

Gold Coast Area Service Committee



Sunday 30 April 2023

Anglican Church big hall, 14 Park Avenue, Burleigh Heads

6 was the minimum quorum. 5 Group Service Representatives present

Administration Committee

Position	Name	Present	Position	Name	Present
Chair	Position filled	Yes	Treasurer	Position filled	Yes
Vice-Chair	Position filled	Yes	RCM	Position filled	Yes
Secretary	Vacant	N/A	RCM Alternate	Position filled	Yes = Verbal report

Sub-Committee Chairs

Position	Name	Present	Position	Name	Present
H&I	Position filled	Yes	Convention	Position filled	Yes
PR	Position filled	Yes	Policy	Vacant	N/A
Literature	Position filled	No	Newsletter	Position filled	No – Report given
Activities	Vacant	N/A			
Camp Serenity	Vacant	N/A			

GSRs

Meeting	GSR	Meeting	GSR
Monday to Friday 7am Southport Broadwater Early birds	No	Thursday 10:30am Palm Beach Steps	No
Monday 5.30 pm Helensvale Women's	No	Thursday 7:30pm Southport Lost and Found	No
Monday 6pm Burleigh Beginners	No	Thursday 7:30pm Palm Beach Steps	No
Monday 7pm Men's Burleigh Waters	No	Thursday 7:30pm Mermaids	Yes
Tuesday 7am Miami Morning Fix	No	Friday 6:30pm Palm Beach	No

Meeting	GSR	Meeting	GSR
Tuesday 1pm Burleigh Heads JFT	No	Friday 7:30pm Surfers Paradise Spiritual Principles	No - Dion
Tuesday 6:30pm Helensvale Basic Text	No	Saturday 10am Mermaid HHIS	No
Tuesday 7pm Palm Beach JFT	No	Saturday 5pm Burleigh Heads JFT	No
Tuesday 7pm Southport Men's	No	Saturday 7:30pm Southport SNL	Yes
Tuesday 6:30pm Tweed Heads	No	Sunday 10:30am Palm Beach JFT	Yes
Wednesday 11am Southport How & Why	Yes	Sunday 5pm Burleigh Heads WDR	Yes
Wednesday 7pm Southport Guest Speaker	No	Sunday 6pm Mermaid LGBTIQ	No
Wednesday 6pm Elanora Meditation	No	Sunday 6:30pm Southport Basics	No

Order of Business

1. Chair's opening - meeting commenced at 2pm.
2. Moment of silence
3. Service Prayer read

‘God, grant us the knowledge that we may act accordingly to your divine precepts. Instill in us a sense of your purpose. Make us servants of your will and grant a bond of selflessness that this may truly be your work, not ours – in order that no addict, anywhere, need die from the horrors of addiction.’

4. 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts read
5. ID of those present

Apologies:

- Friday Night Spiritual Principles GSR
- Literature Chair
- Tuesday night Palmy GSR
- Thursday Straight off the Streets GSR
- Southport Early Birds GSR
- Wednesday Guest Speaker GSR
- Hey Hey It's Saturday

6. Quorum in attendance: 4
7. Count of voting members: 4
8. Consensus to recognise observers: Yes – GSR Mermiad Women's Thursday
9. Accept previous minutes as true and correct: Accepted by Convention Chair
10. Reports from Administration Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs:

All reports received are included at the end of this document in the following order – if your report was not emailed to the Secretary at the GCASC it will not be tabled in these minutes.

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| ● Chairperson Report | Verbal Report |
| ● Vice Chairperson Report | Verbal Report |
| ● Secretary Report | Vacant |

- Treasurer Report Verbal and written Report
- RCM Report Verbal Report
- Alt RCM Report Verbal report
- Policy Chairperson Report Vacant
- Literature Chairperson Report Verbal
- Newsletter Chairperson Report Verbal
- Convention Chairperson Report Written report
- Activities Chairperson Report Vacant
- Camp Serenity Chairperson Report Vacant
- Public Relations Chairperson Report Verbal and written Report
- Hospitals & Institutions Chairpersons Report Verbal

11. GSRs reported highlights of Group Business

12. Old Business - No old business

13. New business

Proposal - That the GCASC create a QR code that links to the Gold Coast meetings list and this is included in any future publications and that a flyer be created with the QR Code for distribution to meetings. Proposed by GSR Wednesday How it works, seconded by GSR Currumbin Sunday Just for today

