

# Gold Coast Area Service Committee



Sunday 24 September 2023

Anglican Church big hall, 14 Park Avenue, Burleigh Heads

3 was the minimum quorum. 6 Group Service Representatives present

## Administration Committee

Position	Name	Present	Position	Name	Present
Chair	Position Filled	Yes	Treasurer	Position Filled	No
Vice-Chair	Position Filled	Yes	RCM	Position Filled	Yes
Secretary	Vacant	N/A	RCM Alternate	Position Filled	Yes

### 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
Activities	Vacant	N/A			
Camp Serenity	Vacant	N/A			

### GSRs

Meeting	GSR	Meeting	GSR
Monday to Friday 7am Southport Broadwater Early birds	Yes	Thursday 10:30am Palm Beach Steps	No
Monday 5.30 pm Helensvale Women's	No	Thursday 7:30pm Southport Straight off the street	No – Written report
Monday 6pm Burleigh Beginners	Yes	Thursday 7:30pm Palm Beach Steps	Yes
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	Yes

Tuesday 6:30pm Helensvale Basic Text	No	Saturday 10am Burleigh Waters Hey Hey It's Sat.	No - written report
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	No
Wednesday 11am Southport How & Why	Yes	Sunday 5pm Burleigh Heads WDR	No
Wednesday 7pm Southport Guest Speaker	No - written report	Sunday 6pm Mermaid LGBTIQ	No
Wednesday 6pm Tweed Heads Meditation	No – Verbal	Sunday 6:30pm Southport Basics	No
		Sunday Coomera 6:30PM Beginners	Yes

## 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. Instil 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:

- Monday Women's Helensvale
- Treasurer

- Newsletter Chair
- Queer As Folk GSR
- Thursday Straight of the Street
- Wednesday Guest Speaker Southport

6. Quorum in attendance: 6

7. Count of voting members: 6

8. Consensus to recognise observers: Yes

9. Accept previous minutes as true and correct: Accepted, GSR Saturday Night Live

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.

- Chairperson Report Verbal Report
- Vice Chairperson Report Verbal Report
- Secretary Report Vacant
- Treasurer Report – Partial written Report
- RCM Report Verbal and written Report
- Alt RCM Report – Verbal report
- Policy Chairperson Report - Vacant
- Literature Chairperson Report - not present
- Newsletter Chairperson Report - written report
- Convention Chairperson Report - Written report
- Activities Chairperson Report Vacant
- Camp Serenity Chairperson Report - vacant
- Public Relations Chairperson Report – Verbal and written
- Hospitals & Institutions Chairpersons Report – Verbal and written report

11. GSRs reported highlights of Group Business

12. Old Business

13. Election of Trusted Servants:

No nominations

14. Discussion/Workshop:

PR chair informed the committee of a call to the phonenumber from an irate person threatening to go to the media about predatory behaviour in Gold Coast meetings. This led to constructive discussion of ways groups can handle this when it occurs in their meeting. The following is a link to a document from a conference workgroup on Predatory Behaviour on the na.org website which expands on the issue.

<https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/FTP/English/Workshop%20Resources/Predatory%20Behavior%20-%20Florida%20RSC%20-%202018.pdf>

15. New Business - Tabled Proposals:

RCM asked for and received support from the committee to investigate the holding of a service workshop in November, tentatively at the Broadbeach State School Hall

Chairperson asked for support from the committee for the resources of the closed Sunday night Southport meeting to be made available for the Women's Prison H&I meeting. Committee supported partial transfer with clarifications.

16. Establish date for next GCASC meeting: Sunday 29 October 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:**

Wednesday Southport Guest Speaker Meeting is moving on the 4th of October to Southport Community centre and the meeting will then start at 7.15. Will be in room G4 on the 4th and 11th of October, and thereafter in Room G3, the same room as the Men's and Saturday night live.

Hey Hey it's Saturday will be moving to the Robina Community Centre for the next three weeks i.e. the 30<sup>th</sup> of September (in Room 2.2), the 7<sup>th</sup> of October (in Room 2.4) and the 14<sup>th</sup> of October (in Room 2.2).

