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## Perth convention a great success...

The 2011 AA National Convention in Perth has been hailed as a great success. More than 800 members of AA, Al-Anon and Alateen attended the event held over the Easter weekend. Although final audits haven't been carried out, the event was obviously profitable and proceeds will help greatly in carrying the message.

Western Region Trustee Laurie Ward said, "I would like to thank everyone involved in making our Convention a resounding success, as well as all the visitors from Australia and overseas.

"Jann Mc. was Western Region Trustee when the bid went in and I am very grateful for the tireless efforts which she put into making the Convention so successful.

"I took over as Chairman of the Host Planning Committee in January 2010 and Jann became Deputy Chair. I am grateful for the hard-working committee members who stuck so well to their tasks.

"Groups in WA and throughout Australia played an important role in fund raising and we received generous support from Perth Central Service Committee.

"I am grateful for the army of volunteers who helped during the convention. There was a great spirit of co-operation among everyone .

"The Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre looked after us very well and the venue was excellent. We have received lots of compliments about the Dinner/Dance and the event over-all.

"I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to be involved in service in this way."

## ...and Melbourne 2012 shapes up

The Melbourne Host Planning Committee for next year's National Convention hopes it will be Melbourne's most exciting National Convention ever. Our theme is "12: A Design for Living" to mark 2012, and the 12 Steps, Traditions and Concepts that underpin our fellowship. More details can be found at [www.melbourne2012.org](http://www.melbourne2012.org)

We have confirmed the brand new Melbourne Convention Centre ([www.mcec.com.au](http://www.mcec.com.au)) as the venue so we will be able to offer a broader range of meeting topics and workshops than we've been able to host in the past. This central venue is surrounded by cafés, shopping and hotels from budget up to five star.

We are also planning a full calendar of fellowship activities and have confirmed the Saturday night dinner dance at one of Melbourne's →

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most spectacular venues,  
the Regent Theatre Plaza  
Ballroom on Collins Street.

AAs and Al-Anons alike are  
busy working behind the  
scenes on the program,  
hospitality, fellowship,  
accommodation and more,  
but there are still  
opportunities to get involved  
– see our website for more  
information.

Also, if you have any  
thoughts about any aspect of  
the convention, you'll find  
"HAVE YOUR SAY" boxes  
throughout our website or  
you can email  
info@melbourne2012.org

We hope to have online  
registrations up and running  
by the middle of this year, so  
if you would like to be  
notified as soon as  
registrations come online  
(and so get the closest hotel  
deals as soon as they are  
released) please forward your  
contact details to registrations  
@melbourne2012.org and we'll  
let you know.

# AUSYPAA wants YOU

AUSYPAA 2011 is an  
international convention for  
young people or the young at  
heart. We are in the midst of  
pulling together a convention  
to be held at Bondi Beach  
21 – 23 October 2011 at the  
Swiss Grand Hotel.

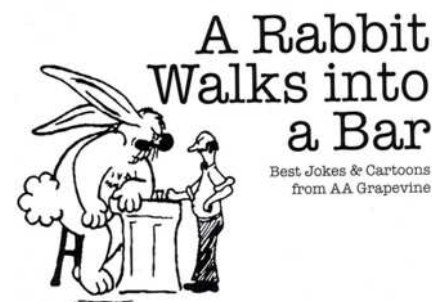
As any committee soon  
discovers, it's a real test of  
your tolerance and serenity  
to be part of a working team  
and something that really  
challenges you – but the  
benefits outweigh all of this.

We are looking for  
members to be trusted  
servants and carry the  
message of this event and we  
are looking far and wide  
across this great land.

If you think you would  
like to help a committee at a  
distance as an outreach  
contact and contribute to the  
service of announcing this

spectacular event then we  
want you.

Please contact us at  
[outreachforausypaa@gmail.com](mailto:outreachforausypaa@gmail.com)



*A Rabbit Walks into a Bar*  
Best Jokes & Cartoons from  
AA Grapevine. Item Number  
OGV-23 Price \$15

**Q:** How can you tell the  
difference between a sponsor  
and a therapist?

**A:** The only time a sponsor  
uses the word "closure" is  
before the word "mouth"

If you can stay sober in  
AA, an old timer once  
quipped, you can stay sober  
anywhere. If you've ever  
attended a business meeting,  
observed resentments flare  
up suddenly in a home group  
or heard someone tell the  
same story for the hundredth  
time, you know just what  
this means. Sometimes  
staying sober requires  
laughter so that we don't  
start taking ourselves or  
others too seriously.

