etc.
- Andy has indicated he doesn't wish to nominate for the above committee this time, preferring others to step up and run the organising.
- Darren K to hold preliminary discussions with other members in the coming days/weeks, before the next RSO Meeting, regarding the formation of the committee and then report to the RSO at the next meeting on progress.
- Andy passed on information to Darren K about the benefits of fundraising event for the National Conference as all moneys raised go towards subsidising the costs of the first night dinner to ensure people attend the hotel (for dinner) and stay for the meeting, as well as assisting in covering some of the other costs including additional room hire, audio hire, goodies bags and subsidising the attendance of rehab members.

Darren L raised the following:

- The possibility of arranging a Golfing Day as there is a lot of keen interest in the East where members have attended golf days in the past – sometime up to 24 members at a time, and also noting some of the members at Mt Annan also do monthly golfing days.
- A member has expressed an interest to Darren about arranging this event – possibly in March 2027.
- All agreed this was a great idea.
- Darren L to make further enquiries.

Darren K reminded everyone that we now have the Fundraising Form that's been created by Caroline - to be completed for any fundraising event and submitted to RSO.

Mark reminded everyone that Oakdene House is available to host events.

Received by: Stuart

Seconded by: Maria

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Item 1: GA Annual Birthday Party / Meeting – Wednesday 25 November 2026

- Darren L proposed that the South Coogee meeting host this year's birthday party – at the temporary Clovelly premises.
- Darren K called a vote and the proposal passed with unanimous approval.
- Darren L requested the details be published on the GA NSW Website. Darren K to speak to Lukey about creating a flyer then send it to Caroline to be posted on the website.

Item 2: Digital Accounting Platform for RSO

- Anna has been looking into acquiring the Xero accounting package – to bring us into the 21st Century (!!) with a relatively modest cost of about $70.00 per month.
- Anna sought RSO approval to obtain this and observed that Queensland RSO already use this too.
- Warwick supported this.
- Darren K called a vote and the proposal was passed with unanimous approval.

Item 3: Fairfield Monday Meetings

- Mark asked members to remind their groups about the Monday Fairfield meeting that goes for one hour between 1.00pm and 2.00pm.

Minutes Taken by Darren K

GENERAL INFORMATION

Announcing upcoming milestones and group events

- complete and submit the "Group Announcement Form" on the GA NSW Website "ga-nsw.org.au"; or
- post information in the WhatsApp Group Chat called "NSW Announcements"; or
- send an email to ga_nsw@hotmail.com

Literature orders:

- complete and submit the "Literature Order Form" on the GA NSW Website "ga-nsw.org.au"; and
- send an email to ga_nsw@hotmail.com to confirm:
  - you have made a payment;
  - the amount paid; and
  - what the payment is for.

RSO Attendance

- All groups please make sure you hold a group conscience to elect a delegate to attending the RSO meetings and represent your group.
- RSO meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, except January.

	Gamblers Anonymous NSW Regional Service Office Income and Expenditure Statement for the month of September 2026 General Operating Account #8208		
		SEPTEMBER 2026	2026/2027 FinYear to Date
1	**INCOME**		
2	Normal sales	$541.40	$1,847.40
3	Donations - general	$1,450.00	$7,444.00
4	Postage	$50.00	$50.00
5	GST refund from the ATO		$224.00
6	Conference receipts & donations	$61.00	$1,441.00
7	Fundraisers - hall hire refunds		
8	Interstate GA RSO insurance splits		
9	Gam-Anon insurance split		
10	**TOTAL INCOME**	**$2,102.40**	**$11,006.40**
11	**EXPENDITURE**		
12	Travel allowance		
13	Phone system - office & Helpline	$55.00	$165.00
14	Photocopier, printer, scanner	$723.98	$1,222.41
15	NAB EFTPOS Merchant service fee	$20.00	$97.96
16	Conference/fundraiser expenses incl. refunds	$990.00	$990.00
17	Computer - office		
18	GA Australia website hosting		$80.45
19	Office stationery, goods & postage		
20	GA literature including ISO purchases		
21	GA badges & 30-day tokens - stock		
22	Transfer to debit card a/c #3099 (see page 2)		$1,000.00
23	Transfer to conference a/c 082356 782610611		
24	Office rent (Oakdene House)		
25	Insurances - Business & Volunteer		
26	Post Office box rental		
27	Miscellaneous payments		
28	Payment to the ATO		
29	**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**	**$1,788.98**	**$3,555.82**
30	Surplus/(Deficit)	$313.42	
31	Opening cash at bank	$35,479.27	
32	**CLOSING CASH AT BANK**	**$35,792.69**	

	Gamblers Anonymous NSW Regional Service Office Income and Expenditure Statement for the month of September 2026 Debit Card Operating Account #3099		
		SEPTEMBER 2026	2026/2027 FinYear to Date
	INCOME		
1	Includes transfers from general operating account #8208		
2	Account top-up 03-08-2026	$1,000.00	$1,000.00
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13	**Income for the current month**	**$0.00**	**$1,000.00**
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15	**EXPENDITURE**		
16	Zoom accounts	$79.05	$237.15
17	Zoom account transaction fees	$2.37	$7.11
18	Postal items, stationery, mob phone	$80.60	$431.54
19	ISO order - mixed goods		
20	Other goods-banners, brochures, etc		
21	Web-site		
22			
23	**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**	**$162.02**	**$675.80**
24	Surplus/(Deficit)	-$162.02	
25	Opening cash at bank	$1,080.75	
26	**CLOSING CASH AT BANK**	**$918.73**	
	OPERATING ACCOUNTS - SUMMARY		
	Closing balance account #8208	$35,792.69	**(General operating account)**
	Closing balance account #3099	$918.73	**(Debit card operating account)**
	CLOSING COMBINED TOTAL	**$36,711.42**	