There will be a Phonenumber workshop for members wanting to receive calls from local addicts on our phonenumber on

the 26<sup>th</sup> of November at Midday in the Anglican Church Main Hall., 14 Park Avenue, Burleigh,

**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.

**- Please spread the word that area has vacant service positions**

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

- Area Secretary
- Activities Chair
- Policy Chair - 3 years clean time
- Camp Serenity Chair

**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
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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

Camp Serenity Chair	Clean time: 3 years	Term: 9 months
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Form and coordinate a subcommittee to plan, prepare, and facilitate the GCASC's annual winter campout known as Camp Serenity. Camp Serenity is traditionally held on the last weekend of July in the Numinbah Valley. The position is elected by the GCASC at their January meeting. The duration of the position is from February to September

**Next GCASC meeting is 2-4pm on Sunday 24th September 2023 at the Anglican Church main hall, 14 Park Ave, Burleigh Heads.**

## REPORTS

### **Chairperson**

Verbal report.

### **Vice Chairperson**

Verbal Report.

### **Secretary**

Vacant

### **Treasurer**

See below pages\*

# GCASC SEPTEMBER 2023 TREASURERS REPORT

## GCASC Treasurer's Report

Sep-23

### ALL ACCOUNT DETAILS

Date	Details	Balance
18/09/2023	GCASC Main Account	\$ 2,894.88
	Activities Committee Account	\$ 1,000.34
	Convention Committee Account	\$ 11,005.30
	Literature Committee Account	\$ 233.50
	Camp Serenity Committee Account	\$ 3,800.00
	Cash on Hand	\$ 100.00
		<b>\$ 19,034.02</b>

### GCASC BANK ACCOUNT

Date	Details	Debits	Credits	Balance
27/08/2023	Opening Balance			<b>\$4,376.05</b>
28/08/2023	Saturday Night Live		\$ 50.00	
28/08/2023	Thursday Straight of the Streets		\$ 50.00	
28/08/2023	Thursday Womens		\$ 50.00	
31/08/2023	Fund Flow to Region	\$2,000.00		
31/08/2023	RCM Allowance to attend RSC	\$ 500.00		
31/08/2023	Interest		\$ 0.25	
18/09/2023	Transfer from Camp Serenity		\$ 868.58	
19/09/2023	Literature Postage	\$ 29.00		
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$2,529.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,018.83</b>	
	<b>BALANCE</b>			<b>\$2,865.88</b>
	Balance Reconciliation as of 19/9/023			

Thank you to all groups and members that flowed funds to the Gold Coast Area Service Committee. We received \$150.00 since 28 August 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 7<sup>th</sup> for an individual contribution.

YILS -



# RCM

## RCM REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023

Firstly, I'd like to thank all the ARSC members who attended the weekend in Sydney was such a great experience being involved with this level of service and seeing so many people who were passionate and committed to doing their part for our fellowship,

Day 1 started with reports from all positions.

Some financial stuff from the treasure, \$41,900 dollars for expenses over the quarter including allowances for travel to the ARSC \$21,500 was received fund flow from areas. I asked a question how the fund flow works towards the WSO It is a fixed Quarterly amount which states in the policy and procedures that 2 thirds of the amount gets passed on after expenses etc same procedure as we follow, one thing I found cool was that the fellowship was a Million dollars in front from the latest World Convention in Washington.

Discussion time was next after Lunch,

I had outlined the discussion point in my report around the QR codes that was proposed in the March minutes from my Alt which I spoke on behalf, was well received by the region and a discussion went amazingly I was told that the chair would make some phone calls and get back to me, the IT Chair has agreed to our request the outcome was that stickers regarding the new QR would be available to put on any existing pamphlets Ip's etc, they will available for us to use soon. Any future publication of the QR code will be used as time goes on.

Report from NAWS a presentation around service from the early 80's a member who hasn't used since his first meeting since NA started way back when in Sydney, he actually met Jimmy K in a carpark in LA, in 1991 there was only 4 meetings a week on the Gold coast he still refers to those early days of support and how service has kept him on the path of recovery "each day or moment I'm doing service I'm not thinking about myself" "How to be a world board member just don't say(NO)to any level of service that is required!! Our literature has been translated in 258 languages and many different dialects. And 56 languages translated for Our Vision of NA preamble. Or basic text will also be available on audio many languages and translations, around the world there is literature being distributed by the truck loads amazing stuff. The pandemic had stalled or altered NA as we once knew it but a great resource was created making our online services and online meetings skyrocket and become another amazing way to carry our message.