The AA Grapevine has  
from its beginning published  
humour in the form of  
cartoons and jokes. Some  
readers have said they turn  
to the magazines humour  
pages first. Maybe that's  
because a good laugh clears  
the mind for more serious  
matters, or maybe it's simply  
that everyone needs a dose of  
fun in life.

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## Personal qualities

Agreeable

Calm under stress

Flexible



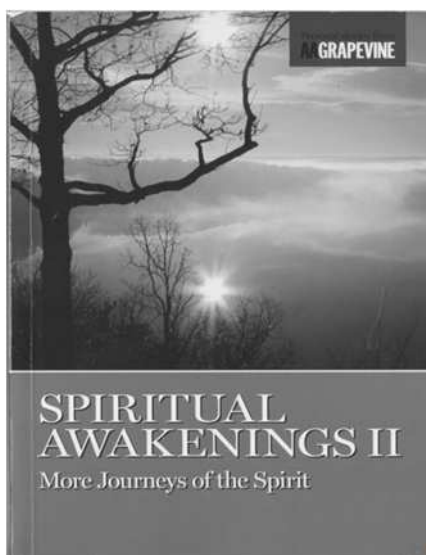
Diligent

Good listener



## Electing a trustee?

Or maybe you're thinking of standing as a trustee? Then you should take a look at the sort of qualities that are required to do a great job in that position. These are listed in a little movie on the AA Service Website at <http://aaservice.org.au>. Go to the "How To" section and you will see the link to click on.



## NEW BOOK

*Spiritual Awakenings II*  
More Journeys of the Spirit  
Item Number OGV-24  
Price \$20

As usual, our AA co-founder Bill W, did not mince words when writing about the subject of this book. With his own white light experience one of the classics of written history, he referred to a spiritual awakening as “the greatest gift that can come to anybody,” but he also made it clear that a spiritual awakening is not just a lovely possibility, not merely an option. In the December 1957 issue of AA Grapevine he put it this way:

**“We must awake or we die.”**

“So we do awake, and we are sober. Then what? Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? Again the voice of AA speaks up. No, sobriety is only a bare beginning; it is only the first gift of the first awakening...a new life of endless possibilities can be lived if we are willing to continue our awakening.”

It is commonly acknowledged that we drank in a futile search for spirit, so it’s no surprise that alcohol also goes by the

# Six new videos on the National Website

We now have six excellent new videos on our National Website, [www.aa.org.au](http://www.aa.org.au). The videos are made in the US and Canada. Five of them are for young people and are each about six to seven minutes long.

These have actual AA members speaking but their anonymity is maintained by the use of backlighting or close-ups that don’t show the person’s whole face

Another one is 16 minutes and is aimed at newcomers but deals with lots of issues that relate to all members. This has actors playing the part of AA members.

It is about a woman named Maggie who is having her first sobriety birthday that day. It goes into several issues such as sponsorship, singleness of purpose and belonging to a group.

The young people’s videos are mostly ID stories that give great examples of what it’s like to be a young alcoholic

and come into AA. In the past when real members have been used in videos they have been filmed with strong backlighting that makes them look sinister.

name “spirits”. But alcohol took away our spirits, and it’s only when we find the real thing through the liberating powers of Alcoholics Anonymous that we realise we have come home.

Let one of the writers in this book describe what it feels like:

“You, too, can live – really live. There will be love and laughter and a delicious sense of well-being deep down inside if you will abandon yourself to the business of recovery – not just recovery from the disease of active alcoholism, but deeper than that, recovery from a former self. Such thorough recovery can be realised, I believe, only through the fearless application of spiritual principles to our daily lives”

Written by men and women made new in spirit, these are the stories that will light our way home

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and come into AA. In the past when real members have been used in videos they have been filmed with strong backlighting that makes them look sinister.

But these new videos avoid that by using a beachside campfire and sunsets to provide the backlighting. The result looks entirely natural.

One of the young people’s videos has background music provided by Eric Clapton.



A scene from one of the new videos [www.aa.org.au](http://www.aa.org.au)

# Samoan member says thanks for Perth Convention experience

Australia's International Sponsorship Fund paid to bring Toy T., a member from Pago Pago in American Samoa, to the National Convention in Perth.

