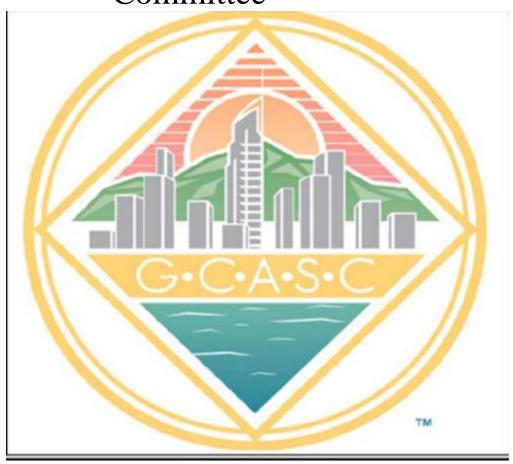
Gold Coast Area Service Committee



Sunday 28 January 2024

Anglican Church big hall, 14 Park Avenue, Burleigh Heads

5.3 was the minimum quorum. 5 Group Service Representatives present

Administration Committee

| Position | Name | Present | Position | Name | Present |
|------------|--------|---------|---------------|------|---------|
| Chair | | Yes | Treasurer | | Yes |
| Vice-Chair | Vacant | N/A | RCM | | Yes |
| Secretary | | Yes | RCM Alternate | | Yes |

Sub-Committee Chairs

| Position | Name | Present | Position | Name | Present |
|---------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|---------|
| H&I | | yes | Convention | | Yes |
| PR | | no | Policy | Vacant | N/A |
| Literature | | No | Newsletter | | No |
| Activities | | yes | | | |
| Camp Serenity | Vacant | N/A | | | |

GSRs

| Meeting | GSR | Meeting | GSR | |
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| | MO | ONDAY | | |
| Monday Wednesday Friday Early birds Southport | No | Women Living Clean - Helensvale | No | |
| Burleigh Heads Beginners | No | Burleigh Waters Mens | No | |
| TUESDAY | | | | |
| Just for Today Burleigh Heads | No | Tweed Heads "The NA Message" | No | |
| Helensvale Basic Text | No | Palm Beach - Just For Today | No | |
| Southport Mens | | | | |

| WEDNESDAY | | | |
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| Burleigh Brunch How and Why | No | Tweed Heads Step 11 | No |

| | | Meditation | |
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| Southport Guest Speaker | No | | |
| | THUR | RSDAY | |
| Palm Beach Road to Recover | No | Mermaid Womens | |
| Southport Straight off the Streets | No | Palm Beach Steps | Yes |
| | FRI | DAY | |
| Friday Night Freedom Currumbin | No | Friday Night Spiritual Principals | No |
| | SATU | RDAY | |
| Hey Hey Its Saturday Burleigh Waters | Yes | Burleigh NA 5PM JFT | NO |
| Saturday Night Live | Yes | | |
| | SUN | DAY | |
| Burleigh Heads We do Recover | no | Queer As Folk | No |
| Coomera Beginners Meeting | Yes | Currumbin Thrower drive JFT | Yes |

Order of Business

1. Chair's opening -

Meeting commenced at 2:04pm.

- 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:

- **6. Quorum in attendance:** 5.3
- 7. Count of voting members: 5
- 8. Consensus to recognise observers: Rio observer, Louise seconded
- **9. Accept previous minutes as true and correct:** seconded by Tess
- 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 & Written
- Vice Chairperson Vacant
- Secretary Report Verbal
- Treasurer Report Verbal and Written Report
- RCM Report Verbal Report, written

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

11. GSRs reported highlights of Group Business:

12. Old Business -

That the Activities committee take over the running of the Christmas and New years Activities as per policy rescinding last months' proposal by Friday Spiritual Principals Forwarded by Chair n 2nd secretary

That the GCASC Literature Position be Abolished. – Intent: It is more practical for Groups to order directly from the FSO. Forwarded by GSR Saturday Night Live. 2nd GSR Coomera Sunday

13. Election of Trusted Servants:

- Discussion/Workshop:
- Vice-Chair presented that new GCNASC service guideline booklets have been printed

15. New Business - Proposals:

ALT RCM vacant although 6 weeks needs to pass before a new RCM is nominated. The date starting for January 28th.

