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Location:	Conference Call - via Zoom	Date	SAT 4 th Dec 2021 SUN 5 th Dec 2021
Meeting Commenced:	SAT 4 th Dec 11:00am AEST SUN 5 th Dec 11:00am AEST	Meeting Finished:	SAT 4 th Dec 5:00pm SUN 5 th Dec 5:45pm
Chair:	Trusted Servant (Apologies for the weekend)		
Vice Chair:	Trusted Servant (Chair)		

Position	Day 1 Session 1 Opening Items and Reports	Day 1 Session 2 Presentations from Vic, EASC and Quarterly Treasury Report	Day 1 Session 3 Discussion Period	Day 2 Session 1 Elections and CAT/CAR presentation	Day 2 Session 2 Interactive workshop on the NAWS website	Day 2 Session 3 New Business and Closing Items
Chair	Ap	Ap	Ap	Ap	Ap	Ap
Vice Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P
Secretary	P	P	P	P	P	P
Assistant Secretary						
Treasurer	P	P	P	P	P	P
Assistant Treasurer						
Regional Delegate	P	P	P	P	P	P
Alternate Delegate	P	P	P	P	P	P
RCM's	Day 1 Session 1 Opening Items and Reports	Day 1 Session 2 Presentations from Vic, EASC and Quarterly Treasury Report	Day 1 Session 3 Discussion Period	Day 2 Session 1 Elections and CAT/CAR presentation	Day 2 Session 2 Interactive workshop on the NAWS website	Day 2 Session 3 New Business and Closing Items
Blue Mountains RCM	P	P	P	P	P	P
Blue Mountains Alternate RCM						
Canberra RCM	P	P	P	P	P	P



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Canberra Alternate RCM	NA	NA	NA	NA		P
Central Coast NSW RCM	P	P	P	P	P	P
Central Coast NSW Alternate RCM						
Coffs Coast RCM						
Coffs Coast Alternate RCM						
Far North Coast NSW RCM	P	P	P	P	P	P
Far North Coast NSW Alternate RCM	P	P	P	P	P	P
Gold Coast RCM	P	P	P	Ap	Ap	Ap
Gold Coast Alternate RCM	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab
Hunter Valley / Newcastle RCM	P	P	P	P	P	P
Hunter Valley / Newcastle Alt. RCM						
NA@Home RCM	P	P	P	P	P	P
NA@Home Alternate RCM	P	P	P	Ap	Ap	P
NSW South Coast RCM	P	P	Ab	P	P	P
NSW South Coast Alternate RCM						
Northern Australia RCM	P	P	P	Ap	Ap	Ap
Northern Australia Alternate RCM	Ap	Ap	Ab	P	P	P
South Australia RCM	Ap	Ap	Ap	Ap	Ap	Ap
South Australia Alternate RCM	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab
Sunshine Coast RCM	P	P	Ap	P	P	P
Sunshine Coast Alternate RCM	P	P	P	P	P	P



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Sydney North RCM	P	P	Ap	P	P	P
Sydney North Alternate RCM						
Sydney South RCM	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sydney South Alternate RCM						
Sydney East RCM	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sydney East Alternate RCM						
Sydney West RCM	Ap	Ap	Ap	Ap	Ap	Ap
Sydney West Alternate RCM	P	P	P	P	P	P
Victoria RCM	P	P	P	Ap	P	P
Victoria Alternate RCM	Ap	Ap	Ap	P	Ap	Ap
Western Australia RCM	P	P	P	P	P	P
Western Australia Alternate RCM						
Subcommittees	Day 1 Session 1 Opening Items and Reports	Day 1 Session 2 Presentations from Vic, EASC and Quarterly Treasury Report	Day 1 Session 3 Discussion Period	Day 2 Session 1 Elections and CAT/CAR presentation	Day 2 Session 2 Interactive workshop on the NAWS website	Day 2 Session 3 New Business and Closing Items
FSO Chair / Rep	P	Attendance not required per MoU				P
Indigenous Chair	Ap	Ap	Ap	Ap	Ap	Ap
Indigenous Vice Chair						
IT Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P
IT Vice Chair						
NA Today Chair						



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NA Today Vice Chair						
Outreach / Fellowship Development Chair	P	P	P	Ap	P	P
OR /FD Vice Chair						
Strategic Planning Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P
Strategic Planning Vice Chair						
Policy Chair	P	P	P	Ap	Ap	P
Policy Vice Chair						
Public Relations Chair						
Public Relations Vice Chair						
Legal Incorporation Workgroup	P	P	P	P	P	P
Observers	P					
	P			P		
	P					
				P		
					P	
Audio Visual Support (contractor)	P	P	P	P	P	P

LEGEND

P = Present

Ap = Apology

Ab = Absent

 = Vacant

 = Contractor



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Acknowledgment to Country:

NA Australia acknowledges that we meet on Aboriginal Land. We recognize the strength, resilience and capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people.

Australia comprises many Aboriginal and Torres Strait nations. We would like to acknowledge all of the traditional custodians of the land within Australia.

We pay respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders past and present.

Service Prayer:

“God grant us knowledge so that we may serve in accordance with Your divine precepts, instil in us a sense of Your purpose, make us servants of Your will and grant us 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.”

12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous:

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority— a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.
6. An NA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the NA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every NA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Narcotics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. NA, as such ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Narcotics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the NA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.



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Twelve Concepts for NA Service:

1. To fulfil our fellowship's primary purpose, the NA groups have joined together to create a structure which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA as a whole.
2. The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups.
3. The NA groups delegate to the service structure the authority necessary to fulfil the responsibilities assigned to it.
4. Effective leadership is highly valued in Narcotics Anonymous. Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants.
5. For each responsibility assigned to the service structure, a single point of decision and accountability should be clearly defined.
6. Group conscience is the spiritual means by which we invite a loving God to influence our decisions.
7. All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.
8. Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.
9. All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes.
10. Any member of a service body can petition that body for the redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal.
11. NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose and must be managed responsibly.
12. In keeping with the spiritual nature of Narcotics Anonymous, our structure should always be one of service, never of government.



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1.0	<u>OPENING AND REPORTS</u>	11:00 AM - 11:40PM
1.1	OPENING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acknowledgment of Country ✓ ● Welcome to new participants and thanking departing participants ✓ ● Count of participants to establish quorum ✓ <i>(Minimum Quorum 13) 16 ✓</i> (quorum was established throughout the weekend, when required) ● Service prayer ✓ ● Twelve Traditions ✓ ● Twelve concepts ✓ ● Approval of previous minutes: NSW South Coast RCM ● Secorder: Gold Coast RCM 	11:00 AM - 11:20AM
1.2	REPORTS <i>Pertinent discussion and information to add after reports submitted</i> Sydney South RCM: Attention to cashless 7 th Tradition - submitting proposal Secretary: New subcommittee template for reporting which includes the updates for Strategic Planning. Subcommittee Chairs, please use. <i>{Find resource here: OneDrive → ARSC FOR ALL MEMBERS → ONGOING DOCUMENTS → TEMPLATES}</i> Treasurer: Flagging insurance issue Policy Chair: Amendment request to Treasurer’s report – request last page to be taken out. Treasurer: The report is correct as stands. RCM Gold Coast: Covid discussion at Area post submitting report Victoria RCM: Checking that report has been submitted? Secretary: Confirmed report received FSO Chair: No addition to report Question: Was the Australian Region effected by the recent Basic Text shortage? Answer: yes, however, all stocked now	11:20 am - 11.40 am



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	<p>IT Chair: No response from Microsoft to date, therefore no discussion required on this topic</p> <p>LIW: Additional information was recently provided for ‘Squares’. Please check and read email sent out, dated December 1st.</p> <p><i>{Find resource here: OneDrive à ARSC FOR ALL MEMBERS → ARSC CYCLES à 2112 DECEMBER 2021 ARSC → RESOURCES → DECEMBER 2021 ARSC → folder titled “Update on Squares”}</i></p>	
2.0	<p><u>PRESENTATIONS AND TREASURY QUARTERLY REPORT</u></p> <p>Treasurer Quarterly Report</p>	11:40am – 12:00pm
2.1	<p>Victoria - Tasmania RCM Presentation</p> <p>[Screen share]</p> <p>200 odd days in lockdown over the past 2 years.</p> <p>There are some people in fellowship (newcomers) who have never been to a face-to-face meeting.</p> <p>How do we navigate Covid Restrictions or protocol and maintain Traditions and anonymity?</p> <p>Changed language around vaccination status “are you willing to share your vaccination status?”</p> <p>Member has said will go to Human Rights Council (negotiations are ongoing with this member)</p> <p>Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) guidelines – highlighted venue restrictions.</p> <p>Maintain relationships with venues, focus on safety</p> <p>Solution based approach, exploring questions for groups to consider – how do ‘we’ deal with this? Can we find larger venues?</p> <p>Vic RCM is open to be contacted if needed</p>	12:00 – 12:10pm



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	<p>ASK OR ADD?</p> <p>Question (Q): Is this heading towards groups and 4th Tradition?</p> <p>Answer (A): Respecting venues, keeping online account ongoing. Groups want support and guidance without being told what to do.</p> <p>Add: RD – tried to take the politics out of it. 10 Tradition. Some members believe the 3rd Tradition trumps all. Talking about number restrictions and turning people away – abiding by venues guidelines and respecting this.</p> <p>Option – find a new venue – analogy used: numbers are capped under fire safety regulations i.e., there are limits on people allowed in venues</p> <p>RCM: Thank you for offering to do the presentation next week</p> <p>Q: Rogue groups?</p> <p>A: This has happened and Covid cases have been a result. Bring Higher Power into the conversation. There has been one rogue meeting out of 147</p> <p>Q: Tradition's war?</p> <p>Add: RCM - Personal issue with groups' decisions with 'grey areas', finding loopholes. One group was meeting without the venue knowing. Potentially rogue and meeting in a private home – not reporting to Area</p> <p>Add: It is an NA meeting only if Traditions are followed</p> <p>POI: Treasurer – NA meetings are those listed on website</p> <p><i>{Find resource here: OneDrive → ARSC FOR ALL MEMBERS → ARSC CYCLES → 2112 DECEMBER 2021 ARSC à RESOURCES → DECEMBER 2021 ARSC → Word Document "Victoria-Tasmania RCM-LSB Announcement Nov 21-ARSC-December 2021" - at the request of Vic-Tas RCM, left in word format so others may use information as/if required}</i></p>	
2.2	<p>Sydney East RCM Presentation</p> <p>[PowerPoint]</p> <p>"Sydney East Reopening Presentation"</p>	12:10 – 12:25pm



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	<p>Add: Thank you</p> <p>Add: Great response to the member who felt disrespected</p> <p>Q: How did you come up with the values and tools – do you have resources to share as to how you came up with the values and tools?</p> <p>A: found in Guidelines to Service – how we treat each other</p> <p>Add: good example of human evolvment</p> <p>Add: hearing from the minority is very important, focusing on ways we can support each other</p> <p><i>{Find resource here: OneDrive → ARSC FOR ALL MEMBERS → ARSC CYCLES → 2112 DECEMBER 2021 ARSC → RESOURCES à DECEMBER 2021 ARSC → Folder “Sydney East Reopening (from Covid Presentation)”}</i></p>	
	<p>AREA HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES</p> <p>RD: Why did we have RCM’s share these presentations?</p> <p>Is your Area needing support or wishes to share what’s working?</p>	<p>12:25 – 12:30pm</p>
	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>	<p>12:30 PM – 1:30 PM</p>
	<p>ROLL CALL</p>	<p>1:30 – 1:40pm</p>
<p>2.3</p>	<p>Treasury Quarterly Report</p> <p>Funds being managed responsibly:</p> <p>Are you confident no-one is stealing money and the money is being spent responsibly? Presented Opening Report and asked for feedback, no response from the body</p> <p>Are we spending our money for primary purpose? Presented 1st Quarter Report September – November 2021 ARSC [<i>Financial year is September to August</i>]</p> <p>Feedback on wording from previous treasurer, simple change</p>	<p>1:40 – 2:03pm</p>



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	<p>What do you need to do as members of the ARSC? Any other financial info you're interested in?</p> <p>Feedback: Good simple report, asking questions of the body to be transparent</p> <p>Q: Can you explain where the extra money for fund flow came from?</p> <p>A: It's a matter of interpreting the information. The opening balance was significant from the previous year</p> <p>Q: Is the money that was stolen still being repaid?</p> <p>A: Haven't received a payment in approximately a year. There have been several attempts. A payment plan was arranged - \$50 per month. Sept 2018 - last payment (provided by previous treasurer)</p> <p>Q: RCM – 7th has decreased since returning face to face, is this a trend across the board?</p> <p>A: Treasurer hasn't seen evidence of this.</p> <p>Q: RCM – things have been peaking and flowing?</p> <p>Treasurer: Traditionally great variance in fund flow</p>	
1.2	<p><u>CAT/CAR document presentation</u></p> <p>[PowerPoint]</p> <p>Interim CAT/CAR for first time ever - overview – no decision required at this point. Presentation can be taken to Areas</p> <p>CAR – Conference Agenda Report</p> <p>CAT – Conference Approval Track</p> <p>MOTION 1 - Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) -</p> <p>MOTION 2 and MOTION 3 – Term Lengths</p> <p>MOTION 4 – Spiritual Principle A Day (SPAD) project</p>	2:03 - 3:00pm



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	<p>MOTION 5 - NAWS Budget</p> <p>Carried over to Sunday</p>	
	<p><u>BREAK</u></p>	<p>3:00 PM - 3.30 PM</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p><u>DISCUSSION</u></p>	<p>3:30 PM - 5.00 PM</p>
	<p>Discussion Item 1</p> <p>Outreach Fellowship Development Chair (OR/FD): RCMs interested in providing support for online workshops within their Area / NA community.</p> <p>OR/FD: POI - More of an announcement</p> <p>Interested members with online skills, to create a pool for facilitating workshops – shout out to RCMs for support</p> <p>RCM: Happy to help with workshops</p> <p>RD: Once a cycle RCMs can request a workshop in local area. The missing link is who is available with skillset and resources to facilitate. Interested in upskilling RCMs to facilitate workshops.</p> <p>Sponsorship Program</p> <p>OR/FD: Busy initiative – 40 forms last month – a pool of people interested in being sponsored – looking for people who have an understanding of NA to sponsor – great PR opportunity to provide literature for the newcomers – lagging with available sponsors.</p> <p>RCM: Great to connect with both parties and fill specific needs e.g., Traditions work.</p> <p>RCM: Recent online environment the second half of the meeting has faded, opportunity for sponsorship is limited.</p> <p>RCM: Can announce in meetings. What is expected? Do they have to meet once a month? Suggestion of a flyer with relative info of what is expected in this commitment.</p> <p>OR/FD: The monthly meeting set up for this program has been poorly attended. Therefore, it requires contacting individuals to check in.</p>	



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	<p>RCM: Is this also for support or just sponsorship?</p> <p>OR/FD: Any connection is a good connection. Was specifically for sponsorship, however. Have a look at the online form. Looking at the language to be more inclusive – working with the Indigenous Chair, Farsi is a need for that minority group</p> <p>Na@home: Are those living outside of Australia welcome in this program? Could invite a broader type of member. More difficult to check in regularly. Could result in being beneficial, looking at it differently.</p>	
	<p>Discussion Item 2</p> <p>The RCMs to discuss agreeable date/time for meeting outside ARSC.</p> <p><i>(From Strategic Planning workshop held during September 2021 ARSC)</i></p> <p>Can be a simple process. Can be orientation, pre discussion process to prepare for ARSC.</p> <p>VC: Does this need to be a proposal, what is the feel of the RCMs?</p> <p>RCM: Personally, busy life – would this be optional?</p> <p>SP: Would have envisaged it be voluntary. Could trial it, develop ideas.</p> <p>Secretary: Opportunity for the RCMs to have their own time and get to know each other, have discussion time and free more time at the ARSC.</p> <p>RCM: Would be a good experience to learn as a newcomer RCM.</p> <p>PO: Question of a proposal to potentially trial this idea.</p> <p>RD: Don't need a proposal as it was endorsed through the SP workshop. Hands up with timing. 2 weeks? 6 weeks? More for half way.</p> <p>RCM: Expectations of RCMs to be on subcommittees on ARSC and attend 12 ASC – reporting etc. Would prefer to vote on this.</p> <p>RCM: Trialling is a good option.</p> <p>RD: Have one meeting and talk about what it looks like.</p> <p>VC: Looking at a trial meeting in mid-January. With Chair, VC, SP and RD.</p>	



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	STRAW POLL: will occur first thing tomorrow to gauge RCM interest in the timing of the meetings.	
	<p>Discussion Item 3</p> <p>Key Chair positions not filled for a considerable time</p> <p>Information Technology Chair (IT) and Public Relations Chair (PR).</p> <p>Vice-Chair: How will we fill these positions or visit the care taker role for these positions? Acknowledge we have a serious hole in our committee as a whole. Person goal is from a suggestion from previous Chairs to visit outside workers.</p> <p>RCM: IT paid worker is an option.</p> <p>IT: Commitments preventing from continuing care taking. The role is too big, the position may need re-jiggling. Perhaps position descriptions for subcommittee members. Other areas subcontracting out.</p> <p>VC: Rewrite the role as an executive role that oversees the subcommittee.</p> <p>Treasurer: IT – good idea. Paid worker may not work, still have to oversee the worker, pay them (might not be affordable), potentially a lot of work anyway.</p> <p>SP: Was a former PR Chair and it was like a full-time job, wouldn't do it again. IT is developing into a crisis. Redefining the roles may attract more interest as the roles at the moment are too draining.</p> <p>RCM: Some clarity around what the areas require - position descriptions.</p> <p>IT: The committee works really well on its own, the problem is the services used are all tied to the Chair's mailbox. The biggest lack is in the 'hosting'. The website will be continued to be updated. Have committed to remaining on the subcommittee.</p> <p>Policy: Should think about the way we treat each other. Most people are intimidated and hesitant in case they are unsupported or it is over their head without that support.</p> <p>RD: Recruit a team leader, not an IT Chair. Need to sort out the mailbox to redistribute the emails. Document the tasks and roles so team leader can report back.</p>	



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	<p>IT: In agreeance with RD's suggestion. Staying on the committee and willing to help on this. There is a strong need to take over the IT inbox. Cannot continue in the Chair role.</p> <p>PO: Know of someone who is very capable, however, the time factor and responsibility are too much to consider applying. Maybe the role and responsibilities could be split into two roles.</p> <p>IT: Position description states the IT Chair is responsible for filling out all of the options. Not sure if splitting the role will make a difference.</p> <p>Treasurer: Putting up hand to document new position descriptions.</p> <p>RD: Documentation takes time. For the time being, put description aside. Have someone as an overseer as the documentation is updated into the different 'little' positions. Put this on the Action List for Admin to work with IT.</p> <p>Alt RCM: IT Coordinator could be the term to use – analogy of convention committee with role descriptions.</p> <p>Secretary: Missing the general discussion that there are positions missing and the culture around this.</p> <p>RCM: bottom up there are positions not filled at ASC also.</p> <p>RCM: do we need a proposal?</p> <p>VC: It would probably be an Action List item.</p> <p>RD: We try to achieve results with consensus. Pulse check now.</p> <p>OUTCOME: ACTION LIST - Admin</p>	
	<p>Discussion Item 4</p> <p>Area Inventory - Have any areas undertaken this and any advice of how to do this?</p> <p>SP: Inventory was carried out for ARSC not so long ago. Link in the chat, there are plenty to choose from. Information is there, not overly complex.</p> <p>RD: Service document called 'Planning Basics' on NAWS, has information on this.</p>	



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	<p>South Australia had a period of group inventory stemming from a building stronger home groups workshop - na.org is your best friend.</p> <p>Policy: There are resources. Area inventory seems confronting. Could collect resources and place them in policy guidelines as a useful tool.</p> <p>RCM: How would this be navigated with limited trusted servants in positions? Have other areas experienced undergoing an inventory with limited positions filled?</p> <p>RCM: The last couple of years have been very hectic. Very broad challenges, there has been talk of an inventory, however no one stood up to service. Maybe the starting point is 'unity'.</p> <p>RCM: Can someone explain the inventory process?</p> <p>Similar to the Step 4 inventory, however for service.</p> <p>There are resources available:</p> <p><i>{A Guide to Local Services in NA à The Area Service Committee p.45 → Area Inventory, p.58}</i></p> <p>https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/GLS.pdf</p>	
	Discussion Items 5 and 6 carried over to Sunday	
	END OF DAY	5:00 PM



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1.0	<u>ELECTIONS and CAT/CAR document presentation</u>	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
1.1	<p><u>ELECTIONS</u></p> <p>Vice Chair read election preamble:</p> <p>Appendix F: ELECTION PREAMBLE</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous’ fourth concept for NA Service says that:</p> <p><i>Effective leadership is highly valued in Narcotics Anonymous. Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants.</i></p> <p>We often avoid asking questions of those we are considering for selection as trusted servants, because those questions may be uncomfortable for us or we somehow feel they are inappropriate. Not only is it okay to ask questions of members standing for election, it is irresponsible not to.</p> <p>We do ourselves, our fellowship, and our trusted servants a disservice when we ask our members to perform tasks they are incapable of fulfilling. It is better that a service position remain vacant than for it to be filled by an NA member who is not fully equipped at the time to properly undertake the role.</p> <p>Willingness, spiritual depth and maturity, stability and trustworthiness are strong demonstrations of the kind of leadership valued most highly in NA.</p> <p>Some of the other things we look for are:</p> <p>HUMILITY Good NA leaders know not only their assets but their defects and their limitations. They do not think they have to do everything themselves; they ask for help, advice, and direction on a regular basis. They ought not to be dictators or order-givers; they are our servants.</p> <p>INTEGRITY Our leaders must be able to stand fast on sound principle; to compromise, and to disagree without being disagreeable; to demonstrate the courage of their convictions, and to surrender.</p> <p>DILIGENCE We seek trusted servants who are willing to expend their time and energy in the diligent service of others, studying available resource materials, consulting those with greater experience in their field of responsibility, and carefully and completely fulfilling the tasks we’ve given them.</p> <p>FLEXIBILITY Effective NA leadership knows when it will serve best to step aside and allow others to take over. An entrenched bureaucracy inhibits our fellowship’s growth, while a regular influx of new leadership, balanced by continuity, inspires NA growth.</p> <p><i>Adapted from the publication The Twelve Concepts for Service in NA and NA World Services Bulletin #30 Theft of NA Funds</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">43</p>	11:00 AM – 11:35 AM



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<p>Secretary to read nominations:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="280 736 1214 887"> <thead> <tr> <th>POSITION</th> <th>Clean Time Requirement per Policy</th> <th>Nominee</th> <th>Seconder</th> <th>Outcome</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>NA Today Chair</td> <td>3 years</td> <td>Jacki T.</td> <td>RCM Canberra</td> <td>Endorsed</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>End of Elections.</p>	POSITION	Clean Time Requirement per Policy	Nominee	Seconder	Outcome	NA Today Chair	3 years	Jacki T.	RCM Canberra	Endorsed		
POSITION	Clean Time Requirement per Policy	Nominee	Seconder	Outcome								
NA Today Chair	3 years	Jacki T.	RCM Canberra	Endorsed								
	<p>Discussion Item 5 - Held over from Saturday</p> <p>WA RCM: Area Elections - Only GSR's vote for Area positions or all active ASC members?</p> <p>Straw poll conducted to ascertain how different areas vote for Area positions.</p> <p>Majority outcome: GSRs are the ones that vote in Area positions.</p>	<p>11:35AM – 11:40AM</p>										
	<p>Discussion Item 6 - Held over from Saturday</p> <p>RCM Meeting in between ARSC</p> <p>RCM: Bonding, unifying and opportunity for discussion time outside ARSC.</p> <p>RCM: More clarity around what it looks like first?</p> <p>RCM: Is this for RCMs to discuss what will occur at this meeting? So, we can move away from an extended discussion time at ARSC?</p> <p>RD: Hold the first one, see what it may look like and see what it looks like ongoing, to decide whether it will go ahead and how.</p> <p>RCM: Think it's a terrific idea, yesterday was referring to 'our' large work load. Maybe the timing could be closer to the ARSC.</p> <p>RCM: Can't participate unless there is a clearer agenda. Suggest a small group to brainstorm in a meeting and present at next ARSC.</p> <p>STRAW POLL: Two options given - RCM Meeting 2 weeks out or 6 weeks out from next ARSC.</p>	<p>11:40AM – 11:48AM</p>										



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	<p>OUTCOME: Majority for 2 weeks prior to the next ARSC.</p> <p>ACTION LIST – Admin to organise and facilitate.</p>	
	<p>CAT/CAR document presentation – carried over from Saturday</p> <p>MOTION 5. NAWS Budget</p> <p><i>{Find resource here: OneDrive à ARSC FOR ALL MEMBERS à ARSC CYCLES → 2112 DECEMBER 2021 ARSC à RESOURCES → DECEMBER 2021 ARSC → Folder “Interim CAT – CAR Presentation”}</i></p>	11:48 - 11:55
	<p>Legal Incorporated Workgroup (LIW) - Squares:</p> <p><i>[Email sent December 1st 2021 in resources folder]</i></p> <p>LIW: It’s important to keep the body up to date.</p> <p>Alt RCM: People didn’t by drugs with a credit card. Why can’t people go to an ATM? A group has a Square in my Area, linked to someone’s bank account. It’s too cost ineffective.</p> <p>Treasurer: It is possible to make cashless fund flow. Groups can have a bank account and give information on how to follow that process. Support RCMs to take back to groups that ‘we are looking’, however at the moment, the tap and go option is not feasible.</p> <p>RCM: There is a ‘community group’ options with banks, no fees. Some groups are putting the bank account numbers in the 7th box as it goes around and it seems to be working. The money is transferred instantly. It's not hard on a banking app.</p> <p>RCM: Collecting money as a treasurer during a pandemic, the option taken was to sanitise hands – hoping the cashless option will present soon.</p> <p>RCM: Our Area really appreciates the service and updates on squares.</p> <p>LIW: There’s what is <i>possible</i> and what is <i>allowable</i></p> <p>ALT RCM: An online meeting has a QR code, attached to PayPal</p>	11:55 – 12:30



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LIW: Sydney South are currently trialling this option. Not enough data at this point.

RCM: Can our Area organise our own ABN?

LIW: Might solve one problem, it can create a whole lot of other complex issues to navigate. It is a resource cost and managing compliance could become a big issue, taking us away from our primary purpose.

RCM: PayPal is proving difficult. Tracking the deposits is very complex. The document shared talks about legal responsibility, doesn't clarify what that is. Difficult to have an ongoing conversation with Areas. Have found out that Squares can be linked to separate bank accounts. Have put in a proposal. It is important to say that some people want a cashless payment option, for example, the Sydney Convention will be difficult. Let's not park it in the too hard basket. Let's leave it to the groups. My Area has asked for exploration on this and want something done about this. There needs to be more transparent and open communication.

RCM: We have a group using a Square. The group hasn't been forthcoming with information on this. It may be a member's ABN, not sure if they are reporting income on this.

Treasurer: Appreciate that members want more information. We have solutions, maybe not what people want. Tap and go is not the option, bank accounts are. Conventions: eftpos machines can be rented. There is a cost, not sure, depends on the bank. The cost can be covered by budget in planning. Important to keep in mind that the '2 biggest players' can't accommodate us at the moment i.e., Paypal and Squares

RCM: PayPal's tap and go option is no longer available.

LIW: Clarity around RCM's comment. Square said "your member read this wrong" all linked bank accounts must be linked to the organisation's ABN.....

