

# Gold Coast Area Service Committee



Sunday 28/07/2024

Anglican Church big hall, 14 Park Avenue, Burleigh Heads

5 was the minimum quorum. 7 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**

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

**GSRs**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>GSR</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>GSR</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>			
Monday Wednesday Friday Early birds Southport	No	Women Living Clean - Helensvale	No
Burleigh Heads Beginners	Yes	Burleigh Waters Mens	No
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
Just for Today Burleigh Heads	No	Tweed Heads "The NA Message"	No
Helensvale Basic Text	Yes	Palm Beach - Just For Today	Yes
Southport Mens	Yes		

**WEDNESDAY**

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

## 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:**

Wednesday Southport How & Why GSR

Activities Chair

Acting PR Chair

Camp serenity chair

#### **6. Quorum in attendance: 2**

#### **7. Count of voting members: 8**

#### **8. Consensus to recognise observers: Guest speaker GSR**

#### **9. Accept previous minutes as true and correct:**

Guest Speaker GSR. Friendly amendment from QAF GSR, camp serenity reimbursement in previous minute should be coined as a loan per proposal.

#### **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
- 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 – Vacant
- Convention Chairperson Report – not present
- Activities Chairperson Report – Verbal & Written
- Camp Serenity Chairperson Report – Not present
- Public Relations Chairperson Report – Verbal
- Hospitals & Institutions Chairpersons Report – Verbal

#### **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 –**

- Camp serenity to be reimbursed \$1000 by NA area for a short payment of the 2023 camp serenity invoice. Seconded by Wed guest speaker. Endorsed by consensus.

#### **13. Election of Trusted Servants:**

- No nominations

#### **14. Discussion/Workshop:**

- Transparency & accountability around areas subcommittee finances. Some transfers made with little or no description. Written reports discussed as a solution.

#### **15. New Business - Proposals:**

- **No new business or proposals**

#### **16. Establish date for next GCASC meeting:**

- **Next area - 2pm , 25<sup>th</sup> August , 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**

**Area has service positions available → See below**

**AREA URGENTLY NEED A H&I COORDINATOR**

\*Can groups please complete the 2024 NA Australia Members Survey:\*

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



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- 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

It has been a busy month of service for me since last area. I attended the ARSC this month and have been keeping occupied with service in that capacity, but staying in line with my role as the chair of the ASC. I was presented with a few issues in the area, some of which may be tabled for discussion today, and this was good learning for me to work my program around some different service challenges, and learn about new ways to approach my role as chair staying in line with the concepts and traditions. I would like to apologise and own my part in the discussion which was had at last area around the Tuesday night Burleigh meeting, in the absence of a group representative, I should have pulled up the discussion until they were able to present themselves to the area and clarify the situation, I had failed to do so and apologise for how this may have affected any members of the Gold Coast area. This has been an invaluable learning experience for myself in my role. I am currently in need of a vice chair who I can begin teaching the role to in order to provide a thorough handover in November. I am looking for members who may be interested in doing service at this level, as I have found this to be one of the most insightful and rewarding processes of my entire recovery. I am very grateful to be doing service in the Gold Coast ASC, thank you for the opportunity.

# Treasurer Report:

ALL ACCOUNT DETAILS		
Date	Details	Balance
28/07/2024	GCASC Main Account	\$ 2,406.47
	Activities Committee Account	\$ 1,000.12
	Convention Committee Account	\$ 11,553.56
	Literature Committee Account	\$ 0.35
	Camp	\$ 9,659.42
		<b>\$ 24,619.92</b>

