

ACA Intergroup Sydney **Agenda 13 February 2021**

<b>Welcome + Round the Room ID</b>		<b>Minutes taken by: Alison</b>
<b>Service Prayer</b>	Higher Power, we are your trusted servants seeking to support ACA and its primary purpose. Please remind us that the life of our program and our own recovery depends upon our willingness to put the unity of our intergroup first, above our own will.	
<b>Tradition</b>	(2) For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as expressed in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.	
<b>Concept</b>	(2) Authority for the active maintenance of our world services is hereby delegated to the actual voice, the effective conscience for our whole fellowship	
<b>Attendees</b>	<p><b>IGService Positions.</b> <b>Janine</b> IG Literature; <b>John</b> IG Chair (&amp; GSR Men's Wed Meeting on zoom); <b>Bill</b> IG Treasurer (&amp; GSR "The Queer Solution" Meeting); <b>Kev</b> – IG Webmaster; <b>Alison</b> IG Newsletter (&amp; Maroochydore Sun GSR); <b>Oriana</b> IG Activities.</p> <p><b>GSRs:</b> - <b>Bill</b> GSR Thurs Night "For the Queer Solution" Meeting; <b>Margaret &amp; Sharon P</b> Waverly GSRs from Fri night; <b>Brooke</b> GSR Mon night Crows Nest; <b>Asma</b> Sun Steps GSR; <b>Maria</b> Narraweena GSR; <b>Mary R</b> 'Tony A Beginners Meeting' on Zoom Tue GSR.</p> <p><b>Observers;</b> - <b>David T</b> (observer); <b>Monique</b> (Observer) Aus &amp; NZ Global Co-ordinator.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> <u>Tiff M IG Secretary, Peter IG H &amp; I, Lawrence RSG.</u></p>	
<b>Previous minutes</b>	<b>Motion to Accept</b> moved by: <b>John</b> ; Seconded: <b>George</b> ; <b>Motion Carried.</b>	
<b>GSR Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Asma Sun Steps:</b> Asma would like help with service positions, she is secretary, but no other positions filled. Each week 12 to 14 people attend.</li> <li>• <b>Brooke Mon Crows Nest:</b> going very well, financially sound, has recently sent a donation to Intergroup, all positions filled, staying on Zoom for now.</li> <li>• <b>John Men's Meeting Wed</b> is going well.</li> <li>• <b>Margaret Waverly Fri</b> is meeting face to face, will soon be moving from the 'Mill Hill Centre' to the "Theroy" Room, in Waverly Library. Library has free parking. Will notify IG of exact date of the move to the new venue.</li> <li>• <b>Maria Narraweena Tues</b> is meeting currently both on zoom and face to face. Zoom attendees include a couple of locals but many from overseas. Meeting is healthy.</li> <li>• <b>Mary "Tony A Beginner's"</b> Regularly has 26 – 30 people attend, majority from overseas.</li> <li>• <b>Alison Maroochydore Sun</b> has 4 core members, staying as Free Conference Call for now.</li> <li>• <b>George ACAHope.com Thurs Night</b> meeting has 25 members &amp; uses 'New Hope' ACA beginners' text. This week the meeting is back to the start of the book. Good time to join. This is the only New Hope meeting in Australia.</li> <li>• <b>George Daily Lunchtime Zoom Meeting</b> Group conscience voted to keep the current format, meeting is flourishing with 40 to 50 people daily in attendance.</li> <li>• <b>George Thursday</b> night speakers meeting is going very well, lots of volunteers to do service this week.</li> <li>• <b>George 'Parents in Recovery Meeting' Wed</b> night is going well with a core group of 20.</li> <li>• <b>John &amp; George Lilyfield</b> meeting has closed. \$600 donated to Syd IG, to be held in trust for the advancement of the ACA Fellowship. Also has 3 x BRB and 2 x daily reader and a yellow workbook which will possibly be donated to the newly started Indian ACA Fellowship. George and Monique to discuss this outside of IG meeting. Will report back in March IG Meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Aus &amp; NZ Global Co-ordinator</b>	<p>Monique reported that all the 'Town Hall' meetings have now closed. These meetings were organised by WS committees for the purpose of both providing and gathering information on various topics (e.g., addressing safety in meetings; Step Studies; RSG; International Studies; WSO website; Public Outreach and so on,) in time for the March 2021 Annual Business Conference/Convention. There were 14 ballots taken in total from the "Town Hall" meetings, which will be presented to the ABC.</p> <p>Monique explained that she is the Aust and NZ Global ACA Co-ordinator. This position was created at the level of World Service. The position has a view to possibly linking the ACA Aust and NZ</p>	