1. *"Under Australian AUSTRAC Compliance obligations, all linked bank accounts must share an ABN with the business operating the Square account.*
2. *This will not change any time soon as this is government regulation rather than Square policy."*



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	<p>RCM; Areas can't use the ABN as they are different legal entities. Why can't we link the bank account to the ABN?</p> <p>RD: Information on linking bank account is around businesses that have multiple locations. NA is not a business with multiple locations. At Area and group level NA is not incorporated. ARSC is incorporated. Eftpos machines are not that expensive. There is a low cost per transaction. This was a cheap option for a previous convention. Speak to bank and get the information.</p> <p>LIW: Legally, we are more than NA. Legally, there is not enough connection and our Traditions come to play here.</p> <p><i>{Find resource here: OneDrive → ARSC FOR ALL MEMBERS à ARSC CYCLES → 2112 DECEMBER 2021 ARSC → RESOURCES à DECEMBER 2021 ARSC → Folder "Update on Squares"}</i></p>											
	<p><u>LUNCH BREAK</u></p>	<p>12:30 PM – 1:30 PM</p>										
<p>2.0</p>	<p><u>Interactive workshop on the NAWS website</u></p> <p>NAVIGATING THE NAWS (NA WORLD SERVICES) WEBSITE</p> <p>RD and AD</p> <p>Poll taken with participants prior to workshop</p> <p>NAWS website</p> <p>1. How confident do you feel using the NAWS website to find resources and information when you need them? (Single Choice) *</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Not confident at all</td> <td>15%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A little confident</td> <td>15%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Moderately confident</td> <td>30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mostly confident</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Very confident</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> </table>	Not confident at all	15%	A little confident	15%	Moderately confident	30%	Mostly confident	20%	Very confident	20%	<p>1:30 PM – 3:00 PM</p>
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	<p>What would you like support with regarding na.org?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources for Areas • General layout of website • Where to find PowerPoints and resources for RCM workshops <p>Poll taken with participants after workshop</p> <p>NAWS website</p> <p>1. How confident do you feel using the NAWS website to find resources and information when you need them? (Single Choice) *</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Not confident at all</td> <td>0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A little confident</td> <td>5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Moderately confident</td> <td>11%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mostly confident</td> <td>53%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Very confident</td> <td>32%</td> </tr> </table>	Not confident at all	0%	A little confident	5%	Moderately confident	11%	Mostly confident	53%	Very confident	32%	
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3.1	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p> <p>All proposals have been documented here as received.</p>	3:30 PM – 5:30 PM										
	<p>New Business Item 1 - That the ARSC cease monthly reports from an external Bookkeeper from January 2022</p> <p>Proposer – Treasurer</p> <p>Secunder – RCM Central Coast</p> <p>Intent</p> <p>In 2015 funds were stolen from the ARSC. In March 2016 the ARSC endorsed that; “The books of account are to be prepared and maintained by a qualified independent bookkeeper who will provide monthly financial reports and an annual financial report”.</p>											



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	<p>The ARSC receives monthly reports from an external bookkeeper at an annual cost of \$360. This report is a restating of the monthly bank statement without any scrutiny of the transactions. The bookkeeper does not provide an annual financial report.</p> <p>In the past few years, the ARSC has implemented a number of strategies that have strengthened the ARSC’s capacity to manage NA funds responsibly. These include: becoming a Registered Charity with the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission (ACNC), engaging an external, independent Accounting Firm to conduct annual Audits, regular reporting of expenditure against budget, and publishing annual financial data on both the ACNC website and the NA website.</p> <p>The source financial information, the monthly NAB Bank Statement, is distributed monthly to all members of the ARSC. The report from the Bookkeeper is a re stating of the Bank Statement.</p> <p>The monthly Bookkeeper Report and the monthly Treasurer Report (both of which are reviewed at the monthly Admin meeting and distributed to all members of the ARSC) contain essentially the same information. Although the Treasurer’s report contains additional information such as cash receipt numbers for all deposits.</p> <p>Given the range of risk and fraud control measures currently in place to manage ARSC funds there is no additional benefit in continuing the monthly report from a bookkeeper.</p> <p>OUTCOME: ENDORSED</p>	
	<p>New Business Item 2 - That the ARSC ratify the Risk Management and Incident Response Policy (attached below) for implementation</p> <p>Proposer – Treasurer</p> <p>Seconder - RCM Sunshine Coast</p> <p>Intent</p> <p>RSBoA Inc. has obtained a new Public Liability Insurance policy. This was done because our previous insurer advised that would not cover overnight events despite previous assurances they would.</p>	



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	<p>There was two weeks available between the time the previous insurer advised us they would not cover overnight events and the next scheduled overnight event on the Sunshine Coast.</p> <p>As part of obtaining a new Public Liability Insurance policy that clearly covered overnight events, members of the RSBoA Inc. Management Committee endorsed a Risk Management and Incident Response policy. This was a requirement for the issuing of a new insurance policy.</p> <p>Given the tight timeframe and the importance of supporting existing planned events the Management Committee of the RSBoA Inc. was unable to seek broad feedback and endorsed the policy to ensure the safe operation of NA events.</p> <p>It is proposed that the ARSC ratify the Risk Management and Incident Response Policy for immediate implementation.</p> <p>OUTCOME: ENDORSED</p>	
	<p>New Business Item 3 - Amend GSR Reporting Template</p> <p>Proposer – RCM Far North Coast</p> <p>Secunder - RCM SYDNEY SOUTH</p> <p>Detail</p> <p>On the GSR reporting template, to include in the section under ‘Meeting Information’ the following:</p> <p>Is the meeting information correct/current on na.org.au?</p> <p>To include a link to the Meetings Update Form on na.org.au.</p> <p>Intent</p> <p>To remind GSR’s to keep meeting information correct and current, and, to include a link to the Meetings Update Form to facilitate quick link to change meeting information as needed.</p> <p>OUTCOME: ENDORSED</p>	
	<p>New Business Item 4 - To accept the most recent draft of the Memorandum of Understanding between The RSBOA and the FSO</p>	



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	<p>Proposer – FSO Chair</p> <p>Secunder - RCM Syd south</p> <p>Intent</p> <p>To outline the relationship between the two entities.</p> <p>OUTCOME: ENDORSED</p>	
	<p>New Business Item 5 – That a work group for addressing predatory behaviour in the NA fellowship be established for a period of 12 months.</p> <p>Proposer: Policy Chair</p> <p>Secunder – RCM Victoria</p> <p>The following is proposed:</p> <p>Work Group Coordinator and members</p> <p>Kelly-Ann v nominates as Work Group Coordinator. There are several NA members ready to volunteer if a work group is established.</p> <p>This work group proposes to continue on activities by Victorian work group ‘An Ongoing Conversation’ that sought to start and continue open, non-punitive conversations about predatory behaviours and solutions to address and prevent it.</p> <p>Work Group Activities</p> <p>The work group reports to ARSC every 3 months at each ARSC Meeting.</p> <p>The work group meets monthly (or as needed) and will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exist as a support and resource for members who experienced or observed predatory behaviour and want to discuss this with their NA Group. Noting the work group does not make decisions but suggestions, it can suggest approaches and relevant NA literature as support, where requested, in addition to providing unity for members who may feel they are alone with a difficult problem. Resources gathered by the AOC in Victoria include statements endorsed previously by region - Support and encourage groups to address predatory behaviour by reading or posting a statement during their meetings, such as from IP 29 which states “We strongly discourage any harassment, threats, or disturbing behaviour 	



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before, during, and after our meetings. This includes unwelcome sexual, romantic, financial, and religious solicitation. Our meetings are for sharing NA recovery. If you feel harassed or threatened, share your concerns with the meeting leader or a trusted servant.”

- **Hold 1-2 Zoom forums** to discuss predatory behaviour in light of the traditions, using the format and speaker selection requirements created by the AOC in Victoria (three OCMs speak for ten minutes on one question each, attendees can ask questions anonymously through the host, session runs for 90 minutes, speakers must have formally worked the steps and have working knowledge of Traditions)

- **Consider doing a survey** that can indicate the extent and impact of predatory behaviour in our fellowship. This can be put as a proposal to the ARSC, before distribution to members

Develop a guideline for NA groups, guided by the above activities, on how to deal with predatory behaviour if it occurs at their meetings. This guideline will be stored in ARSC Policy and Procedures documentation for NA groups to access if they choose to. Groups can choose to plan for this situation using the guideline as a resource

Intent:

To build on the work of previous trusted servants in creating a culture of safety in NA, so that NA meetings can carry the message, through having open conversations that raise awareness about predatory behaviour and its consequences.

The intent is also to provide and encourage solutions for predatory behaviour that are in line with the Traditions, and to make sure all members have awareness that anyone feeling harassed or threatened can find someone to speak to about it, in line with IP 29.

Plenty of areas participated, open up to all areas. A coordinator has already nominated. looking to be accountable to ARSC

OUTCOME: **NOT ENDORSED**

New Business Item 6 - To add to the existing policy statement of: “There is a two-year minimum clean time for ARSC membership.”

To become:



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	<p>There are 2 primary requirements ARSC membership:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nominees must meet the clean time requirement as per policy description for the position (minimum 2 years clean time in all instances)2. Resides within the Australian Commonwealth and its States and Territories <p>Proposer: Vice Chair</p> <p>Secunder:</p> <p>Intent:</p> <p>To ensure that ARSC members have an appropriate level of knowledge of the Australian Fellowship and how it operates.</p> <p>To ensure that funds are managed responsibly in line with ARSC budgets and the Eleventh Concept; specifically relating to reasonable travel expenses and per diems to fund ARSC member travel.</p> <p>OUTCOME: WITHDRAWN</p>	
	<p>New Business Item 7 - That the ARSC adopt (attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Risk Management and Insurance policy and procedures- Risk Assessments and Incidents policy and procedures- Risk tables and risk assessment forms, incident form attachment <p>Proposer: Policy Chair</p> <p>Secunder: Victoria RCM</p> <p>Intent:</p> <p>The Policy and Procedures Subcommittee was informed at late notice of the urgent need for a risk management and risk assessment policy and procedures for the Dec ARSC. This is reportedly so that NA events, specifically camps, can go ahead, because the insurance coverage taken out by NA requires a policy in place on these matters.</p> <p>The intent is that this requirement of the insurance company be met whilst also making sense and being of service to NA members.</p> <p>OUTCOME: NOT ENDORSED</p>	



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	<p>New Business Item 8 - That the ARSC create a workgroup responsible for looking into using the RSBoA ABN for cashless 7th Tradition collection for Areas, Groups and or Convention committees.</p> <p>The workgroup shall report back to the ARSC Admin by the February 2022 Admin meeting, so that the information can be delivered to Areas to discuss ahead of the March 2022 ARSC at which time the workgroup will be disbanded unless a proposal to extend is tabled.</p> <p>Proposer – Sydney South RCM</p> <p>Secunder - RCM</p> <p>Intent - To enable the Fellowship to provide cashless options to their members. To fulfil one of the highest priority Strategic Planning goals identified.</p> <p>OUTCOME: NOT ENDORSED</p>																									
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	8	Make Policy and Procedure documentation available on na.org.au website	Admin and IT Subcommittee	
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		NEXT ARSC FIRST WEEKEND OF MARCH 2022 5 th and 6 th (Conference call – via Zoom)		5.40 PM - 5.41 PM
		THANK DEPARTING MEMBERS AND WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS Departing: RCM Sydney North – term completed. Policy Chair - announced this is their last ARSC due to the position being untenable. Elected to position(s) NA Today Chair		5.41 PM – 5.45 PM
		END OF DAY AND ARSC		5:45 PM

REPORTS AND RELEVANT DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE

REPORTS

1. CHAIR

2. VICE CHAIR

3. SECRETARY

4. TREASURER

5. REGIONAL DELEGATE

6. ALTERNATE DELEGATE



Australian Regional Service Committee

December 4-5th December 2021

Chairpersons Report

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. I would like to apologise for my tardiness filing my report. It is a difficult report to write, so I am going to attempt to be very brief.

As Chair, I have attended and chaired all admin meetings since the September ARSC. I also chaired the emergency RSBoA meeting we held to discuss the dilemma with our then current Public Liability Insurance cover relating to specific events, and the need to address those problems asap.

The Treasurer in her report will outline and explain the problem and the solution taken. This action was taken as a matter of urgency, and a solution was found, and agreed to by consensus of the Administration Committee.

I attended the IT subcommittee meeting last week to ascertain how well things are going there, and can report I came away feeling positive that the subcommittee is functioning well and addressing the issues that have come up. The IT Caretaker report will inform you far better than I on these issues.

I have been briefed on some Policy proposals by the Treasurer and discussed these with the Policy and Procedures Chair.

I have also attended all meetings held by the FSO Board since September (as per policy). Along with the FSO Chair and the ARSC Vice Chair, we are able to table a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) agreed upon by both boards for ARSC endorsement this weekend

I liaised with the Public Officers (PO) of both boards regarding Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) registration ID.

In September I approached a Trusted Servant from South Sydney Area to take on the role of Caretaker IT Chair, as per ARSC action list September 2021. I am grateful that this approach was successful, and we have had a capable caretaker in the position.

The conditions of accepting the approach were very simple. It was to be a Caretaker role between ARSCs, and would not be extended as per the wishes of the Trusted Servant. That period finishes at the close of business for the December ARSC, and unless we receive a nomination for the IT Chair, we are left in the same position as before.

Similarly, there has been no Public Relations (PR) Chair since July, with only the email service being monitored by a Trusted Servant. This is another important role that needs to be filled. If no nominations are forthcoming in December from a suitable member, we may have to go down the same road and find a Caretaker for that role.

Another issue I would like to raise is one of the outcomes from the Strategic Plan Actions for Admin.

Admin/General Projects

Point 5

Have RCMs to meet outside (prior to) ARSC for discussion to have a more focussed result and save time at ARSC

I feel strongly in favour of this, and it was something I had suggested prior to November last year when we adopted the new ARSC timetable.

However, the RCMs and Alts need to be in agreement with a set calendar date for such a meeting. It is unfair to all involved to try and organise such a meeting (albeit a short 2-hour duration) without proper agreement on date and time. My suggestion is that either or both the Alternate Delegate and Vice Chair facilitate these meetings.

This will give RCMs a better opportunity to get a connection with each other apart from the ARSC meetings, and for the understudies for RCM, RD and Chair to develop a strong working relation for the next cycle. Perhaps this will allow a better "from the bottom up" functioning as well, if the proposals can be discussed prior to the ARSC and presented to Areas, allowing some more input from GSRs as to new proposals.

RCMs face a big task making decisions on the day of the ARSC.

It is a blessing that discussion is allowed and the Trusted Servants make healthy, and spiritually sound decisions (or that has been my experience mostly). Well, that is what I envisaged! That may not be the final outcome, but a discussion needs to be had, and the necessary adjustments made to ARSC role descriptions and RCM Handbook, so that everyone is aware of a new responsibility, and commitment.

Therefore, I am asking the Secretary to add these 3 points as Discussion points next weekend. I am raising these in my report today, for a practical reason. I may not be in attendance at the December ARSC. I will make a final decision on this later this week.

The reason being, I was diagnosed with cancer (malignant, but not terminal) some weeks ago. I started some preliminary medication last week, with surgery coming up, all prior to commencing radiation treatment early next month.

In all honesty, I am feeling completely overwhelmed as this is just one of the health issues I am currently facing. The initial treatment I started last week is not good for my mental health (nor spiritual wellbeing).

I advised the Admin committee in November, offering 2 courses of action:

Either I could step down completely (resign) or step aside and allow the Vice Chair to act in the role for a period of absence.

Admin committee members took the view of the 2nd option being acceptable. I have discussed my options with my sponsor and trusted friends and OCMs. All suggest that I need to give myself permission to step aside for now and decide on my ongoing/future service commitments after the treatment.

If the body of the ARSC is agreeable to this course of action by me, then I will continue to serve, but in a limited capacity.

I am advising the body from a functional level. Not a call for sympathy.

Again, thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Yils,

ARSC CHAIR



Australian Regional Service Committee (ARSC)

Vice-Chair's Report to the ARSC 4th/5th December 2021 (Virtual)

Dear ARSC Members

I provide my fourth report to you as Vice-Chair of the ARSC. I have been in this role since November 2020.

I am grateful to the ARSC body for placing their confidence in me to undertake this role.

Since joining the Administration Committee I have attended and contributed to *all* monthly Admin meetings and have attended extraordinary meetings of the RSBa as and when called for.

I am a signatory and authoriser on the ARSC Bank Account and have worked alongside the Treasurer to authorise payments that are in line with ARSC Policy and Financial Budgets.

I am also a member of the Management Committee of the Regional Service Body of Australia Incorporated (RSBoA Inc). This is in accordance with the Constitution and ensures that there are sufficient members on the Management Committee as required by law as well as adequate succession and knowledge transfer across Trusted Servants.

My express motivation for taking on the Vice-Chair role, apart from performing Admin service and supporting the Chair, is to glean as much knowledge as possible about the workings of, and the inter-relationships between the Australian Region, Asia Pacific Forum (APF) and NA World Services (NAWS).

Other tasks of note, either completed or pending:

- ARSC Positions Vacant (including Job Descriptions) on the www.na.org.au website are updated, as and when required, in conjunction with the Chair and the IT Sub-Committee.
- Attendance at monthly FSO Board Meetings, in conjunction with the Chair.
- Completion of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the RSBa and the FSO, in conjunction with the FSO Chair. *# To be presented for ratification at this ARSC.*
- Playing a role in negotiation and mediation of contentious issues that may arise between ARSC Trusted Servants throughout the current cycle.

The Legal Incorporation Workgroup (LIW)

All tasks of the Legal Status Project have now been completed in accordance with the proposals endorsed by the full ARSC. The wisdom and guidance of the ARSC conscience has prevailed and the future of the NA Fellowship is assured.

The LIW (comprising of the LIW Chair and ARSC Vice-Chair) is available to attend Area's and LSC's to a make succinct presentation on the outcomes of our Legal Incorporation. Several other tasks have been completed to ensure our ongoing legal compliance with the ACNC and NSW Fair Trading. These are documented in the LIW Report.

Yours in Service – {Vice-Chair ARSC} [RSBoA Management member]



SECRETARY REPORT

Narcotics Anonymous Australian Regional Service Committee (ARSC) December 4TH – 5TH 2021

I attended the September Australian Regional Service Committee (ARSC) as an 'Observer' assisting in the role of Secretary. I had also nominated for the position of Secretary and was elected into the role on the Sunday (5th September). I am grateful to be of service.

I wish to acknowledge the support I have received since being in the role, especially as there is no elected Assistant Secretary. A previous Secretary shared the role on the weekend. The Public Officer gave great support prior to, during the September ARSC and prior to the December ARSC. The Regional Delegate gave a handover a short time after the ARSC and the Chair and Vice Chair have given valuable support ongoing.

Since being in the role of Secretary I have:

- ◆ Become a member of the Management Committee of the Regional Service Body of Australia Incorporated (RSBoA Inc.)
- ◆ Collated the September ARSC Meeting minutes (including reports and any other relevant documentation) stored them electronically, and distributed them by email to all ARSC participants.
- ◆ Redacted the September ARSC minutes and all reports (as per new policy, as of September ARSC) and provided to IT Chair (Caretaker) for uploading to na.org.au.
- ◆ Attended and contributed to all Administration (Admin) Committee Meetings, Extraordinary Administration Committee Meetings and an Extraordinary RSBoA Inc. Management Committee Meeting.
- ◆ Completed Admin Meeting Agendas and RSBoA Inc. Management Meeting Agenda with the Chair.
- ◆ Taken minutes for all meetings attended since the September ARSC, stored them electronically and disseminated them to relevant participants.
- ◆ Uploaded and vetted all December ARSC reports, nominations, proposals and documents to OneDrive as they were received and communicated with all participants as to their availability via email
- ◆ Distributed all relevant communication to ARSC participants as required.
- ◆ Attended to all queries to the best of my ability.

YILS

ARSC Secretary

Report to Australian Region Service Committee (ARSC)

From ARSC Treasurer

December 2021

1. Budget Performance

- At the time of writing this report we have nearly completed the first quarter of our new 2-year budget. As you are aware our budget is not developed on financial years but from 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2023.
- With 2 weeks to go to the end of the first quarter we are still approximately \$5,000 short of our projected income. However, most Areas tend to fund flow closer to the end of the month.
- All subcommittees are underspent. Admin expenditure is in line with budget except the public liability insurance expenditure has been bought forward as detailed below and AV services which were budget for later in the financial year.
- We have exceeded our projected fund flows to Asia Pacific Forum (APF) and NA World Services (NAWS) but this is in line with practice.

2. Public Liability Insurance.

- The Regional Service Body of Australia (RSBoA) Inc. public liability insurance was purchased with the assurance from the insurance company (Vero) that it covered all NA meetings, conventions, workshops, committee meetings and camps. On the proviso that the insurance company was notified before an overnight event (camp, retreat) occurred.
- However, when approached to confirm that a camp in Busselton WA was covered the insurance company refused to cover any overnight event at all.
- Additionally, a camp on the Sunshine Coast was also planned within two weeks of this change in our policy being notified to us.
- The Admin Committee as members of the Management Committee of RSBoA Inc. sought to obtain new insurance that would allow the planned camps to go ahead safely. The other option was to cancel the events which was not the preferred option.
- Fortunately (and with a day to spare!) a new insurance policy was sourced with Community Underwriting at a cost of \$1500.00.
- The policy with Vero was cancelled and a refund of \$735.34 has been credited to the RSBoA Inc bank account.
- A copy of the new Certificate of Currency has been posted on the NA website under Group Resources/Insurance
- The policy requires that we have a **Risk Management and Incident Response** policy. This was developed and forwarded to the Insurance Company along with our application.
- A separate proposal about the ratification of this policy by the ARSC will be tabled at the December meeting.

- The new insurance company has confirmed that the following camps are covered by our new policy:

Name/Location	Attendees	Activities
Ballina Men's Camp	100	NA Support Meetings
Foster/Tuncurry 'Spirit of Unity'	70	NA Support Meetings, walking, meditation, tennis, volleyball, badminton, dance
NSW South Coast Men's Camp	80	NA Support Meetings
Sunshine Coast Men's Camp - Coastal Connection	50	NA Support Meetings, lawn bowls, cricket, tug of war
Western Sydney Women's Retreat	70	NA Support Meetings, craft, karaoke, talent quest
Western Australia Camp Busselton	130	NA Support meetings, volley ball, cricket, crafts, yoga, kids' games
Gold Coast 'Camp Serenity'	90	NA Support meetings,
Victoria Spiritual Retreat x 3 times per year	60	NA Support Meetings, workshops, yoga, meditation,

- Other camps can be included and the Treasurer will check in at each quarterly ARSC if any new events not listed above are planned or RCMs can contact the Treasurer at any time.
- An information sheet for overnight event organisers has been developed and will be posted on the NA website following the December ARSC. ***A copy is attached at the end of this report.***
- In addition, our policy requires us to notify the insurer of any event in a commercial premises with over 500 people. The Treasurer will liaise with the relevant Areas and Sydney Metro for details.

3.Financial Reports

Because the ARSC meets on the first weekend of every 3 months it means that the financial reports will not be distributed until after the close of the previous month/quarter. The following 3 reports will be distributed as soon as possible after 30 November 2021.

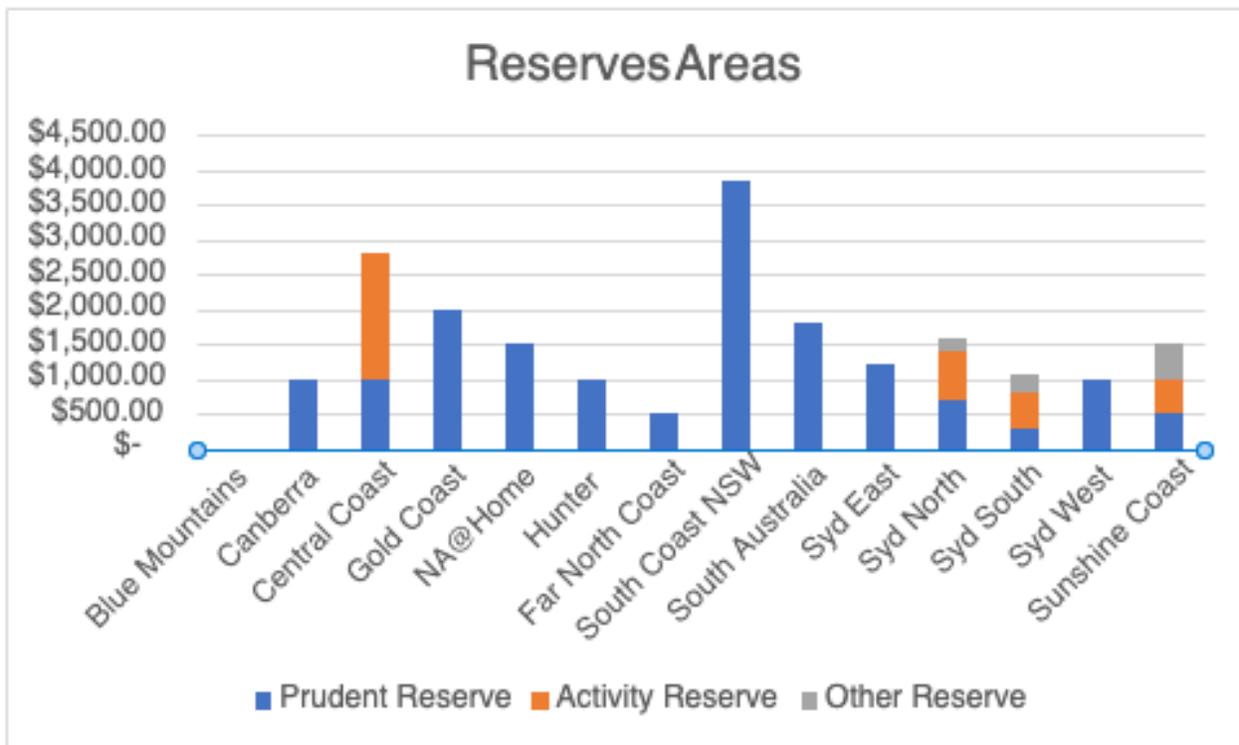
- Report of performance against the budget
- Report of all financial transactions for the 3 months since the September ARSC (Opening Report).
- Summary of fund flow per Area for the 3 months since the September ARSC.

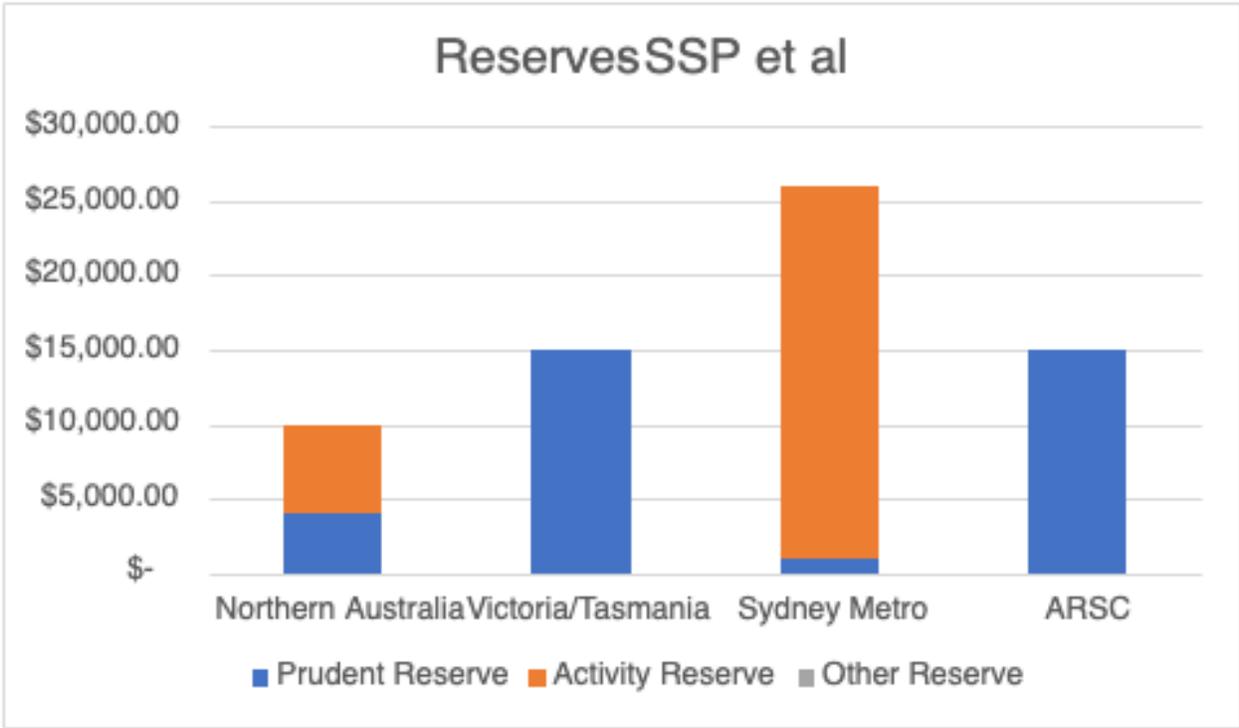
4.Archiving ARSC Financial Documents

- All ARSC financial documents have been filed into 10 lever arch files.
- The financial years 2014/15 to 2020/21 are in 7 separate folders with all pre 2014 documents in 3 additional folders.
- These folders will be stored at the Fellowship Service Office (FSO) once the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been endorsed.
- From this current financial year onward, all financial documentation will be stored electronically in the ARSC file storage.