GCASC BANK ACCOUNT				
Date	Details	Debits	Credits	Balance
	Opening Balance			<b>\$ 3,615.31</b>
23/07/2024	Direct Credit ██████████ We do recover FF		\$ 100.00	
21/07/2024	TFR TO ACCOUNT	\$ 1,000.00		
20/07/2024	PAY ANYONE TO ARSC	\$ 680.00		
16/07/2024	PAY ANYONE TO ARSC	\$ 1,000.00		
16/07/2024	PAY ANYONE TO ARSC	\$ 1,000.00		
1/07/2024	Direct Credit ██████████ SatNiteLive		\$ 100.00	
1/07/2024	Direct Credit ██████████ pride market reimb		\$ 10.87	
30/06/2024	INTEREST		\$ 0.17	
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,680.00</b>	<b>\$ 211.04</b>	
	<b>BALANCE</b>			<b>-\$ 3,468.96</b>
	Balance Reconciliation as 28.07.2024			





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**Account Details**

10201668 GC Main Account - Available: \$2,406.47

**Account Information**

Account Name:  
GC Main Account

**Transactions Search**

Date Range The last month  
Start Date 29/06/2024 DD/MM/YYYY End Date 28/07/2024 DD/MM/YYYY(DD/MM/YYYY)

**Transaction List Matching Search Criteria**

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
23/07/2024	Direct Credit [REDACTED] We do recover FF		\$100.00	\$2,406.47
21/07/2024	TFR TO ACCOUNT 023060795 IB2-62786157	\$1,000.00		\$2,306.47
20/07/2024	PAY ANYONE TO ARSC 083597 6524 08298 IB2-30302936	\$680.00		\$3,306.47
16/07/2024	PAY ANYONE TO ARSC 083597 6524 08298 IB2-34428242	\$1,000.00		\$3,986.47
16/07/2024	PAY ANYONE TO ARSC 083597 6524 08298 IB2-34424862	\$1,000.00		\$4,986.47
01/07/2024	Direct Credit [REDACTED] SatNiteLive		\$100.00	\$5,986.47
01/07/2024	Direct Credit [REDACTED] pride market reimb		\$10.87	\$5,886.47
30/06/2024	INTEREST		\$0.17	\$5,875.60

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.

## **Activities Chair Report:**

No events in July

Have got 3 members to start activities committee for Christmas, New Years.

Holding pool, Pizza night on 3rd August.

Bank Balance \$1000.00.

Please announce at meetings looking for members to join activities committee for Xmas and new years.

Thanks

Tess

## **RCM Report:**

RCM report July 2024

Day1.

I arrived on the Saturday morning 13th July the Vice Chair and Chair of region booked a conference room in the community centre at Southport, joining us was also the acting secretary (soon to be secretary) as well as the Strategic Planning Chair and the NA today chair, the setup up was awesome AV stuff etc. We proceeded to the first morning session the other areas and admin positions were via zoom, standard procedure followed kind of like what we do here at area just on a larger scale, service prayer introductions 12 traditions and 12 concepts acknowledging the minutes as true and correct any amendments required, none to state, then seconded by an RCM establish a Corum which is 40% of standing positions with a minimum of 5 RCMs.

Next, we went through our action list that was created at the last region meeting, a few items that are relevant to our area.

\*Dogs at meeting service dogs clarify generally and regarding our insurance policy on NA website(completed)

\*Cashless 7th tradition preambles and workshop online (completed).

\*Subcommittee to define mission statement(completed)RCM feedback.

Disseminate smoking ceremony information via DL to all ARSC participants, indigenous chair. (in progress more info required)

Question regarding this open floor.

Reports from RCMs and admin positions.

My report. I added additional information regarding our pizza and pool night and that our flow fund was in the process of being distributed, I was questioned about the buses we were trying to appropriate with some NA adverts through our PR chair, explained the cost etc and that we are following up with the transport company. In the comments section about additional information I was asked by a fellow GC member why there was no events on the NAWS website of any Australian conventions etc, our RD replied that there is an Information/Events page website that any member can go through online and add our events,(might be cool to add our convention next year to the NAWS webpage )Something to discuss in the future with the convention chair/subcommittee.