<p><b>Aus &amp; NZ Global Co-ordinator cont.</b></p>	<p>Intergroups at some stage in the future, to create a national/ or regional level of service to support all the Intergroups. Each intergroup would have for example 1 or 2 delegate who would attend a Regional/ National assembly and convention. Currently, there is no service structure between Intergroup and WSO, so these are just ideas at this stage. With regards to Monique's World Service role at Syd ACA Intergroup meetings the following ideas were discussed: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monique's position would have a voice at Syd IG but not a vote.</li> <li>2. In her position, she may put items on the Syd agenda and speak to them when invited by the chair, but may not word, propose, move or second a motion.</li> <li>3. She would inform intergroup about relevant information and insight from WSO.</li> </ol> <p>This topic and any <b><u>motion arising from this topic</u></b> will be created and voted on at March 13<sup>th</sup> Syd ACA IG Meeting. It is noted that this is an item for March's IG Agenda.</p>
<p><b>Exec Reports</b></p>	<p><b><u>Chair Update (John)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In January IG decided to introduce 3 new positions to Syd ACA IG, namely       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deputy Chair; 2. Deputy Secretary; and, 3. Deputy Treasurer.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Today John nominated Oriana for the position of Deputy Chair. Seconded by Bill. <b><u>The vote was unanimous.</u></b> Congratulations! <b><u>Oriana is now Syd ACA IG Deputy Chair.</u></b></li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b><u>Treasurer Update (Bill)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill shared his screen with the meeting and the members at the meeting could then see the financial figures he was discussing. Bill will post this Treasurer's Report to Tiff.</li> <li>• He has developed a code to identify each ACA meeting which he hopes will put in the reference field when making an on-line 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donation.</li> <li>• Bill needs to develop a better system for ease of differentiation between literature payments and 7<sup>th</sup> Trad donations.</li> <li>• He will organise a Debit card for use with literature position, currently Janine.</li> <li>• Webmaster may also need a card like this. Bill will talk to Kevin.</li> <li>• When setting up the Syd ACA IG Zoom accounts, Bill used his own credit card.</li> <li>• Organising Debit cards are a way to avoid having to use personal credit cards.</li> <li>• For the next financial year, Bill will both tighten up &amp; update the number of signatories needed to operate the Syd ACA IG Bank Account,</li> <li>• Bill to contact Alison regarding creating a blurb for the Newsletter about Syd IG's Request to go out to all groups for a donation specifically for World Service. E.g., \$7 for a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donation.</li> <li>• <i>ACA World Service Office (WSO) recently asked ACA members worldwide to make a one-time contribution of \$7 for the 7th Tradition in honour of ACA's 42nd birthday. ACA was founded in January 1978; its birthday is celebrated the last Saturday of January.</i>  <i>WSO is currently facing staffing and other challenges. Contributions would be appreciated to stay ahead of expenses.</i>  <i>Here at Sydney Intergroup we have been are a little slow on the uptake but deposits made until the end of March to the Sydney Intergroup 7th Tradition account (<b>BSB: 032-044 ACC. NO: 748092</b>) using the code '747' in the identifier space, will be forwarded directly to WSO, early April.</i>  <i>Please, this is not to obligate anyone into contributing. If you are not in funds don't contribute. You are more important than your money."</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>IG Service Reports</b></p>	<p><b><u>Secretary Update (Tiffany)</u></b> – New Public Liability Insurance Certificate has been issued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A question was asked regarding if any clause is included in the policy wording about the Covid 19 virus.</li> </ul>