5.Prudent Reserve Charts

- For your interest I have prepared the following 2 charts based on RCM reports tabled at the September 2021 ARSC.
- Please let me know if there is other financial information that you would like to have presented in any different formats.





Yours in service
Treasurer



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Australian Regional Service Committee

November 2021

Organising an overnight event such as an NA Camp? Make sure you are covered by NA's Insurance.

NA has insurance that covers overnight events providing the Insurer is informed about the event before it happens. As the event organiser, you need to do a few things before the event to make sure you have the proper coverage.

- ✓ Check with your RCM or the Regional Treasurer (treasurer@na.org.au) that your event is known to the Insurer. The Regional Treasurer needs to let the Insurer know the age range of those attending, how many days/nights the event lasts and the activities that NA is running at the overnight event. Any sport activities need to be non-contact.
- ✓ Check that any outside independent people you might be contracting to run any of the following activities hold a Public Liability insurance policy with a minimum limit of indemnity of \$5,000,000 any one occurrence: the supervision and/or operation of any form or type of firework / pyrotechnic display, amusement ride, mechanical ride, animal ride, and/or any similar type of amusement.
- ✓ Conduct a Risk Assessment as per Attachment 1 of our ***Risk Management and Incident Response*** Policy.
- ✓ Make sure everyone completes a Participant Registration Form which is at Attachment 2 of our ***Risk Management and Incident Response*** Policy.

The Regional Treasurer is responsible for keeping a list of all overnight events and will check in with RCMs at each quarterly ARSC to see if any new camps are planned.

OPENING REPORT TO ARSC December 2021

Opening Balance		(as at 4/9/2021)	\$58,522.86
DATE	INCOME	Amount	\$32,365.22 NOTES
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16/09/2021	Fund Flow Far North Coast	\$ 1,091.71	Cash Receipt # 98
23/09/2021	Fund Flow Thurs 11am Member	\$ 5.00	Cash Receipt # 99
24/09/2021	Fund Flow MZ Member	\$ 10.00	Cash Receipt # 100
26/09/2021	Fund Flow Eastern Sydney	\$ 1,037.87	Cash Receipt # 386401
27/09/2021	Fund Flow Central Coast	\$ 725.00	Cash Receipt # 386403
27/09/2021	Fund Flow Sydney Metro	\$ 3,208.63	Cash Receipt # 386402
30/09/2021	Fund Flow Victoria/Tasmania	\$ 5,152.59	Cash Receipt # 386404
04/10/2021	Fund Flow Northern Australia Area	\$ 2,000.00	Cash Receipt # 386405
05/10/2021	Fund Flow Northern Sydney Area	\$ 947.23	Cash Receipt # 386406
06/10/2021	Fund Flow TR Member	\$ 22.00	Cash Receipt # 386407
13/10/2021	Fund Flow TR Member	\$ 32.00	Cash Receipt # 386408
18/10/2021	Fund Flow Sydney Metro	\$ 1,842.34	Cash Receipt # 386409
25/10/2021	Fund Flow Sunshine Coast	\$ 500.00	Cash Receipt # 386410
26/10/2021	Fund Flow Gold Coast Area	\$ 1,500.00	Cash Receipt # 386411
27/10/2021	Fund Flow Gold Coast Area	\$ 1,500.00	Cash Receipt # 386412
29/10/2021	Fund Flow Victoria/Tasmania Area	\$ 3,297.27	Cash Receipt # 386413
29/10/2021	Fund Flow Central Coast Area	\$ 543.50	Cash Receipt # 386414
01/11/2021	Fund Flow Northern Sydney Area	\$ 486.18	Cash Receipt # 386415
01/11/2021	Fund Flow Eastern Sydney Area	\$ 1,058.38	Cash Receipt # 386416
15/11/2021	Fund Flow NSW South Coast Area	\$ 400.00	Cash receipt # 386417
16/11/2021	Refund Finsura - cancellation of Vero PL policy	\$ 735.34	
19/11/2021	Fund Flow Far North Coast Area	\$ 384.55	Cash receipt # 386418
19/11/2021	Fund Flow Far North Coast Area	\$ 886.73	Cash receipt # 386419
22/11/2021	Fund Flow Member MD	\$ 50.00	Cash receipt # 386420
25/11/2021	Fund Flow NA@Home	\$ 300.00	Cash receipt # 386421
25/11/2021	Fund Flow NA@Home	\$ 300.00	Cash receipt # 386422
26/11/2021	Fund Flow Group - Monday New Farm	\$ 50.00	Cash receipt # 386423
27/11/2021	Fund Flow Member MD	\$ 20.00	Cash receipt # 386424
27/11/2021	Fund Flow Member MD	\$ 50.00	Cash receipt # 386426
27/11/2021	Fund Flow Member MD	\$ 50.00	Cash receipt # 386427
28/11/2021	Fund Flow Eastern Sydney Area	\$ 697.93	Cash receipt # 386428
28/11/2021	Fund Vic/Tas Area	\$ 2,927.28	Cash receipt # 386429
30/11/2021	Fund Flow Northern Sydney Area	\$ 543.69	Cash receipt # 386430
DATE	EXPENSES ARSC MEMBER TRAVEL		\$0.00
DATE	EXPENSES PER DIEMS		\$0.00
DATE	EXPENSES OTHER		\$48,895.36
06/10/2021	Twilio Top Up	\$700.00	
13/10/2021	NA Today Postage	\$283.00	
13/10/2021	PR - Sunshine Coast H&I	\$578.00	
29/10/2021	NAB Connect Bank Fees	\$40.75	
06/09/2021	Tech Support for ARSC	\$832.50	
06/09/2021	Fund Flow To APF	\$14,396.79	
07/09/2021	Fund Flow To NAWs	\$28,293.57	
08/09/2021	Twilio Top Up	\$700.00	
21/09/2021	NA Today Print Run	\$1,490.00	
30/09/2021	NAB Connect Bank Fees	\$0.75	
03/11/2021	Public Liability Insurance	\$1,580.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$48,895.36
CLOSING BALANCE (as at 30 November 2021)			\$41,992.72

	Full Year Budget (Sept 2021 to Aug 2022)	3 Months Budget (Sept 2021 to Nov 2021)	3 Months Actuals (Sept 2021 to Nov 2021)
Budgeted inflows	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 31,249.98	\$ 32,365.22
Total inflows	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 31,249.98	\$ 32,365.22
Budgeted Outflows (see 1-6 below)	\$ 84,466.10	\$ 49,271.89	\$ 48,895.36
Net Cashflows	\$ 40,533.90	\$ (18,021.91)	\$ (16,530.14)
1. ARSC Budget	\$ 10,724.66	\$ -	\$ -
ARSC (avg of last 3)	\$ 10,624.66	\$ -	\$ -
ARSC Secretary Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
2. Subcommittee Budgets	\$ 33,999.60	\$ 9,409.88	\$ 3,751.00
Indigenous	\$ 2,978.00	\$ 744.48	\$ -
IT	\$ 10,221.60	\$ 2,555.40	\$ 1,400.00
NA Today	\$ 5,140.00	\$ 2,570.00	\$ 1,773.00
Fellowship Development	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Policy	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
PR	\$ 14,160.00	\$ 3,540.00	\$ 578.00
Strategic Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3. AD and RD Travel Budgets	\$ 4,642.00	\$ -	\$ -
RD to APF	\$ 2,321.00	\$ -	\$ -
AD to APF	\$ 2,321.00	\$ -	\$ -
4. Area Workshop Budgets	\$ 4,990.00	\$ 1,247.49	\$ -
Budget for 6 workshops in the year.	\$ 4,990.00	\$ 1,247.49	\$ -
5. Administrative Budgets	\$ 10,996.65	\$ 404.50	\$ 2,454.00
AV services for ARSC	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 832.50
Auditors Fees	\$ 1,650.00	\$ -	\$ -
Bookkeeper	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ -
Public Liability Insurance	\$ 2,607.00	\$ -	\$ 1,580.00
NAB Connect Fees	\$ 178.00	\$ 44.50	\$ 41.50
Zoom Teleconferencing	\$ 240.00	\$ -	\$ -
Association Liability Insurance	\$ 1,961.65	\$ -	\$ -
6. Fund Flow to APF and NAWS	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 42,690.36
Standing Fund Flow APF	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 14,396.79
Fund Flow NAWS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 28,293.57

Summary - Fund Flow from 2 September 2021 to 30 November 2021 (3months)

INCOME	Amount
Fund Flow Central Coast	\$ 1,268.50
Fund Flow Eastern Sydney	\$ 2,794.18
Fund Flow Far North Coast	\$ 2,362.99
Fund Flow Gold Coast Area	\$ 3,000.00
Fund Flow Group Monday New Farm	\$ 50.00
Fund Flow Member LT	\$ 10.00
Fund Flow Member MD	\$ 170.00
Fund Flow Member MZ	\$ 10.00
Fund Flow Member Thurs 11am	\$ 5.00
Fund Flow Member TR	\$ 54.00
Fund Flow NA@Home	\$ 600.00
Fund Flow Northern Australia Area	\$ 2,000.00
Fund Flow Northern Sydney Area	\$ 1,977.10
Fund Flow NSW South Coast	\$ 400.00
Fund Flow Sunshine Coast	\$ 500.00
Fund Flow Sydney Metro	\$ 5,050.97
Fund Flow Victoria/Tasmania	\$ 11,377.14
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Cash receipt # 386425 issued in error - not used

COMMITTED FUNDS	ARSC Tech Support	\$607.50
	IT - Twilio	\$700.00
	APF Fund Flow	\$1,500.00
	NAWS Fund Flow	\$2,500.00
	Prudent Reserve	\$15,000.00
	AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$21,685.22



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Australian Regional Service Committee

Regional Delegate Report

ARSC Admin

I have attended all Admin meetings.

I was tasked with writing a summary of the gender-neutral Motion progress which was completed and sent to everyone before the close of the last ARSC. The AD helped with this task, so we had a short and long version. I hope this has been useful for Areas. I have also assisted with the training of the new Secretary and have assisted the Vice Chair with the FSO/RSBoA Memorandum of Understanding document, along with working with the Treasurer and members from Victoria on the Policy required for the new insurance obtained by the RSBoA management committee.

Outside of my RD role, I have been incredibly busy in my home Area providing support and advice for various issues our local Fellowship have faced over the last 3 months. I have enjoyed working with the RCM Vic/Tas as well as other members of the Local Service Board (LSB) and getting to attend a few Group Support Forums (GSF's).

NA World Services (NAWS) Updates

World Convention Updates

Most of you would have heard by now that the World Convention Melbourne has officially been cancelled. The Executive Director of NAWS and the Chair of the World Board (WB) sent me an email with a letter explaining this prior to the notification to the wider fellowship. On behalf of the Australian Region, I expressed our disappointment about the news but also the support that given the current financial situation it was the most responsible decision NAWS could have reached. The content of the letter is below which explains the reasoning behind the decision. The World Board indicate they are looking into ways we can have it come back to us sooner, and I have made the suggestion that the entire rotation schedule be pushed back 6 years, so that would look like 2024 Washington DC as it is already booked in and then 2027 it coming back (hopefully) to Melbourne. I trust the World Board in evaluating the feasibility of this and I believe they have hinted that the WSC may be involved in approving any plans to change the cycle.

“We wanted you both to be among the first to hear that NA World Services has decided to cancel the 38th World Convention in Melbourne in November 2022. After evaluating the overall priorities for the use of NAWS resources, it became clear that coupled with considering many other factors, and this decision appeared to be the most sensible one we could make. Those additional factors included current global Covid related travel restrictions, unknown potential Covid constraints for the immediate future, and the looming contract provision for no financial cancellation penalty deadline of October 31 with the Melbourne CVB. These considerations and some additional logistical issues made this the most responsible decision we could make today. We have feared that we would end up here

for some time, but we're hoping beyond hope that we could make it happen. We just don't have the resources to have a proper World Convention, where anyone in the world who wants to can attend, and that it is an experience, unlike typical Regional or Area conventions. The Board decided to pursue developing a way to either insert an Australian world convention into the existing rotation or to create an idea to change the rotation cycle somehow so that it will not be as long a wait until your Zone has this opportunity again. Covid has flipped our entire world upside down, and WCNA-38 has been no exception. We understand the sorrow about this decision, but it seems the best choice given the present circumstances. Again, we wanted to make sure that you both heard it from us first."

World Service Conference (WSC) 2022

As previously reported the delegates decided to accept the WB recommendation to extend the cycle another year to 2023 in the hopes of having a face to face WSC. As a result, the 2022 WSC will be a short online version where pressing issues are dealt with along with the Motion to approve the new spiritual principles a day book. The interim Conference Approval Track/Conference Agenda Report (CAT/CAR) will be released after this report is sent through but prior to the December ARSC weekend, so the session on the agenda will be to familiarise yourself with the few Motions available and set the RCM's up to workshop this in your Areas should you wish. In March ARSC the AD and I will collect the conscience of Australia to carry into the WSC.

All other Motions from WSC 2020, including the joint Motion of Australia, Sweden and Northern California regarding gender neutral language changes to our literature will be carried over to the WSC 2023 with the Motion maker's permission. Whilst this is disappointing that we have to wait a little bit longer, there is a significant backlog of approved Motions from 2020 where no work has begun on them yet due to resource shortages at NAWS. The approved Iran Motion on a Women's Information Pamphlet (IP) is one of these projects. The extension of the cycle and the delaying of hearing additional Motions may work in our favour in allowing some of these projects to begin this cycle and reduce the likelihood that if ours was approved that no work gets done before the end of the cycle and the project is simply dropped. There is a risk that unfinished projects that were approved for this cycle will simply disappear into the black hole of NA's forgotten projects despite the value that they would bring the Fellowship. Please refer to the statements produced last ARSC for more details on the Australia, Sweden, Northern California Motion.

Financial Updates

We continue to receive the financial updates every 2 months into the Conference Participant (CP) Dropbox. Our overall position is slowly improving and NAWS report being able to recently bring some furloughed staff back. The October report (which presented the end of the fiscal year reports) showed that 24% of all operating income came from fellowship contributions which is over double what it has been previous years. We still have a long way to go as a Fellowship to meet the 70% Fellowship contribution target, but again I can express how proud I am of Australia in being able to increase our contributions to NAWS so significantly. I very much look forward to the release of the Fellowship Contributions document ahead of the WSC 2022 and re-doing the contribution percentages of our contributions per group vs what is needed by NAWS to support the Fellowship. I will hopefully be able to present this updated info and comparison to 2 years ago, in March depending on the date this is released (typically it is released at the WSC so may be held off until June).

World Service Conference Participants Webinars

The CP webinar in October was focussed on the Local Service Toolbox and the Virtual Meetings service tools as chosen as the highest priority by WSC 2020. A draft of the Virtual Meetings Best Practices, along with a survey can be found here <https://www.na.org/?ID=toolbox&ID=toolbox>

Even more exciting was that a workshop profile had been developed for this, so with a few easy steps the PowerPoints and notes could be downloaded to take members through a workshop to gather valuable feedback on this tool. This wound up at the end of November.

When polled 81% of the Conference Participants agreed that virtual meetings meet the criteria to be NA groups. We broke off into smaller break out groups to workshop some questions and I've compiled a sample of the responses here.

1. We are aware that some virtual groups are participants in their local area service bodies, and some have come together to form virtual service bodies that participate in a region or in one case, a zone. We also know about virtual meetings that are hosted by regional subcommittees as part of the outreach services they provide. Other virtual groups are adopting a "wait and see" approach to decide on their role in the wider NA service system. **How are virtual groups or meetings in your communities participating in NA service outside of the recovery meetings they host?**

- Virtual home group since 2017; remained a part of the ASC with a participating GSR
- Virtual groups have been welcomed into ASCs with full GSR rep/participation
- Leave the room open after the recovery meeting, use social media, have had several picnics (with a hybrid capability). Good fellowshiping opportunities
- Moved online very quickly, which set a good example. All the groups that are virtual only have been accepted if they meet the 6-points in The Group Booklet. NA@Home was approached to try to resubmit their seating request. The discussion was very quick this time and the Area was endorsed to be seated. The only stipulation was that the RCM must reside in the country. The RSC pays for the travel cost for RCMs to travel to RSC, so it needs to be a financial consideration for this reason and a requirement.
- Historical perspective: those groups that were virtual before the pandemic transferred seamlessly. Included services like H&I & PR virtually. There wasn't a whole lot of disruption. Communities in the virtual world really don't have a land-based address, so our virtual meetings reach people in various geographical locations and still help members with things like getting sponsors etc. Have had international participation. Services are appropriate to one addict helping another while connected virtually. But we found something missing. Virtual groups not talking to each other. Felt we needed a virtual support forum, so we formed one. Sent out the invitations to other groups in this situation. Had a great turnout the first couple months. 70 or 80 at first then dropped off. By the 5th or 6th one, no one showed up. Not doing it anymore

2. Some of the recent open webinars hosted by NA World Services have highlighted innovative online service efforts from around the world, including virtual H&I panels, online meetings for parolees, and participation in online professional conferences that helped build relationships within correctional institutions. **Do you have any experience to share about innovative virtual service efforts in your community?**

- Zone was able to do a virtual conference about this issue and with Probation Officers and other professionals that was innovative and now we have been able to increase the number of professionals to be in our public relations endeavours.
- We do have a special workshop committee now in our region that has held hybrid type of learning days for our areas
- Region reaching out to facilities for H&I—webinar Monday and Saturday nights— Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) compliant. Institutions, treatment and psych. Shipped recordings all over the world. Will be presenting at WSLD (HIPPA is an American Health Privacy Law and WSLD is Western Service Learning Day – A zonal event)
- Currently living new experience—number of online meetings increased significantly, already being structured as groups—new virtual area seated in Brazil region—this is new and we are learning how to deal with this reality / learning curve on how to deal with this new environment—open mindedness efforts. Online groups help especially in H&I, PR, workshops being held weekly / recently new group in the Amazon and new PR virtual to help local community know more about NA / active participation in regional service through GSRs / Regarding 7th tradition—online meetings make wire transfers to the virtual area, which also does the same to the region. Currently area with highest contribution in the region
- Virtual Parolee meeting avoids issues of parolees being together.
- H&I is able to take virtual meetings into correctional facilities where they can listen to speakers from around the country. Several facilities can participate at once.
- A region in our zone did a virtual fundraising event that raised a lot of money for World Services. It included a virtual dance party. Many great meetings and speakers.
- H&I normally very active in prisons; they have an internal radio station; they are playing speaker tapes.
- Events chair put on some really interesting events virtually. Games nights, fashion shows, and will be sharing about this at MRSLD. Motivated to put on area events in collaboration with other zones. Used virtual options to put on the MZSS. Used virtual for training, RCM workshops, etc. improved our ability to do services. (MRSLD is a Service Learning Day in the US and MZSS is Mid States Zone Service Symposium).
- Every month have virtual presentation with professionals. Professionals have said they have found it easier to login from their desks. Currently having a meeting to try to get virtual basic texts to inmates and find solutions to get literature distributed.

3. If time permits; **Do you have any ideas for how virtual groups possibly participate in NA services that are not already being tried? What solutions might there to these challenges?**

- SE Zone set up multi zonal symposium. WB coming to do presentation and in all 4 rooms simultaneously with ability to ask questions by setting up camera and microphone. Florida Symposium on zoom—brought folks in to speak. We should build upon this. Think outside the box. Extend reach.
- Behind the walls meetings have elected member to participate in area. Experienced members need to share with newer members that online is effective and nothing wrong with online. Age may be a factor in ability to get to a meeting, and online allows attendance, decreases isolation.
- Many facilities not welcoming in-person contact. Members willing to continue virtual NA participation could respond to those H&I needs

It has been really uplifting to hear other Zones and Regions accepting virtual Areas and Groups into their service structures. The World Board continues the conversation as a priority this cycle and have indicated that they intend to use the valuable feedback being brought in these CP webinars along with the open Webinars on the topic and the various surveys to formulate a Motion for the 2023 WSC to reflect the worldwide conscience emerging about the recognition of Online/Virtual groups. The WB also suspect that Regions may be interested in submitting Regional Motions on the issue. I would expect that Australia will be supportive of fully recognising virtual meetings that meet the 6 points in The Group Booklet being able to be registered groups in the same manner that any face to face meeting can.

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Australian Regional Service Committee

Alternate Delegate Report December 2021

Thank you for allowing me to serve, I must apologise for dropping the ball this quarter, I didn't do much and felt like I was struggling a bit with depression, It got a bit dark but I kept most of my commitments, thank goodness for service!



ARSC Admin: I attended all Admin meetings within this quarter.

Area Minutes: I have read all the minutes I have received.

NAWS Updates: Hopefully everyone is accessing the NAWS website and staying informed??? The RD and I will be going through navigating the NAWS website this weekend. The interim Cat/Car is due so there will be a lot to read, the RD will be showing us how to present it at our areas to workshop, I'm hoping it might ignite some passion for service! We were informed the Australian World Convention has been cancelled- see RD report.

World Service Conference Participants Webinars: I attended the CP webinar on the 10/10/21. The next one is 18th December and there is a webinar this weekend on sponsorship, A 3-year cycle has been decided upon and the April 2022 meeting will be virtual so not all business will be attended to, - see RD report.

Asia Pacific Forum

The minutes of the last virtual APF meeting have yet to be posted.

Merchandising: At the last virtual half year APF we voted in a Merch Chair, yay! We welcome A Trusted Servant from Hawaii to serve. Merch is meeting regularly and planning what to do with old stock and busy thinking about new stock and how to sell during the global pandemic, like looking for more communities to create merch specific to their location for example Hawaii are now making spiritual principle bags in dual language to go alongside the ones with the Australian Indigenous ones. Philippines also requested financial assistance to produce local merchandise for their upcoming events which

merch committee sees as a positive. They are looking for skilled artists to help create future themed merchandise and looking for other communities to come up with localised merch based on culture of the local community. Also looking at other ways to be creative fundraisers during the time of limited travel - suggestions included juice bars for Australia and warmer climates and hangi cookouts for Aotearoa NZ events.

Logistics proves an issue not meeting in person to exchange merchandise and online shop options, stock being held now in 3 countries by trusted servants adding costs to shipping when customers buy items not stored in the same country. Exploring web options to filter online shopping so customers buy from the same stockpile or place a separate order.

Newsletter: Position not filled.

Strategic Planning (SP): No committee nor workgroup at present but back in February there was a motion to create an ongoing SP point person position to be elected by APF delegates and will be a funded position to participate at the Annual APF meetings. More will be revealed.

Public Relations (PR): PR keeps chugging along with a strong committed group of servants putting on learning days, last one was Getting out the Message of NA during the Pandemic.

PR Indonesia is currently the only region that is going gang busters in the PR arena and getting the message of NA to their government reps, they formed a work group with a NAWS member and did a presentation to the National Narcotic Bureau recently, this had been in the pipeline since May, it was a very successful event with the end result of the government inviting Narcotics Anonymous Indonesia into Government rehab facilities to do H&I presentations. Of the 6 facilities only 3 of them are near functioning NA areas so PR are looking at how they will present to these services, yes, we are all zoom savvy now, but there's nothing like in-person, looking for local trusted servants or zooming vs spending NA money for the unsupported places was up for discussion. The Indonesian members were very confident that this will change the world (in Indonesia) with police referring addicts to NA.

Fellowship Development (FD): Continues to meet and discuss the needs of communities and present learning days to the zone, the most recent request is from India and a virtual learning day will be put together to meet the needs of that fellowship.

Women's Fellowship Development (WFD): Had a successful learning day in September on Barriers to Women in Recovery, it was well attended. The majority of participants were women unfortunately, even though we made a point of inviting men, it seems the need for men to understand the issue and help bring about positive change is an ongoing exercise in educating our fellowship in the APF. Focusing on the solution of calling out predatory/abusive behaviours in a positive and supportive way must be led by the men of the fellowship, so the panel of speakers had two gents, an Australian member who has experienced the fall out of toxic behaviours from friends and an Iranian member who was around during the growth of women in the Iran fellowship. Themes that came through were that overall challenges and barriers are similar all over our zone. WFD is planning a follow up workshop.

WFD has been supporting the Japanese fellowship and wrangling interpreters for the monthly meeting, we have found a member from the USA who can translate! It's the first step to finding more solutions to the language barrier and getting culturally and linguistically diverse women together for service.

Web and IT: There will be a web meeting to update the page and have more info and links available, the plan is to make it more user friendly.

ARSC Workgroups

There were no workshops presented.

Newcastle Building stronger homegroups is currently postponed

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Alternate Delegate.

WORKGROUP /
SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR
REPORTS

1. LEGAL INCORPORATION WORKGROUP

2. OUTREACH FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT CHAIR

3. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CHAIR (CARETAKING)

4. INDIGENOUS CHAIR

5. POLICY AND PROCEDURES CHAIR

6. STRATEGIC PLANNING CHAIR

7. FSO CHAIR

8. SYDNEY METRO



Australian Regional Service Committee (ARSC)

Legal Incorporation Workgroup (LIW) Report to the ARSC 4/5 December 2021 (Virtual)

Dear ARSC Members

The Legal Incorporation Workgroup (LIW) consists of two members, the LIW Chair and the Vice Chair of the ARSC. The LIW Chair is also the Public Officer of the Regional Service Body of Australia Incorporated (RSBoA Inc).

The role of the LIW is to assist in the submission of all legally required documentation as an Incorporated Association and a Registered Charity, as well as fulfilling any other specific tasks assigned to it by the ARSC.

The LIW members are RSBoA Management Committee Members and are required to:

- report to the ARSC as per the ARSC cycle;
- attend RSBoA Management Committee Meetings as required, and
- attend the RSBoA Annual General Meeting.

The LIW was formed in March 2021 to ensure succession within the RSBoA Management Committee and to complete ongoing legal incorporation tasks.

The public officer is responsible for:

- notifying Fair Trading of any change in the Association's official address within 28 days;
- collecting all Association documents from former committee members and delivering the documents to the new committee member;
- returning all Association documents to a committee member within 14 days upon vacating office;
- acting as the official contact for the Association, including taking delivery of documents served on the Association and bringing them to the attention of the committee as soon as practicable, and
- custody of any documents as required by the constitution.