Intent – To better carry the message to newcomers

Carried unopposed

Proposal - That the GCASC Convention Committee float/ budget be increase by \$1,000 Proposed by convention committee vice chair, seconded by GSR SNL

Intent – To bring the budget in line with current expenses

Carried unopposed

Proposal - That the GCASC fund-flow \$3,000 to the ARSC. Proposed by GCASC treasurer, seconded by GSR Mermaid Women's

Intent – To fund flow above prudent reserves

Carried unopposed

14. Election of Trusted Servants:

Camp Serenity Chair: - Outgoing Activities Chair- Nominated and elected

15. Discussion/Workshop

16. Establish date for next GCASC meeting: Sunday 30th June 2023 at 2pm at Anglican Church, 14 Park Avenue, Burleigh, Main Hall.

17. Announcements – see Announcement Box.

18. Close Meeting with Serenity Prayer: ‘God, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change. The courage to change the things we can. And the wisdom to know the difference’.

Meetings Announcements:

Thursday Womens - Looking for OCM’s interested in doing guest speaker.

Tuesday 1pm Burleigh - In **URGENT** need of OCM’s and support

Wednesday Night Southport Guest Speaker needs support

New meeting Coomera When: Sundays 25th June 630pm-730pm

Where: Coomera Community Space, 133 Finnegan Way Coomera 4209

Pls start spreading the word that the Numinbah Women's Correctional Centre H&I induction night will be held in Burleigh Park Ave Hall Wed 12th July 6-8pm.

Pre req: Women, 12mths clean

Bring a colour photocopy of licence front and back

It's a monthly rotating roster but if we get enough women we could make it fortnightly

Other:

- Reminder to home groups: ensure meeting details are kept up to date on the na.org.au website, via the below link: <https://www.na.org.au/multi/meeting-update-form/>

- For home groups wanting to fund flow, here are the bank details. Acc Name: Gold Coast Area Service Committee. BSB: 124 022. Acc No: 1020 1668.

Area Positions Vacant (refer brief position description below announcements):

- Secretary
- Activities Chair
- Policy Chair - 3 years clean time

Area Positions Vacant (as per announcements above) - brief position descriptions:

<u>Secretary</u>	Clean time: 1 year	Term: 1 year
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Area secretary handles all their committee’s paperwork. Their first responsibility is to take clear, accurate minutes of area committee meetings and distribute those minutes to all committee participants within a reasonable period of time after each meeting. Secretary needs to keep an updated list of participants’ email addresses.

<u>Policy Chair</u>	Clean time: 3 years	Term: 1 year
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The GCASC Policy Chair advises the GCASC about policy issues during the course of the area meeting and often clarifies guidelines - therefore is required to have a reasonable knowledge of the manual. They coordinate the drafting of new policy for consideration by the GCASC and maintains and updates these Guidelines, including the policy log.

<u>Activities Chair</u>	Clean time: 2 years	Term: 1 year

Dances, picnics, special speaker meetings, workshops – these events are put on by the area activities subcommittee. Activities like these can provide a greater sense of community for the local NA Fellowship and produce additional area income. It should always be kept in mind, however, that these functions are designed to enhance NA’s primary purpose, not to replace group contributions in funding area services

Next GCASC meeting is 2-4pm on Sunday 30th June 2023 at the Anglican Church main hall, 14 Park Ave, Burleigh Heads.

REPORTS

Chairperson

Verbal report.

Vice Chairperson

Verbal Report.

Secretary

Vacant

Treasurer

GCASC JUNE 2023 TREASURERS REPORT

ALL ACCOUNT DETAILS

Date	Details	Balance
26/02/2023	GCASC Main Account	\$ 6,939.68
	Activities Committee Account	\$ 850.85
	Convention Committee Account	\$ 10,001.27
	Literature Committee Account	\$ -
	Camp Serenity Committee Account	\$ 5,205.00
	Cash on Hand	\$ -
		\$ 22,996.80

GCASC BANK ACCOUNT

Date	Details	Debits	Credits	Balance
23/05/2023	Opening Balance			\$6,588.99
30/05/2023	Friday Night Spiritual Principals		\$ 150.00	
31/05/2023	Interest		\$ 0.69	
13/06/2023	Monday Mens		\$ 100.00	
23/06/2023	Thursday SOTS		\$ 25.00	
23/06/2023	LGBT		\$ 75.00	
	Sub Total	\$0.00	\$ 350.69	
	BALANCE			\$6,939.68
	Balance Reconciliation as of 25/06/2023			

Thank you to all groups and members that flowed funds to the Gold Coast Area Service Committee. We received \$350.00 since 30 May 2023.