Standard reports from other areas I asked a few questions regarding Sydney Easts report that they were approaching doctors and health professionals with NA literature etc. How that works what the outcome was. It has been passed over to the PI chair and Outreach for further information.

Canberra area was concerned about the cashless 7th tradition having a few struggles about tapping other people's phones does the information bank accounts etc be recorded, just another fear-based scenario of

going cashless.

Farsi meetings in the Sydney West fellowship are creating their own area, Iran speaking members, cultural difficulties English speaking barriers trying to get GSRs has been challenging to represent them, all in all they are a widely growing NA meeting-based collaborative.

Some of the meetings of other areas have been paying facilities literature instead of rent was this controversial more discussion in the future around this topic.

Reports cont.

NA today chair. Fluid movements nothing to add going great.

Indigenous Chair, still seeking areas to contact rural communities for outreach etc, I stated that our area would like a list of some of the rural communities and see if we can be of any assistance the indigenous chair will follow up with me regarding this also the chair enquired about additional resources to help them with their efforts.

PR chair reported on social media NA websites they have an Instagram page which has over 26000 followers that's dedicated to NA and are in the process of setting up an NA face book group.

Next session Strategic planning chair.

Mentioned the online sponsorship program still seeking members to participate they have had some great success lately with this resource if anybody would like to be involved, I can pass on some information regarding this, or check it out in our resource folder at na.org.au under sponsorship program.

Lunch break for 1hr.

Returned Strategic Planning Chair continued.

Discussed the recent mission and vision statement that was mentioned in my June report to area if they could alter the part about library of resources to be more specific on what that means, is it an online library is it the FSO, agreed to make, adjustments.

Reports from the delegate team. RD and AD (Regional Delegate and Australian Delegate)

Report from the APF from our RD.

She explained how it is all setup, what the agenda looks like very different than our ARSC meetings "MASSIVE" They started the APF with a welcome dinner on the Monday night in Bogor Indonesia was a great way to break the ice and meet other members who were part of the weekend's proceedings.

The APF consists of 31 contries,10 seated at the WSC representing 24000 weekly NA meetings. Our zone is huge, English is a second language to most participants, so you must listen very carefully and tune your ears to yes meaning no and mispronounced words. More information about our zone please go to [www.org.zones](http://www.org.zones) There is a map and in-depth look at each zone called Snapshots of Zones.

The APF continues to grow with QATAR successfully seated at the 2023 session and 2 other requests Bahrain-Point person Hawaiian Delegate, Hamedan Iran2-Point person Australian Delegate. We know have 31 communities:

Some of the work being done by the (ZONES of NA)

Public Relations and Fellowship Development. Standing zonal committees, facilitating works shops and roundabouts, Zones collaborating and assisting each other, reaching out to countries with no NA.

Events, National and International conventions. Learning days/service Symposiums, Zones working together on CAR/CAT workshops for regional/zones.

Sharing best practices and resources with other zones for projects and needs.

Provide communications discussions, decision making and votes for unseated regions.

Language Needs. Zones helping members and service bodies coming together based on language, working on improving communications based on language Nongeographic regions, based on language, becomes voting members of zone, working on translating literature and audio versions of Basic Text.

Tools. Training videos, international videos/PSAs (Public service announcements) Basic Meeting List Toolbox (BMLT) changes in guidelines to include collaboration with other zones, Strategic planning national phone line website/social media, Newsletter.

## ZONES BRING AWARENESS OF MEMBERS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS.

APF work completed 2023 cycle.

- 1.Virtual workshops and Learning days by Public Relations, Strategic Planning FD and WFD workgroups throughout the year.
- 2.Newsletter Workgroup published APF newsletter throughout the year.
- 3.Merchandise workgroup continued to sell merchandise in various events.
- 4.Web team have been working for some time on migrating meeting list of those APF communities who are not yet on the BMLT system, to display their NA meetings either on the respective community websites, or on the APF website. As a result, Bangladesh, Guam, Qatar, Vietnam, Oman and Nepal completely moved under BMLT system, and some other communities are under way for BMLT. APF for this cycle.