The main tasks that the LIW has completed since the last ARSC include:

- adding the new Secretary to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) record of Management Committee Members, providing an overview of the role of a Management Committee Member and providing the Orientation Handbook for RSBoA Management Committee Members.
- keeping up to date with regulatory (ACNC) requirements, including determining that the RSBoA did not need to register for Director ID's as we are not registered under the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). We confirmed this with the ACNC.
- attending an Extraordinary RSBoA Management Committee Meeting to discuss our Public Liability Insurance Policy, review documents and provide input on proposed new insurance policy and any new NA policy.
- providing updates to Admin Members, ARSC Members and NA Members as and when required.
- sharing knowledge between and experience with the Fellowship Service Office (FSO) Public Officer.

Yours in service – LIW Members

Outreach / Fellowship Development

SUBCOMMITTEE DETAILS: Outreach / Fellowship Development (OR/FD)

Chair: Trusted Servant

Vice Chair:

Have you attended an RSC? Yes

How many members does your subcommittee have? 4

Since the last ARSC how many teleconferences/subcommittee meetings have you held? 3

What is the average attendance? 4

Are you in contact with any relevant Area Subcommittee Chairs? If so, please provide details. Indigenous Chair, IT, Strategic Planning, RD

Finances:

Opening balance: \$0

Expenses: \$0

Closing Balance: \$0

Amount of Float Top up being requested: \$0

Subcommittee Activities and Optional Comments:

What successes have you had?

Since September ARSC there have been 42 online Sponsorship Program Expressions of Interest (EOI's) responded to. That's 42 in two months which is an incredible online Fellowship Development and PR opportunity for NA Australia. A reply includes 2 x Sponsor contacts, the latest NA Today magazine pdf, 2 x IP's, link to a local meeting and link to NA Online meetings. These requests are all typically replied to within two days.

All available Sponsors have been contacted and remain OK with being part of the Sponsorship Program.

Outreach / Fellowship Development

It's been fantastic having the support of Victoria, Gold Coast and na@home RCM's for their support and input to this program. A success has been able to forward these EOI's straight to Victoria RCM if the EOI has come from Victoria.

Working with the Indigenous Chair is a great step in achieving diversity within NA and connecting Indigenous persons with indigenous NA members.

The monthly Outreach / FD online meeting remains listed on the events page.

The subcommittee is currently working on the Sponsorship Program form to be more inclusive of Indigenous, LGBTQI, FARSI communities.

Ongoing communications with NA communities that fall under Outreach has been maintained with monthly emails inviting to online meeting and NA Today pdf.

What struggles have you had?

Receiving feedback from available sponsors, getting available sponsors to attend online monthly meeting is not working. We have to call each sponsor to check in with them which is laborious, but an experience in NA services in itself.

Capture the Flag appears to have waned.

RCM's to attend subcommittee meetings would be really beneficial in Outreach and FD efforts including offering up members available for the Sponsorship Program.

What are the upcoming projects your subcommittee have planned?

Ongoing rewording of Sponsorship form to be more inclusive of a diverse NA community within Australia.

Workshopping within Outreach / FD to update Outreach tab on website. Banner to include drop down list of individual pages. We will submit these changes to IT for updates to the NA website

Is there any support or guidance the Region can provide your Subcommittee?

Resources on hosting an online workshop – Any available human or other resources would be beneficial in our planning for upcoming workshops.

Outreach / Fellowship Development

Are there any announcements you would like RCMs to take back to their Area in relation to your Subcommittee?

RCM's please to provide members to be available for Sponsorship Program. We have no available representation from SA or NT.

Members available to support online workshop presentations.

What has worked well in your Subcommittee and what challenges has your Subcommittee faced?

Challenges – Communicating with RCM's. It would be great to see some more RCM's at a monthly meeting.

As the Chair, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced?

Discussion Topics for the RSC?

RCM's interested in providing support for online workshops within their Area / NA community.

Any other comments?

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Strategic Planning:

What Strategic Planning (SP) goals have you achieved since the last ARSC?

Communicating with RCM's in relation to workshop planning

What SP goals are you actively working on?

Workshop planning

What barriers have you identified in fulfilling SP goals?

Available human resources and resources on 'how to' conduct an online workshop.

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IT Subcommittee

SUBCOMMITTEE DETAILS:

Chair: Trusted Servant (care-taking)

Vice Chair: vacant

Have you attended an RSC? Yes, as a guest

How many members does your subcommittee have? 12-13

Since the last ARSC how many teleconferences/subcommittee meetings have you held? 1

What is the average attendance? 4 (it's usually more)

Are you in contact with any relevant Area Subcommittee Chairs? If so, please provide details. Was contacted once by the Policy Subcommittee Chair. Provided information relating to posting policies on the NA website.

Finances:

Opening balance: N/A managed through Treasurer

Expenses:

Closing Balance:

Amount of Float Top up being requested:

Subcommittee Activities and Optional Comments:

What successes have you had?

My 3 month agreement was to keep the lights on, but in that time there are a few successes.

1. Developing a graphic and presenting to the Admin committee representing the various components involved in the IT kit that the Subcommittee supports, manages and maintains.
2. Developing a graphic and presenting to Microsoft and the Microsoft partner to support the request we put to MS regarding their potential licensing changes.
3. Personally, I have learned more about the website and how various components of the IT ecosystem work together.

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What struggles have you had?

After having stepped in as the care-taker the beginning of September there have been 2 major events that have taken a considerable amount of time and/or effort.

1. On 24 September, we were notified that Virtual-NA was down and not reachable, which impacted the NA@home meetings listings. Members of the Subcommittee discussed possible actions that could be taken, with some good suggestions presented. Late on Saturday 25 September, Virtual-NA was restored to operation, and the NA@home meetings appeared on our website again. A member of the Subcommittee contacted the NA member in Florida who supports the Virtual-NA platform to inform them of a back-up/redundancy practice of exporting the meetings to the NAWS meeting list website. The reason that the NA@home meeting listings are hosted on the Virtual-NA platform and pulled from there to our website is because that platform has the capability of converting the meeting time zone to the local time zone of the viewer, allowing for anyone to join any virtual meeting that appears on the listing and to not have to know the time difference.
2. On 29 October, we received an email from Microsoft that they were changing/enforcing licensing rules for the Office 365 accounts. Investigation into this indicated that NA would only be permitted a maximum of 10 free licenses for our "volunteer board". At present, we utilise around 140 email addresses/MS licenses. We opened a dialogue with Microsoft, who has directed us to discuss our needs with one of their partners. At this time we await a final determination from Microsoft. We are hopeful that this determination will be provided in writing, so that we can keep it should the issue arise again in future. At this time we have no further information.

What are the upcoming projects your subcommittee have planned?

At this time, the majority of effort expended by the Subcommittee members is in updating meetings when they change and reviewing and approving events that have also ramped up. Other, day-to-day activities, such as staying on top of email notifications about automated updates, changes in services we use and applying non-automated updates, continue to take a similar amount of time as in previous periods.

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Ongoing uplift activities include rebuilding all website forms in the new forms tool; onboarding and training Areas that request website space; ensuring that support documentation is clear, concise and easily findable.

How do you like the new Events page? That was due to the latest update of the EventOn plugin.

Is there any support or guidance the Region can provide your Subcommittee?

Not that I can think of at this time.

Are there any announcements you would like RCMs to take back to their Area in relation to your Subcommittee?

No

What has worked well in your Subcommittee and what challenges has your Subcommittee faced?

Too short a time to tell

As the Chair, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced?

The Subcommittee can pretty well run itself, which is good. Because the expectation that the IT Chair manage and run everything is unrealistic, unless that person has only their recovery, a job (maybe), and this service position, while having a multitude of at least entry level technical skills. It is a huge service position that requires a large amount of time, flexibility and dedication.

Discussion Topics for the RSC?

Only if we've received an update from MS, otherwise none. I may not know until the Friday prior to the RSC.

Any other comments?

There are significant skills redundancies within the Subcommittee membership. Multiple people can handle the tasks of meetings, events and website updates. At least two people can handle O365 management and YAP/phoneline related

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management. Where there currently appears to be a lack of redundancy in skills is in a complete understanding and know-how in managing Twilio (part of phonenumber), the hosting environment, and in updating the non-automatic updating services. However, the member with these skills is willing - and eager - to teach others how to do these things as well.

Additionally, a limited review of how other regions handle the position of IT Chair has provided some insight that if the IT Chair position cannot be filled due to the speciality of the work, that a special worker can be employed. Here are some reference materials to that effect:

1. South Florida Region of NA:

<https://goldcoastna.org/sites/default/files/MANUAL%20RSC%20Policy%20Revised%202008-2019.pdf>

2. New England Region Service Committee of NA: <https://nerna.org/wp-content/uploads/simple-file-list/NERSC-June-2014.pdf>

3. Texas Bluebonnet Region of NA: <https://tbrna.org/document/policy-february-2021>

4. Mountaineer Region Service Committee of NA: <http://mrscna.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2005-04-MRSCNAMinutes.pdf>

5. Free State Region of NA: <http://www.eastofthebayna.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/FSRNA-Policy-Draft.pdf>

Should the Australia Region consider hiring a special worker? If so, what would their duties entail? How would we go about doing this?

While we may not be at a place of needing to hire a special worker, it may be beneficial for the IT Subcommittee to create, at minimum, guiding principles to how work on the website and associated services is conducted. In some cases, such as Microsoft licensing, we may need to disable email accounts that have been requested but are not used - and that should ideally be in some sort of written guidance document for IT support staff to know when to disable accounts (perhaps after notification). This needs more thought and consideration, but a move in that direction may also help to identify if there are any additional skill redundancies lacking and what can be done about that.

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Strategic Planning:

What Strategic Planning (SP) goals have you achieved since the last ARSC?

None

What SP goals are you actively working on?

Unknown

What barriers have you identified in fulfilling SP goals?

Finding where the SP goals are located.

Indigenous Subcommittee

Hi All,

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this week as I am recovering from health challenges as well as my granddaughter (Yuliwirri will be performing at Bare Island on Sunday she is only two) It is very important for me to be there.

Here is an update from the Indigenous chair.

- Contacted Gadigal Information Service to request a cost for a maquis, table and chairs for our Yabun representation on January 26. The contact person is Matt Folino - Marketing Manager
- New Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Men's meeting- Wednesday night 7.30pm
- New Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's meeting - Sunday night - 7pm
- Meetings will be uploaded to the meeting list in a few weeks.
- Provided contact details for one of our Elders to do Welcome to Country for the Convention.
- The NA Aboriginal meeting at Rozelle every 3rd Friday of the month continues to grow with the inclusion of rehabs across Sydney, Western Australia and Moree.
- I have continued to struggle to connect to Gmail from my work laptop hence I had not been able to open my emails

Attended the Outreach Committee meeting which I am sure will be tabled at the meeting.

I would like to wish all of my brothers and sister in recovery a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Warm regards

Yours in loving service

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Indigenous Chair

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Policy and Procedures

Chair: Trusted Servant

Vice Chair: Vacant

Have you attended an RSC? Yes

How many members does your subcommittee have? 4

Since the last ARSC how many teleconferences/subcommittee meetings have you held? 3

What is the average attendance? 4

Are you in contact with any relevant Area Subcommittee Chairs? If so, please provide details.

Finances:

Opening balance:

Expenses:

Closing Balance:

Amount of Float Top up being requested:

Subcommittee Activities and Optional Comments:

What successes have you had?

Strategic planning was helpful to us moving forward. We are asking if resources were unlimited, what would we do?

This is helping us to identify and list our user needs and get documentation software that is going to work best for us and for policy and procedures users, i.e. the ARSC.

What struggles have you had?

What are the upcoming projects your subcommittee have planned?

Finalising policy and procedures documentation software, optimising pdf format, adding graphics and/or diagrams to policy and procedures documentation.

Is there any support or guidance the Region can provide your Subcommittee?

Are there any announcements you would like RCM's to take back to their Area in relation to your Subcommittee?

Please encourage Area Policy Chairs to reach out if they would like to.

What has worked well in your Subcommittee and what challenges has your Subcommittee faced?

Observing the group conscience has worked well. As the Chair I am blessed and grateful to have Subcommittee with wisdom and time up.

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Policy and Procedures

The insurance and risk management policy matter has been extremely challenging and the Subcommittee has spent a lot of time working on this.

As the Chair, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced?

What has worked well is open communication. I have been challenged to make decisions under difficult circumstances and have been supported by relying on the group conscience of the Subcommittee.

Discussion Topics for the RSC?

P&P has made an amended version of the Risk Management policy and procedures, which have been put forward in a proposal by the Treasurer.

Any other comments?

P&P Subcommittee requests amendment of the Treasurer's report to remove the procedure at the end. This is because there is an agreed process for drafting and ratifying policy and procedures.

P&P are the single point of responsibility, accountability, and communication for policy and procedures documentation. We would like to emphasise this is our service structure, in line with our service concepts. Our processes, agreed with the ARSC, are also in line with this. We want policy to be accessible and readable, and to mean something and have practical value.

It is not in line with the above for NA members to make up their own policy and procedures, and unfortunately we object to members doing this. It is part of my job as Chair to uphold the service structure, concepts, and principles, as best I can within NA unity.

A Trusted Servant has relinquished their position as a P&P Subcommittee member due to competing service commitments. We thank them sincerely for their consistent attendance and contributions and the value their wisdom has added to our meetings and group conscience over the last 2 years.

Strategic Planning 2021_DEC

Subcommittee Details:

Chair: Trusted Servant

Vice Chair: Vacant

Have you attended an RSC Yes

How many members does your subcommittee have 2

Since the last ARSC how many teleconferences/subcommittee meetings have you held 1

What is the average attendance 2

Are you in contact with any relevant Area Subcommittee Chairs? If so, please provide details.

Finances:

Opening balance: 0

Expenses:0

Closing Balance:0

Amount of Float Top up being requested:0

Subcommittee Activities and Optional Comments:

What successes have you had The Re-Initiation of Planning as part of the ARSC

What struggles have you had? Attracting members to be part of the subcommittee

What are the upcoming projects your subcommittee have planned?

- An ARSC Inventory Via Email. Closely following the ARSC.
- Attending subcommittee before the next RSC
- Communication with all members of the ARSC before the Next ARSC

Is there any support or guidance the Region can provide your subcommittee?

Are there any announcements you would like RCM's to take back to their Area in relation to your Subcommittee?

What has worked well in your Subcommittee and what challenges has your Subcommittee faced? Membership and participation.

As the Chair, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced?

- What 'appears' to have worked well was the small workshop groups held at the last RSC. The feedback I got from ARSC Participants, while not comprehensive, indicated the small group format gave an opportunity for those who are less inclined to participate in the 'all' member format of the ARSC

Discussion Topics for the RSC?

Any other comments?

Please attach any proposals from your Subcommittee to this report.

FSO Chairs Report for ARSC December 2021

The FSO has been running well. All positions are filled with one in the pool. We are in the process of some forward planning. Hopefully we have completed the process of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Region and the FSO

Please find attached our financials.

Thank you

FSO Chair

Fellowship Service Office Inc

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Profit & Loss [With Year to Date]

July 2021 To October 2021

	July-Oct '21	% of Sales	YTD '21	% of YTD	July-Oct '20	% of Sales	YTD '20	% of YTD
Total Income	\$69,349.94	100.00%	\$69,349.94	100.00%	\$62,163.60	100.00%	\$62,163.60	100.00%
Total Cost Of Sales	\$29,278.55	42.20%	\$29,278.55	42.20%	\$30,155.75	48.50%	\$30,155.75	48.50%
Gross Profit	\$40,071.39	57.80%	\$40,071.39	57.80%	\$32,007.85	51.50%	\$32,007.85	51.50%
Expenses								
Bank Charges	\$108.29	0.20%	\$108.29	0.20%	\$211.64	0.30%	\$211.64	0.30%
Credit Card Fees	\$1,015.09	1.50%	\$1,015.09	1.50%	\$1,091.73	1.80%	\$1,091.73	1.80%
Electricity	\$526.52	0.80%	\$526.52	0.80%	\$545.74	0.90%	\$545.74	0.90%
Insurance	\$1,183.40	1.70%	\$1,183.40	1.70%	\$395.80	0.60%	\$395.80	0.60%
Office Equipment	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	0.00%	\$73.98	0.10%	\$73.98	0.10%
Rent	\$11,999.60	17.30%	\$11,999.60	17.30%	\$10,540.02	17.00%	\$10,540.02	17.00%
Stationery & Consumabl	\$284.20	0.40%	\$284.20	0.40%	\$200.38	0.30%	\$200.38	0.30%
Computer Software	\$877.95	1.30%	\$877.95	1.30%	\$642.56	1.00%	\$642.56	1.00%
Postage	\$7,662.50	11.00%	\$7,662.50	11.00%	\$8,110.58	13.00%	\$8,110.58	13.00%
Consultants	\$4,800.00	6.90%	\$4,800.00	6.90%	\$4,800.00	7.70%	\$4,800.00	7.70%
Telephone/Fax/Internet	\$374.84	0.50%	\$374.84	0.50%	\$514.83	0.80%	\$514.83	0.80%
Online Shop/Website ex	\$447.20	0.60%	\$447.20	0.60%	\$463.88	0.70%	\$463.88	0.70%
Special Workers								
superannuation expense	\$633.98	0.90%	\$633.98	0.90%	\$661.47	1.10%	\$661.47	1.10%
Total Special Workers	\$633.98	0.90%	\$633.98	0.90%	\$661.47	1.10%	\$661.47	1.10%
staff wages	\$6,825.13	9.80%	\$6,825.13	9.80%	\$8,559.98	13.80%	\$8,559.98	13.80%
Printing	\$405.00	0.60%	\$405.00	0.60%	\$305.00	0.50%	\$305.00	0.50%
Total Expenses	\$37,151.43	53.60%	\$37,151.43	53.60%	\$37,139.59	59.70%	\$37,139.59	59.70%
Operating Profit	\$2,919.96	4.20%	\$2,919.96	4.20%	(\$5,131.74)	-8.30%	(\$5,131.74)	-8.30%
Other Income								
Postage & Handling Rec	\$8,659.93	12.50%	\$8,659.93	12.50%	\$7,404.45	11.90%	\$7,404.45	11.90%
Interest Received	\$1.88	0.00%	\$1.88	0.00%	\$13.21	0.00%	\$13.21	0.00%
SCACNA Sales	\$1,210.00	1.70%	\$1,210.00	1.70%				
Total Other Income	\$9,871.81	14.20%	\$9,871.81	14.20%	\$7,417.66	11.90%	\$7,417.66	11.90%
Other Expenses								
SCACNA Refund	\$1,210.00	1.70%	\$1,210.00	1.70%	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Other Expenses	\$1,210.00	1.70%	\$1,210.00	1.70%	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	0.00%
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$11,581.77	16.70%	\$11,581.77	16.70%	\$2,285.92	3.70%	\$2,285.92	3.70%

Fellowship Service Office Inc

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Sales Analysis

July 2021 To October 2021

	July-Oct '21	% of Sales	YTD '21	% of YTD Sales	July-Oct '20	% of Sales	YTD '20	% of YTD Sales
Items								
Pamphlets	\$5,899.10	8.50%	\$5,899.10	8.50%	\$4,600.68	7.40%	\$4,600.68	7.40%
Basic Texts	\$12,746.40	18.40%	\$12,746.40	18.40%	\$13,105.60	21.10%	\$13,105.60	21.10%
Steps Working Guide	\$9,998.66	14.40%	\$9,998.66	14.40%	\$10,160.78	16.30%	\$10,160.78	16.30%
Medallions	\$3,783.34	5.50%	\$3,783.34	5.50%	\$3,904.05	6.30%	\$3,904.05	6.30%
Keytags	\$5,329.04	7.70%	\$5,329.04	7.70%	\$5,522.16	8.90%	\$5,522.16	8.90%
Service Manuals	\$301.54	0.40%	\$301.54	0.40%	\$238.50	0.40%	\$238.50	0.40%
Multimedia Texts	\$18.18	0.00%	\$18.18	0.00%	\$90.91	0.10%	\$90.91	0.10%
Calico Banners	\$2,132.26	3.10%	\$2,132.26	3.10%	\$1,551.48	2.50%	\$1,551.48	2.50%
P.I. Materials	\$6.36	0.00%	\$6.36	0.00%	\$39.89	0.10%	\$39.89	0.10%
Specialty Items	\$952.43	1.40%	\$952.43	1.40%	\$18.00	0.00%	\$18.00	0.00%
White Books	\$2,500.22	3.60%	\$2,500.22	3.60%	\$1,806.49	2.90%	\$1,806.49	2.90%
Living Clean	\$5,872.42	8.50%	\$5,872.42	8.50%	\$833.89	1.30%	\$833.89	1.30%
Sponsorship book-gift edit	\$54.54	0.10%	\$54.54	0.10%	\$5,022.32	8.10%	\$5,022.32	8.10%
Guiding Principles	\$1,135.39	1.60%	\$1,135.39	1.60%	\$163.63	0.30%	\$163.63	0.30%
It Works	\$4,563.69	6.60%	\$4,563.69	6.60%	\$1,101.66	1.80%	\$1,101.66	1.80%
Farsi Literature	\$93.85	0.10%	\$93.85	0.10%	\$5,248.99	8.40%	\$5,248.99	8.40%
Other Income	\$258.03	0.40%	\$258.03	0.40%	\$638.81	1.00%	\$638.81	1.00%
Just for Today Meditations	\$13,568.13	19.60%	\$13,568.13	19.60%	\$8,043.04	12.90%	\$8,043.04	12.90%
Badges Aust Region	\$136.36	0.20%	\$136.36	0.20%	\$54.54	0.10%	\$54.54	0.10%
Total Sales	\$69,349.94	100.00%	\$69,349.94	100.00%	\$62,163.60	100.00%	\$62,163.60	100.00%

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Sydney Metro

Area: Sydney Metro

DECEMBER 2021

Metro is an administration committee of the four Sydney Areas. Its purpose is;

- To support the work of the Sydney Hospitals & Institutions, Public Information, Phone line and Convention Subcommittees and to be a single point of accountability for these committees.
- To provide a central forum and communication point between the four Sydney Areas and a secondary communication point for the four Metro sub-committees back to the areas.

The financial role of the Metro is to-

- Receive and hold 7th Tradition funds passed on by the Areas.
- Top up monthly floats of the Subcommittees.
- Pass on surplus funds to the RSC.
- Maintain a prudent reserve of one month's running costs.
- Make decisions on one-off requests for funds up to \$1,000
- Manage and maintain a Sydney Combined Areas Convention Account.

Membership:

What is the average attendance at Metro? Treasurer, 2-3 subcommittee Chairs and 4 RCMs. We are currently looking for a Vice Chairperson . The position of Secretary has been filled and we thank the previous secretary for their amazing service. We are also looking for a Policy Chair as well a Treasurer and vice Treasurer.

METRO meets monthly on the second Monday of the month. I am out of the loop of Regions meeting schedule so again my report is late, my apologies.

Does Metro have a Phone/Help line? Yes "Most shifts were covered by our regular volunteers & those shifts that weren't, were covered by our reserves. We are on call 24/7, 365 days a year. Phonenumber never sleeps".

Does Metro have a H&I Chair? Yes

How many H&I meetings weekly? About 30. The H&I meetings in Women's prisons has now returned to face to face with most men' returning also. as well some of the Rehabs are returning to face to face Does Metro have an Outreach Chair? No

Does Metro have a PR /PI Chair? No

Phonenumber Chair? Yes.

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report **Sydney Metro**

Finances:

Metro Operational Account

Opening balance: September 13, **2021** 5,228.63\$

Income – 7th Tradition: 6,705.99 \$

\$0.00 interest

Expenses:

Fund flow ARSC: \$7,055.97

Fund flow Metro: \$ NA

Fund flow APF: \$0

Fund flow NAWS: Other expenses: \$75.02 Metro operating (H&I)

What is your area's prudent reserve? \$1,000.00

Closing Balance: As at November 08 2021 \$ 1,600.00

Metro Sydney Combined Areas Convention Account

Opening Balance as at September 13, 2021 : \$25,001.10

Income: interest \$0.61

Venue deposit: minus \$2000.00

Shortfall Plus \$1000.00

Closing Balance as at 2021 \$24,001.50

Literature:

Does Metro have a Literature Subcommittee? No

Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office? Yes

If not the FSO where?

How much literature does your Area distribute to:

H&I: The total spend for the three Sydney Areas (administered through Sydney Metro) in the past four months was \$ This has increased significantly as we are able to return to jails and other facilities. PR/PI: The total spend for the three Sydney Areas (administered through Sydney Metro) in the past four months was \$0.

Other: \$0

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Sydney Metro

Activities:

Does Metro have a convention? Provide details. Yes the Chairperson position of the Sydney Combined Areas Convention is filled and the date for the Convention is set for 4th,5th &6th February 2022 and will be at the Portugese Club. Supporter Packs are the only pre-registration open at this point.

Did Metro have other functions during this reporting period? No

Our focus has been filling service positions, Supporting the areas and SERVICE.

Subcommittee Activity:

Has Metro undertaken any PR/PI activities in the last trimester? What, where and result. No

Workshop & Learning:

Has Metro discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last RSC? No

Other Interest/Information

What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at Metro since the last RSC? Supporting each Area's efforts to support service.

Please attach any proposals from your Area to this report.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

(RCM) REPORTS

- 1. BLUE MOUNTAINS**
- 2. CANBERRA**
- 3. GOLD COAST**
- 4. NA@HOME**
- 5. NORTHERN AUSTRALIA**
- 6. NSW CENTRAL COAST**
- 7. NSW FAR NORTH COAST**
- 8. NSW HUNTER VALLEY**
- 9. NSW SOUTH COAST**
- 10. SUNSHINE COAST**
- 11. SYDNEY EAST**
- 12. SYDNEY NORTH**
- 13. SYDNEY SOUTH**
- 14. SYDNEY WEST**
- 15. VICTORIA-TASMANIA**
- 16. WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Blue Mountains (& Central West)

AREA: Blue Mountains (and Central West)

Regional Committee Member (RCM): **Trusted Servant**

Alternate RCM: **none**

Have you attended an Australian Regional Service Committee (ARSC) Meeting? **Yes**

How many groups in your Area? **10**

Area membership since the last A RSC: Same? / More? / Less? **Same**

What is the average GSR attendance? **5**

Are there any positions vacant in your Area? If yes, what are they? Yes – **RCM Alt, Chair, Literature Chair.**

Does your Area have a Phone/Help line? **No**

If yes, average number of calls per month:

Does your Area have a Hospital & Institutions (H&I) Chair? **Yes**

How many H&I meetings weekly? **None currently**

Does your Area have an Outreach Chair? **No**

Does your Area have a Public Relations (PR) Chair? **Yes**

Finances:

Opening Balance: **01/09/21 - \$532.52**

7th Tradition: **\$690**

Interest Income: **Not stated by treasurer**

Fund Flow to Region: **None for this period**

Other Outflows: **\$38.90 Zoom account**

Prudent Reserve: **\$500**

Closing Balance: **16/10/21 - \$1113.62**

Literature:

Does your Area have a Literature Subcommittee? **No**

Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office (FSO)? **Yes**

If not the FSO where?

How much literature does your Area distribute to the following?

H & I: **None currently**

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Blue Mountains (& Central West)

PR: None currently

Other: None currently

Activities:

Does your Area have a convention? If so, please provide details: No

Did your Area have other functions during this reporting period? Subcommittee Activities (e.g., Unity Day): No

Has your Area undertaken any PR activities in the last quarter? If so, please list with brief description: No

How can your Area benefit from Regional PR support / direction in any upcoming projects or events? We are planning a Unity Day in February, we'd be happy for any advice or support

How can your area benefit from Regional Outreach / Fellowship Development support / direction in any upcoming projects or events? As above

Workshop & Learning:

Has your Area discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last ARSC? Yes

Has your Area hosted any Workshops? No

Is there anything you can share about the different type of efforts your Area has participated in or your experience with these efforts? Things are still pretty slow in our area due to Zoom/Covid

Other Interest/Information

What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at your Area since the last ARSC?