After he returned to Pago Pago, Toy wrote to us saying:

Dear fellow members in Australia,

Thank you so much for inviting me to the Perth convention. I had a wonderful time and learned a lot from the meetings and the fellowship there. I told all my friends here in Pago Pago about how nice the Convention was and the wonderful hospitality you have shown us. It helped me to realize that we're not alone. A lot of people offered to help carry the message here in Pago. I met many new friends and learned about the importance of service work. I loved the way member's fellowshiped after the meetings and especially at the Dinner Dance. It was nice to see people have fun without alcohol. We are certainly not a glum lot. The Host Planning Committee did a wonderful job in organizing this event and it showed. I thought Perth was a great experience that I will always cherish

Everyone was so nice and accommodating and I hope to someday return to Australia. I am grateful for the opportunity and to all the members there. God bless you all.

Toy



The Australian fellowship has organised the translation of three pamphlets into Samoan. These three are: *How it works*, *Is AA for you?* And *The Preamble*. Another two pamphlets are in the pipeline. The translations were paid for by the International Literature Fund in New York and the printing was paid for by the Australian International Sponsorship Fund with money from the Founders Day Brown Paper Bag collection.

The initial translations were carried out by the New Zealand Translation Service however there were many changes and corrections required. There are subtle differences between the Samoan spoken in American Samoa and in Western Samoa. There are also formal and informal versions of the language.

There are also difficulties in translating many words that don't quite correspond between the cultures. For instance, there's no single word for alcohol. The word "anonymous" was particularly difficult. At the level of a Pacific island village, the concept of anonymity doesn't exist. Everyone knows everyone else.

The first translation used the word "secret" but this carried an unwanted connotation of dishonesty. In the end we decided we would just keep the name as AA and let people work it out verbally.

The Australian International Literature Fund has also provided translations and printing of Steps banners and Serenity Prayer banners in Samoan.

AA is struggling in American Samoa (Pago Pago) and in Western Samoa (Apia). Members in both nations have welcomed the pamphlets and banners as important tools in carrying the message and helping to revive the fellowship. They have also been distributed for Samoan expatriates living in New Zealand and the US.

## Our collected PI&CPC experience is now on the Service Website

A wealth of experience in public information and cooperation with the professional community (PI&CPC) has now been collected and placed on the Service Website at [www.aaservice.org.au](http://www.aaservice.org.au).

Most of the material was collected at the 2009 PI&CPC Forum held in Melbourne. Delegates to the Forum got up and talked on their experience in a number of activities and told what worked and what didn't.

The activities included: PI dinners, courts, police, shopping centres, local government, schools, TV, radio, press, and doctors.

The aim is that the long list of ideas that have been compiled so far is only the beginning. As members learn more things and try out new ideas, these will be added to the list for others to learn from.

Apart from specific suggestions on particular activities, the collection brings out several general recommendations:

- Make personal contact with the right person and when you make contacts keep in touch with them.
- Take care not to bring AA into disrepute.
- Read the AA *Guidelines* to find out more



### An easy way to count those coins

One of the worst jobs that group treasurers have is counting all those blasted coins when it comes time to deposit them at the bank.

The last time I was a treasurer I used to have to nag my family into helping me. We'd sit around the kitchen table and spend an hour or so counting and bagging the coins. And we'd never get it right there would always be a bag or two that didn't have the right amount and it would cause delays in the depositing process.

But now that I've taken over as treasurer again I find banking technology has moved forward. There are now free coin-counting machines in many bank branches. I pour each week's coins into a big ice-cream container and when it gets almost too heavy to lift I take it to the nearest branch of my bank that has one of these machines.

I simply pour the mixture of coins into a chute and it goes whirr...clink...whirr ...gachlunk and spits out a green slip telling me exactly how many coins there were of what denomination and what the total amount is. I take this to the teller together with a deposit slip and the amount is credited to the account. Easy!

Not all bank branches have the coin counting machines. I tracked my nearest one down on my bank's website. The auto-counting is free only if you are depositing in that bank. If you deposit the amount in a different bank you might be charged a 10% fee. – SBT

about what you can and can't do.

- Share your experience with other members.
- Make use of our Class A trustees. They aren't constrained by the Anonymity Tradition and often have special expertise.