H&I in jails and institutions some members may never release from incarceration tablets have been provided inside jails to access our online resources a great initiative, Changi, Changi prison language barriers can be a certain issue to find semantics and how to interpret Higher Power, trusted servant, no possible words that can be translated.

Day 1 continued presentation from a founding member of NA service through the decades I was absolutely spellbound by the information and how our fellowship has changed and grown enabling addicts to find a safe place to find recovery.

Developing our service structure, Build a fellowship new members to help was instilled pretty quickly the service structure that we know today began from the first white booklet also a few IP's that were used in the

early days Audio tapes were also a resource that helped NA grow an envelope was addressed to NA a letter from Jimmy Kimmel around creating a book for NA that is how our basic text started (without the stories in the back)members pooled their money together ten copies came back as unpublished works that they began to distribute mainly just person to person they include adds in the front cover to fund the publication unaware of the non-profit organisation as they didn't know any better, all archived material is available in our resource folder at na.org.au there are some real to real tapes of our founding member speaking and the first basic text that ever existed. The spiritual principles of our program came from a lot of discussions primarily to resolve certain issues that arose in them early years and finalise outcomes for our fellowship (ATTRACTION RATHER THAN PROMOTION) Chocolate cake kept him clean.

Discussion cont. Day2

How do we as a fellowship encourage members to be of service, mentor through position encourage our GSR's from the beginning create a certain structure or example to build into our service culture.

DSA from Helsinki an audio and video that was presented by the RD,

QR code discussion was revisited by Anita and Bruce who are part of the IT a three-way call with the chair of the ARSC again a lot of support for our request.

Anonymity on social media is a big concern phone lines being redirected where names and details from another area was posted online how can that behaviour be appropriately handled, was resolved.

RCM's to take back to our areas from the indigenous chair, if any rural communities are known to exist rehabs etc that haven't been visited by NA, find where they are situated a list would be a great help if any members do know of any communities that could be beneficial to take back to the indigenous chair for next ARSC meeting, also have awareness of different cultures ,to what we may be used to if any information is required the chair is happy to provide that information.

How do we make NA more accessible and visible; exposure allows us all to hear the message of NA,

Service recruitment leadership development.

Day2 after lunch.

Service workshop that was run by the fill in secretary was a great way to mix up the day I really enjoyed being part of the workshop and interacting with members from the region that I hadn't met before was really informative and a great way to become familiar with members and how there own journey through service within our fellowship has helped them carry our message a lot of info will be available in the resources folder around that workshop,to be used by our area or any other area that wishes to do any service workshops in the future, slides etc.

Subcommittees break out.

I joined the outreach subcommittee, which helps carry our message to rural communities and developing our fellowship H&I facilities, diverse backgrounds and any new facilities that we can bring the message too, a spread sheet is available what communities are out there more can be added, people with diverse backgrounds to connect with people with the same diverse backgrounds when using the online sponsorship program although

that doesn't limit our members in anyway. Approaching new H&I facilities be gentle and informative allow the process to flow on, also encourage people in our area to approach subcommittee rolls to be announced in our minuets.

NEW BUSINESS. (proposals)

Printing of distribution across all aboriginal communities requested \$500 dollars intent to carry the message of NA to all aboriginal communities and rehabs and goals, unanimous decision (Done)

Funding starter packs for new meetings from the FSO available on request unanimous decision (Done)

NA online Australia to be renamed, that was formally known as Na @home consensus (Done)

Australian Region to conduct a 2023-2024 census membership information, questions arose around how that may affect our anonymity as members the survey itself will only be purely for members of NA consensus 100%(done)

To re-establish our long-time standard practice of having three ARSC meetings a year (every 4 months) 1 virtual 2 geographical (91%) no one opposed the decision(done)the next ARSC will be virtual in December.