Clarity and compliance with Covid 19 guidelines at meetings

Optional Comments:

What has worked well in your Area and what challenges has your Area faced?

As the RCM, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced? Highlights:

Has your Area put forward any Discussion Topics for the ARSC?

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Any other comments? No

Please attach any proposals from your Area to this report, using the template provided.

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report Canberra, ACT – December 2021

Area:	Canberra, ACT
RCM:	Trusted Servant
Alt. RCM:	Trusted Servant
Have you attended an RSC?	Yes
How many groups in your Area?	11
Area Membership since the last RSC? Same, more or less?	Same
What is the average GSR attendance?	Between 3-5
Are there any positions vacant in your Area? If yes, what are they?	H&I Chair Alternate PI Chair Alternate Secretary Alternate Literature
Does your Area have a Phone/Help line?	Volunteers answer diverted calls from the 1300652820 number. We have 7 volunteers.
If yes, average number of calls per month:	Under 10
Does your Area have a H&I Chair?	No
How many H&I meetings weekly?	2 – 3 monthly
Does your Area have an Outreach Chair?	No
Does your Area have a PR /PI Chair?	Yes
Finances:	
Opening balance:	
Income – 7th Tradition:	
Income – Events / Activities / Fund Raising:	
Expenses:	
Fund flow ARSC:	
Fund flow Metro:	
Fund flow APF:	
Fund flow NAWS:	
What is your area's prudent reserve?	
Closing Balance:	
Literature:	
Does your Area have a Literature Subcommittee?	No
Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office?	Yes
If not the FSO where?	
How much literature does your Area distribute to:	
H&I:	About \$400 worth per annum
PR/PI:	About \$100 per annum
Other:	The groups buy about \$2,400 worth of literature via the literature person for sale at meetings per annum

Activities:	
Does your Area have a convention? Provide details.	Not currently planned

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Canberra, ACT – December 2021**

Did your Area have other functions during this reporting period?	None
Subcommittee Activities:	
Has your area undertaken any PR/PI activities in the last trimester? What, where and result.	None
How can your area benefit from Regional PR support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?	Have recently filled PR/PI and Alt positions, and they discussed getting together to begin getting information out. Maybe if ARSC PR/PI Committee were to reach out and provide support/let them know that there are other resources available that may provide help/direction.
How can your area benefit from Regional Outreach support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?	We don't have an outreach chair/committee. Some information may be helpful to let people know about the service and what we can do it help the still suffering addict.
Workshop & Learning:	
Has your Area discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last RSC?	No
Has your Area hosted any Workshops?	No
Is there anything you can share about the different type of efforts your Area has participated in or your experience with these efforts?	None
Other Interest/Information	
What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at your Area since the last RSC?	Lack of people willing to do service at an ASC level, clean time requirements for ASC and ARSC positions. H&I
Optional Comments:	
What has worked well in your Area and what challenges has your Area faced?	None yet.
As the RCM, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced?	None yet.
Highlights:	
Discussion Topics for the RSC?	None
Any other comments?	None
Please attach any proposals from your Area to this report.	None

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Gold Coast December 2021

Area: Gold Coast

RCM: **Trusted Servant**

Alt. RCM: **Trusted Servant**

Have you attended an RSC? **Yes**

How many groups in your Area? **31**

Area Membership since the last RSC? Same, more or less? **More 4 positions filled**

What is the average GSR attendance? **5 Attendance is low**

Are there any positions vacant in your Area? If yes, what are they?

Vice-chair. • PR Chair . • Policy Chair - • Convention Chair - • Activities Chair.

Does your Area have a Phone/Help line? **Yes**

If yes, average number of calls per month: **TBA**

Does your Area have a H&I Chair? **Yes**

How many H&I meetings weekly? **5 fortnightly or monthly intervals, New Meeting started at Robina Private Hospital**

Does your Area have an Outreach Chair? **No**

Does your Area have a PR /PI Chair? **No**

Finances:

Opening balance date: **22/11/2021**

Opening balance: **\$16,154.42**

Income – 7th Tradition: **\$920 (1/11/2021)**

Income – Events / Activities / Fund Raising: **\$2 501.41**

Expenses:

Fund flow ARSC: **\$3000**

Fund flow Metro: **N/A**

Fund flow APF: **0**

Fund flow NAWS: **0**

Closing Balance: **\$16 550.29**

Closing Balance date: **22/11/2021**

Prudent Reserve: **\$2000**

Other Committed Funds (e.g. funds reserved for Activities, Conventions):

Expense for membership for Zoom \$70.

Funds being reserved for Activities, Convention and Camp Serenity

Literature:

Does your Area have a Literature Subcommittee? **Yes**

Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office? **Yes**

If not the FSO where?

How much literature does your Area distribute to: **As required?**

H&I: **As required**

PR/PI: **As required**

Other:

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Gold Coast December 2021

Activities:

Does your Area have a convention? Provide details. **No**

Did your Area have other functions during this reporting period? **Yes.**

Camp Serenity August 20-22nd Attendance from Members was great even though NSW was closed. Feedback was well received, and members stated that it was needed due to lack of activities in GC area due to Covid and vacant positions. \$2500 was received back from Camp Serenity committee to the area. Camp was more expensive than previous years due to the event catered by the venue due to COVID restrictions

Subcommittee Activities:

Has your area undertaken any PR/PI activities in the last trimester? What, where and result. **No**

How can your area benefit from Regional PR support / direction in any upcoming projects or events? **No**

How can your area benefit from Regional Outreach support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?
No

Workshop & Learning:

Has your Area discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last RSC? **Provide feedback and update on Australia's Motion 13. Feedback was well received on the Gold Coast Area. Thank you to the RD for providing this update.**

Has your Area hosted any Workshops? **No**

Is there anything you can share about the different type of efforts your Area has participated in or your experience with these efforts? **No**

Other Interest/Information

What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at your Area since the last RSC? **Lack of GSR attendance at Area meeting. Concerns for multiple positions vacant especially Activities chair during Christmas and New years period. Low attendance at meetings in a certain area on the Gold Coast. We also had 1 meeting close due to low attendance and home group members.**

Optional Comments:

What has worked well in your Area and what challenges has your Area faced? Camp Serenity was a success, and it was a much-needed unity event. Admin committee is working well with ALT RCM, CHAIR and TREASURER being filled. I would like to take the opportunity to thank a valued Trusted Servant for their time and effort over the last few years in our Area and their service does not go unnoticed.

Challenges is decline of members at area including GSR attendance and vacant positions and having activity/unity events on the Gold Coast.

As the RCM, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced?

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Gold Coast December 2021

Highlights: Admin committee is working well and is great to have new people step up in service. Challenges have noted through the report. Challenges I have experience is learning to balance all responsibilities in my life and learning to not have the weight of the Area on my shoulders.

Discussion Topics for the RSC? No

Any other comments? No

Please attach any proposals from your Area to this report.

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

NA@Home

AREA: NA@Home

Regional Committee Member (RCM): Trusted Servant

Alternate RCM: Trusted Servants (alternate)

Have you attended an Australian Regional Service Committee (ARSC) Meeting? Yes

How many groups in your Area? 21

Area membership since the last ARSC: Same? / More? / Less? Same

What is the average GSR attendance? 16

Are there any positions vacant in your Area? If yes, what are they? Secretary

Does your Area have a Phone/Help line? No

If yes, average number of calls per month:

Does your Area have a Hospital & Institutions (H&I) Chair? No

We don't have an H&I Chair but our area contributes to Australian Online H&I activities through technical support, literature donations, platform provision and member support.

How many H&I meetings weekly? We currently support one weekly presentation to three facilities.

Does your Area have an Outreach Chair? No

Does your Area have a Public Relations (PR) Chair? No

Finances:

Opening Balance: 1500.74

7th Tradition: 391.63

Interest Income:

Fund Flow to Region: 300

Other Outflows:

Prudent Reserve: 1500 Closing balance (24/11/21): \$1592.37

	Date of Area Meeting			TOTAL
	30-Sep-21	31-Oct-21	TBH	
Period covered	1/9/21 to 30/9/21	1/10/21 to 31/10/21	1/11/21 to 24/11/21	
Opening Balance	\$ 1,500.74	\$ 1,634.45	\$ 1,778.42	\$ 1,500.74
7th Tradition	\$ 133.71	\$ 143.97	\$ 113.95	\$ 391.63
Interest Income				\$ -
Fund Flow to Metro				\$ -
Fund Flow to Region			\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Other Outflows	\$ -			\$ -
Closing Balance	\$ 1,634.45	\$ 1,778.42	\$ 1,592.37	\$ 1,592.37

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

NA@Home

Literature:

Does your Area have a Literature Subcommittee? No

Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office (FSO)? Yes

If not the FSO where?

How much literature does your Area distribute to the following?

H & I: As required

PR:

Other:

Activities:

Does your Area have a convention? If so, please provide details: We don't hold a convention but broadcast F2F area conventions where possible.

Did your Area have other functions during this reporting period? Subcommittee Activities (e.g., Unity Day):

Has your Area undertaken any PR activities in the last quarter? If so, please list with brief description:

How can your Area benefit from Regional PR support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?

How can your area benefit from Regional Outreach / Fellowship Development support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?

Workshop & Learning:

Has your Area discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last ARSC?

Has your Area hosted any Workshops? In October, the Alt RCM represented NA@Home at the Sydney Eastern Area Online Meeting Workshop to share our area's experience of hosting meetings in the digital realm.

Is there anything you can share about the different type of efforts your Area has participated in or your experience with these efforts?

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

NA@Home

Other Interest/Information

What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at your Area since the last ARSC?

Optional Comments:

What has worked well in your Area and what challenges has your Area faced?

As the RCM, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced?

Highlights: UK-based online area, HIGNA have just become a seated area of the UK Region.

Wonderful to see our UK counterparts gain recognition and a 'seat at the table' after 10 years.

Has your Area put forward any Discussion Topics for the ARSC?

Any other comments?

NA@Home, in the spirit of unity and inclusion and to provide a link to the service structure, invite other Australia-based online groups (that do not currently have representation at an area level) to join the NA@Home online area. We are currently working on communicating this to other online groups within the Australian region.

Please attach any proposals from your Area to this report, using the template provided.

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Northern Australia

Area: **Northern Australia**

RCM: **Trusted Servant**

Alt. RCM: **Trusted Servant**

Have you attended an RSC? **Yes**

How many groups in your Area? **77**

Area Membership since the last RSC? Same, more or less? **We have GSFs and LSCs – attendance at both are much the same.**

What is the average GSR attendance? GSF attendance is various across the groups. Attendance at LSC?

Are there any positions vacant in your Area? If yes, what are they? **No vacancies on the service board.**

Does your Area have a Phone/Help line? **Yes**

If yes, average number of calls per month: **I get approximately 20 Volunteer Phone Line logs per month**

Does your Area have a H&I Chair? **We have a H&I Hub coordinator.**

How many H&I meetings weekly? **Approximately 8**

Does your Area have an Outreach Chair? **No**

Does your Area have a PR /PI Chair? **We have a PR coordinator**

Finances:

Opening balance date: **1/09/21**

Opening balance: **1,419.45**

Income – 7th Tradition: **4493.39**

Income – Events / Activities / Fund Raising: **0.01**

Expenses: **834.82**

Fund flow ARSC: **2000.00**

Fund flow Metro:

Fund flow APF:

Fund flow NAWS:

Closing Balance: **3,078.03**

Closing Balance date: **27/11/2021**

Prudent Reserve: **4,000.00**

Other Committed Funds (e.g. funds reserved for Activities, Conventions): **5,967.46 (convention)**

Literature:

Does your Area have a Literature Subcommittee? **No**

Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office? **Yes**

If not the FSO where?

How much literature does your Area distribute to:

H&I: **\$213.91**

PR/PI: **\$387.52**

Brisbane North, Hervey Bay, Rockhampton, Townsville, Darwin and Alice Springs.

Literature has recently been sent to a contact which would be Inner City Brisbane; and Mackay will receive some literature this week. Both of these people have recently made contact to be involved with PR.

Literature is a consumable so more will be sent to the above contacts in December and January.

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Northern Australia

Other:

Activities:

Does your Area have a convention? Provide details: **Yes, has been postponed through COVID19 restrictions**

Did your Area have other functions during this reporting period? **Various activity days in different GSFs**

Subcommittee Activities:

Has your area undertaken any PR/PI activities in the last trimester? What, where and result.

- **New GSF PR committees forming across the Area**

Brisbane North

- **Brisbane North has recently established (August 2021) a PR group with approx. 7 committed members.**
- **The group has passed on posters and business cards to police stations, PCYC, Probation and Parole, a local rehab, drop in centres. Enquiries have been made at pharmacies and a school for troubled teens. There has been a Google doc set up so people can list the places they visit and the group can also see which institutions still need to be visited eg Court Houses**
- **Moreton Bay Council has been approached and has agreed to put our posters up in their libraries and also in their toilets. They wanted an electronic version so that they could print them out themselves. We will monitor that to see if they have followed through with their commitment.**
- **It will also be suggested to them, at a future date, that NA members would like to visit these places and pass on the PR materials (libraries) and post these materials ourselves in the toilets.**
- **There is also the issue of NA being fully self - supporting. Again, I think that the PR group will address this after further contact with the Council. We'll monitor the situation in the next 2 months and make contact in February.**
- **The group came up with the idea of putting sticky business card or A5 size posters above the sharp bins in toilets. That has been put to the Council but they wanted to print them off themselves and place the posters.**
- **The group was also looking for a workshop idea for PR. Details are yet to be ascertained.**

Brisbane South

- **Established in December 2021**
- **They have poster placement in doctor's surgeries and pharmacies. They have made contact with the railways and bus companies. Railways were no-goers. Many other options have also been looked at. They also have a register of places visited.**
- **Recently they attended a Tattoo Convention and I'm yet to know how that went.**
- **They are following up on contact with the Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union (CFMMEU) to provide their members with presentations.**
- **They have been very helpful in giving Brisbane North a model to follow.**
- **Northern Australia**
- **Coordinating the above and providing literature. Contact being made with larger organisations e.g. Telstra, Council, Qld Health**
- **A check was made of NA currency on major health websites eg Qld Health, Lifeline, Lions Club Biala (part of Qld Health)**
- **Contact with Telstra is on - going. We have put a proposal to Telstra to place our posters in their toll free phone booths along the Queensland coast and in Darwin and Alice Springs. Talks have been encouraging and as recently as this week I have had contact with a manager who once again has passed our proposal 'further up the chain'. That's a wait and see**

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Northern Australia

How can your area benefit from Regional PR support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?

- **It would be beneficial if the FSO could have:**
 - **The pamphlet “Narcotics Anonymous – A resource in your community”.**
- **I’m told we are waiting for supplies to come from the US. This is a pamphlet that we will need in large volumes so that we can inform potential supporters.**
 - **Business cards, sticky business cards, posters available to PR. This would maybe reduce costs for all areas.**
- **Contact with experienced members in NA for presentations to the public. This is always helpful. Input from members is invaluable to reinforce our perceptions from the PR principles and also to guide us.**
- **I think that contact with other areas would also be helpful to share ideas and reduce possible overlaps.**

How can your area benefit from Regional Outreach support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?

- **We continue to benefit from support from Regional Outreach to help developing and supporting isolated GSF’s**

Workshop & Learning:

Has your Area discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last RSC? **No**

Has your Area hosted any Workshops? **Always include workshops in our LSC. Last one promoted the value of service for personal recovery.**

Is there anything you can share about the different type of efforts your Area has participated in or your experience with these efforts?

Other Interest/Information

What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at your Area since the last RSC?

Optional Comments:

What has worked well in your Area and what challenges has your Area faced?

As the RCM, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced? **Time limitations. Personal pressures and attention taken up with other pressing concerns outside of NA.**

Highlights: **Chatting with my fellow servants.**

Discussion Topics for the RSC?

Any other comments?

Please attach any proposals from your Area to this report.

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report
NSW Far North Coast

AREA: NSW FAR NORTH COAST

Regional Committee Member (RCM): *Trusted Servant*

Alternate RCM: *Trusted Servant*

Have you attended an Australian Regional Service Committee (ARSC) Meeting? *Yes*

How many groups in your Area? *35 (includes 2 permanent 'online only' meetings)*

Area membership since the last A RSC: *Same? / More? / Less? Same, good attendance.*

What is the average GSR attendance? *8-12*

Are there any positions vacant in your Area? If yes, what are they? *Yes – Alt Secretary, Vice Chair, Assistant Treasurer, Activities Chair.*

Does your Area have a Phone/Help line? *Yes, linked to National phone line.*

If yes, average number of calls per month: *4-5*

Does your Area have a Hospital & Institutions (H&I) Chair? *Yes*

How many H&I meetings weekly? *1*

Does your Area have an Outreach Chair? *No*

Does your Area have a Public Relations (PR) Chair? *Yes*

Finances:

Opening balance (as at 13/08/2021): \$2,000.00 (including \$500 PR Float)

Income – 7th Tradition: \$2,792.50

Income – Events / Activities / Fund Raising: N/A

Zoom refund: \$46.18

Account fee refund: \$5.00

Total Income: \$2,843.68

Expenses: \$480.69

Fund Flow To RSC: \$2,362.99

Closing Balance (as at 11/11/2021): \$2,000.00 (including \$500 PR Float)

Literature:

Does your Area have a Literature Subcommittee? *Yes*

Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office (FSO)? *Yes*

If not the FSO where?

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report **NSW Far North Coast**

How much literature does your Area distribute to the following?

H & I: *not attending detox facility due to COVID*

PR: *as required*

Other:

Activities:

Does your Area have a convention? If so, please provide details: *Yes! – 25th, 26th & 27th March 2022, Lennox Head Community Centre, Lennox Head.*

Did your Area have other functions during this reporting period? Subcommittee Activities (e.g., Unity Day): *No other functions or activities this period.*

Has your Area undertaken any PR activities in the last quarter? If so, please list with brief description: *PR Chair has recruited and formed a PR Sub-committee to begin canvassing local health & community networks regarding NA public information and the restocking of posters/meetings lists.*

How can your Area benefit from Regional PR support / direction in any upcoming projects or events? *PR Chair to contact Regional PR Chair to develop connection/networking opportunities.*

How can your area benefit from Regional Outreach / Fellowship Development support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?

Workshop & Learning:

Has your Area discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last ARSC? *No*

Has your Area hosted any Workshops? *No*

Is there anything you can share about the different type of efforts your Area has participated in or your experience with these efforts?

Other Interest/Information

What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at your Area since the last ARSC? *How to manage the attendance at our meetings given the NSW Health Regulations around COVID-19 restrictions; election of 2022 Convention Chair; continuing with Zoom platform for ASC meetings until mid-December.*

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report NSW Far North Coast

Optional Comments:

What has worked well in your Area and what challenges has your Area faced? *Switching to Zoom platform when going into lockdown periods - with the amazing support from Web Servant(s)!*

As the RCM, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced? Highlights: *Steady attendance by GSR's at monthly Area meetings provides for a supportive space. With Zoom only ASC meetings, presents a challenge for literature to be distributed to GSR's.*

Has your Area put forward any Discussion Topics for the ARSC? - Yes

Any other comments? *Change/addition to the GSR reporting template (Proposal sent).*

Please attach any proposals from your Area to this report, using the template provided.

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

NSW Hunter Valley Area

Area: Newcastle/Hunter NSW

RCM: Trusted Servant

Alt. RCM: Vacant

Have you attended an RSC? Yes

How many groups in your Area? 18

Area Membership since the last RSC? Same, more or less? More

What is the average GSR attendance? 3

Are there any positions vacant in your Area? If yes, what are they? All alternates, Treasurer and Secretary

Does your Area have a Phone/Help line? N

If yes, average number of calls per month:

Does your Area have a H&I Chair? Y

How many H&I meetings weekly? 1

Does your Area have an Outreach Chair? N

Does your Area have a PR /PI Chair? Y

Finances:

Opening Balance 2648.54

7th Tradition

Interest Income

Fund Flow to Region 0

Other Outflows

Prudent Reserve 1000

Closing Balance 2648.54

Literature:

Does your Area have a Literature Subcommittee? N

Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office? Y

If not the FSO where?

How much literature does your Area distribute to:

H&I

PR/PI:

Other:

Activities:

Does your Area have a convention? Provide details.

Did your Area have other functions during this reporting period?

Subcommittee Activities:

Has your area undertaken any PR/PI activities in the last trimester? Y. PR are working suburb to suburb

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

NSW Hunter Valley Area

How can your area benefit from Regional PR support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?

How can your area benefit from Regional Outreach support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?

Have requested a presenter/s for upcoming learning day.

Workshop & Learning:

Has your Area discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last RSC?

Has your Area hosted any Workshops?

Is there anything you can share about the different type of efforts your Area has participated in or your experience with these efforts?

Other Interest/Information

What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at your Area since the last RSC?

Optional Comments:

What has worked well in your Area and what challenges has your Area faced?

As the RCM, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced? Highlights:

Discussion Topics for the RSC?

Any other comments?

All previous activities are currently on the back burner.

Please attach any proposals from your Area to this report.

SOUTH COAST RCM REPORT

RCM: Trusted Servant

Alt RCM: Vacant

Have you attended an RSC? YES

How many groups in your Area? 19

Area Membership since the last RSC? Same, more or less? SAME

What is the average GSR attendance? 16

Are there any positions vacant in your Area? YES ALL ALTERNATE POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE

Does your Area have a Phone/Help line? YES

If yes, average number of calls per month: 12

Does your Area have a H&I Chair? YES

How many H&I meetings weekly? NONE CURRENTLY RUNNING DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

Does your Area have an Outreach Chair? NO

Does your Area have a PR /PI Chair? YES

Finances:

Opening balance date:\$4150.62

Income – 7th Tradition: \$670

Income – Events / Activities / Fund Raising:

Expenses: ZOOM ACCOUNT –

\$69.27 FOR SEPT

\$207.81 FOR JUNE JULY AUGUST

LAST REGION DONATION - \$300

Closing Balance: \$42243.54

Other Committed Funds (e.g. funds reserved for Activities, Conventions):

WE WILL BE DONATING \$400 TO REGION THIS AREA

Literature:

Does your Area have a Literature Subcommittee? ONLY ONE PERSON

Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office? YES

If not the FSO where?

Activities:

Does your Area have a convention? Provide details. NO UNITY DY CANCELLED DUE TO COVID

Did your Area have other functions during this reporting period?

Subcommittee Activities:

Has your area undertaken any PR/PI activities in the last trimester? NO

What, where and result.

How can your area benefit from Regional PR support / direction in any upcoming projects or events? WE HAVE A NEW PR OFFICER WITH NO EXPERIENCE ANY HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED

How can your area benefit from Regional Outreach support / direction in any upcoming projects or events? NOT SURE

Workshop & Learning:

Has your Area discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last RSC? NO

Has your Area hosted any Workshops? NO

Is there anything you can share about the different type of efforts your Area has participated in or your experience with these efforts? NO

Other Interest/Information

What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at your Area since the last RSC? VACCINATED AND NON VACCINATED MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS AND HOW TO GO ABOUT DOING THIS WITH VENUE RESTRICTIONS

Optional Comments:

As the RCM, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced? I HAVE VERY LIMITED EXPERIENCE WITH THIS ROLE

YILS

NSW South Coast RCM

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Sunshine Coast Area

Area: Sunshine Coast

RCM: Trusted Servant

Alt. RCM: Trusted Servant

Have you attended an RSC? Yes.

How many groups in your Area? 19

Area Membership since the last RSC? Same, more or less?

What is the average GSR attendance? 13

Are there any positions vacant in your Area? If yes, what are they? Policy Chair.

Does your Area have a Phone/Help line? Yes.

If yes, average number of calls per month: 4 – 6 calls per month.

Does your Area have a H&I Chair? Yes.

How many H&I meetings weekly? 5 (Hader clinic, Woodforde men's prison, Brisbane women's prison, Caloundra private clinic, the Hub homeless refuge).

Does your Area have an Outreach Chair? No.

Does your Area have a PR/PI Chair? Yes.

Finances:

Opening balance date: 1st August 2021

Opening balance: \$3,832.23

Income – 7th Tradition: \$1,132.40

Income – Sub-committee fund return/ Events / Activities / Fund Raising: \$1,592.13 (Convention funds raised)

Income – Literature sales returns: \$465.48

Expenses: \$460.84

Fund flow ARSC: \$500

Fund flow APF: Nil

Fund flow NAWS: Nil

Closing Balance: \$6,061.40

Closing Balance date: 31st October 2021

Convention account: \$3,222.17

Main area account: \$2,835.98 (prudent reserve \$500, Literature reserve \$500, Activities reserve \$500)

If you would like detailed treasury reports for this reporting period from the Sunshine Coast or have any queries regarding this report, feel free to contact Treasurer at SCNA.treasury@outlook.com.

Literature:

Does your Area have a Literature Subcommittee? No, just a literature chair.

Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office? Yes.

If not the FSO where? N/A

How much literature does your Area distribute to:

H&I: \$578 worth of literature distributed to H & I in September. Funds supplied from the ARSC PR budget.

PR/PI: N/A

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Sunshine Coast Area

Other:

Activities:

Does your Area have a convention? Yes, being organized for the end of April 2022.

Did your Area have other functions during this reporting period?

Open mic night, September 18th.

Coastal Connection Men's camp, October 29th – 31st.

Halloween BBQ convention fund raiser, October 31st.

Women's Unity Day coming up, 27th November.

Subcommittee Activities:

Has your area undertaken any PR/PI activities in the last trimester? Flyer distribution, networking.

How can your area benefit from Regional PR support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?

Not at this stage, thank you.

How can your area benefit from Regional Outreach support / direction in any upcoming projects or events? At this stage, no support required by Regional Outreach.

Workshop & Learning:

Has your Area discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last RSC? No.

Has your Area hosted any Workshops? No.

Is there anything you can share about the different type of efforts your Area has participated in or your experience with these efforts? No.

Other Interest/Information

What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at your Area since the last RSC?

Support for struggling lunch time meeting.

Distribution of literature to H & I.

Optional Comments:

Inaugural Coastal Connection men's camp was held on 29th – 31st of October.

The event was very well attended with 63 camping for the full weekend, with other members (including a treatment Centre from Gympie) attending just for the meetings.

Members attended from Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Toowoomba, and Cairns.

This event will be held annually on the last weekend in October.

What has worked well in your Area and what challenges has your Area faced? Excellent GSR attendance. Brilliant service efforts by Convention/Activities Committee, H & I and the Men's group.

Lunch time meetings struggling to gain support.

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Sunshine Coast Area

As the RCM, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced? Very grateful to the ARSC admin committee for allowing the Sunshine Coast to access funds from Regional PR budget for H & I literature. Everything running smoothly, no significant challenges to report.

Highlights:

Coastal Connection Men's camp.

Service efforts of H & I, Convention/Activities Committee, the Men's group.

Strong sense of unity at Sunny Coast ASC's.

Discussion Topics for the RSC? Nil.

Any other comments? No further comments.

YILS

Sunshine Coast RCM

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

EASC Sydney

Area: NSW Sydney EASC

RCM: Trusted Servant

Alt. RCM: none

Have you attended an RSC? Y

How many groups in your Area? 30

Area Membership since the last RSC? Yes

What is the average GSR attendance? **8-12**

Are there any positions vacant in your Area? Alt RCM, members for P.I. Subcommittee , Vice Policy Chair – 1 year clean time required , Activities Chair .