- If at first you don't succeed keep on trying. Things often don't work perfectly the first time.

Go to the Service Website and learn from the experience of other members and in the comments section add your own experience.

# Calendar of events

## OVERSEAS EVENTS

**10-12 June 2011** Croatia - Trogir - 11th International English speaking Convention  
aacroatia.split@yahoo.com

**17-19 June, 2011** Indonesia - Bali - 10th Annual Roundup 22nd-24th July 2011  
www.aa-bali.org for more information.

**22-24 July 2011** Asia/Oceania **Service Meeting:** Chandigarh, INDIA At North Park Hotel

**12-14 August, 2011** IRELAND - EURYPAA 2011 Dublin  
www.eurypa2011.com

**2 - 5 SEPTEMBER 2011** USA ICYPAA SAN FRANCISCO  
www.icypaahost.org Young People's Convention 2-4 Sept 2011

**2 - 4 September 16-18 2011** - Berlin Primary Purpose 6<sup>th</sup> English Speaking Convention

**16 - 18 September 2011** Malaysia Kuala Lumpur - 1st Malaysian Roundup,  
http://aamalaysia.org/roundup.html

**4-6 November 2011** Hong Kong International Convention  
hkconvention@gmail.com

**2015** INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ATLANTA GEORGIA USA  
www.aa.org

## AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

**9-12 JUNE 2011** Lightning Ridge Back to the Bush Rally Contacts  
Curly 0427482819;  
Brian 0429813174;  
Mal 0429 826 474

**11-12 JUNE 2011** Eastern Regional Forum Wollongong Golf Club

**18th June 2011** AUSYPAA Fundraiser - Bush Dance 7.30pm at St Joseph's Crypt, cnr Bedford and Station Streets, Newtown

**16-17 July 2011** The Big Book Comes Alive Weekend, Mermaid Waters Albert Waterways Community Centre, cnr Hooker & Sunshine Boulevard, Mermaid Waters

**9 July 2011** Ivanhoe - Women's Day in AA Ivanhoe Uniting Church, Seddon Street, Ivanhoe

**29 - 31 July 2011** QYPAA - Queensland Young People in AA Convention 'Community Hall', Mount Gravatt Showgrounds 1644 Logan Road, Mount Gravatt

**JULY - AUGUST 2011:**  
NORTHERN TERRITORY Round Ups and Tag-A-Longs  
Cooper Pedy (SA) 8th-10th July  
Alice Springs Round-up 17th-19th July  
Top End Bill W Camp 22nd-24th July  
Kakadu Tag a Long 25th-29th July  
Darwin Round Up 29th July-1st August  
Waterfall Tag a Long 2nd-4th August  
Katherine Round UP 5th-7th August  
Kimberly Muster (WA) 26th-29th August  
Contact Darwin CSO (08)89485202 for more details

**26-29 AUGUST 2011** Kimberley Muster Broome Turf Club Bridget 0488987983  
bridget.haden@yahoo.com.au

**30 August 2011** Barbie and Steps Meeting. Sandfire Roadhouse Mango Plantation.  
Ken 0891765985  
SandfireRH@bigpond.com

**31 August 2011** Pizza and Beach Meeting 80 Mile Beach Caravan Park. Col 0891765941.  
eightymilebeach@bigpond.com

**3rd-4th Sept 2011** Spring into spring 12 Steps Weekend: at Young NSW CWA Rooms, Lovell St, Young

**2-5 September 2011** Warrawagine Station. Riverside bush camp. No facilities. BYO everything. Richard dickdundee@westnet.com.au

**8 September 2011** Dinner at Port Hedland Yacht Club followed by Meeting. Morag 0429967550

**6th August 2011** AUSYPAA Fundraiser - Trivia Night: Randwick Labor Club, 135 Alison Road, Randwick. 7.30pm for an 8pm start! www.ausypaa.org

**9-11 September 2011** SOUTH COAST RALLY: near Nowra NSW - Illaroo Farm

**24th September 2011** AUSYPAA Fundraiser: CabarAA - North Sydney Leagues Club, 12 Abbott Street, Cammeray 7pm for a 7.30pm start!