- 1.Webcam team will continue working on migrating the meetings lists of those APF communities who are not yet on the BMLT system.
- 2.APF work groups continue to hold meetings and events.
- 3.Ad hoc Workgroups to address seating requests.
- 4.Create a Pamphlet resource about safety in meetings.
- 5.APF works groups FD and WFD to combine and see if there's a better attendance and collaboration by members.

Last cycle the zones were included as a step in the strategic planning process. Our world Board members in attendance were Lib E-New Zealand And Veronica B- Sweden, they presented Part Three: Solutions based on survey results to be discussed at zone. Small discussion groups with butcher paper and makers "OLD SCHOOL STYLE"

My own reflections on this report were a real eye opener how large and recovery focused the rest of the NA world is. Thanx to the delegate team for a great report and insight to the happenings of the APF (Australian Pacific Forum).

Next up! PR update.

Membership Survey Results.

Lots of statistics and information is available on the na.or.au website to have a look at.

Key results 454 people were involved in the last survey this survey we had 630.

\*QLD were 19.50%involved with the survey.

\*31.2%of stated participants stayed clean from their first meeting.43%have relapsed more than once.

\*How long have respondents identifying as abstinent(clean)from drug use been clean?

\* Clean less than a year 2013 results 27% 2024 results were 20.5%

\*31years plus 11.5% in 2024.

Which area of life have improved for you since coming to NA?

\*Family and or relationships,90.1%

\*Social Connections 88.4%

\*Hobbies and or interests 81.2%

\*Stable Housing 71%

\*Employment 76%

\*Education64%

All these results are only current figures they will be subject to change when the cut off for the final survey will be presented in the future.

The ongoing results from NA members prove that our lives have undoubtedly changed since coming to the fellowship and getting clean, was an interactive and informative survey. Thank you to the PR chair and committee for providing the workings and efforts with what this document entails and look forward to the outcome.

PR also spoke about the PR forum that they attended at the Northern Australia Convention on July 5th. A

forum that brought together members of NA, questions asked from the floor from outside services about NA. Our survey results are a vital way for outside facilities, bringing awareness that there is evidence that Narcotics Anonymous works.

Report from OR FD (outreach fellowship development)

Online H&I platforms coordinators would be helpful, by invitation only for security reasons, mention to our areas H&I if we would like to participate, A H&I handbook for online stuff is available if needed.

Please visit online H&I@NA.org.au. Also, the outreach resources information is in the drop-down box at our NA website.

Still Day1. Afternoon Session Discussion Topics.

Wasn't a whole lot of stuff to discuss just a bit of banter etc, we did talk about the vision and mission statements from strategic planning. There on to all that needs to be done they will present their conclusion at the next ARSC meeting.

3rd session afternoon session.

I'll leave the rest of my report for the next area to continue with my notes etc, a lot of information still to relay.

YILS RCM GC.

## **GSR REPORTS:**

Report Date: 2024-07-26

Group Name/Location: Guest speaker Topic Southport

Meeting Day/Time: Wednesday 7pm

Average Weekly Attendance: 20

Trusted Servant Topics: Group needs group members and support

Atmosphere of Recovery: Rehab attends every second week and get to hear the message from a guest speaker

Opening Balance: 21.65

Total Monthly Collection: 96.11

Rent Paid: 88.80

Area Service Contribution: 00.00

Catering (Tea/Coffee etc): 00.00

Literature: 00.00

Other Expenses: 00.00

Area Secretary's Email Address: secretary.goldcoast@na.org.au

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 28.96

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2024-07-26

Group Name/Location: Lost and Found /Southport

Meeting Day/Time: Thursday/7:30

Average Weekly Attendance: 35  
Trusted Servant Topics: Yes  
Atmosphere of Recovery: Reading NA literature  
Welcoming the newcomer

Other Topics : It was brought up at group conscience that the Who is an Addict card states, 'an addict is any man or woman..' and we spoke about the difficulties the use of this card may present.