Does your Area have a Phone/Help line? Y

If yes, average number of calls per month: unable to collate data

Does your Area have a H&I Chair? Y

How many H&I meetings weekly? **8**

Does your Area have an Outreach Chair? N

Does your Area have a PR /PI Chair? Y

Finances:

Opening balance date: 27th August 2021

Opening balance: \$ 2568.63

Income – 7th Tradition: \$6,232.49

Income – Events / Activities / Fund Raising: nil

Expenses: \$2,119.79

Fund flow ARSC: \$3,383.40

Fund flow Metro:\$900.00

Fund flow APF:

Fund flow NAWS:

Closing Balance: \$2,397.93

Closing Balance date: 25/11/2021

Prudent Reserve: \$1200.00

Literature:

Does your Area have a Literature Subcommittee? N

Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office? N

If not the FSO where?

How much literature does your Area distribute to: unknown

H&I:

PR/PI:

Other:

Other Outflows in November are (a) ZoomPro subscription costs (\$166.47, these have stabilised to a lower level) (b) FSO literature purchases covered by EASC for new meetings (\$301.60) and (c) \$1,130 in respect of NA business cards purchased.

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

EASC Sydney

Activities:

Does your Area have a convention? **NO**

Did your Area have other functions during this reporting period? **NO**

Subcommittee Activities:

Has your area undertaken any PR/PI activities in the last trimester? **NO**

How can your area benefit from Regional PR support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?

How can your area benefit from Regional Outreach support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?

Workshop & Learning:

Has your Area discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last RSC? **No**

Has your Area hosted any Workshops? **NO**

Is there anything you can share about the different type of efforts your Area has participated in or your experience with these efforts?

Other Interest/Information

What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at your Area since the last RSC?

PayPal or Squares as a form of “Cash Less” 7th Tradition Funds donations

Vice Chair Costa implemented an “Issues & Problems” register for follow up and archive

Proposal to remove Surnames of 7th Tradition depositors from Bank Statements presented at Committee meetings and minutes – ongoing, not resolved as yet.

A “start up / return to Face to Face” fund for Groups that may be struggling financially to return to face to face meeting (individual groups received very little funds during lock down on Online meeting format .

Optional Comments:

What has worked well in your Area and what challenges has your Area faced?

A Zoom Hosting Workshop on the 2nd of October was a resounding success.

Facilitated by the EASC and open to all Areas, and feedback was positive, especially in the practical Zoom Bombing Session.

A discussion facilitated by member regarding acceptable behavior in administration meetings involving live feedback and the implementation of the Traditions & Concepts of Service produced great results moving forward.

Hesitation/mistrust/and confusion regarding resumption of Face-to-Face meetings in line with Australian Government law concerning Covid-19 restrictions and Narcotics Anonymous Traditions (3rd Tradition is most voiced here)

Discussion Topics for the RSC?

All of the above .

EASC Financials September 2021 to November 2021

	Date of Meeting			TOTAL across the quarter
	25-Sep-21	30-Oct-21	27-Nov-21	
Period covered	27 August to 23 September 2021	24 September to 28 October 2021	29 October to 25 November 2021	

Opening Balance	\$ 2,568.63	\$ 2,776.47	\$ 3,888.38	\$ 2,568.63
7th Tradition	\$ 2,015.00	\$ 2,751.49	\$ 1,466.00	\$ 6,232.49
Interest Income				\$ -
- Fund Flow to Metro	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 900.00
- Fund Flow to Region	\$ 1,287.15	\$ 1,037.87	\$ 1,058.38	\$ 3,383.40
Other Inflows	\$ -			\$ -
- Other Outflows	\$ 220.01	\$ 301.71	\$ 1,598.07	\$ 2,119.79
Closing Balance	\$ 2,776.47	\$ 3,888.38	\$ 2,397.93	\$ 2,397.93
	\$ 1,037.87	\$ 1,058.38	\$ 697.93	

Notes

1. Other Outflows in September were all ZoomPro subscription costs.
2. Other Outflows in July are again, entirely comprised of ZoomPro subscription costs, which rose as the number of licences had to be increased to cater for the number of online meetings potentially occurring simultaneously & higher numbers attending generally.
3. Other Outflows in November are (a) ZoomPro subscription costs (\$166.47, these have stabilised to a lower level) (b) FSO literature purchases covered by EASC for new meetings (\$301.60) and (c) \$1,130 in respect of NA business cards purchased.

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Sydney North

AREA:

Regional Committee Member (RCM): Trusted Servant

Alternate RCM: position vacant

Have you attended an Australian Regional Service Committee (ARSC) Meeting? Yes

How many groups in your Area? 21

Area membership since the last A RSC: Same? / More? / Less? Same

What is the average GSR attendance? 9

Are there any positions vacant in your Area? If yes, what are they? Alt RCM

Does your Area have a Phone/Help line? Yes

If yes, average number of calls per month: 4

Does your Area have a Hospital & Institutions (H&I) Chair? Yes

How many H&I meetings weekly? 6

Does your Area have an Outreach Chair? No

Does your Area have a Public Relations (PR) Chair? Yes

Finances:

Opening balance date: 22nd August 2021

Opening balance: \$1589.95

7th Tradition: \$3337.02

Income – events/ activities/ fund raising: None

Expenses - \$884.72

Fund flow ARSC: \$2098.56

Fund flow Metro: \$900.00

Fund flow APF: None

Fund flow NAWS: None

Closing balance: \$1043.02

Closing balance date: 26th November 2021

Prudent reserve: \$843.02

Other committed funds: \$200

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Sydney North

Literature:

Does your Area have a Literature Subcommittee? No

Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office (FSO)? Yes

If not the FSO where? We buy from FSO

How much literature does your Area distribute to the following?

H & I: subcommittees supply own literature needs

PR: subcommittees supply own literature needs

Other: nothing

Activities:

Does your Area have a convention? If so, please provide details: yes we are planning a combined area convention for next year

Did your Area have other functions during this reporting period? Subcommittee Activities (e.g., Unity Day): No

Has your Area undertaken any PR activities in the last quarter? If so, please list with brief description: No

How can your Area benefit from Regional PR support / direction in any upcoming projects or events? Nothing at this stage

How can your area benefit from Regional Outreach / Fellowship Development support / direction in any upcoming projects or events? Nothing at this stage

Workshop & Learning:

Has your Area discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last ARSC? Brief discussions were had at area and some groups spoke at their own group consciousness

Has your Area hosted any Workshops? No

Is there anything you can share about the different type of efforts your Area has participated in or your experience with these efforts? *Nothing to share*

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Sydney North

Other Interest/Information

What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at your Area since the last ARSC? New covid restrictions and how to practice unity in these times. Staying in line with traditions in these unprecedented times.

Optional Comments:

What has worked well in your Area and what challenges has your Area faced? We have adapted to online and we are determining new ways to handle zoom bombers. We have faced the challenges of how to handle supporting vaccinated and unvaccinated people in our fellowship.

As the RCM, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced? Highlights: challenges are doing this role without an Alt RCM as a support. My time is up and no one is stepping in. I worry my area will be left out. It's worked well having region members as a support and being able to reach out for information.

Has your Area put forward any Discussion Topics for the ARSC?

No. just happy to listen.

Any other comments?

Please attach any proposals from your Area to this report, using the template provided.

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

South Sydney

Area: Sydney South

RCM: Trusted Servant

Alt. RCM: -

Have you attended an RSC? - Yes

How many groups in your Area? 39 meetings weekly.

Area Membership since the last RSC? Same, more or less? Difficult to access due to COVID

What is the average GSR attendance? 10

Are there any positions vacant in your Area? If yes, what are they?

ALT RCM, Treasurer, Vice Treasurer, Vice Chair, Alternate Secretary, PR Representative, Phonenumber Chair, PI Chair, Policy Chair, Activities Chair.

Does your Area have a Phone/Help line? See Sydney Metro report

If yes, average number of calls per month: See Sydney Metro report

Does your Area have a H&I Chair? Yes

How many H&I meetings weekly? 4

Does your Area have an Outreach Chair? No

Does your Area have a PR /PI Chair? No, but recruiting.

Finances:

Opening balance date: 28 August 2021

Opening balance: \$3,582.45 (including the reserve)

Income – 7th Tradition: \$996.52 + \$1,391.98 + \$175.39 + \$783.94 + \$20.27

Income – Events / Activities / Fund Raising: 0

PayPal validation amount -\$1.10 + -\$1.10

Expenses:

Fund flow ARSC:

Fund flow Metro: -\$2,244.00, -\$804.00

Fund flow APF: 0

Fund flow NAWS: 0

Zoom: -\$277.08, -\$223.45,

Closing Balance: \$3,399.82 (including reserve), \$1,897.75 (excluding reserve)

Closing Balance date: 26th of November

Prudent Reserve: \$300.00

Other Committed Funds (e.g. funds reserved for Activities, Conventions):

Activities Committee reserve \$500

Covid fund reserve \$597.12

Zoom reimbursement to be made to member's credit card

Zoom reserve for next payment -\$104.95

Total Reserve -\$1,502.07

Literature:

Does your Area have a Literature Subcommittee? No

Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office? Yes

If not the FSO where?

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

South Sydney

How much literature does your Area distribute to:

H&I: Through Metro

PR/PI: Through Metro

Other:

Activities:

Does your Area have a convention? Provide details. No.

Did your Area have other functions during this reporting period? No

Subcommittee Activities:

Has your area undertaken any PR/PI activities in the last trimester? No What, where and result?

How can your area benefit from Regional PR support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?

How can your area benefit from Regional Outreach support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?

Not applicable.

Workshop & Learning:

Has your Area discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last RSC? No

Has your Area hosted any Workshops? No

Is there anything you can share about the different type of efforts your Area has participated in or your experience with these efforts? *NA*

Other Interest/Information

What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at your Area since the last RSC?

Cashless Payment:

Paypal is proving complex as it's hard to monitor what group the money was donated at and impacts the 7th Tradition (fully self-supporting/independently financed), Sothern Area would like to request the ARSC form a work group to investigate/set up the use of Regional ABN in square transactions for groups.

Optional Comments:

What has worked well in your Area and what challenges has your Area faced?

As the RCM, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced?

Highlights:

Discussion Topics for the RSC?

Any other comments?

Please attach any proposals from your Area to this report.

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

SYDNEY WEST SERVICE COMMITTEE

Area:

RCM: Trusted Servant

Alt. RCM: Trusted Servant

Have you attended an RSC? Yes

How many groups in your Area? 23_

Area Membership since the last RSC? Same, more or less? Same

What is the average GSR attendance? 8

Are there any positions vacant in your Area? If yes, what are they?

Does your Area have a Phone/Help line? No

If yes, average number of calls per month:

Does your Area have a H&I Chair? No

How many H&I meetings weekly? None at the Moment

Does your Area have an Outreach Chair? No

Does your Area have a PR /PI Chair? No_____

Finances:

Opening balance:\$1010.00

Income – 7th Tradition: 350.00

Income – Events / Activities / Fund Raising:

Expenses:

Fund flow ARSC:

Fund flow Metro:

Fund flow APF:

Fund flow NAWS:

Closing Balance: \$1360.00

Literature:

Does your Area have a Literature Subcommittee? No

Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office?

If not the FSO where?

How much literature does your Area distribute to:

H&I:None

PR/PI:None

Other:

Activities:

Does your Area have a convention? Provide details.NO

Did your Area have other functions during this reporting period? No

Subcommittee Activities:

Has your area undertaken any PR/PI activities in the last trimester? What, where and result.N/A

How can your area benefit from Regional PR support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

SYDNEY WEST SERVICE COMMITTEE

How can your area benefit from Regional Outreach support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?

Workshop & Learning:

Has your Area discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last RSC? No

Has your Area hosted any Workshops? No

Is there anything you can share about the different type of efforts your Area has participated in or your experience with these efforts? *No*

Other Interest/Information

What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at your Area since the last RSC?

We have an Issue with GSRS Coming to area and asking for some guidance, considering it is the first meet since lockdown, some meeting are still not able to return FACE TO FACE as yet.

Optional Comments:

What has worked well in your Area and what challenges has your Area faced? GSR's Not coming to area, therefore misrepresented and No communication between the area and Groups.

As the RCM, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced? OCMS not supporting the newcomers to do service

Highlights:

Discussion Topics for the RSC?

Any other comments?

Please attach any proposals from your Area to this report.

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Victoria / Tasmania

AREA:

Regional Committee Member (RCM): Trusted Servant

Alternate RCM: Trusted Servant

Have you attended an Australian Regional Service Committee (ARSC) Meeting? Yes

How many groups in your Area? 10 Group Support Forums (GSF)– 150 Meetings

Area membership since the last A RSC: Same? / More? / Less? Same

What is the average GSR attendance? GSF attendance quarterly is ~8

Are there any positions vacant in your Area? If yes, what are they? Yes, mostly Assistant Positions

Does your Area have a Phone/Help line? Yes

If yes, average number of calls per month: ~60-70

Does your Area have a Hospital & Institutions (H&I) Chair? Yes

How many H&I meetings weekly? ~11

Does your Area have an Outreach Chair? Not currently

Does your Area have a Public Relations (PR) Chair? Yes – PR have just restarted their subcommittee

Finances:

Opening Balance: \$18,871.39

7th Tradition: \$13,994.14

Interest Income: -

Fund Flow to Region: \$12,321.25

Other Outflows: \$2,617

Prudent Reserve: \$15,000

Closing Balance: \$17,927.28

Literature:

Does your Area have a Literature Subcommittee? No

Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office (FSO)? Yes GSFs and meetings order direct from FSO

If not the FSO where? N/A

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Victoria / Tasmania

How much literature does your Area distribute to the following?

H & I: H&I currently have a large literature budget and are actively working on getting literature out
~5k per year

PR: Not currently, Subcommittee has just restarted and they are reviewing their budget

Other:

Activities:

Does your Area have a convention? If so, please provide details: Yes this will be April 8th -
10th 2022

Did your Area have other functions during this reporting period? Subcommittee Activities
(e.g., Unity Day): None due to Covid

**Has your Area undertaken any PR activities in the last quarter? If so, please list with brief
description:** None due to Covid and PR subcommittee restarting

**How can your Area benefit from Regional PR support / direction in any upcoming projects
or events?** I believe PR are in contact with other PR Subcommittees

**How can your area benefit from Regional Outreach / Fellowship Development support /
direction in any upcoming projects or events?** Yes – I think we can always benefit from
support from Region and regional subcommittee.

Workshop & Learning:

Has your Area discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last ARSC? No

Has your Area hosted any Workshops? No

Is there anything you can share about the different type of efforts your Area has participated in or
your experience with these efforts?

Other Interest/Information

**What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at your Area since the last
ARSC?**

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report

Victoria / Tasmania

Covid and meeting restrictions is still taking up the majority of the discussion in Victoria. I will be presenting on this at Region and sharing our Vic LSB communications in an effort to support other areas.

Optional Comments:

What has worked well in your Area and what challenges has your Area faced?

As the RCM, what has worked well and what challenges have you experienced? Highlights: Learning on the fly how to have conversations in a respectful and kind manner around Venue requirements and Covid restrictions. Victoria has been navigating covid restrictions for 20 months now, and we are finally in a place where we are bringing some unity back into our fellowship and moving forward.

Has your Area put forward any Discussion Topics for the ARSC?

Any other comments?

The An Ongoing Conversation (AOC) working group has made the decision to withdraw from the Victorian area and bring this as a proposal to Region, Victoria is in support of this as AOC has clearly expressed that there has been interest in this working group Australia wide and that this is not a Victoria specific challenge.

Victoria would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to Regional Delegate and Public Officer in their support around some challenging members within Victoria. It has been a very big two years and the fellowship is feeling a lot and

Please attach any proposals from your Area to this report, using the template provided.

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report December 2021

Western Australia

Area: Western Australia

RCM: **Trusted Servant**

Alt. RCM: **Vacant**

Have you attended an RSC? **Y**

How many groups in your Area? **42**

Area Membership since the last RSC? **Yes**

What is the average GSR attendance? **16**

Are there any positions vacant in your Area? **ASC Chair, ASC Vice-Chair, Alternate Treasurer, Alt-RCM**

Does your Area have a Phone/Help line? **Y**

If yes, average number of calls per month: **20**

Does your Area have a H&I Chair? **Y**

How many H&I meetings weekly? **1-2**

Does your Area have an Outreach Chair? **Y**

Does your Area have a PR /PI Chair? **N**

Finances:

Opening balance date: **29-Aug-21**

Opening balance: **\$10,335.12**

Income – 7th Tradition: **\$2,839.44**

Income – Events / Activities / Fund Raising:

Expenses: **\$11,023.87 (\$7500 Convention)**_

Fund flow ARSC:

Fund flow Metro:

Fund flow APF:

Fund flow NAWS:

Convention / Activities / RCM Budgets: **\$7500, \$3000, \$600**

Closing Balance: **\$2150.69**

Closing Balance date: **28-Nov-21**

Prudent Reserve: **\$580**

We were unable to fund flow to the ARSC this cycle as funds have been used for Convention venue deposit. Fund flow will be made as soon as we are financial.

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report December 2021

Western Australia

NASC Financials August 2021 to November 2021

Period covered	Date of Area Meeting				TOTAL
	29-Aug-21 24 Jul to 27 Aug	26-Sep-21 28 Aug to 24 Sep	31-Oct-21 25 Sep to 29 Oct	28-Nov-21 30 Oct to 26 Nov	
Opening Balance	\$ 10,335.12	\$ 3,909.79	\$ 1,427.29	\$ 2,018.01	
7th Tradition	\$ 1,074.67	\$ 490.35	\$ 590.72	\$ 683.70	\$ 2,839.44
Interest Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Flow to Metro	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Flow to Region	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Outflows	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,972.85	\$ -	\$ 551.02	\$ 11,023.87
Closing Balance	\$ 3,909.79	\$ 1,427.29	\$ 2,018.01	\$ 2,150.69	

Notes

Region reporting does not take into account 'Other Income';

WA ASC account holds Activities Committee seed funds due to transiation to new sub-committees and setting up of accounts

24 Jul to 26 Nov Summary	
Total Credits	\$2,839.44
Total Debits	\$11,023.87
Time period Cash Flow +	-\$8,184.43

Credits		Debits	
Group Contributions	\$2,839.44	Regional Fund Flow (Region) Other Outgoing - Breakdown below	\$0.00
Convention Committee Reimbursement	\$0.00	ASC Rent	\$210.00
Convention Committee Funds Raised	\$0.00	PI Float top-up	\$0.00
Activities Committee Reimbursement/Funds Raised	\$0.00	RCM	\$0.00
Bank Interest	\$0.00	H&I	\$166.21
Other Income	\$0.00	Convention Committee	\$7,500.00
		Outreach	\$21.50
		Activities Committee	\$518.19
		Indigenous Committee	\$0.00
		Literature Support	\$163.00
		Tea & Coffee	\$15.07
		Bank fees	\$0.00
		WA ASC Other Outgoing	\$2,429.90
Total	\$2,839.44	Sub-Total	\$11,023.87

ASC Storage, Convention deposit, Zoom, Group Lit Support

KEY	
BOLD text	denotes Region accounting categories
Yellow background	denoted WA ASC Budget considerations (residual budget)

Narcotic Anonymous Australian Region Area Report December 2021

Western Australia

Literature:

Does your Area have a Literature Subcommittee? **Y**
Is literature purchased from the Fellowship Service Office? **Y**
If not the FSO where?
How much literature does your Area distribute to: **Unknown**
H&I:
PR/PI:
Other:

Activities:

Does your Area have a convention? **March 2022**
Did your Area have other functions during this reporting period? **Yes – WANA Camp**

Subcommittee Activities:

Has your area undertaken any PR/PI activities in the last trimester? **NO**
How can your area benefit from Regional PR support / direction in any upcoming projects or events? **N/A**
How can your area benefit from Regional Outreach support / direction in any upcoming projects or events?
N/A

Workshop & Learning:

Has your Area discussed the World Issue Discussion Topics since the last RSC? **No**
Has your Area hosted any Workshops? **No**
Is there anything you can share about the different type of efforts your Area has participated in or your experience with these efforts?

Other Interest/Information

What was the subject that generated most interest & discussion at your Area since the last RSC?

Policy and Guidelines

Optional Comments:

What has worked well in your Area and what challenges has your Area faced?
We have gained a few more people doing service in the ASC admin committee and started up a hybrid ASC to enable remote GSR's to attend.
We have faced a few hurdles regarding our policy document, the gaps, discrepancies, and inconsistencies. This has tied up a lot of ASC time and caused a few heated debates.

Discussion Topics for the RSC?

Area Inventory. Have any areas undertaken this and any advice of how to do this?

Area Elections. Only GSR's vote for Area positions or all active ASC members?

RESOURCES

(Available On OneDrive)

◆ AREA PRESENTATIONS

- Victoria-Tasmania RCM
- Sydney East RCM

◆ CAT / CAR DOCUMENT PRESENTATION

- RD and AD

◆ LEGAL INCORPORATED WORKGROUP (LIW)

- Squares

◆ INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

- Navigating The NAWS (NA WORLD SERVICES) website
- RD and AD

VICTORIA – TASMANIA LOCAL SERVICE BOARD (LSB)

ANNOUNCEMENT NOVEMBER 2021

Given Covid-19 restrictions change as new information becomes available, it is important that all meetings that are open face to face are aware of the current Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) guidelines. These state Covid safe practices must be maintained at all times. These include, but are not limited to, wearing masks unless you have an exemption, maintaining physical distancing, not attending when showing potential symptoms of Covid-19. Please note that these are subject to regular change so please continue to check the DHHS website.

These guidelines can be found at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/how-we-live>

Currently, AOD support groups, including NA, have been excluded from being required to scan QR codes for entry, however some of our venues are requesting this as a part of allowing us back in to utilize their space. Additionally, venues may request that additional cleaning is required before and at the end of each meeting. We encourage groups to work with their venues to maintain strong relationships.

There is information provided here that discusses QR code requirements for AOD support groups. <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/about-free-service-victoria-qr-code-app>

We recommend groups that are considering opening to hold a group conscience to discuss whether you can successfully open your meeting whilst meeting the requirement of the venue and still operating in line with the 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous.

To help with this discussion, some items to cover, that our members have raised and discussed are listed below.

- Is there a capacity limit for your venue? If so, can the group implement a plan in the event of numbers being greater than capacity? i.e., hybrid meetings, additional rooms within the venue or second meeting outside.
- Does your venue require QR scanning or names and phone numbers to be taken for contact tracing?
- Does your venue require vaccination status be checked, and is this something your group is willing to do?
- Can you continue your meeting online if that is preferred?
- Can your group meet outdoors at your venue?

We understand there is a lot to consider, and that some members feel very strongly about the current Government directives around asking members to share their vaccination status, NA

has no opinion on such matters. Therefore, we encourage groups to work closely with your venues to allow our meetings to reopen.

There is no hurry or pressure to resume face to face meetings, the Victorian Zoom account is now a permanent part of Narcotics Anonymous within Victoria.

For those meetings that are reopening please ensure you update the Narcotics Anonymous website to reflect this so that members and newcomers know you are open. Meetings can be updated at the following link <https://www.na.org.au/multi/meeting-update-form/>

If you have any questions, please speak to your Group Support Forum (GSF) or email victoria@na.org.au if you are unsure how to get in contact with your GSF.

For the full guidelines from the Victorian Government please refer to <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/how-we-live>

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Local Service Board Victoria

Sydney East Reopening Presentation

Here is the Sydney East Reopening Presentation.

Practically, the 'Values' and 'Ways we can support each other better' are displayed at each Area meeting, as part of the EASC Opening Materials.

One or two people are asked to read out a few items that are important to them generally when doing service at Area, or that they would like to focus on for that Area meeting.



SYDNEY EAST AREA COVID REOPENING DISCUSSION

Background

- In the leadup to the Sydney lockdown ending in October 2021, there was a lot of noise and arguments on the Recovery Noticeboard (Facebook page for 12 Step Fellowships) about vaccinations and traditions, with the overriding theme being that NA has no right to deny a member entry to a meeting due to Tradition 3 – the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.
- EASC had a meeting coming up around this time and decided to spend 30 minutes discussing this issue, in the hope that they could discuss the concerns and move forward with some consensus and unity.
- Observers and members from other Areas were encouraged to attend.
- EASC used the following two questions as a starting point for the discussion. These questions appeared on the Recovery Noticeboard.
 1. “I was wondering if there is any current discourse around f2f meetings reopening given the ‘freedom’ date set in October. Also, I dread asking but- does the tenth tradition theoretically protect the groups from the vaccination debate? “.
 2. “Hello friends. I need to ask a serious question, but not to incite controversial points of view or personal opinions! Facebook already has enough of that. My question is: as NSW NA starts to open its doors to the public, will the only requirement for membership still be "The desire to stop using"? Or will the NSW Government impose mandates that ‘in order to enter’ you must provide proof of your vaccination status as they are requiring for businesses and churches?”.

Steps for EASC Groups to navigate reopening

We discussed as an Area that the following four steps could assist groups to navigate their way through reopening in an orderly fashion

Detail	
1	<p>Wait until the Government provides more guidance on what can open and when and who is allowed to do what. This will be revealed as part of the Reopening NSW Roadmap to Freedom in due course.</p> <p>At present it says that “only fully vaccinated people and those with medical exemptions will have access to the freedoms allowed under the Reopening NSW roadmap”.</p> <p>https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/roadmap-to-freedom-unveiled-for-fully-vaccinated</p>
2	<p>Seek guidance from the Venue as to when they expect to be able to advise your Group on what is happening and any expected conditions of entry.</p>
3	<p>Have a Group Conscience with your group to discuss the relevant Traditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – our common welfare should come first – personal recovery depends on NA unity. 3 – the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using 4 – each meeting is autonomous except in matters affecting NA as a whole 10 – NA has no opinion on outside issues
4	<p>Decide as a Group whether you want to reopen and abide by the conditions imposed by law / the Venue, or if you prefer to avoid all of these issues for the moment and choose to remain virtual.</p>

We then had a discussion about each of the relevant Traditions and asked EASC members to contribute

1 - our common welfare should come first – personal recovery depends on NA unity.

- Our primary purpose is to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.
- We need to be careful not to allow this issue to cause disunity in our fellowship.
- We need to be guided by the laws that are put in place and keep opinions out of it.
- Venues and councils may require proof of vaccination as part of the hiring agreement.
- We might be able to have some people from NA who can advocate on behalf of our members to deal with these unprecedented times.
- We should be working towards unity in our fellowship.
- We don't need to overcomplicate this – we need to follow what the venues are asking of us.
- Our common welfare includes our health.
- Some time ago smoking was allowed in meetings – a similar issue may have been faced when people were made to stop smoking in meetings – meetings went to non-smoking.

We then had a discussion about each of the relevant Traditions and asked EASC members to contribute

3 – the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.

- Distinguish between the only requirement for membership vs the only requirement for entry.
- The only requirement for membership is absolute – a desire to stop using.
- The requirements for entry to a F2F meeting – we will be guided by the law and the venues we hire from.
- If someone is not vaccinated and they want to attend a meeting they can attend a virtual meeting – all people should be catered for phone, zoom and face to face.

We then had a discussion about each of the relevant Traditions and asked EASC members to contribute

4 – each meeting is autonomous except in matters affecting NA as a whole

- We should take care of decisions our groups make and how they may affect NA as a whole.
- Decisions and actions by groups that are in contravention to laws may bring NA's name into disrepute.
- Decisions and actions by groups that are in contravention to laws may affect other groups and fellowships who use that venue.
- Decisions and actions by groups may mean that Trusted Servants become liable for their actions.
- Insurance does not generally cover COVID related claims.
- Council venues insurance won't cover COVID transmission.
- Trusted Servants who have their names against COVID safety plans could be held accountable for other people's actions.