**7-9 October 2011** Byron Bay Convention Byron Bay Community Centre Complex 2011byronconvention@gmail.com

**29-30 October 2011** Geelong District - 56th Anniversary Whittington Neighbourhood Centre, Worden Crt, Whittington

**21-23 October 2011** AUSYPAA - 2nd Annual Convention - Australian Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous. Swiss Grand, Corner Beach Road and Campbell Parade, Bondi Beach.  
www.ausypaa.org

**5 - 9 April, 2012** The National Convention \47th Australian National Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous Melbourne, Victoria:

If you would like your Fellowship event listed on the National Office website, please contact tony@aa.org.au or write to National Office, 48 Firth Street, Arncliffe, NSW 2205.

## Group Contributions March2011 to May 2011

<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>			Dee Why Tues 10.30am	\$80.00	Northern Lights	\$300.00
Area A CR			Epping Mon/Thurs	\$200.00	Seddon Steps	\$80.00
Adelaide CSO (grp dontns)	\$1,346.05		Greenwich Sun Night	\$120.00	Westhope Recovery	\$272.00
Area A CR	\$489.78		Kirribilli Rd Recovery Fri	\$158.59	Western General	\$200.00
Gawler	\$141.71		Lindfield Thurs	\$100.00	Total Area D:	\$1,210.47
Greenwith Recovery	\$72.77		Mona Vale Mon 1pm	\$131.06	Area E SR	
Kapunda	\$87.02		North Sydney Sat pm	\$160.00	Devonport	\$463.95
Kilburn	\$30.00		Royal North Shore BBS	\$250.00	Kingston Sun Night	\$50.00
Mansfield Park	\$39.60		Total Area E:	\$2,914.15	Sandy Bay	\$80.00
Port Adelaide Friday	\$36.69		Area F ER		Ulverstone	\$30.00
Port Lincoln Groups	\$30.00		Bathurst Fri Night Steps	\$150.00	Total Area E:	\$623.95
Smithfield	\$23.63		Bathurst Sun Hospital	\$200.00	Total Southern Region:	\$3,050.75
Tea Tree Gully	\$45.60		Orange Sunday 5pm	\$415.00	<b>NORTH EASTERN RGN</b>	
Two Wells	\$51.65		Young	\$200.00	Area A NER	
Total Area A:	\$2,394.50		Total Area F:	\$965.00	Bowen Thurs Night	\$210.00
Area B CR			Area G ER		Cairns Womens	\$89.96
Aldgate	\$35.00		Balmain Sat Night	\$96.00	Mackay District	\$45.00
Area B CR	\$720.92		Bondi Beach Sea Change	\$180.00	Mackay Serenity	\$30.00
Bedford Park	\$180.00		Bondi Jn Crypt Sat 5pm	\$30.00	Mackay Hope	\$60.00
Christies Beach	\$156.68		Bondi Jn Crypt Sat 7pm	\$30.00	Mackay Pioneer	\$135.00
Hackham Women's	\$28.50		Coogee Living Sober	\$40.00	Mackay Recovery	\$120.00
Hutt St SC	\$9.68		Darlinghurst 6.30 Tue	\$120.00	Mt Isa	\$30.00
Millicent	\$45.00		Dulwich Hill	\$77.00	North Qld Dist Assoc	\$664.80
Murray Bridge	\$30.00		Erskineville	\$79.00	Upper Ross/Rollingstone	\$90.00
Park Holme	\$59.99		Leichhardt Saturday	\$110.00	Total Area A:	\$1,474.76
Parkside Wednesday	\$9.45		Newtown Daily Reflectns	\$600.00	Area B NER	
Repatriatn Daw Pk Sun	\$51.29		Randwick Steps & Trads.	\$189.00	Albany Ck Carseldine HP	\$150.00
Rose Park Recovery	\$23.96		Surry Hills 11am	\$120.00	Ashgrove W. BB Sun 8pm	\$100.00
Willunga	\$60.00		Surry Hills Happy Hr Mon	\$75.00	Bargara	\$150.00
Total Area B:	\$1,410.47		Surry Hills Sat 11am	\$44.00	Bribie Island Fri Night	\$60.00
Total Central Region:	\$3,804.97		Sydney City Pilgrim Hse	\$200.00	Bribie Is.Mon Recovery	\$60.00
<b>EASTERN REGION</b>			Syd City Wed 8am Lwyers	\$9.00	Brisbane Steps & Trads	\$45.00
