

NOV AREA B Minutes

01.11.2025

1.30pm to 3.00pm

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Attendees – Sam, Sue, Dan, Colleen, Lillian, Sean, Ian, Martin, Fi, Ellen, Don, John, Georgina,

Apologies – Lesley Port Meeting

2.Outstanding actions.

Outstanding Items	Info	Who?	Completed
Joe n Charlie Tapes/ Thumb drives	\$200 for these items to be available for prison and CSO.	Sam	
Hills District	BBQ funds	Dan and Sam	
Service Positions	Serenity Mag	Sam to Tom	
PI & Corrections Funds	Change names for Colleen and Lilian, Remove Lyndal and Dana.	Sam	
Zoom Account	Check payment details	Sam	

3. Reports

Trustee – Dom – absent

Area Delegate Report – John /update for 1st November 2025

Area delegate report/update: I have received all the group's topics votes over the last three months. There was a fifteen per cent group response, which is good and thanks to the groups who returned their votes, it really helps get an idea of the area's thoughts on the topics, and it is important that groups have their say. I added all the outcomes/results from the groups into one overall document, with all comments given on topics, into this document as well, to get a better overall idea. Thanks to the groups for providing some comments in the group feedback on the topics, and I will bring this with me to the conference, too. The conference is well underway, and I am reading through a lot of stuff from other committees as we get split into three.

The conference this year is from the 7th to the 9th of November, so there is no more time to receive any new responses. There are quite a few topics this year, so I have had a bit to read, and I have been reading the other committees' recommendations and getting ready for the conference. We had our committee meeting on October 4th and passed on our recommendations to be voted on at the conference.

I have also been added to the banking account sign-in details in October when me, Sam and Dan met at the Commonwealth Bank in Fremantle.

The Area Report: I have done the Area report for the conference and got to talk to people doing service in the prisons and other service, and to also see all the service being done by the districts within Area B. I just wanted to say that there is a lot being done within the Area, and it is great to see and report on. It was well received.

The Southwest district is becoming a new Area C: On the districts, congratulations to the Southwest district as well, as they have now or are in the process of becoming a new Area, and this will help out with the number of Areas and delegate votes, as has been previously discussed and voted on in previous years' topics. I have been talking to some members who are taking up service positions in the new area, and they are well-equipped to do it.

The Advisory Action Survey in response to Topic #015/2024: (the Conference passed a motion that the Board investigate the appetite, mechanisms and potential implementation of uniting the general service and central service structures in Australia to uphold our primary purpose, and that a working group be created to begin this process.

I am updating the area on this topic with some new information I have seen for those who want to look at it. This issue is discussed on the AA member website with a lot of other information as well. The web address link is as follows
<https://members.aa.org.au/virtual-central-service-offices-and-united-arm-of-service/>.

I have also received this email to pass on to the Area.

Hi delegates and anyone else who may be receiving this email. Can the attached notice please be sent out far and wide to meetings through your local areas and districts.

We are asking meetings to check if their meeting has wheelchair access and if so to please update this information on their meeting listing on the national website.

Thanks in advance,

Simon Kerr National treatment and accessibility coordinator.

If you could try and pass this on to as many meetings as you can, it would help with notification of access for some people who need it.

That is about it for now, and I will discuss the outcomes and recommendations when they become available. Thanks to all the members who help keep this together.

John. R.

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.

Chairperson Report – Samantha P

Since my last report in August 2025.

Firstly, I would like to thank my committee members for their time and dedication to AA Area B. Our committee members not only offer their time and energy to their home groups but also Area B. I am very grateful to you all.

Secondly – to our GSR's, thank you for your time and service to your homegroups.

Huge welcome Lillian our new Area B Corrections Co-Ordinator, it has been such a pleasure to guide and get to know Lil, I wish her all the best in her new and very important position.

My mission over the next couple of months is to encourage our GSR members and AA fellowship to consider being of service to Area B committee.

Our next Area B meeting is a very important meeting as its when we rotate out of our positions and allow other AA members to be of service. I know Dan our treasurer and Sue our Registrar have graciously been in their roles for 2 years and are looking at new AA service adventures. If you would like to put your hands up for the role, please let me know.

The Chairperson role and being a part of this committee have been such an honour. The role has helped me grow spiritually on an AA level and a personal level. My 2-year dedication as Chairperson completes next year and I highly recommend the role to anyone who would like to experience a new adventure in their AA lives.

Dan, John and I met at The Commonwealth Bank in Sept, we have now updated our bank signatories.

Unfortunately, I do have to share that I have been having a degree of issues with sending group emails to GSR's and Area B Committee members, Microsoft Outlook is picking up this mass sending (we have over 100 email contacts in Area B) as spam, and Microsoft / Outlook block my AA emails from sending. I have contacted Microsoft, and this problem will only increase due to this ongoing spam issue, we as a fellowship will need to look at our email addresses, if we require AA information to go out in email form.