We then had a discussion about each of the relevant Traditions and asked EASC members to contribute

10 – NA has no opinion on outside issues, hence the NA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

- Whilst NA has no opinion on outside issues, its members often do. The opinions and actions of members may be seen as actions of NA, and therefore the NA name can be brought into public controversy.
- Thursday night NA reiterates this Tradition at the beginning of the meeting.
- When we came out of COVID lockdown last time with requirements for masks and QR codes, a preamble was put in place to help highlight that we have to comply with society, venue, government and legal requirements.
- Without scaring people if we make it known that if we don't follow these guidelines we may lose the venue and may have to look at alternative options.

What was the result of this discussion?

There were two notable outcomes from this discussion:

EASC members felt that they each had the opportunity to voice how they felt about the issue and they had the tools they needed to take back to their Groups and move forward in a peaceful way.

This helped to reduce the amount of noise on Facebook pages and arguments in groups and provided clarity.

One member felt that they were disrespected and not heard

This was taken on board by the Chair and a commitment was made to have a discussion about the way we treat each other at the next EASC meeting (see next slides).

The discussion about 'How we can support each other better'

EASC had a very open discussion about how we can support each other better.

We focused on the values that we stand for and the ways that we can support each other better. Each person was encouraged to add one or two items to each section.

The person who felt disrespected was included in this process, although they didn't attend that Area Meeting.

They provided feedback ahead of the meeting.

The end result was that the person who initially felt disrespected and not heard, ended up feeling that they were heard and supported.

An individual amends was made, and EASC felt they had moved forward in a positive way, not just around COVID but generally.

Values that we stand for as an Area
1. respect
2. compassion
3. empathy
4. equality
5. neutrality
6. seeking the truth
7. encouraging participation – everyone’s input is valued – there is no hierarchy
8. acceptance of each other the way we are
9. support each other
10. act with integrity
11. humility
12. value diversity
13. value community
14. empowerment
15. participation
16. access – everyone can access this
17. appreciation of each other doing service
18. authenticity
19. unity
20. brevity
21. levity – don’t take themselves too seriously
22. honesty
23. resilience
24. love
25. tolerance

Ways that we can support each other better
1. Follow the 'raise hand and go through the chair when speaking'
2. Do our best not to swear when speaking to a person directly
3. Work on encouraging and equal male to female ratio with Area attendance
4. Seek truth
5. Be understanding with each other
6. Allow open discussion – feedback shouldn't be taken as criticism
7. Know and accept that everyone has a place in NA
8. Be brave enough to say anyone who may be speaking out of line that they shouldn't be speaking like that and ask them to apologise
9. Be loving in a non-discriminatory manner
10. Encourage participation
11. Encourage a robust discussion
12. Accept that different people have different viewpoints
13. Feel free to say what they think
14. Remove the personal aspect from the comments – focus on the principles
15. Every few months we could check in with people to see how they feel about their role and how long they have been in their role – encourage trusted servants to try something different if they've been in a position for a long time
16. Give people the space to be authentic
17. Consider if what we are saying is harmful or necessary
18. Remember that we all come from different places
19. Allow each of us to speak in the language that we know

Questions?

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2023 Interim CAT and CAR

contribute

This Presentation sets out the few Motions in the CAT and CAR for 2023 Virtual WSC



Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust

Motion 1

What is the *FIPT*?



The sole object and purpose of this Trust is to hold and administer all recovery literature and other intellectual properties of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous in a manner that will help addicts find recovery from the disease of addiction and carry that message of recovery to the addict who still suffers, in keeping with the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of NA.



FIPT, Article I, Section 4



Visit www.na.org/fipt for more *FIPT* resources



PREVIOUS
WSC
DECISIONS

Acting as the trustor, the delegates present at WSC 2018, are suspending Article 5, Section 3 of the FIPT Operational Rules, while we make a decision about the future. This suspension would expire at the close of WSC 2020.
89-yes, 22-no, 0-abstain, 2-present not voting
Carried with Consensus Support

Motion #34
Acting as the trustor, the delegates present at the virtual WSC 2020, are continuing the suspension of Article 5, Section 3 of the FIPT Operational Rules, while we make a decision about the future. This suspension will expire at the close of WSC 2022
91-yes, 12-no, 2-abstain, 4-present not voting
91.6% Carried with Consensus Support



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Motion 1: Acting as the trustor, the delegates present at the virtual WSC 2022, are continuing the suspension of Article 5, Section 3 of the FIPT Operational Rules, while we make a decision about the future. This suspension will expire at the close of WSC 2023.

Intent: To extend the existing FIPT moratorium on the FIPT inspection clause in the Operating Rules for one year.



Term Lengths

Motion 2 and Motion 3

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A promotional graphic for the 'Virtual WSC 2022' event. It features a globe with the text 'partial WSC 2022' on it. A white sticky note with a red pushpin at the top left corner contains the handwritten text 'Invest in Our Vision'. Below the globe is a purple circular logo with the word 'Virtual' and a small icon. At the bottom, a blue banner displays the dates '22, 23, 29, 30 April'.

2 Human Resource Panel

1 Co-Facilitator



Motion 2: To extend the terms of the WSC elected positions for the two Human Resource Panel members and one WSC Cofacilitator currently set to expire in 2022 to 2023.

Intent: To acknowledge the change in conference cycle due to the global pandemic.

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Invest in Our Vision

partial WSC 2022

Virtual WSC 2022

22, 23, 29, 30 April

A promotional graphic for the Virtual World Summit Conference (WSC) 2022. It features a globe with 'partial WSC 2022' written on it, a red pushpin holding a white sticky note with the handwritten text 'Invest in Our Vision', a purple 'Virtual WSC 2022' logo, and a blue banner at the bottom with the dates '22, 23, 29, 30 April'.

3 World Board Members



Motion 3: To extend the terms of the WSC elected positions for the three World Board members currently set to expire in 2022 to 2023.

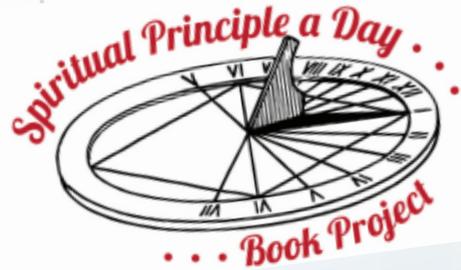
Intent: To acknowledge the change in conference cycle due to the global pandemic.



Spiritual Principle A Day

Motion 4

SPAD



Addendum B of this interim CAR/CAT contains the entire approval draft as an expiring PDF. Paper copies can also be purchased from our webstore (www.na.org/webstore) for \$10 plus shipping and handling.

https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/CAR/SPAD-ApprovalDraft_WEB.pdf

In the 2020 project plan for A Spiritual Principle a Day, World Board wrote

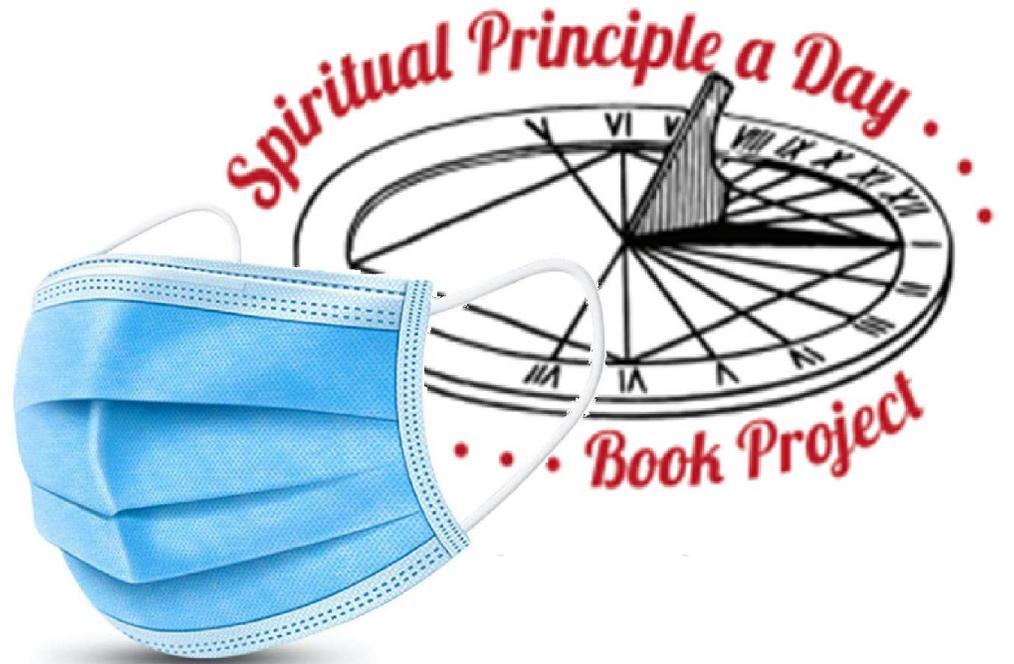
“ This workgroup has done an amazing job of combining virtual and face to-face meetings in order to minimize expense. We estimate three additional face-to-face meetings in order to complete an approval draft for consideration at WSC 2022. ”

Visit

<https://www.na.org/?ID=medibook&ID=medibook> for more on the project



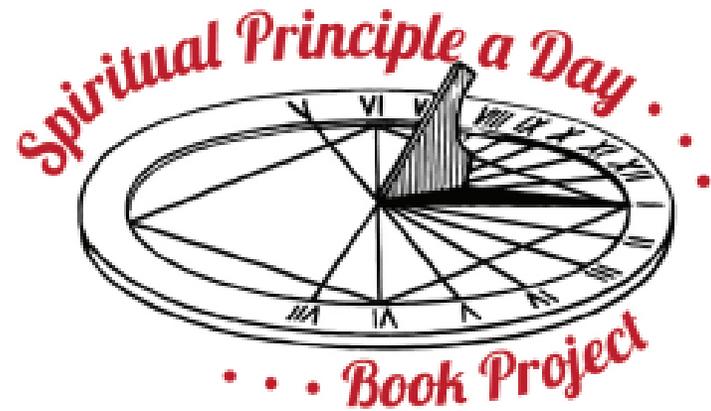
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WHAT'S IN THE BOOK?



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Motion 4: To approve the book contained in Addendum B, “A Spiritual Principle a Day” as Fellowship-approved recovery literature.

Intent: To have an additional piece of Fellowship-approved material available for use by NA members, groups, and service committees.

Financial Impact: The cost of creating this material has already been incurred. The only additional costs that would result from adopting this motion are initial production costs, which would be minimal.



NAWS Budget

Motion 5

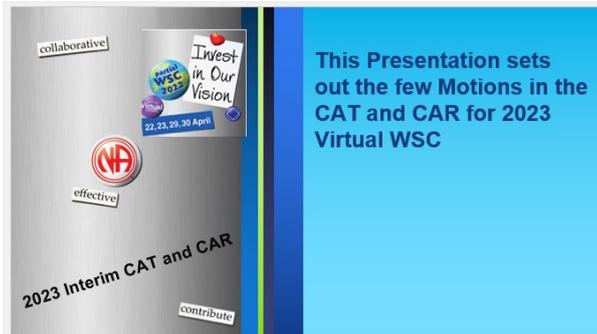


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discussion*

Motion 5: To approve the Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget for 2022–2023.

Interim CAT/CAR Script

Slide 1



This Presentation sets out the few Motions in the CAT and CAR for 2023 Virtual WSC

Today's presentation is not about getting you to decide on the Motions, but to get an overview and encourage RCM's to run this in your Areas and gather their conscience ahead of March where Australia will collect its conscience. In previous WSC cycles, because the ARSC ran 3 times a year we would only have time to present it to you all in

March and there was almost no Area involvement at all. Now that we meet 4 times a year, the timing was chosen carefully to help encourage the involvement of Areas in WSC decision making. Not all Area's will be interested, but if yours is, the tools used today will be made available, and your delegate team is here to help out too.

To start with, because I know the hands are about to go up..... What is the CAT? What is a CAR? No, they don't go meow and vroom vroom. The CAR is the Conference Agenda Report, the first of 3 WSC documents published. It sets out issues and items for decisions at the Conference. Items that appear in the Conference Agenda Report are ideally the result of lengthy discussion and input at the previous conference and throughout the conference cycle. The Conference Agenda Report includes items for fellowship discussion and decision, including reports, proposals, and motions from the World Board and any motions submitted from regions or zones.

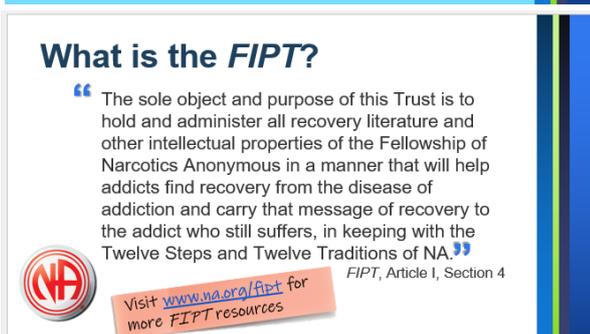
The CAT – Conference Approval Track is the 2nd document to be published ahead of the WSC. This document contains items such as NAWS budget and project plans; requests for seating, motions to approve service material, revisions to Conference policy, and other changes to A Guide to World Services in NA.

Slide 2



Motion 1 deals with the F>I>P>T sometimes referred to as fippppppt or the full term fellowship intellectual property trust

Slide 3

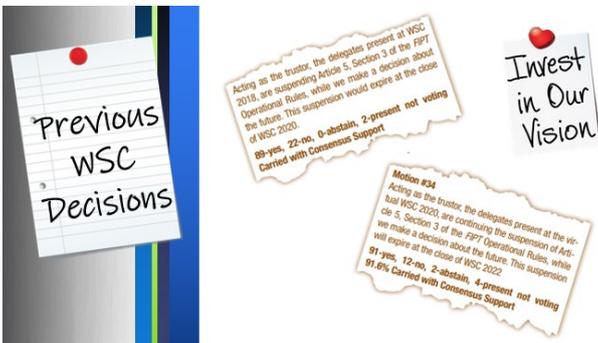


- The *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* is a legal document with a long history in NA. The *FIPT* describes in detail how NA's *intellectual property*—our name, trademarks,

and recovery literature—are protected and administered by Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., so that NA can ensure our name and literature and trademarks are available to fulfill our primary purpose. The *FIPT* is first and foremost about the integrity of the NA message and the need to protect NA’s property so that the Fellowship of NA can continue to own its own materials.

- As it states in the *FIPT* and on the slide:
- The sole object and purpose of this Trust is to hold and administer all recovery literature and other intellectual properties of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous in a manner that will help addicts find recovery from the disease of addiction and carry that message of recovery to the addict who still suffers, in keeping with the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of NA.

Slide 4



Motion #1 is a simple motion with a lot of background. The motion seeks to continue a moratorium on the inspection clause of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) for one more year so that it can remain in place until the 2023 World Service Conference, at which time the World Board intends to reintroduce the FIPT-related motions from the 2020 CAR that were not

introduced at the 2020 WSC. Motion #1 will simply extend a decision made by the last conference to account for the longer than usual conference cycle. The 2018 World Service Conference made the following decision by consensus: Again, the intention was to make a decision about proposed revisions to the Operational Rules at WSC 2022, but the Conference has been pushed to 2023, with an interim 2022 WSC meeting to cover necessary business and a decision about the Spiritual Principle a Day draft. Motion #1 in this Interim CAR/CAT seeks to continue the suspension until the end of WSC 2023 so that the conference can at last decide upon the proposed changes to the Operational Rules that were included in the 2020 CAR and will be reintroduced in the 2023 CAR.

Motion 1: Acting as the trustee, the delegates present at the virtual WSC 2022, are continuing the suspension of Article 5, Section 3 of the FIPT Operational Rules, while we make a decision about the future. This suspension will expire at the close of WSC 2023.

Intent: To extend the existing FIPT moratorium on the FIPT inspection clause in the Operating Rules for one year.

Slide 5

Any Questions???



Slide 6

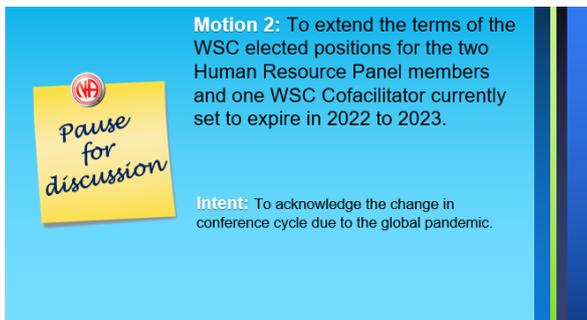
The next 2 motions deal with term lengths



Slide 7

The World Service Conference elects three kinds of trusted servants: World Board members, Human Resource Panel members, and WSC Cofacilitators. The responsibilities, terms lengths, and term limits for those positions are described in A Guide to World Services in NA

The term lengths of these positions are all organized around the idea of a two-year cycle. WSC Cofacilitators and Human Resource Panel members have four-year terms, and board members have six-year terms. For the first time, however, we are living through a three-year conference cycle. The board is asking that the terms for six trusted servants be adjusted to accommodate this odd cycle length so that these six trusted servants don't end their terms in the middle of a cycle. In the case of Motion #2, the body is being asked to extend two HRP members' terms and one Cofacilitator's term. These positions are called out separately because their terms are defined in GWSNA as two conference cycles



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Any Questions?



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The term lengths of these positions are all organized around the idea of a two-year cycle. World Board members have six-year terms. In the case of Motion #3, the body is being asked to extend the terms of three board members. World Board terms are clearly defined in both GWSNA and the NA World Services by laws as six-year terms.

Motion 3: To extend the terms of the WSC elected positions for the two Human Resource Panel members and one WSC Cofacilitator currently set to expire in 2022 to 2023.

Intent: To acknowledge the change in conference cycle due to the global pandemic.

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Any Questions??

Spiritual Principle A Day

Motion 4

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The next aims to approve the latest book length recovery piece.



Addendum B of this interim CAR/CAT contains the entire approval draft as an expiring PDF. Paper copies can also be purchased from our webstore (www.na.org/webstore) for \$10 plus shipping and handling.

https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/CAR/SPAD-ApprovalDraft_WEB.pdf

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The draft of A Spiritual Principle a Day (SPAD) has been years in the making. The idea for the project grew out of a survey in the 2016 Conference Agenda Report and posted on www.na.org. Before each WSC, we post the ideas we receive for service material, recovery lit, and issue topics in an online survey. We collect responses

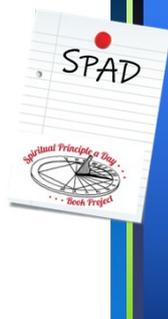
for priorities from members and regions before the conference. We will do so again for WSC 2023. The CAR survey helps conference participants establish priorities for literature, service material, and Issue Discussion Topics. In 2016, the highest rated of the ten options for book-length recovery material was “Daily meditation book—spiritual principle a day.”

In the 2020 project plan for A Spiritual Principle a Day, World Board wrote

“ This workgroup has done an amazing job of combining virtual and face-to-face meetings in order to minimize expense. We estimate three additional face-to-face meetings in order to complete an approval draft for consideration at WSC 2022.”

Visit

<https://www.na.org/?ID=medibook&ID=medibook> for more on the project



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The 2018 World Service Conference approved a project plan for the book with this direction. After that conference, a workgroup of nine members from around the world, plus a World Board member, and a number of staff people began working with the input from the Fellowship and planning an approach to the book. Over the course

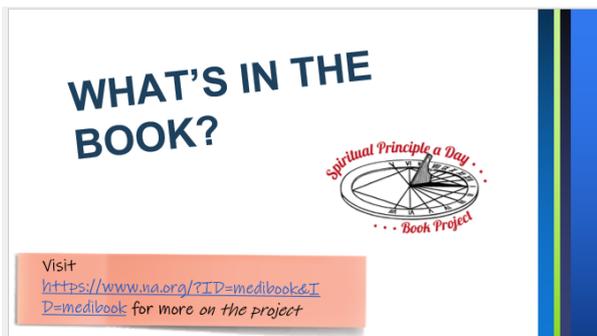
of the years since the 2018 WSC, the workgroup has built this draft, brick by brick, using the writing and ideas from members around the world. By the time the 2020 WSC again approved the project, two batches of entries had already been drafted and reviewed by the Fellowship.



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That project plan was published in January 2020 in the CAT, and it's almost painful to read it today, because of course, two months later, the world largely shut down because of the pandemic. World Services has not held an in-person workgroup or board meeting since March 2020.

Along with suspending travel, we furloughed more than half the staff at the World Service Office, and overnight, all of the work of World Services had to be reconceived for a virtual environment with a fraction of the staff supporting it. The World Board is extremely grateful for the work of all NAWS staff through the course of this cycle. The dedication of staff and the workgroup is the only reason we are able to have a draft on time for consideration at the 2022 WSC. Part of the miracle of this book draft is that the work all happened virtually this cycle. In order to involve a global Fellowship in writing and review, World Services has relied on technology for many years now, but this is the first literature project with exclusively virtual work over the course of a whole cycle.



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A Spiritual Principle a Day has something for everyone, though we don't expect that every person will love every entry. The tone, reading level and style varies throughout the book. We have embraced an eclectic and inclusive style that invites identification and captures the voice and experience of our members. We believe the book

reflects us as a Fellowship in all our glorious diversity. Responses to the initial survey that helped frame the project asked for a book focused on application and action. Members wanted to see connections to the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. They asked for a text reflective of members' experience and voice, with true-to life scenarios, accessible to all. The draft you're being asked to approve hits those marks.

Motion 4: To approve the book contained in Addendum B, "A Spiritual Principle a Day" as Fellowship-approved recovery literature.

Intent: To have an additional piece of Fellowship-approved material available for use by NA members, groups, and service committees.

Financial Impact: The cost of creating this material has already been incurred. The only additional costs that would result from adopting this motion are initial production costs, which would be minimal.

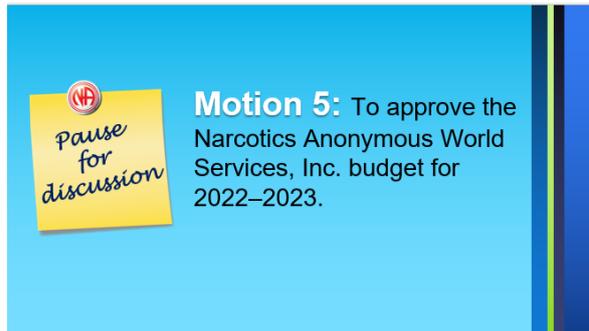
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Any Questions?



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Motion 5 is the only Motion in the Interim CAT. This means that World Board Members are also included in the voting.



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In all honesty, when we introduced the new cycle, there were some tight turn arounds for our delegate team and the release of the CAR to the Dec ARSC is the first one. In previous presentations the delegate team uses the powerpoints produced with notes from NAWS. This year we have had to make our own, yet to

know if that's due to timing or the NAWS staffing levels with the pandemic. So, I haven't had much time to deep dive explore the proposed budget and snip down the bits that should be presented. I can say historically though, the delegate team have rarely presented the budget due to time constraints as it is a CAT item not a CAR item, historically the delegates have the ability to make decisions for Australian Region without needing to gather a conscience, and historically the Australian Region supports NAWS budgets. With all that said, I will present in further detail in March when we collect the Aussie conscience, and I will make myself available to anyone who wants to deep dive the budget for themselves or their Area.



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Australian Regional Service Committee

Update on Squares as of 1 December 2021

From the Legal Incorporation Workgroup - to all RCMs

Below is an update on the potential implementation of Square readers for Cashless 7th Tradition for Narcotics Anonymous.

Background – NA's Legal Structure in Australia

Service Level	Structure	ABN
Region	Incorporated Association (Regional Service Body of Australia Inc also known as RSBoA Inc) Registered Charity	Yes
Areas	Unincorporated Associations x 19	No
Meetings	Unincorporated Associations x ~700	No

Information previously provided by Square:

An Association must have an ABN to sign up for a Square Account. There is currently no way of registering a Square Account under the name of a Meeting or Area without an ABN.

If NA were to setup a Square Account it must be setup under the RSBoA Inc as it is the service level with the ABN.

This would involve the Management Committee of the RSBoA Inc taking legal responsibility for those Squares.

There were two solutions offered:

1. The Management Committee of the RSBoA manages the setup and allocation of all of the Squares for Narcotics Anonymous Areas and Meetings.
2. Areas manage the setup and allocation of Squares for the Area and the Meetings within it using **Locations**.

For either solution, all monies collected from the Squares would have to go into the ARSC Bank Account held with NAB, due to it being the account that the ABN is linked to.

For the second solution, there would be a cost of \$420 per location per year. If 18 physical Areas (not including NA @ Home) were to participate, this would involve an annual cost to Region of \$7,560. In addition, each Square costs \$59.00.

The LIW approached Square on November 30 and December 1 to obtain some additional information:

Information on the Square website indicated that it is possible to link different bank accounts to each Location. The LIW asked if NA were to setup Areas as Locations, could the bank accounts for each Area be linked instead.

Square gave the following responses:

1. *Under Australian AUSTRAC Compliance obligations, all linked bank accounts must share an ABN with the business operating the Square account.*
2. *This will not change any time soon as this is government regulation rather than Square policy.*

The LIW then sought to clarify this further, and asked if this is due to the different service levels of NA being classed as different legal entities?

Square gave the following response:

That is correct. Different bank accounts are able to be used but they must match the ABN that's on the account. Some businesses manage multiple stores under a master ABN but then route to different bank accounts which is fine on our front - but routing to bank accounts unrelated to the master ABN is against our terms.

The LIW then sought to understand if a master arrangement could be applied to NA.

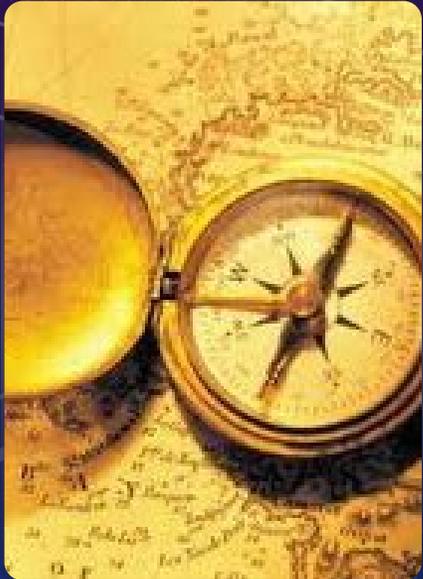
Square gave the following response:

Associations must have ABNs regardless of their status of being incorporated or unincorporated, so unfortunately this still appears to be a use case we aren't able to support without individual ABNs for the meetings.

Please contact the Legal Incorporation Workgroup or Treasurer if you need any further information or assistance.

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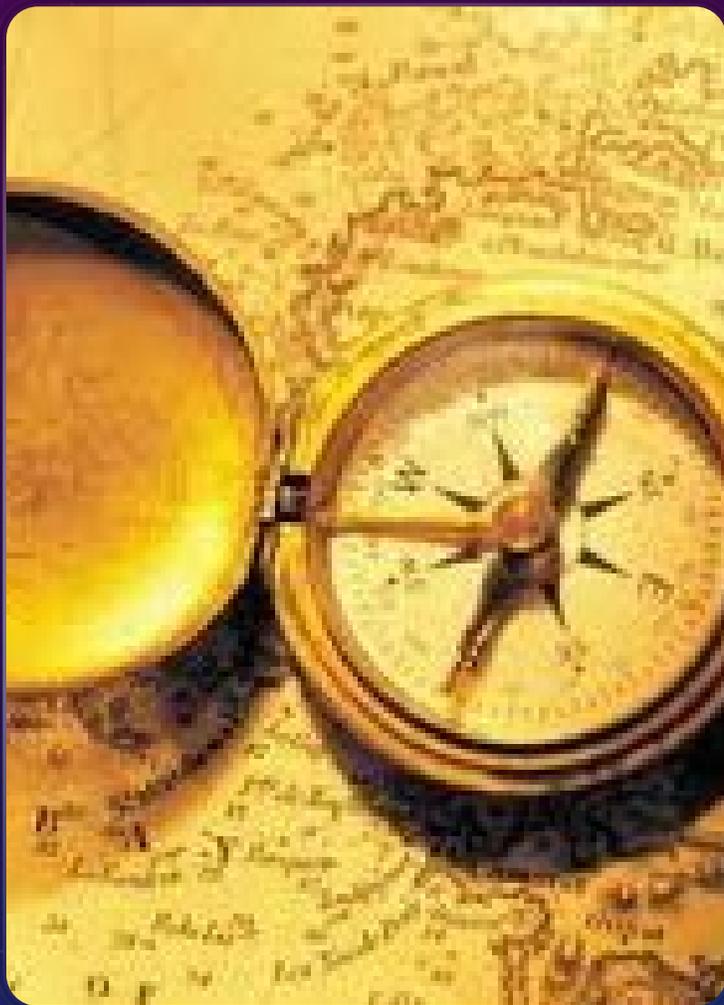
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CARPARK ITEMS





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What is **consensus**-based decision making? In Narcotics Anonymous, we make decisions by seeking direction from a loving Higher Power as it expresses itself in ...