Area A ER			Wayside Ch Kings X Tues	\$180.00	Bulcock Beach	\$96.04
Armidale Free To Be	\$150.00		Wesley Groups	\$219.00	Caboolture	\$159.00
Ballina Wed BBS	\$200.00		Total Area G:	\$2,398.00	Caboolture BB Recovery	\$48.00
Banana Coast District	\$400.00		Area H ER		Caboolture Combined	\$100.00
Byron Bay Recovery	\$62.00		Fellowshp Spirit Tahmoor	\$70.00	Caloundra ABSI	\$45.00
Casino	\$250.00		FOTS Travellers NSW	\$50.00	Coooloola Cove	\$100.00
Kyogle Wed 7pm	\$50.00		Penrith BBS 6pm	\$250.00	Cooparoo Day	\$181.00
Northern Rivers District	\$180.00		Richmond St J o G Sat	\$50.00	Currimundi BBS	\$21.00
Raleigh Sunday	\$60.00		Rooty Hill	\$14.10	Dalby	\$300.00
Tamworth Fri Night	\$100.00		Seven Hills Mon Night	\$90.00	Gladstone ABSI	\$120.00
Total Area A:	\$1,452.00		Total Area H:	\$659.90	Glenwood	\$60.00
Area B ER			Total Eastern Region:	\$10,932.62	Gympie	\$180.00
Far South Coast District	\$100.00		<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b>		Hervey Bay Mon Night	\$60.00
Sixth Chapter Mens	\$250.00		Area A SR		Kawana Friday	\$121.50
Tuggeranong Fellowship	\$1,000.00		East Warrnambool	\$230.00	Margate Beginners	\$60.00
Total Area B:	\$1,350.00		Portland Living Solution	\$75.35	Maroochydore Friday	\$45.00
Area C ER			Total Area A:	\$305.35	Mooloolaba Thur	\$60.00
E.Gosford Steps & Trad.	\$20.00		Area B SR		Murgon	\$100.00
E. Gosford Womens Tue	\$135.00		Bendigo Steps	\$30.00	Nambour Sat Night	\$95.00
Gosford City Beginners	\$60.00		Douglas Hospital	\$75.00	Nanango Recovery	\$30.00
Gosford W. Boomerang	\$240.00		Maryborough Tues	\$19.66	Noosa/Twntn Tue Lunch	\$150.00
Newcastle City	\$51.75		Wangaratta Thurs Night	\$50.00	Peninsula BB Study	\$56.25
Terrigal Beach	\$200.00		Total Area B:	\$174.66	Redcliffe AM Recovery	\$45.00
Terrigal Big Book Study	\$140.00		Area C SR		Rockhampton Wed Night	\$300.00
Truth Rutherford	\$100.00		Albert Park Way of Life	\$135.00	Samford/Bray Pk Sun	\$150.01
Total Area C:	\$946.75		Belmont Unity Recovery	\$25.00	Sandgate	\$30.00
Area D ER			Brkfst w.Bill St Kilda	\$52.76	Sandgate 5pm	\$30.00
Ashfield 7pm Tuesday	\$99.42		Croydon Sun Morning	\$200.00	SandgateThur/Brighton S	\$40.00
Kingsgrove Wed ABSI	\$59.80		E.Ringwood Wed/Fri/Sat	\$30.00	Taringa Tues Women's	\$105.00
Kogarah Beginners Thur	\$47.60		Metung	\$75.00	Yeppoon	\$150.00
Unaderra Group	\$40.00		Mornington	\$100.00	Total Area B:	\$3,602.80
Total Area D:	\$246.82		Murrumbena	\$58.56	Area C NER	
Area E ER			Peninsula Apprec. Wknd	\$10.00	Annerley	\$90.00
Baulkham Hills Sunday	\$120.00		VICYPAA	\$50.00	Ashmore Tues	\$30.00
Cremorne Fri 6pm	\$91.86		Total Area C:	\$736.32	Benora Point Wed	\$135.00
Cremorne Fri 8pm	\$88.40		Area D SR		Brisbane Traditions	\$45.00
Cremorne Tues Lunch	\$240.00		Brunswick West	\$12.90	Burleigh Heads 8pm Mon	\$60.00
Crows Nest Sat 8pm	\$200.00		Essendon	\$50.00	Burleigh Hds Early Birds	\$643.20
Dee Why Breakfast	\$545.12		Geelong Into Action	\$130.57	Burleigh Heads Fri 8pm	\$161.70
Dee Why Fri 8pm	\$104.00		Hoppers Crossing Thur	\$25.00	Capalaba Sun Reflectns	\$30.00
Dee Why Thurs 7am	\$225.12		Moonee Ponds BB Tues	\$90.00	Chirn Pk/Lbrdr Thurs 8	\$60.00
Dee Why Thurs 8pm	\$100.00		North Melbourne Discsn	\$50.00	Clear Is. Waters Fri 10am	\$185.40