Groups or members can transfer funds electronically which is the preferred method to receive your fund flow.

Bank of Queensland - BSB - 124 001 Account Number - 10201668

Please use the Groups Name and day as the reference or just - Member 7th for an individual contribution.

YILS -



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Account Details

10201668 GCASC Main Account - Available: \$6,939.68

Account Information

Account Name:
GCASC Main Account

Transactions Search

Date Range For a specified range
Start Date 25/05/2023 DD/MM/YYYY End Date 25/06/2023 DD/MM/YYYY(DD/MM/YYYY)

Transaction List Matching Search Criteria

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
23/06/2023	Direct Credit ██████████ sun lgbt 7th ff		\$75.00	\$6,939.68
23/06/2023	Direct Credit ██████████ Stprt Thurs SOS		\$25.00	\$6,864.68
13/06/2023	Direct Credit ██████████ ON Mondays Mens		\$100.00	\$6,839.68
31/05/2023	INTEREST		\$0.69	\$6,739.68
30/05/2023	Direct Credit ██████████ Friday SURFERS SP		\$150.00	\$6,738.99
26/05/2023	Direct Credit M ██████████ Mermaid Women Thu		\$6.90	\$6,588.99

Please note this Transaction List is not an official statement and is subject to change.

For loan accounts, the entry described as FEE CAPITALISATION affects the balance of the loan account. The entry/entries that appear immediately before this transaction describe the fees capitalised and do not affect the balance of the loan account.

RCM

Report June 2023

Day 1 of region I found myself really privileged to be involved in this level of service quite out of my depth and a little excited,

The Motions were passed that I outlined in my last report last month, from the world service conference (CAR&CAT) all information is provided in the minutes and resources online.

I posted my report and was questioned about our funds and why we have a seemingly substantial amount, my reply was that we hold our prudent reserve for our convention and other activities etc, was a sufficient reply. Insurance.

Involving overnight camps a few of the other areas were also slightly confused by the fact that fires and safety stuff had changed, if fires are sought at camps, it would be quite a task needing a fire officer a lot of rules and regulations the whole discussion was not negotiable our insurance is limited and that's how we must proceed. Day 2 was about the election process a lot of positions were up for re-election only RCM's vote the elections occur in order of our policy.

RD was rolling into the AD more of a conformation than a vote, Position done all agreed.

Alt Delegate was questioned around term of commitment how that will look for her? very interesting discussion, unfortunately the vote was unsuccessful.

ARSC Chair consideration for term and commitment if a burnout through service had been considered, successful.

ARSC Vice Chair, successful.

Policy Chair renominated for position, successful.

Indigenous Chair renomination, successful.

NA today Chair renomination, successful.

Indigenous Vice chair inexperienced although willing to learn about position details, successful.

Treasurer two nominations for same position, new treasure, successful.

Old Business Important or Outstanding.

Consensus base RCM for Quorum, 40% of all positions including a minimum of five RCM's included to establish that quorum, new concepts to do business which reflects the participation of everyone 93% supported in favour, successful.

IT policy document to include information about what is expected when regional email address is provided constant participation and regular check ins so the email address doesn't expire, policy document that we could have include as a resource in the policy manual when providing the email accounts straw polls for and against whose present and non-votes. 100% successful.

New Business.

Proposed by: Regional Delegate

Seconded by:

Proposal:

That we create a 'future of the ARSC' workgroup to investigate and provide suggestions for how the Australian Region responds to the change to a 3 year cycle at the WSC as a trial until 2029.

Detail:

The workgroup will be tasked with the following:

- Offer suggestions about service terms for the RD/AD positions
- Offer suggestions for the service terms of other ARSC positions
- Offer suggestions about the election timing of ARSC positions
- Offer suggestions about the 'themes' of each ARSC meeting

To assist in this process RCM's are asked to discuss the following with their Area's for discussion and feedback;

- Should we change the AD/RD term length to 3 years to be in line with WSC terms?
- Should we change any other ARSC positions to be in line with the WSC terms?
- Should we change the ARSC election timing instead of having all positions roll out in June every two years?
- Do you have any other suggestions you would like the ARSC to consider?