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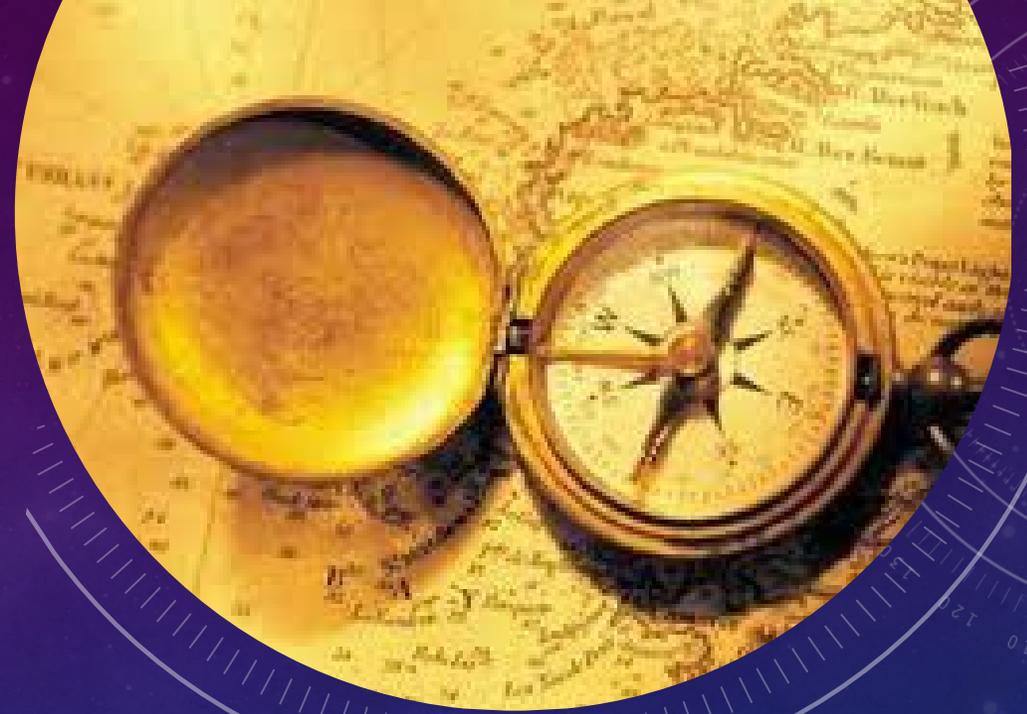
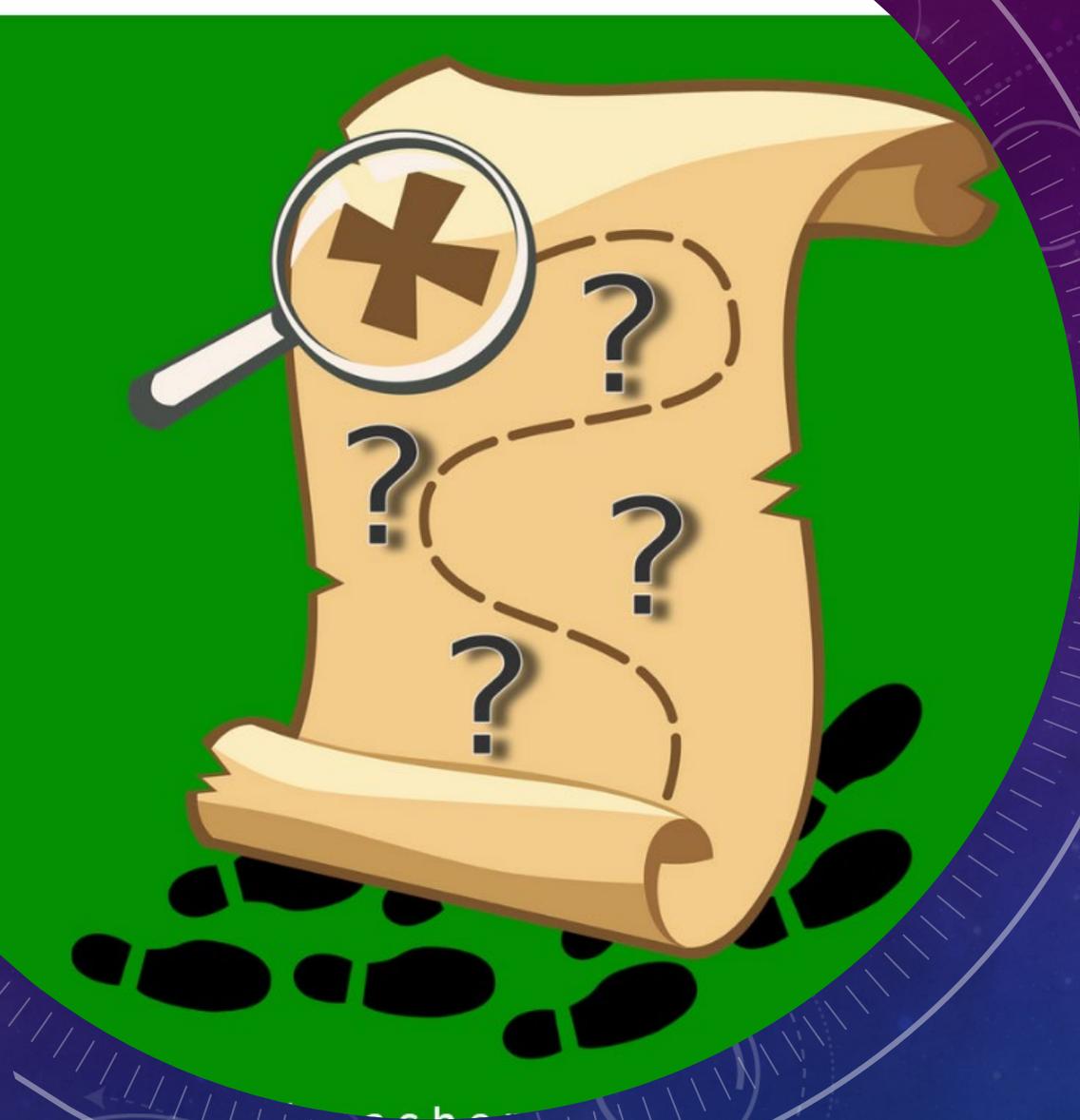
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Twelve Steps of Narcotics Anonymous. 1. We admitted that we were powerless over our addiction, that our lives had become unmanageable.

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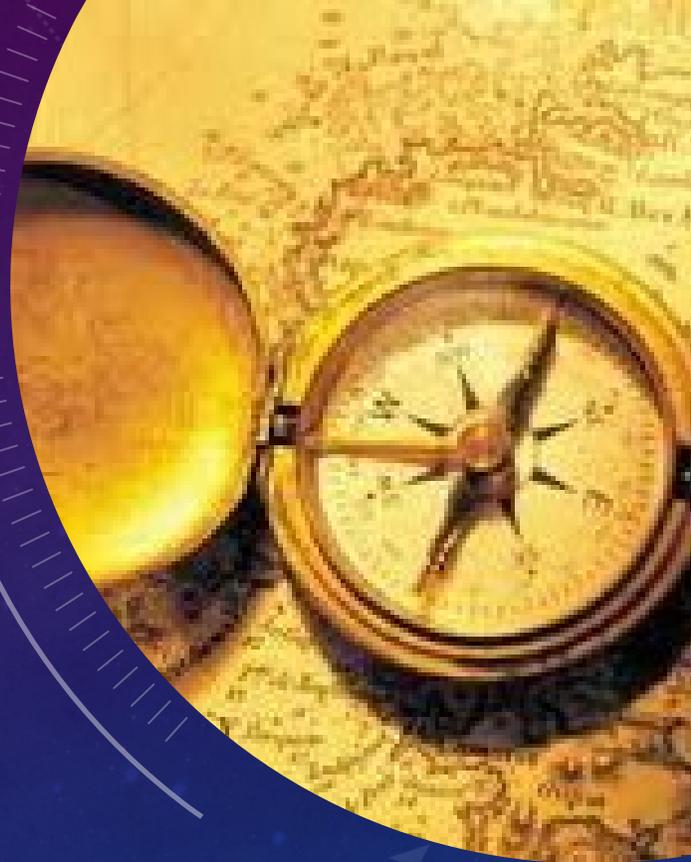
TIME FOR A SCAVENGER HUNT

THE RULES.....

- Break into 2 teams – RD and AD as Team Captains who will keep score
- Every team member must do at least 1 scavenger task
You can either raise hands, or go down the list but everyone must have a turn to attempt to score points
- You will either screenshare to show how you found the task OR direct your Captain how to navigate to the task
- You may ask for help from your Captain (we will give small hints only) and your team can help each other with ideas of where to look
- You may only use the search function for a maximum of three tasks
- You have 30 minutes for 25 tasks so pick carefully – harder tasks are worth more points



AN EXAMPLE OF A TASK



- Locate the NAWs Privacy Policy 10 points
- Find the eLit items at the google store 20 points
- Find the latest Membership Survey 15 points

SCREENSHARING NA.ORG DESKTOP

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "na.org". The website header features the NA logo and the text "Narcotics Anonymous WORLD SERVICES". A search bar is located to the right of the logo. Below the header is a green navigation bar with icons and text for "FOR THE PUBLIC", "PERIODICALS", "EVENTS", "FOR OUR MEMBERS", "SHOPPING CART", and "CONTACT".

Below the navigation bar, a blue banner contains the following text:

Because of the LA County order to "stay at home" due to the Coronavirus pandemic, our Chatsworth office is closed.
Coronavirus Statement-revised 14 September 2021 - [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

WELCOME to www.NA.org

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups.
Upon this common ground we stand committed.

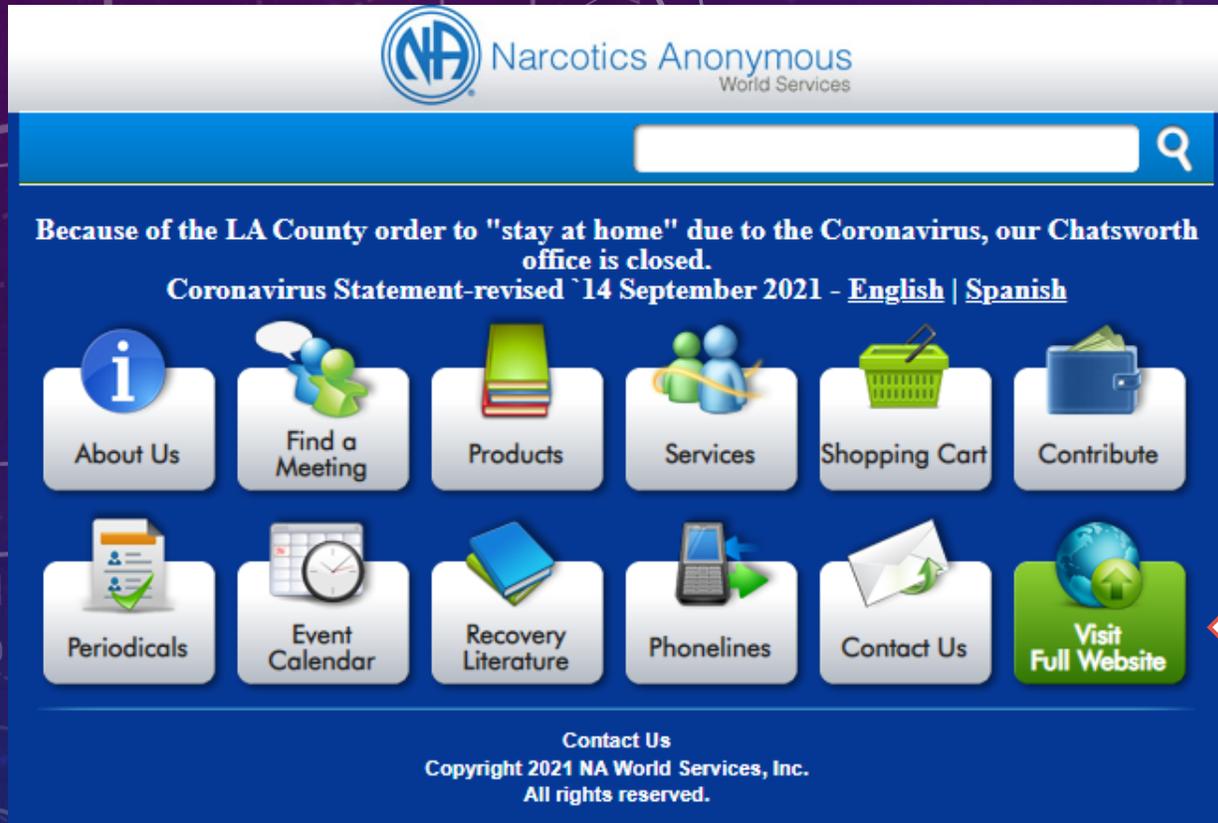
Our vision is that...

Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life.

At the bottom of the banner, there are four white boxes with icons and text:

- LITERATURE & OTHER PRODUCTS (with an icon of books)
- ABOUT US (with a question mark icon)
- CONTRIBUTE (with a basket icon)
- FIND A MEETING (with an icon of people sitting around a table)

SCREENSHARING NA.ORG PHONE/TABLET



The screenshot shows the homepage of Narcotics Anonymous World Services. At the top left is the NA logo and the text "Narcotics Anonymous World Services". Below this is a search bar. A blue banner contains a notice: "Because of the LA County order to 'stay at home' due to the Coronavirus, our Chatsworth office is closed. Coronavirus Statement-revised 14 September 2021 - [English](#) | [Spanish](#)". Below the banner is a grid of 12 navigation buttons: "About Us", "Find a Meeting", "Products", "Services", "Shopping Cart", "Contribute", "Periodicals", "Event Calendar", "Recovery Literature", "Phonelines", "Contact Us", and "Visit Full Website". The "Visit Full Website" button is highlighted in green. At the bottom, it says "Contact Us Copyright 2021 NA World Services, Inc. All rights reserved."

CLICK VISIT FULL WEBSITE

Navigating NAWS Script

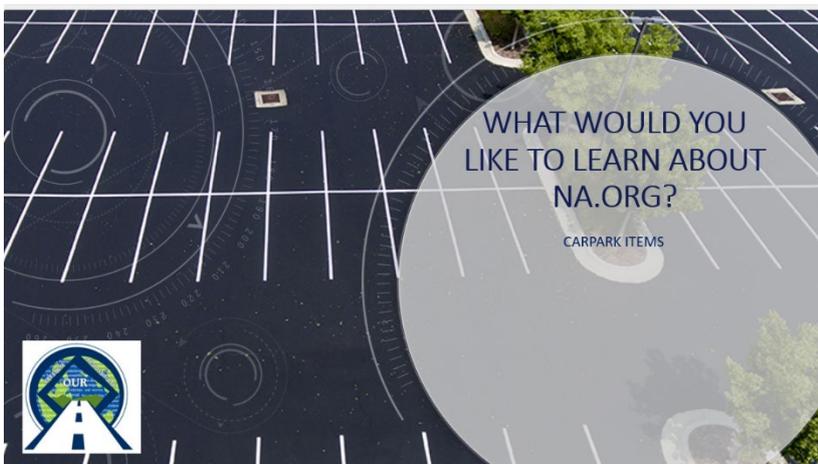


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The Regional and Alternate Delegate reports often reference na.org as being a wealth of information and encourage people to use the resources available there. However, we have never really run a workshop showing

people where these resources are or how to access them and we suspect that many of you may find the website overwhelming or daunting and perhaps are not confident enough to find the information we reference. Both myself and Jo have had these feelings at time and its been an exercise in practise, at times out of necessity, that we have gained experience in navigating NAWS.

We thought to start out today we should first gauge peoples confidence levels in using the website. So we have a poll for you all. One a scale of 1-5 how confident are you in navigating na.org to find the information and resources you need? 1 being not at all confident – I have no idea where to even begin looking for stuff, 3 being a middle ground of I could find some things, mainly using the search bar but would be lost if you asked for certain things, to 5 – very confident, I could probably help run this workshop lol.



Slide 2

The next step we think is useful is asking what it is that you would like to learn to help you fulfil your role – whether that is being more informed as an RCM for your Area,

or as a Subcommittee Chair wanting to connect with NAWS webinars like PR webinars. So, if you have some ideas on what you would like to learn about, if

its not on my list to cover off, we'll put it here in the parking lot and come back to it today.

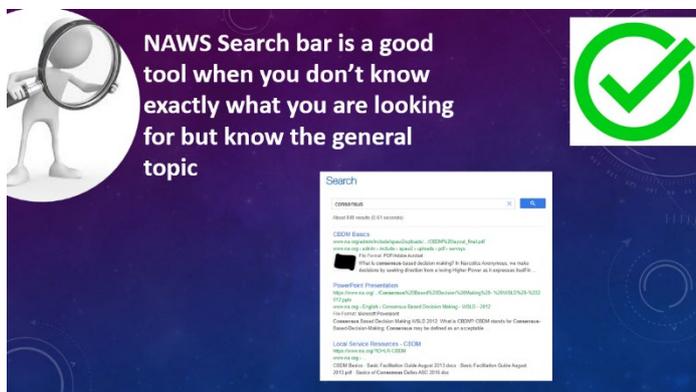


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Slide 3

This is what we will cover off today. We will hopefully teach you how some items can be accessed via multiple routes.

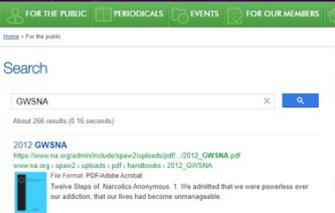
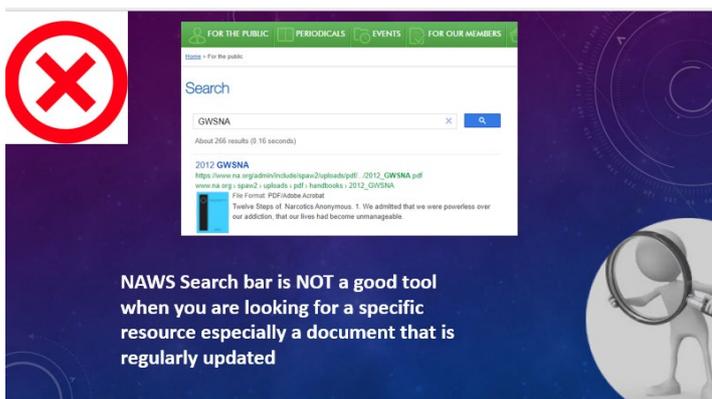


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Slide 4

Why are we teaching you all this when the search bar function exists? Well, the NAWS search bar can be your best friend, but it can equally be your worst enemy. Searches are best when you know the topic but not specific resources.



NAWS Search bar is NOT a good tool when you are looking for a specific resource especially a document that is regularly updated

Slide 5

Whilst searching for topics using the search bar, use up to date NA language. Outreach will not give you good results but fellowship development or rural services will give better results.

Items like the Guide to world services which is updated every conference cycle, is a great example of the search bar not helping as it pulls the first result as a document from 9 years ago. The search should be avoided when accessing literature, service guides and regularly updated documents or pages.

So we are teaching you to go beyond the search bar to expand your ability to successfully navigate and find the resources and tools to better serve you, your areas and committees and ultimately your groups.

Flick to na.org and run through



Periodicals Tab

ANNUAL REPORT – Link to digital report show how this years is different due to pandemic

Show previous years tabs

Why am I showing you this? There is a wealth of information about how fellowship funds have been spent, the breakdowns of financial reports are there, as are the cool statistics on events, presentations, fellowship development, literature production and translations and much much more.

NAWS NEWS AND EMAILS everyone should now be getting naws news direct to their inbox thanks to the subscriptions we sent off for all ARSC email accounts.



Events Tab

The first two are self explanatory. NAWS Web meetings you may be interested in. Some unfriendly time zone issues but PR is generally held much later in the day by Jane so around 9am here.

World Service Conference is one of a few ways to navigate into WSC material. This page is regularly updated throughout a cycle and this cycle is a bit messy. Each listing contains various info – some for the general fellowship and some aimed more at Conference Participants. Important Dates and Deadlines most members wouldn't look at but for Jo and I is important. But contains info on CAR motion deadlines too which is important when the Region is considering making a Motion – do we have enough time for the ARSC to discuss? Does it need to go back to Areas? Will our delegates be able to do the work before the deadline? Current Projects can also be accessed from this page. And serving at world level is also a page to explore. Right down

the bottom WSC Archives can help with previous minutes, summary of decision documents, old CAT/CAR documents as well as all the regional, and in future, zonal reports.



For our members Tab

This is honestly where you are going to spend most of your time and find the best resources. Treasure trove of information under this tab.

Virtual Meetings everything you wanted to know and stuff you didn't even know you needed to know is under here. Best practices from around the globe, tips and tricks, locally developed and NAWS developed, mainly through the pandemic as a result of prioritisation by the WSC. Also the info from the NAWS run webinars on web meetings is all here.

Bulletins Im sure you've heard them referenced but what are they? World Service Bulletins are the most commonly used and are statements issued in response to hot topics similar to the corona virus statement issued by the ARSC Admin in 2020 and the various communications LSBs have been making recently. Everything you need to know about the FIPT or F I P T or fellowship intellectual property trust is here. The H&I bulletins can

accompany other PR training material and can be easily adapted for use in workshops and running mock presentations to train people.

Contribute to NA World Service shows the various options for individuals and service bodies to contribute either once off or ongoing. Recently added is the send some love contribution which can be used to donate in honour of someone and sends them an e-card – maybe a member who has passed, rolled off after a long time of service, or celebrating a milestone.

Issue Discussion There are no resources this cycle. I have explained extensively the lack of resources at NAWS to begin shaping the IDT's and creating the tools. But this page is amazing – have a look at the topics prioritised by the fellowship through the literature survey from previous cycles. Does your area

want a workshop and have no idea where to start? Well hello IDT page. Pick a topic – Atmosphere of recovery in service – Session profile PDF or word doc is your facilitator guide – download the powerpoint which includes a script for you to read if you want, session notes to print off to answer workshop questions and get people involved, table tents can be printed folded and placed on tables to avoid the 20 people asking “what was the question again” and finally the action cards to give participants something to leave with. How easy is that? Who says you cant run a workshop? That’s pretty much how I started out, and then learnt to use those tools and modify them to fit my areas needs and now I can build a workshop from scratch as I learned by doing that this is not only a skillset I have but a passion – I love facilitating workshops, I love teaching people new things and I love seeing other people get enjoyment and spiritual enrichment from being involved in workshops even more so if they claim they hate workshops.

Local Service Resources your new best friend. Tried and tested documents, policies, workshops from trusted servants all around our globe. Broken down into category and listing the location received from it will take you years to work your way through the treasure trove that is these pages. We don’t need to reinvent the wheel until after exhausting these pages. Chances are someone has already done the work and it can be found here. We can also submit our own resources if we wish to.

NAWS webinars

NAWS webinars can be accessed here or also through the Events Naws Web Meetings tab – takes you to the same page. Already discussed these.

Projects and Surveys whats going on and how to get involved? Current survey is open about future of the wsc, Virtual meetings survey has just closed. Projects listed down below local service toolbox is active and ongoing. Service System Project info is here too, but lots of the resources are out of date. IDT page can also be accessed here additionally to the tab I showed before.

Service material Area is where you will find all your handbooks from NAWS, also another gateway into those locally developed resources, as well as most of the things I just showed you. Its like when google maps suggests 3 routes to get to your homegroups, 1 might be the quickest, 1 has roadworks and the other is a freeway but they all get you there.

Serving at World Level here you have the position descriptions in essence of the 3 WSC positions, you'll also find info on how to present as a strong candidate, current opportunities show the vacancies as of the next WSC, and world pool page gives info and how to get into the pool by registering your info and logging in. People in the pool should update their details at least every 3 years or more.



Shopping Cart Tab

Another way to contribute. E-lit is here and shopping at NAWS. Perhaps you have just received your tax return and want to spoil your sponsees? Honestly most of the things for sale at NAWS are available through the FSO but some specialty items

are not. Exciting deals is my fav page to check out. Often post World Convention you can snap up a bargain of left over merch. NAWS pricing policies can be found in the store also.



BACK to PP Slide 6

Now that you've had the crash course in navigating NAWS, we want to test out your new skills and give you a chance to practice. To make it fun we are going to have a little competitive scavenger hunt.



Slide 6

The rules.....

Read them

We are going into break out rooms, the scavenger hunt items are in the chat as a link.

Open up na.org and play around with it. We will reward those brave enough to chase the high value items, but it is also okay if you're really new to this and finding the zonal map just is too hard! Find what you are comfortable with. It is a team exercise so help each other out and if you get stuck your captain can give small hints.



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Depending on whether you are connected on a desktop or a phone or tablet na.org will display slightly differently. This is the website from desktop view. If you can't figure out how to screen

share please feel free to just talk your captain through the steps.



Slide 8

If you're on a phone or tablet this is the default mobile friendly view so you can change to full website by clicking here. That way you will have the same starting page as everyone else and what I have navigated you through in the

presentation.

Go to break out rooms. Half hour. Come back to main room

Report team scores and appoint the winner (accuse the captain of cheating lol) and revisit carpark items and then relaunch poll.

Navigating NAWS Scavenger Hunt

1. Find the current version of Guide to World Services PDF 10 points
2. Find the Virtual Meetings Best Practices Draft 15 points
3. Find the latest Annual Report 15 points
4. Find how to submit yourself to the World Pool for the first time 25 points
5. Find how to make a recurring contribution to NAWS 5 points
6. Find a locally developed resources for predatory behaviour 15 points
7. Find "CBDM Basics" document 10 points
8. Find a locally developed resource from the European Delegates Meeting 35 points
9. Find the PowerPoint presentation for the IDT 'Group Conscience' 15 points
10. Find any information about the FIPT 10 points
11. Find the World Services Bulletin "Theft of NA Funds" 10 points
12. Find a GSR reporting template 20 points
13. Find the latest NAWS News 10 points
14. Find the 2016 WSC "Summary of Decisions" 20 points
15. Find the number of meetings the APF had in the 2020 Snapshot of Zones report 50 points
16. Find the "2020 Zonal Map" and identify how many zones are eligible for a ZD 40 points
17. Find the "Planning Basics" document 10 points
18. Find the date for the next Conference Participants Webinar 20 points
19. Find the date the Interim CAT/CAR document will be available in Spanish 20 points
20. Find the dates and location for the next World Convention 10 points
21. Find virtual resources on how to prevent Zoom Bombing 10 points
22. Find what discount NAWS US Store offers a customer who purchases \$93,000 of literature annually 45 points
23. Find the Thai Audio Basic Text 15 points
24. Find recordings from a previous World Convention 15 points
25. Find the best deal for a mystery grab bag at the NAWS US Store 15 points