## Contributions continued

Cleveland MonThur ABSI	\$60.00	Northam	\$30.00	Area B WR	
Cleveland Recovery	\$80.00	Southport Fri 8pm	\$30.00	Altered Attitudes	\$72.00
Coolangatta Groups	\$180.00	Southport Mon 12pm	\$45.00	Armadale	\$45.00
Coolangatta Mon 6:30pm	\$30.00	Southport Sat 10am	\$176.00	Banksia Grve Sp. Cncpts	\$180.00
Coolangatta Sat 10am	\$44.70	Southport Sun 6pm	\$116.10	Beaconsfield	\$194.20
Coolangatta Sun10am	\$21.00	Southport Thurs Topic	\$45.00	Bunbury Wed	\$30.00
Coolangatta Thur10am	\$30.00	Southport Tues 12pm	\$54.00	Bunbury Sunday	\$15.00
Coolangatta Tue 10am	\$60.00	Southport Wed 6pm	\$30.00	Busselton	\$660.00
Coomabah Tuesday	\$33.60	Southport Wed 10:30am	\$12.00	Fremantle BB Discussn	\$90.00
Coomera Monday 7pm	\$255.30	Springwood Topics	\$105.00	Fremantle Doctor	\$60.00
Coomera Thursday 7pm	\$150.00	Stanthorpe Monday	\$120.00	Fremantle Serenity Grp	\$30.00
Currumbin/Tugun Thur	\$30.00	Toowong Beginners	\$30.00	Fremantle Spiritl Cncpts	\$150.00
Denmark Hill Topic	\$30.00	Tweed Hds Thur 1.30	\$22.50	Fremantle Twilt Bgnrs	\$30.00
Helensvale Tues 8pm	\$12.00	Tweed Heads Sat 8pm	\$60.00	Fremantle Unity	\$75.00
Indooroopilly HP	\$30.00	Valley BBS	\$192.00	High Wycombe Steps	\$69.00
Ipswich United	\$150.00	Total Area C:	\$5,813.90	Kalamunda	\$252.86
Isle of Capri Sat	\$137.50	NER Unknown Areas	\$82.20	Mandurah	\$125.00
Isle of Capri Thurs	\$161.70	Total North East Rgn	\$10,973.66	Margaret River	\$240.00
Kenmore ID	\$300.00	<b>WESTERN REGION</b>		Recovery Rocks	\$30.00
Mermaid Bch Fri 5:30	\$39.00	Area A WR		Rockingham Discussion	\$90.00
Mt Gravatt Sun Night	\$100.00	80 Mile Bch/SandfireStps	\$300.00	Rockingham Ppls Grp	\$9.66
Mudgeeraba Tues 6pm	\$52.50	Balga	\$150.00	Spring	\$40.00
Murwillumbah Tues 10	\$60.00	Bassendean	\$180.00	Walpole	\$50.10
New Farm (in Area C)	\$180.00	Burns Beach	\$240.00	Willagee Topics	\$30.00
Oxley Station	\$90.00	Butler	\$90.00	Total Area B:	\$2,567.82
Pacific Fair Thurs 5.30	\$94.80	City Group	\$150.00	Total Western Region:	\$5,058.21
Palm Beach Tues 7pm	\$159.90	Universal Steps	\$150.00	<b>NORTHERN REGION</b>	
Palm Beach Mon 8pm	\$60.00	Early Openers	\$195.00	Area A NR	
Palm Bch Sat 5:30 Topic	\$180.00	Greenwood	\$300.00	Casuarina	\$200.00
Palm Beach Wed 7pm	\$341.00	Joondalup	\$87.39	Darwin Mon Rapid Crk	\$42.00
Paradise Point Fri 6pm	\$120.00	North Beach	\$90.00	Nightcliff Sat	\$500.00
Paradise Point Sun 5pm	\$60.00	Northam Steps	\$33.00	Total Northern Rgn	\$742.00
Southport Fri 12pm	\$3.00	Step Sisters	\$60.00	<b>TOTAL ALL REGIONS:</b>	<b>\$34,562.21</b>
Maylands	\$60.00	Vincent St Morning	\$150.00		
Maylands Daybreak	\$90.00	Wickham	\$60.00	<b>LIM Australia</b>	<b>\$246.00</b>
Midwest District	\$75.00	Total Area A:	\$2,490.39		