(RCM Chair) putting forward interest in hosting November region on the Gold Coast at upcoming region. No objections.

Chair preposed ADHOC chair be allocated..Seconded by . No objections.

16. Establish date for next GCASC meeting:

Next area 2pm 25 February 2024 at 14 Park Avenue, Burleigh Heads

- 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'.

Announcements:

- GOLD COAST CONVENTION 2024 IS NOW ON THE ANZAC DAY LONG
 WEEKEND 26 -28 APRIL 2024 BROADBEACH
- HEY HEY ITS SATURDAY 10AM BURLEIGH WATERS MEETING IS GOING TO BE AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION ON SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY IT WILL BE AT: BROADBEACH CULTURAL CENTRE, ADDRESS: Hooker Blvd &, Sunshine Blvd, Broadbeach Waters QLD 4218
 - H & I NEED SPEAKERS FOR ALL VENUES CONTACT IF
 INTERESTED:
- CAMP SERENITY CHAIR POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED. 2023 PREVIOUS
 CAMP SERENITY CHAIR WILL DO A THOROUGH HANDOVER.
 - 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):

- Policy Chair 3 years clean time
- Camp Serenity Chair

ALT RCM

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

| Policy Chair | 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.

| 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 25th February 2024 at the Anglican Church main hall, 14 Park Ave, Burleigh Heads.

REPORTS:

CHAIR PERSON:

Hi all, feeling grateful to be entering the new year being involved with area service on the Gold Coast. I am also grateful to have been able to sit the full term of the Vice-Chair role last year, which has allowed me to feel more prepared rolling into the Chair position, although I had

technically begun my current position as of our November area. Between then and now, we have had a few developments and events that I thought I should include into my report. For the month of December I was mainly focused on assisting the activities chair with the end of year events, Christmas and New-Years get togethers. I stayed quite involved in these and I believe they both turned out great, with a strong message carried and a safe place provided for addicts to be over the holidays. Being involved in this side of the activities arrangements was also a good learning experience for me in terms of the processes and policy behind arranging these events, i.e. organisation of funds, risk assessment, and dealing with third party venues. In the absence of a Vice chair, I also try to get in touch with the sub-committee chairs once a month and just check in/keep myself up to date with what is happening. This month we also had our first Admin committee meeting for the year, which we are now doing face to face, and I have been in close contact with all the admin committee. In addition to this we have all coordinated getting ourselves on board with the banking, becoming signatories and authorised users, which took some coordination but was successful in the end. I am also always trying to ask questions and refer to/study the policy book in order to gain a deeper and more firm understanding of the processes surrounding different service positions and structures. I look forward to what this year might bring for the Gold Coast area, and am grateful for my opportunity as the chair.

YILS -

VICE CHAIR PERSON:

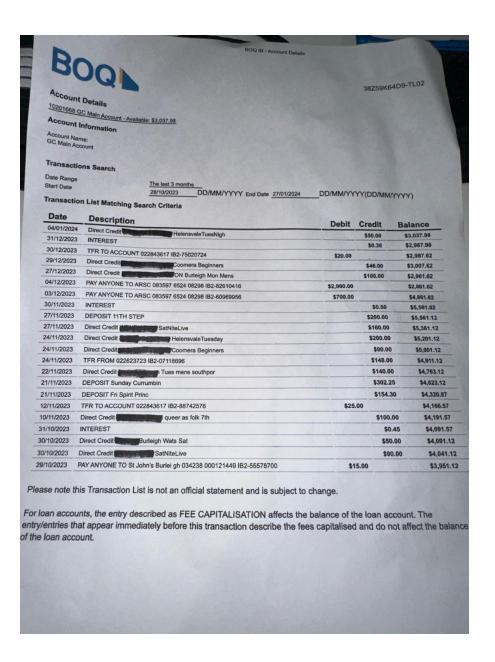
VACANT POSITION

SECRETARY:

Hey everyone, looking forward to another year of area and doing service and learning in my new service position. Myself and the admin committee caught up to go through some things last Sunday, it was great to get pumped for service and do this face to face. I have been checking the NA mailbox fortnightly and communicating all business to necessary individuals.

