

Gold Coast Area Service Committee



Sunday 26/05/2024

Anglican Church big hall, 14 Park Avenue, Burleigh Heads

3.3 was the minimum quorum. 3 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	Vacant	No
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Sub-Committee Chairs

Position	Name	Present	Position	Name	Present
H&I		No	Convention		No
PR		Yes	Policy	Vacant	N/A
Activities		No	Newsletter		No
Camp Serenity		No			

GSRs

Meeting	GSR	Meeting	GSR
MONDAY			
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	no		

WEDNESDAY

Burleigh Brunch How and Why	No	Tweed Heads Step 11 Meditation	No
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Southport Guest Speaker	yes		
THURSDAY			
Palm Beach Road to Recover	no	Mermaid Womens	No
Southport Straight off the Streets	no	Palm Beach Steps	No
FRIDAY			
Friday Night Freedom Currumbin	No	Friday Night Spiritual Principals	NO
SATURDAY			
Hey Hey Its Saturday Burleigh Waters	No	Burleigh NA	No
Saturday Night Live	No		
SUNDAY			
Burleigh Heads We do Recover	No	Queer As Folk	yes
Coomera Beginners Meeting	No	Currumbin Thrower House	Yes via phone

Order of Business

1. Chair's opening -

Meeting commenced at 2:05pm.

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:

Convention chair

H&I Chair

6. Quorum in attendance: 3.3

7. Count of voting members: 3

8. Consensus to recognise observers:

Southport Straight off the Street GSR

9. Accept previous minutes as true and correct:

Southport straight off the street GSR

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 prior to this GCASC meeting it will not be tabled in these minutes.

- Chairperson Report – Verbal & written Report
- Vice Chairperson – Vacant
- Secretary Report – Verbal
- Treasurer Report – Verbal & written
- RCM Report – Written and Verbal Report
- Alt RCM Report – Vacant
- Policy Chairperson Report - Vacant
- Newsletter Chairperson Report – Not Present
- Convention Chairperson Report – not present

- Activities Chairperson Report – not present
- Camp Serenity Chairperson Report – Not present
- Public Relations Chairperson Report – Verbal& written
- Hospitals & Institutions Chairpersons Report – Not present

11. GSRs reported highlights of Group Business:

- Friday night spiritual principles in need of OCM's/Women who can sponsor.
- Wednesday Southport speaker meeting looking for group members.

12. Old Business –

- NFA on Costco proposal from march meeting

13. Election of Trusted Servants:

- No nominations

14. Discussion/Workshop:

15. New Business - Proposals:

No new business for the month of May

16. Establish date for next GCASC meeting:

Next area - 2pm , 30th June , 14 Park Avenue

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:

Area needs GSR face to face attendance

H&I Chair is looking for a Coordinator for Currumbin Clinic

Vision statement is attached to these minutes → groups are encouraged to give feedback

Wednesday Speaker Southport looking for more members.

Can groups please complete the 2024 NA Australia Members Survey:

<https://prchair.surveyparrow.com/s/NA-Membership-Survey-2024/tt-6dwAWrMusspRdaJJDnWNKi>



- 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):

- Policy Chair - 3 years clean time
- PR Chair
- Vice Chair

Newsletter chair

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

<u>Vice Chair</u>	Clean time: 2 years	Term: 1 year
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The area vice chairperson keeps in regular touch with the chairpersons of each subcommittee to stay informed of their projects and problems, attending subcommittee meetings whenever possible. If disputes arise within a subcommittee or between subcommittees, the ASC vice chairperson helps find solutions to them. The vice chairperson works closely with subcommittee chairpersons when they prepare their annual reports and budget proposals. The vice chairperson is also responsible to assist the chairperson in conducting area committee meetings and to conduct ASC meetings in the chairperson's absence.' The vice chair is also responsible for caretaking any subcommittee chair or administration role that is vacant. In such situations, the vice chair may work with the administration committee to delegate the workload.

<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.

REPORTS BELOW:

Chair Report

Hi all,

Not a whole lot to report on this month. I am halfway through my role as area chair as of this month. Am currently looking for a vice-chair, this will involve me approaching a couple members who I think may be suitable for the role. I enjoyed the parts of the convention that I was present for last month. Still trying to check in with sub-committee chairs when possible, in absence of vice-chair. I have enjoyed being a part of the camp serenity sub-committee as of late. I thoroughly enjoy doing service and being a part of the Gold Coast fellowship. I am also still involved with service at a regional level which has been very inspiring and has given me much direction and perspective in my approach to service. Our previously proposed ADHOC group will be meeting tomorrow night to finalize the update of the GCASC policy guidelines, and hopefully soon will have new policy handbooks to present back to the area.

Thank you for allowing me to give back to the Gold-Coast fellowship as a trusted servant, I am grateful.

PR Chair Report 26/5/2024

PR presentation for convicted drug offenders at Coomera Probation and Parole didn't happen..

Further to the discussion at February GCASC meeting, my enquiries with Go Transit who handle the advertising on Kinetic Gold Coast buses have gone nowhere. The local rep has stated that the minimum commitment is to take the two advertising panels per bus on 100 buses, (which is half the GC fleet) at \$4,400 for a month. She said she would ask her manager if they could offer us a better deal. She has since left and the person who is acting as the local rep has not returned my numerous calls.

