



Narcotics Anonymous[®]

Australian Regional Service Committee

The Regional Service Body of Australia Incorporated (RSBoA Inc)

The purpose of the Australian Regional Service Committee (ARSC) is to encourage growth and unity in the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous (NA) both within the Australian Region and throughout the World.

In July 2019, the ARSC formed a Legal Status Workgroup and approved the appointment of an experienced not-for-profit lawyer to provide a detailed and independent report on NA's current tax and legal status, with a view to ensuring that NA meets its tax and legal obligations as it grows in size.

Upon presentation of those findings in July 2020, the full ARSC endorsed establishing the ARSC as a legal entity and as a registered charity. At the Regional level NA now has formal legal status as both an Incorporated Association and as a Charity.

This is in line with the path that most other 12 Step Fellowships, NA World Services (NAWS) and the Asia Pacific Forum (APF) have followed to ensure that laws are upheld, and that Trusted Servants are protected in carrying out their duties.

These changes are in alignment with the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and Spiritual Principles, in the best interests of NA, ensuring that it can continue to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

The new legal name for the ARSC is the Regional Service Body of Australia Incorporated (RSBoA Inc). The Management Committee of RSBoA Inc comprises of current ARSC Administration Committee Members. A new Public Liability Insurance policy has been taken out in the name of RSBoA Inc.

There will be some changes to the way that NA operates at the Regional level. For example, an Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in September each year, to which observers are welcome. The RSBoA Inc, along with all other registered Charities in Australia, is regulated by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

All decisions affecting NA as a whole will continue to be made by the full ARSC.

The AGM and Financial Report for RSBoA Inc for the 2019-2020 Financial Year are on the NA website www.na.org.au under 'Members Info – Regional Service'.

Meetings and Areas continue to operate as normal. NA Members wishing to access Insurance documents can go to the NA website www.na.org.au under 'Member's Info'. Our Certificate of Incorporation and Charity Registration Certificate are also available there.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Committee Member (RCM).

Management Committee - Regional Service Body of Australia Incorporated (RSBoA Inc).

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