The workgroup will report back to the ARSC in September 2023, and in December 2023. The Workgroup term will be until December 2023 at which point it may be extended if the ARSC feels the need.

The workgroup is open to any member willing to be a part of it.

Intent: To explore the options for responding to the changes to the WSC trial and allow time for the Fellowship to be involved in making those decisions.

Allow discussion time if needed, 100% passed.

Proposed by: WA ASC Representative

Seconded by:

Proposal:

That the ARSC and FSO adopt the attached proposed subsidised postage model which provides a fair and equitable method of subsidising postage costs for Areas and GSF's and encourages order consolidation.

Intent:

[New subsidised postage model proposal](#)

This proposal addresses the current challenges around our subsidised postage model and offers a sustainable and equitable solution that aligns with our ethos of service and fellowship.

Under the previous model, the Fellowship Service Office (FSO) has been generous in subsidising postage costs, particularly for the more remote Areas and Group Service Forums (GSFs) across our Region. However, the financial strain from this subsidy, coupled with the increases in the costs of postage rates, have become increasingly unsustainable.

At the March ARSC meeting the consensus of the ARSC was to remove the clause from the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which allowed the subsidies to continue. I note that a statement was made by the ARSC that Area's GSF's and Groups will be required to pay full postage costs until an alternative, more sustainable approach to funding creating equitable postage to the fellowship regardless of their location.

Proposal was pulled off the table withdrawn are going to work shop a solution.

Action List.

Insurance seeking aboriginal artworks or stories in any NA related literature be held for protection that the artworks are not stolen or duplicated.

Discussion time Day2.

Harm reduction key tags breach of our NA logo world board has been informed.

Predatory behaviour preamble and pamphlets that are available in our Na resources online page any area can discuss and use the information provided if there is a need.

FSO office-if areas are struggling to pay costs of postage the ARSC will assistance with covering costs if needed (request).

Connecting members who are on replacement therapy members to other members of NA that have experience around it themselves either phonline or in person another great resource to fulfill our primary purpose.

As RCM I joined the outreach subcommittee I enjoyed the discussion topics,

There is a sponsorship program that is online details in the resources folder a great way to connect with members in rural communities if you would like to be added to the contact list please do so, there are currently 30 members online already,1 year recommended clean time and a working knowledge of the twelve steps of NA,(Contact list through the na.org.au website) a phone number to member to member will be provided numbers are only stored in the ARSC chairs data base it is not public access and is confidential.

YILS, (RCM)

Alt RCM

Verbal report

Camp Serenity Chair

Chair:

Vice Chair: Vacant

How many members does your subcommittee have? 18

Finances:

Opening balance: \$4750

Expenses: \$150

Closing Balance: \$4600

Amount of Float Top up being requested:

FSO Invoices (if applicable):

Subcommittee Activities and Optional Comments:

What successes have you had?

Positions filled, no vice chair, Menu decided on, we will be providing Sunday breakfast and lunch, hoodies ordered, flyers and program finalised and released, Registration open,

What struggles have you had? Understanding The Insurance?

What are the upcoming projects your subcommittee have planned?

Weekly Committee meetings

Is there any support or guidance the committee can provide your Subcommittee?

Are there any announcements you would like taken in relation to your Subcommittee?

Any other comments?

Please announce at meetings that registration is open and if you are wanting meals this needs to be finalised by contacting registration by 3rd of July.

Policy Chairperson

Vacant.

Literature Chairperson

Nothing to Report

H&I Chairperson

Everything is going well. All positions are filled. New Fairhaven coordinator. Numinbah Women's Correctional Centre H&I induction night will be held in Burleigh Park Ave Hall Wed 12th July 6-8pm. 12mths clean time required. Bring a colour photocopy of licence front and back
It's a monthly rotating roster but if we get enough women we could make it fortnightly

PR Chairperson

PR Week saw 3 x banners erected in high traffic locations and posters distributed to various locations. The NA 15 sec TVC has been re-approved by Commercials Advice and will be shown on Channel 10 and other 10 Digital channels on the Gold Coast and Northern NSW free of charge as a community service.

www.ableftp.com/napsa15r.mp4

Trying to arrange presentations for AODS and Robina acute psych ward. Contacting local PHN to enquire about opportunities for PR presentations etc.