My expenses over the weekend was used to the best of my ability flights were provided by the ARSC I hired a car which really helped with transport through the city and getting from the airport to my hotel, I spent my own out of pocket expenses when it came to the hotel and food etc it cost me a lot more than just the 500 dollars that was allocated which is not a problem. If receipts are required, I will be more than happy to produce them. I am so grateful for the fellowship that I was given this opportunity to be part of the ARSC. Thankyou NA,

YILS (RCM)

## **Alt RCM**

Verbal report

## **Camp Serenity Chair**

Vacant

## **Policy Chairperson**

Vacant

## **Literature Chairperson**

No report

## **H&I Chairperson**

CURRUMBIN: Yeah pretty good. Have like a 90% strike rate. Always get the spots filled then people sometimes people don't show up last minute. Nothing else to report really

MIRIKAI Morning all, Mirikai is running smoothly. Have had some great speakers over the last month. No complaints. All is well. Xx

NUMINBAH, Hi love, Report for H&I Numinbah. Visits are now back in action. 2 women every fortnight are rostered to go out. At this stage, we only have 5 approved, so the coordinator is taking out each new woman to learn the process. We are looking for more applicants pls contact the coordinator (Nicole Schiller) if you would like more information. Attendance has been strong so far, average 12 women attending. Key tags needing to be purchased.

FAIRHAVEN: Maria, H & I needs a man and a woman to assist and travel to Fairhaven every detox centre 2nd week. The success rate of getting people over the last 2 months or so, is less than 50%. So it's is disappointing to be honest. Hopefully the participation rate can improve. Fairhaven H & I Coordinator, Greg M

H&I chair will chase up Greg and hopefully get more Woman to the Jail.

## **PR Chairperson**

Created a poster for the Southport Community Centre with the meetings held there (and Early Birds) and the QR code the GC meetings. A Phonline Workshop will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November at midday at the Park Avenue venue before area.

## **Newsletter Chairperson**

Finalized new newsletter and have sent to area.

## **Convention Chairperson**

Convention, chair report – GCANA March 2024.

The second convention committee meeting was held on Saturday the 23rd September, 3:30 pm at 14 park Ave, Burleigh Heads.

With 17 members present, there was a focus on balancing experience, strength and hope with OCMs as well as new comers keen to participate and get involved.

With that being said, the following positions were filled:

Treasurer

Merchandising.

Information chair.

Catering

Hall organiser.

Leaving only one position, vacant, which is the Entertainment chair.

Various subcommittees are starting to build, representing the diversity and unity of our fellowship. We hope to continue attracting members to be part of and get involved.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, 21st October 3:30 pm at 14 Park Avenue Burleigh heads.

Could we ask that we continue to announce the convention committee are needing members to be involved in various subcommittees, also, the entertainment chair position

is vacant.

Overall, the convention committee are all working well together. This was evident when, at the end of the meeting I was approached by more than one of our newer members to say that it was such a friendly atmosphere, that they'd felt very comfortable.

Thank you to the committee and thanks to those of you who came along yesterday. I am grateful to be doing service!

YILS Convention chair,

## **Group Reports**

GSR/Alt GSR Name:	Position Vacant
Report Date:	2023-09-24
Group Name/Location:	Hey Hey its Saturday NA! Burleigh Waters
Meeting Day/Time:	Saturday 10.00am
Average Weekly Attendance:	15
Trusted Servant Topics:	Very few group members, and three regular members maintain responsibilities. Due to the up and coming referendum the venue is not available. This meeting will be moving to Robina Community Centre, 196 Robina Town Centre Drive for next three weeks- 29th September, 7th & !4th October.
Atmosphere of Recovery:	Follow regular format and group consciences once month & maintain contact on messenger.
Opening Balance:	67.35
Total Monthly Collection:	81.30
Rent Paid:	17.10
Your Email Address:	

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 131.55

GSR/Alt GSR Name:  
Report Date: 2023-09-24  
Group Name/Location: SOS southport  
Meeting Day/Time: Thursday 7:30  
Average Weekly Attendance: 35  
Trusted Servant Topics: Yes  
Atmosphere of Recovery: Reading NA approved literature  
Greeting and welcoming the newcomer  
Opening Balance: 271.80  
Total Monthly Collection: 120.4  
Rent Paid: 102  
Area Service Contribution: 100  
Your Email Address:

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 190.20

GSR/Alt GSR Name:  
Report Date: 2023-09-24  
Group Name/Location: Palm beach steps  
Meeting Day/Time: Thursday 7:30-8:15  
Average Weekly Attendance: 20  
Trusted Servant Topics: Yes  
Atmosphere of Recovery: Steps meeting so try keep it focused on the steps  
Opening Balance: 240  
Total Monthly Collection: 180  
Rent Paid: 150  
Area Service Contribution: 60  
Literature: 100  
Your Email Address:

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 110.00

Group Name/Location: Mermaids - Mermaid Beach  
Meeting Day/Time: Thursday night 6.30pm  
Average Weekly Attendance: 15  
Trusted Servant Topics: Yes  
Atmosphere of Recovery: Monthly speaker meetings, literature, banners, SPAD readings.  
Your Email Address:  
Opening Balance: 233.60  
Total Monthly Collection: 76  
Rent Paid: 40.60  
Area Service Contribution: 20  
Catering (Tea/Coffee etc): 16  
Literature: 60  
GSR/Alt GSR Name:

(Remaining Balance): 173.00

GSR/Alt GSR Name:  
Report Date: 2023-09-24  
Group Name/Location: Earlybirds Broadwater Parklands, next to Cafe Catalina, GOLD COAST HIGHWAY, SOUTHPORT, QLD, 4215  
Meeting Day/Time: Monday, Wednesday Friday 7am -8am  
Average Weekly Attendance: Monday 6-8 people Wednesday 6-8 people Fridays 4-8 people  
Trusted Servant Topics: All positions filled and members fulfilling their responsibilities.  
Atmosphere of Recovery: Read jft literature, welcome the newcomer. Amended our preamble to keep our message focused and authentic to NA.  
Other Topics : No issues.  
Other Expenses Description: 0  
Your Email Address:

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 0.00



GSR/Alt GSR Name:  
Report Date: 2023-09-24  
Group Name/Location: Saturday Night Live Southport  
Meeting Day/Time: 7:30pm Saturday  
Average Weekly Attendance: 40  
Trusted Servant Topics: All but the Alt RCM.All members are committed and do their service positions well  
Atmosphere of Recovery: Members only chair the meeting a follow a well oiled meeting format. We meet every month for a formal group conscience that also has it's own agenda. We regularly open the floor so people with a desire to share can do. We regular reflect on what we can do better. We has a reading specific to upholding a safe atmosphere of recovery.  
Other Topics : I've heard that some members are looking to do a service workshop which sounds like a beaut idea!  
Opening Balance: 99.1  
Total Monthly Collection: 183.6  
Rent Paid: 69.15  
Area Service Contribution: 130  
Literature: 38.5  
Other Expenses Description: n/a  
Your Email Address:  
Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 45.05

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2023-09-24

Group Name/Location: How it works and why Lawson street

Meeting Day/Time: Wednesday 11am

Average Weekly Attendance: 15 -20

Trusted Servant Topics: All positions filled except literature

Atmosphere of Recovery: We are a meeting whom reads the how it works and why through 1 to 7  
Supporting the new commers with the foundation of 1 2 and 3 and then opening up to the core of our steps  
The realness and the reality of our disease of addiction.  
And through that supporting one another.

Other Topics : Na

Opening Balance: 160.95

Total Monthly Collection: 282.570

Rent Paid: 42

Catering (Tea/Coffee etc): 5

Your Email Address:

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 396.52

GSR/Alt GSR Name: Wednesday Night Southport Guest Speaker Meeting

Report Date: 2023-09-24

Group Name/Location: Wednesday Night Guest Speaker

Meeting Day/Time: Wednesday 7pm

Average Weekly Attendance: 15

Trusted Servant Topics: The meeting is moving on the 4th of October to Southport Community centre, Will be in room G4 on the 4th and 11th of October, and thereafter in Room G3, the same room as the Mens and Saturday night live

Opening Balance: 5.30

Total Monthly Collection: 185.60

Rent Paid: 154.6

Literature: 26

Your Email Address:

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 10.30

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2023-09-24

Group Name/Location: Coomera Sunday night beginners meeting

Meeting Day/Time: Sunday night 630pm

Average Weekly Attendance: 25

Trusted Servant Topics: All positions are filled and being fulfilled well

Atmosphere of Recovery: Greeting new comers  
Regular group conscience  
Reading from NA literature

Rent Paid: 55.80

Area Service Contribution: 50

Your Email Address:

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): -105.80