Thanks for having me in the role of secretary, I am grateful to be doing service for GCANA. YILS –

TREASURER:



RCM:

Day1.Reports first session:

LTC translation (QR code-connects to Na website)

Treasurer report: \$26,708 in fund flow from other areas.

A clause in a will from a deceased member they wanted to show their appreciation for the NA program by distributing \$2000 dollars into the region bank a certain legal requirement was required for the funds to be allocated into the 7th tradition.

In the report given by Sunshine Coast Area, a fatal accident occurred at a gathering involving NA members, a lengthy discussion was had regarding our liability insurance, quite an unfortunate thing to happen, if more information is required, please find details sent by the sunshine Coast Area. Please be mindful of all insurance policies and procedures at any upcoming events.

FSO office: upcoming projects, conventions, unity days, committees, literature and banners plus merchandise books etc can be sourced from the FSO free of charge if needed,

Homegroups birthday celebrations recovery literature cards etc can be sourced in bulk for groups.

Cyber incident report from IT Chair, phishing emails targeting the NA website.

Day2: Presentation on CBDM(consensus based decision making)

Guide to WSC, Spiritual aspects we can bring into our service structure, through our own personal recovery we learn when to step forward and speak on behalf of an issues that we may find concerning, and when to step back from the service commitments and where our energy is appropriate.

Difference between a principle and an opinion that we stand for, using our traditions we begin to learn and are free to talk about how each of our groups and the members behave towards each other, the concepts help us work within that service structure, concepts 2&3 align together perfectly to adhere to the CDBM,

Our collective group consciences within our service bodies make decisions.

How that somewhat authority was created was passed on throughout the years, as representatives of any service commitments, the minority is just as important as the majority given each of us a voice and a purpose, we are always mindful of how we bring own personal recovery to that service structure, which inadvertently includes our assets and our defects bringing awareness to what our personal recovery and our program requires in those situations.

Presentation: 7th tradition-Vice Chair.

Methods of cashless contributions, our 7th tradition has declined considerably since 2021, There is a link to this presentation in na.org.au

Using the electronic bank transfer does seem time consuming within the meeting if groups would like to discuss maybe having a preamble altercation in the 7th tradition card, to hold space for time allocated to EBT,

Day2 continued, Discussion time Reports:

Indigenous Chair: Translator for certain events who would fund that?

How can we support as an area, needing more people to discuss rural communities that may need to be approached. i.e. rehabs or any other recovery programs H&I etc. The Chair would like our area to discuss

those indigenous communities that are remote, any support would be appreciated, please continue with our efforts.

Smoking ceremonies at conventions how does that factor in as culture requirement who participates in that smoking ceremony, do venues have insurance,

(Discuss with convention committee)

Proposals: RD-to adjust the ARSC contacts list to only be available to the ARSC, cyber security.

IT chair elaborated on more around the Cyber Security as having a Multi Factor Authentication on all M365 service Emails and accounts to secure our documents,

Are those hacks actually posing a threat? YES!

Learning how to use these new safety measures is it possible to have a complete redo of all our existing emails, in order to begin from this new place, these measures are a vital requirement to move forward.

Day2 Nominations:

*AD nomination- Malcolm current ARSC Chair stroll poll (RCM's)Vote successful," thank you for your support"

*ARSC Chair nomination- (current secretary care taking) unanimous decision vote successful.

*Assistant Treasure- Vote successful, "welcome aboard"

*Secretary ARSC- , vote successful.

*FSO Pool- , vote successful.

*FSO Pool-management committee, vote successful.

Proposals:

-RD-ending the 2yearly cull of all position in the ARSC, rather having all position become vacant at the end of the 2year cycle, ENDORSED.

RD spoke on behalf of the proposal.

If you eliminate the "cull" then not declare the position vacant how does, for example the new Vice Chair or Assisted Chair get advertised along with those positions? As they roll out. Would it be a word-of-mouth approach, and does that go towards a personality and not the principles, on how that position would be filled, this would give each member an equal opportunity to do service.

Broke for lunch will revisit proposals as we have still a lot of stuff to discuss.

After lunch work shop: Presentation PR Chair (caretaking)

*Introduction and objectives.