Here is a QR code to Gold Coast meetings list



Newsletter Chairperson

New edition being put together. Topic: Spiritual Principles

Convention Chairperson

Verbal report

Group Reports

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2023-06-25

Group Name/Location: Sunday spiritual principles

Meeting Day/Time: Sunday 5pm

Average Weekly Attendance: 10-20 persons

Trusted Servant Topics: 4 positions filled, no literature person

Atmosphere of Recovery: Strong message of recovery
Safe environment
Inclusive with good diversity

Other Topics : Obtaining eftpos means as collecting the 7th tradition
Promoting service and the importance of contributing to the 7th

Your Email Address:

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 0.00

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2023-06-25

Group Name/Location: SNL

Meeting Day/Time: Saturday 7:30pm

Average Weekly Attendance: 40

Trusted Servant Topics: Yes (Alt GSR vacant) and Yes

Atmosphere of Recovery: Regular formal Group Consciences following an agenda. Group member's chair the meeting and follow a formal agenda. We read a statement called safe atmosphere of recovery.

Other Topics : None reported

Opening Balance: 98.5

Total Monthly Collection: 193.95

Rent Paid: 69.15

Area Service Contribution: 140

Literature: 70

Other Expenses Description: 70 on literature

Your Email Address:

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 13.30

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2023-06-25

Group Name/Location: JFT THROWER HOUSE

Meeting Day/Time: Sunday 10.30am

Average Weekly Attendance: 18 / 20

Trusted Servant Topics: JFT , carrying the message

Atmosphere of Recovery: Coffee after meeting

Opening Balance: 236

Total Monthly Collection: 126

Rent Paid: 110

Area Service Contribution: 0.00

Catering (Tea/Coffee etc): 26.00

Literature: 88.00

Other Expenses: 0.00

Your Email Address:

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 138.00

GSR/Alt GSR Name:
Report Date: 2023-06-25
Group Name/Location: Burleigh Waters
Meeting Day/Time: Saturday/10.00M
Average Weekly Attendance: 10
Trusted Servant Topics: NO/ Lack of committed group members
Atmosphere of Recovery: We have returned to the old venue, Christine Avenue
Opening Balance: 138.90
Total Monthly Collection: 118.50
Rent Paid: 54
Area Service Contribution: 100
Catering (Tea/Coffee etc): 1.80
Your Email Address:

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 101.60

GSR/Alt GSR Name:
Report Date: 2023-06-25
Group Name/Location: How and why Southport
Meeting Day/Time: Wednesday 11 am
Average Weekly Attendance: 14
Trusted Servant Topics: Yes, all positions are filled and being carried out responsibly.
Atmosphere of Recovery: Our meeting reed frrom the "it works how and why" book. We also hold regular group concious meeting.
Other Topics : Our group would like to see the gold coast aria meeting list web page linked to a QR code.
Opening Balance: 177.20
Total Monthly Collection: 91.00
Rent Paid: 170
Your Email Address:

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 98.20

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2023-06-23
Group Name/Location: queer as folk sunday
Meeting Day/Time: sunday 6pm
Average Weekly Attendance: 5
Trusted Servant Topics: all positions need to be filled
Atmosphere of Recovery: keeping the doors open
Opening Balance: 180
Total Monthly Collection: 100
Rent Paid: 65
Area Service Contribution: 75
Catering (Tea/Coffee etc): 0.02
Literature: 40
Other Expenses: -0.01
Your Email Address:

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 99.99

GSR/Alt GSR Name:
Report Date: 2023-06-26
Group Name/Location: Straight of the streets/ Southport
Meeting Day/Time: Thursday 7:30
Average Weekly Attendance: 30
Atmosphere of Recovery: Welcoming the newcomer
Reading NA approved literature
Opening Balance: 28.20
Total Monthly Collection: 218.55
Rent Paid: 102
Area Service Contribution: 25
Your Email Address:

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 119.75

GSR/Alt GSR Name:
Report Date: 2023-06-25
Group Name/Location: Mermaids womens meetings/ mermaid beach community centre

Meeting Day/Time: Thursday 630pm
Average Weekly Attendance: 10
Trusted Servant Topics: Yes
Atmosphere of Recovery: Guest speaker every 2nd Thursday each month, following spad topic each meeting
Other Topics : Celebrating 2nd birthday of meeting being open on 20th July at 5pm, will have bbq and cake and lots of yummy food, please announce at meetings all women welcome
Opening Balance: 215
Total Monthly Collection: 87.85
Rent Paid: 132.60
Literature: 20
Your Email Address:

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 150.25