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That the Australian Service Conference on behalf of all AA members in Australia pledges that we accept responsibility for the maintenance of a General Service Office (now National Office) and ask the groups in Australia to provide the necessary finance to carry out this task.

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### **Eastern Region (NSW & ACT)**

**Sydney City** The Crypt, 17  
Adelaide Street, Bondi Junction.  
PO Box 478, Bondi Junction  
2022 (02) 9387-7788 (24 hr help  
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**Croydon** 127 Edwin St North.  
Croydon. Phone (02) 9799  
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Community Groups Centre, cnr  
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Phone (02) 6686-8599 PO Box  
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2777. Phone (02) 4782-2412

**Canberra** Grant Cameron  
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Street, Holder, ACT Phone (02)  
6287 3020. PO Box 3898,  
Weston, ACT 2611

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Phone (02) 4323 3890 PO Box  
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**Hawkesbury District** Contact  
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**Newcastle** Greater Newcastle  
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(02) 4964 1555. PO Box 196,  
Jesmond 2299

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(02) 8250 7318 Web  
www.aash.org.au

**Wagga Wagga District** PO Box  
8715, Koorringal 2650. Phone  
0466 594 201

**Wollongong** 114-116 Princes  
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Phone (02) 4285 6788

### **North Eastern Region (QLD)**

**Brisbane** Annerley City Library  
Annexe, 450 Ipswich Road,  
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3255-9162 12 Step Office Tel  
(07) 3255-9962 Fax (07) 3392-  
6430. PO Box 299, Annerley,  
4103

**Cairns** Suite 18, First Floor,  
Crangold Building, 129A Lake  
Street. Phone (07) 4051-2872.  
PO Box 2089 CAIRNS 4870

**Gladstone** Contact 0419 725  
287 (24 Hrs)

**Gold Coast** Community Centre,  
Lawson St Southport. Phone  
(07) 5591 2062. PO Box 2061  
Southport 4215

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4124-4400

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**Nambour** Burnside Scout Hall,  
10 Perwillowen Road, Nambour.  
4650. Phone (07) 5476 2166.  
PO Box 1106, Nambour. 4560.

**Townsville** 1 Charters Towers  
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4771 6555

### **Northern Region (NT)**

**Darwin** Nightcliff Community  
Centre, Bauhinia Street,  
Nightcliff. NT 0810. Phone (08)  
8948-5202. PO Box 40760  
Casuarina 0811.

**Alice Springs** 08 8953 0802 (24  
hrs ) 08 8955 0031, 08 8955  
0628

**Katherine** Contact 0417 837  
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0851

### **Southern Region (VIC & TAS)**

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[www.aamelbourne.org.au](http://www.aamelbourne.org.au)  
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**Melbourne North/West  
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**Melbourne City** 15 McKillop St  
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**Geelong** contact (03) 5229  
1710. PO Box 914, Geelong  
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**Shepparton District** Phone  
(03) 5831-6742. PO Box 232,  
Shepparton, 3632.

**Ballarat District** Contact (03)  
5364 2915. PO Box 1332  
Bakery Hill 3354. Email  
[aaballarat@gmail.com](mailto:aaballarat@gmail.com). Web  
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**Bendigo District** (03) 5435 3167

**Hobart** Room 18, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr,  
McDougall Building, Ellerslie  
Road, Battery Point, Hobart.  
Phone (03) 6234 8711. PO Box  
317, Hobart 7001

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7060 PO Box 350 Launceston  
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### **Western Region (WA)**

**Perth** Room 2, Claisebrook  
Lotteries House 33 Moore St  
East Perth 6004. Phone (08)  
9325 3566. [www.aaperthwa.org](http://www.aaperthwa.org)

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