- *Understanding the socio demographic profile of Australia NA regional member (WHO ARE WE)
- *Explore the trends-in drug of choice over time to adjust, if possible, to current times.
- *Determine the level of engagement with NA and its services including length of time in NA, meting engagement, online, and sponsorship.
- *Value of NA Members Survey.
- *How to better carry the message.
- *Boosting the power of NA.
- *Na membership surveys provide evidence, NA as whole does improve the quality of life and how it works for any addict who wishes to be in recovery.
- *Helps understand patterns of meeting attendance the location and the areas.

From 2010 between the ages of 31-40 was the highest represented member, from 2013-the ages changed between 41-50 and alcohol was the drug of choice.

A new 2024 survey will be available so we can see the stat of what it is like now.

Some question up for discussion include.

Country of birth does that have a factor in getting to find meetings, (Parents culture language spoken at home)

Drug use history, relapse, arrest and criminal history.

Being on (BUPE) maintenance etc.

Finding pathways to treatment, rehabs, illness medication, addict identity.

NA Engagement, Face to Face meetings' online platforms, and increased attendance.

*When you here the word service what comes to mind? Discuss and brainstorm in groups, we broke out to various chat groups; we returned and shared our thoughts and contributions.

Why do members engage and not engage are their members welcoming and approachable, are we informed with the role that service actually plays a part in all areas of the fellowship, and understand the service structure, is service viewed only as a relevance to a select group of people? abiding our principles before personalities, Following the service structure from home group level service, GSR's to area, Regional Service, World service.

Jumping from home group to regional service, without even doing area service could that be a potential risk to members, an information pamphlet might be a solution an informal service questionnaire that arears could discuss. The 2024 survey is in production for any member who would like to participate,

PR Chair-Thankyou you for providing feedback all questions and comments are greatly appreciated.

New Business-

Proposals:

RD-That the ARSC, replace the link to online meetings. Narcotics Anonymous Australia to a virtual.na.org with updates to local meetings, (Tabled no resolve further discussion next ARSC)

What platform is this going to be on, invite an open subcommittee where members can attend and hear our message.

Thank you to all members for another informative and well-structured ARSC meeting.

We meet face to face 9th and 10th March in Sydney which I'm looking forward to.

My area report for January 2024.

Talked with our Area Chair on proposing that we need a desperate amendment of our Policy guidelines due to the Vacancy of our Policy chair, discussed that we will be propping an ADHOC position to update what is required.

I had a heartfelt discussion with my Alt RCM, depicting his lack of participation required for the roll of Alternative RCM, we both come to the conclusion that he has made the decision to resign from the date that we spoke, I suggested he attend area for a formal resignation which he said he would be happy to do, I find his decision to stand at area to resign, amicable to say the least, thankyou for your service,

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I'm in the process of organising my flights and accommodation for the ARSC in March, February area I will be proposing my allowance to become available.

January 2024 area I would like a discussion point available so I can explain my objective to house the November 2024 ARSC meeting here on the Gold Coast, having the regional meeting her in our own backyard will be a great way for anyone to attend a regional service meeting and see how we operate within that service structure, since I reported my point of interest that I put forward at the December 2024 ARSC meeting that the Gold Coast area supported my decision, I will be formally proposing in my report this decision at region. A few things have to be allocated but I'm sure it will be a successful endeayour.

Also, the speaker Jam that we would like to do on the Saturday in November is going to also be part of my report at region.

Just to inform our PR chair I had my first phone line call, a few weeks ago, a family member of a person who was using they were concerned with their cousins behaviour and if they qualify to be a member of NA,I discussed that we are members when we say we are and our only requirement is a desire to stop using, she found the phone call very helpful although it has to be the decision of the individual, I feel I handled the call with all that I required and to the best of my ability, she just needs to get him to a meeting is what I really advised her to do. Quite a raw and frontline level of service Thanx for the opportunity.

I was approached by a Member from Sydney, around doing H&I via zoom in Broken Hill Correctional Centre, they are looking for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander members, but if you have twelve months clean time and a working knowledge of the steps this level of service is available, if you would like to participate, please give me your number and I will pass it on.

YILS. RCM.