A home group member is on Regional Service and knows this has been brought up there before, so he will see what has happened/is happening with this issue

We have decided to stop using this card to ensure everyone feels welcome at our meeting.

Opening Balance: 102.15  
Total Monthly Collection: 144.45  
Rent Paid: 136.60  
Catering (Tea/Coffee etc): 51.50  
Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 58.50

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2024-07-28

Group Name/Location: Wed brunch how it works and why

Meeting Day/Time: Wednesday 11am

Average Weekly Attendance: 15

Trusted Servant Topics: Need a new GSR

All other positions are filled

Atmosphere of Recovery: We read through the How it works and why green and gold

Explaining the steps and always bringing focus to how important they are and how they changed our lives.

Opening Balance: 222.20  
Total Monthly Collection: 106.10  
Rent Paid: 84  
Literature: 20  
Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 224.30

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2024-07-28

Group Name/Location: Saturday Night Live, Southport Lawson Street

Meeting Day/Time: Saturday 730-830pm

Average Weekly Attendance: 20-30 people

Trusted Servant Topics: All positions filled and responsibilities upkept.

Atmosphere of Recovery: Great message of recovery, we support and meet newcomers, read from NA literature and take topics from the literature.

Other Topics : None

Opening Balance: 80  
Total Monthly Collection: 192.5  
Rent Paid: 88.80  
Literature: 51  
Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 132.70

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2024-07-28  
Group Name/Location: Burleigh heads  
Meeting Day/Time: 5pm  
Average Weekly Attendance: 23  
Trusted Servant Topics: Mostly  
Atmosphere of Recovery: Literature, key tags, welcoming new comers, celebrating milestones  
Other Topics : Struggling to get a group conscience to happen  
Opening Balance: 305  
Total Monthly Collection: 94.30  
Rent Paid: 180  
Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 219.30

GSR/Alt GSR Name:  
Report Date: 2024-07-28  
Group Name/Location: Southport Mens Meeting  
Meeting Day/Time: Tuesday 7pm  
Average Weekly Attendance: 25  
Trusted Servant Topics: Yes  
Atmosphere of Recovery: We feel like the group is going really well! Strong message of recovery!  
Good mix of OCMs and early recovery  
Other Expenses Description: N/A  
Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 0.00

Report Date: 2024-07-28  
Group Name/Location: Helensvale spiritual principles  
Meeting Day/Time: Tuesday 630 pm  
Average Weekly Attendance: 12  
Trusted Servant Topics: Yes  
Atmosphere of Recovery: Carrying the message of recovery  
Opening Balance: 40  
Total Monthly Collection: 120  
Rent Paid: 90  
Area Secretary's Email Address: secretary.goldcoast@na.org.au  
GSR/Alt GSR Name:  
Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 70.00

GSR/Alt GSR Name:  
Report Date: 2024-07-28  
Group Name/Location: Queer as Folk mermaid beach  
Meeting Day/Time: Sunday 6pm  
Average Weekly Attendance: 4  
Trusted Servant Topics: Yes  
Atmosphere of Recovery: Keep the meeting open  
Opening Balance: 110  
Total Monthly Collection: 50  
Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 160.00

GSR/Alt GSR Name:

Report Date: 2024-07-28

Group Name/Location: Currumbin

Meeting Day/Time: Sunday 1030

Average Weekly Attendance: 12

Trusted Servant Topics: Sec

Gorgeous

Treasurer

Atmosphere of Recovery: Id for everyone at mtg to identify new members.

Welcome and anniversary key tags.

Informal 2nd half often for lunch.

Other Topics : Just for today discussion.

Opening Balance: 00

Total Monthly Collection: 102

Area Service Contribution: 20

Literature: 40

Prudent Reserve (Remaining Balance): 42.00