I am only emailing agendas and minutes. I have reached out to GSO for help with this and asked for an AA email to send out AA information. I was knocked back many times with the only excuse is that only Trustees and Delegates have emails. I will however keep bringing up this issue with GSO and I feel that in these types of situations a simple request for an email address should be considered.

Treasurer – Dan

Public Information – Colleen

Area B PI/PA Report November 2025

Hi Everyone,

So, life has been great, hope you are all feeling the same.

Just a couple of things to report.

- Sam and Danielle went to the Prison Expo.
- Speaking to an AOD councillor who would like to get a meeting going in his facility.
- Currently working with the Virtual PI/PA committee to organise online meetings for professionals in remote areas.
- Looking at advertising within the LGBTQ+ community with a company LGBT+ media & marketing
- I would just like to share with you a new service position that has become available within AA Australia.

The role is REGIONAL REMOTE COMMUNITIES' COORDINATOR (RRCC). The role has been created to support the National Remote Communities Coordinator (NRCC) with developing and coordinating AA activities within the remote communities' areas within our own State/Territory.

This role is focussed specifically on developing unity and communication among regional service participants, and expanding services within Remote Communities, while promoting best practices in this space.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- To encourage, facilitate & coordinate efforts to maintain and extend efforts to carry the AA message to alcoholics and potential alcoholics within our own State/Territory.
- To engage with, and educate Groups, Districts and Areas to increase their awareness of AA Literature, pamphlets and other media relating to remote communities.
- The RRCC needs to communicate with Area committees that deal in PI/PA Treatment & Accessibilities, Corrections & Online, to determine which demographic they will cover.
- To be committed to spend sufficient hours on the role, when necessary, over the full term, including attending regular Remote Community Committee meetings & National Forums.
- A knowledge of current digital communication platforms.
- To report to the NRCC monthly

I have been given the opportunity to take on this role (tenure 4 years) and am very excited to get stuck into it. As I'm sure you can appreciate, I am still a little overwhelmed and trying to find my feet. I will endeavour to fulfill this role to the best of my abilities, remembering progress not perfection.

I will continue in my PI role here with Area B till rotation in February 2026 and will combine all information to help within my roles.

So please if you have any questions or information you would like to pass on please don't hesitate to contact me.

Colleen L 0488 016 273 or areabpi25@gmail.com

Corrections Report: Lil

Wandoo Rehabilitation Centre expo got me up to speed that there is need for an A.A. meeting for the women in treatment to hear ESPH of women in recovery working the program.

All the pamphlets and chocolates were taken and well received by the ladies in treatment!

Danielle E. and I attended the women's prison on Thursday 23rd of October from 8am - 11am at Wandoo women's prison where the women identified as alcoholics and drug addicts. Whilst there was much identification with the disease it came to my attention that there wasn't an active A.A. meeting in the prison/centre.

As a result, I have applied alongside Danielle E, with correctional officer Leanne Tinline to run a meeting on a Saturday morning for women who identify as alcoholics. The clearance form is in the process of being accepted, and Leanne has sent me a list of materials in the prison that can be used for running a meeting. The suggested time is 10.30am/10.00am each respective Saturday.

Karnet Prison - Lee Gregson

Report for Karnet prison meeting Tuesday 7pm-830pm:

The Karnet prison meeting is going very well. Attendance to the meeting is up and steadily growing from early figures of 6 people to now at 24 people in attendance. Transitional manger and staff are very pleased with not only the attendance numbers but the continuing growth and talk amongst the inmates about AA and its gift & support freely given at the meeting and via phone calls from inmates.

Also on the 25th of September the Karnet prison expo was held from 11am to 3pm. My self and Jamie attended the event. We were warmly received and AA praised for AA's continuing commitment to not only the meetings but the recovery of the inmates and support to them as well.

Still waiting on Jamie's prison clearance, hopefully by him attending the Karnet prison expo 2025 it will come through shortly.

Registrar – Sue – Up to date meetings contact list sent to chairperson and Area B Committee members.

4. Financial Requests for funds –

1- Joe and Charlie Tapes, DVD's, Thumb Drives for corrections and fellowship to purchase at CSO. \$200 **all voted yes**

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2- Hills District \$400 **all voted yes**

5. Safeguarding AA Safeguarding AA and Codes and Codes

Did not mention

6. General Business General Business

WAPAA announcement – Georgina

6 (a)- Karnet Prison - Karnet prison has a donation box for books, DVDs, board games for the month of November. If anyone would like to donate, please get the message out to the fellowship. Below is an attachment pic of the donation box. Kind regards Lee Gregson – 0433567699



7. Service Positions available-

Secretary – Ellen has taken on the role of secretary. New email AreaBaaSecretary@gmail.com

Thank you Ellen for your service to Area B.

8: Next AGM 7th Feb 2026

Chairperson – 5 years sobriety

Secretary – 2 years

Registrar – 2 years

Trustee – 10 years sobriety

Close Serenity Prayer.