ALT RCM:

Position vacant

CAMPT SERENITY:

Chair & Vice Chair position vacant

ACTIVITIES CHAIR:

3 events held

Christmas 25/12/23

Attendance approx 25 people, everyone appeared to have a great time, lots of food and laughs No trad 7, the day was about unity and for people to have somewhere to go

New year's eve 31/12/23

32 attended

Lucky door prizes

Leather bound JFT & SPAD.

Held a reflections meeting, went for 2hrs with 10 minute break

Had music and thanks to for lending his equipment, old plays, skits etc from previous conventions were played on the projector, people appeared to really enjoy themselves.

Trad 7: \$115.40

Christmas & New Year's costs were combined

\$210 - \$115.40 = \$96.40

26/1/24

Sausage sizzle

Great turn out 30 people not including kids

People played volleyball, footy and hackey sak.

Trad 7 \$84.40

Cost \$79.07

Banked on 28/1/24

\$5.23

Currently have \$906.22 in activities account.

Have attached bank statement.

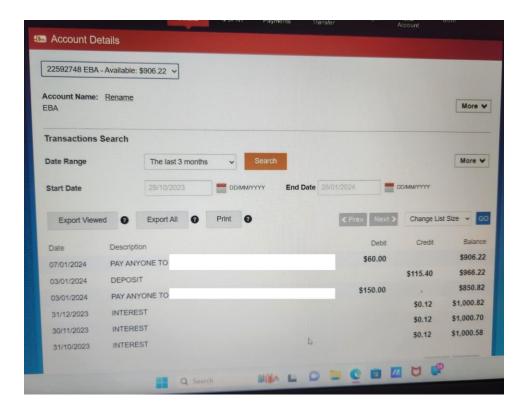
Will be asking for top up on account to take balance to \$1000

Would like to thank for all your help and support with Christmas and New Year's for supply hacky sack, helping and supporting with Christmas, New Year's and 26/1/24

for his equipment on New Year's

for donating bread for 26/1/24

And would especially like to thank all members who attended these events



POLICY CHAIR:

Vacant

H&I CHAIR:

Verbal report

NEWSLETTER CHAIR:

No report

CONVENTION CHAIR:

The preparation for the 2024 convention is well on its way. The committee are doing a wonderful job, there is a lot of support with in the group.

We are on track to give you an idea of where we are up to, I have listed some of the current projects we are working on;

Catering

There will be a food truck on site and potentially a coffee van. There will be more information about this in the coming weeks.

Merchandise

Graphics have been submitted to the printer.

Registration.

Prices to be determined at our next meeting (10/2/24) pre-registration to be released on 12 February.

Convention information chair has a list of rehab communication to the facilities will commence after 10 February.

Programming.

The program has been all but finalised. Group to discuss and tidy up some minor details.

The group is working within the budget.

Announcements, if we could start to talk about pre registration being a good idea to avoid lengthy wait times etc.

Our next meeting is in the 10th February.

YILS

GROUP REPORTS:

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2024-01-28

Group Name/Location: Tweed Tuesday Night The NA Message

Meeting Day/Time: Tues 6.30pm nsw

Average Weekly Attendance: 12 Trusted Servant Topics: Yes

Atmosphere of Recovery: Reaching out to the new comers

Reading NA literature every week

Encouraging sponsorship

Keeping plenty of literature available

Other Topics: N/A
Opening Balance: 68
Total Monthly Collection: 120

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 188.00

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2024-01-27

Group Name/Location: Currumbin Thrower house

Meeting Day/Time: Sunday 1030

Average Weekly

Attendance: 15

Trusted Servant Secretary, treasurer, GSR.

Topics: All going well, help each other. New group member welcomed also..

3 rehabs attend intermittently.

Atmosphere of Venue in a park, verandah and inside.

Recovery: Social interaction after with people hanging out to eat or pursue

leisure activities.

Round room I'd and key tags helps new people being included.

Other Topics: Insect spray provided.

Rent up to date

Treasurer impacted by weather event.

Report next month.

\$170 literature purchases FSO

Literature: 170

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): -170.00

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2024-01-28

Group Name/Location: Wednesday How it works and why

Meeting Day/Time: 11am Wednesday

Average Weekly Attendance: 15

Trusted Servant Topics: We need a new secretary,

Most positions are filled.

We just gained 3 new home group members.