I attended the Cashless 7th tradition workshop and will give a quick overview of the content, as well as including it in the minutes with the template of the minutes for groups to use to apply for setting up a free account with Westpac.

I have applied to council to erect the NA banners during PR Week, the first week in June.

A reminder that PR Week is the first week in June 2-9th. We are all PR

I have finished my term as PR Chair and thank the committee for the opportunity to be of service.

RCM report May 2024.

This month there hasn't been much to report or discuss although there are a few things that I can report on.

The ADHOC policy group that I am part of will be meeting up this month to get the process of amending the policy underway.

The cashless 7th tradition workshop went ahead which will be in the PR chairs report.

From Strategic planning at region, a draft copy of Narcotic Anonymous Vision statement and Mission statement, has been requested that all areas bring it to their GSRs to read through and see if there is anything that the groups would like to add etc. (The draft itself is as follows)

2024-ARSC Draft Vision and Mission Statement.

ARSC Draft Vision Statement.

Our Vision is that the ARSC will help Areas and members carry the NA message by:

*Providing the opportunity for all addicts in Australia to experience the NA message in their own culture and language in a way that is hopeful, accessible and meaningful.

*Identifying trends, challenges and opportunities to carry the message, and providing Area's, Groups and members with training, guidance and mentoring to respond.

*Identifying and exploring new technologies and communication opportunities, and providing Areas, Groups and members with training, guidance and mentoring to use these resources.

*Having NA accepted as an effective, accessible and welcoming recovery program, supported by local research.

*Prompting an inclusive and inspiring committee culture to encourage all members of NA to experience the benefits of service.

ARSC Draft Mission Statement.

The ARSC supports the Areas, Groups and members in Australia to carry the message of NA by:

*Providing country-wide services and a library of resources.

*Providing stability, guidance, training and mentoring, and using our resources well.

*Being accountable and transparent regarding our work and finances.

*Being responsive to the needs of Area's.

*Linking and communicating with Area's, Groups and individual members, reducing their isolation and encouraging communication, participation, inclusivity and cooperation between the range of service committees and bodies including World Service and the Asia Pacific Forum.

Just a quick announcements Group Service Representatives, attendance has been quite low to our monthly Area. (I strongly encourage all groups to send GSRs to participate in our service meetings). SERVICE KEEPS US CLEAN. YILS. RCM Gold Coast

Treasurer Report:

Other Topics: We have changed our name to Lost n Found; I have updated it online (still processing) can it please be updated at area as well

Opening Balance: 75.45
Total Monthly Collection: 169.95
Rent Paid: 132
Area Service Contribution: 13.40
Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 100.00

Report Date: 2024-05-25

Group Name/Location: Hey Hey It's Saturday Gold Coast
Meeting Day/Time: Saturday 10am
Average Weekly Attendance: 15-20
Trusted Servant Topics: Literature and GSR vacant.
Atmosphere of Recovery: Literature, reading, open floor, welcome visitors, acknowledge milestones
Opening Balance: 104.30
Total Monthly Collection: 129.70
Rent Paid: 88.95
Catering (Tea/Coffee etc): 3.50
GSR/Alt GSR Name:
Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 141.55

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2024-05-25
Group Name/Location: Saturday Night Live
Meeting Day/Time: 7.30 pm Saturday
Average Weekly Attendance: 35
Trusted Servant Topics: GSR vacant
Atmosphere of Recovery: Recent 25th Celebration...Why a Home Group...
Opening Balance: 116.50
Total Monthly Collection: 190.45
Rent Paid: 72.15
Catering (Tea/Coffee etc): 19.85
Literature: 110.00
Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 104.95

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2024-05-26
Group Name/Location: Currumbin
Meeting Day/Time: 1030
Average Weekly Attendance: 12
Trusted Servant Topics: Yes, 4 regular group members. Lots of people assist with set up and tidy up.
Atmosphere of Recovery: I'd for all attendees. Ti.ed sharing to share the time.

Informal social connections 2nd half
Other Topics : JFT
Area Service Contribution: 100
Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): -100.00

GSR/Alt GSR Name:
Report Date: 2024-05-28
Group Name/Location: queer as folk, Mermaid
Meeting Day/Time: Sunday 6pm
Average Weekly Attendance: 5
Trusted Servant Topics: Positions filled, with members stepping up to cover more than 1 position
Atmosphere of Recovery: Keeping the meeting open to ensure members who identify as LGBTQI+ have a safe meeting to attend.
I am unable to provide full financial report as I have been away for 3 weeks. I estimate a balance of \$150 after rent payments for June and July. Full report will be included next month
Other Topics : We are participating in GC Pride Market Day with an information stall (June 1st)
Opening Balance: 375.00
Rent Paid: 65.00
Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 310.00

Keep doing service!! 😊

“Everything we do to help an addict get the message is service. Service begins when we put ourselves aside and welcome the newcomer. That simple action might be the most important thing we ever do.”
(Guiding Principles, Tradition Two).