Atmosphere of Recovery: Our meeting has been struggling with no one joining, but we

have pushed through and come together as a home group to sustain the environment making time for the meeting on all

sides

To maintain the atmosphere we are now reading between 1

to 12

Which is really beautiful to really understand the debts of our disease and to fully understand the foundation of our steps.

Esp through this book

It's helping people become more vulnerable through there shares and the community we have gained through the

fellowship is inspiring.

Opening Balance: 333.20
Total Monthly Collection: 62.05
Rent Paid: 42.00
Catering (Tea/Coffee etc): 11.60

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 341.65

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2024-01-28

Group Name/Location: Palm Beach Steps
Meeting Day/Time: Thursday 7:30pm

Average Weekly Attendance: 15-20

Trusted Servant Topics: Filled and fulfilled.

Atmosphere of Recovery: Supportive of newcomers. Good cross section of

gender and clean time.

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 0.00

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2024-01-28

Group Name/Location: Coomera beginners
Meeting Day/Time: Sunday 630pm

Average Weekly Attendance: 20-25

Trusted Servant Topics: All positions are being fulfilled
Atmosphere of Recovery: Regular group member attendance

Literature stocked Group conscious

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 0.00

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2024-01-28

Group Name/Location: Helensvale Tuesday night

Meeting Day/Time: Tuesday 630pm

Average Weekly Attendance: 25

Trusted Servant Topics: All group positions are being fulfilled Atmosphere of Recovery: Group members regular attendance

Group conscience

Stocked with literature and key tags

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 0.00

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2024-01-27

Group Name/Location: "Hey Hey, it's Saturday NA" Burleigh Waters

Meeting Day/Time: Saturday / 10.00-11.00am

Average Weekly

Attendance:

20

Trusted Servant Topics: Welcome into the role of GSR, is stepping up to take

care of Tea, Coffee & other refreshments.

is our Secretary & has been awesome as he readily

covers all positions as things arise.

Our venue will be unavailable on the 24th February and the group meeting will be held at The Multipurpose Hall at the

Broadbeach Cultural Centre.

Address. Cnr Hooker Boulevard and Sunshine Boulevard,

Broadbeach 24th February only!

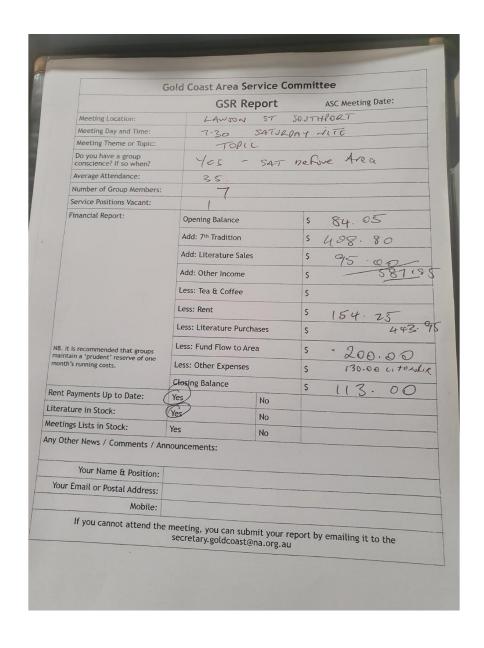
Atmosphere of Recovery: Regular group consciences and reviewing what we do.

Other Topics : Be great to post a flyer advertising our meeting happens at the

venue.

The financial report covers from DEC-JAN due to no ASC in December 2023- also no financial report at time of last group conscience- due to Treasurer unavailable & considering current finances will make fund flow available at next Group Conscience.

Opening Balance: 93.05 Total Monthly Collection: 217.50 Rent Paid: 123.90



GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2024-01-27

Group Name/Location: Straight of the streets / Southport

Meeting Day/Time: Thursday / 7:30

Average Weekly Attendance: 30 Trusted Servant Topics: Yes

Yes, hopefully we will soon have a member who can attend

commit to regularly attending area.

Atmosphere of Recovery: Welcoming the newcomer

Reading NA approved literature

Other Topics : Please note financial report is based on two months

Opening Balance: 82.55
Total Monthly Collection: 456.20
Rent Paid: 237.60
Area Service Contribution: 50
Literature: 100.20

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 150.95

KEEP DOING SERVICE:)