**IG Service Reports  
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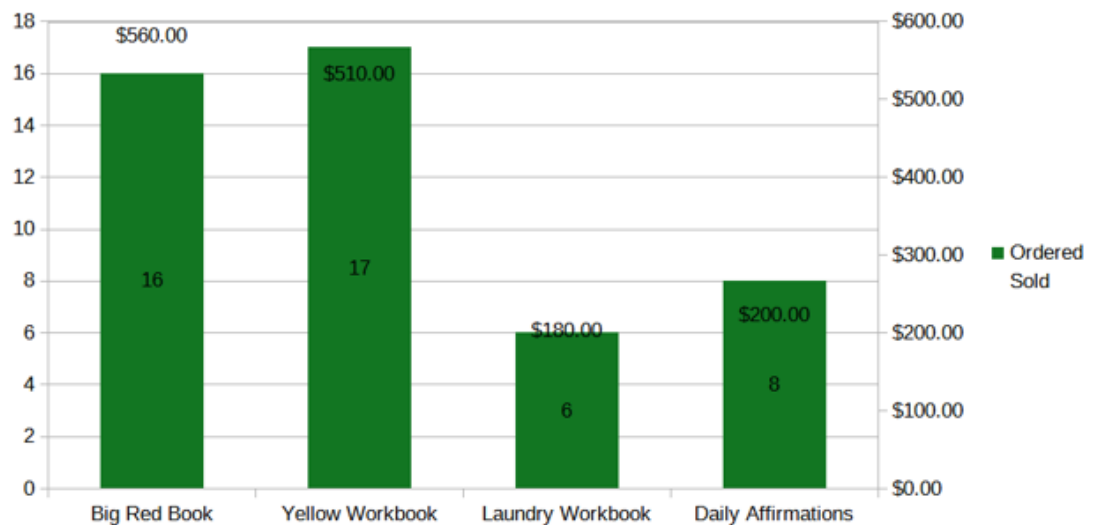
- This question will be held over to the next IG meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> Of March, 2021, whereupon Tiff can answer and give any update.

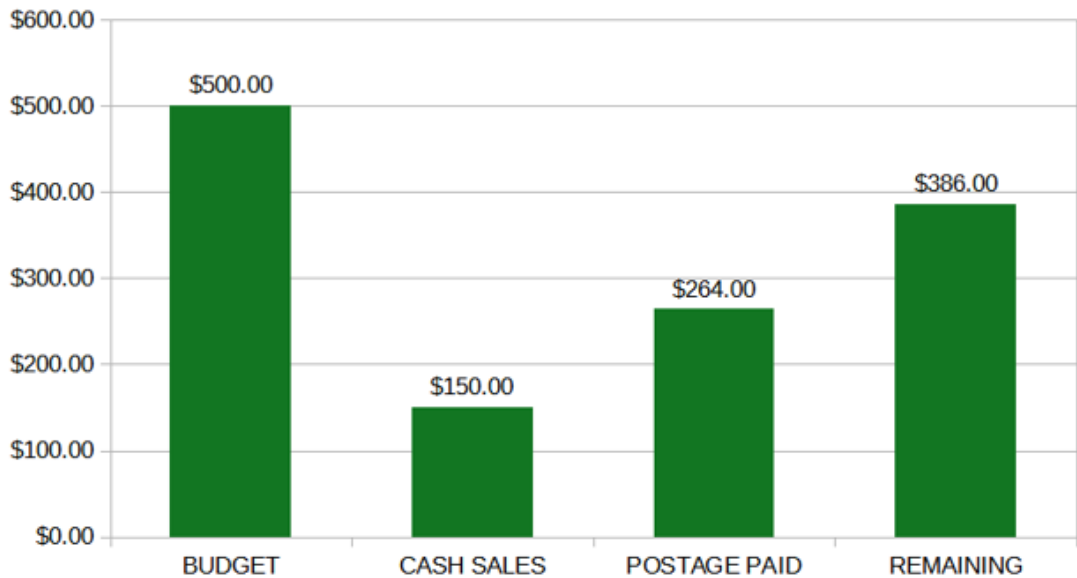
**H&I Update (Peter)**

- The H & I roster began the new year well on zoom.
- Each week in January introduced first-time speakers to this valuable service partnered with experienced speakers.
- Currently, many on our roster are members from outside Sydney & it is only possible for them to be on the roster because of the use of zoom.
- The names on the roster would be greatly reduced if the Hosp return to f2face format.
- I have been having discussions with SPP about how the return to f2face would affect our roster.
- SPP is aware of the limitations on a small fellowship like ACA for f2face and suggested a fortnightly roster to accommodate the limited numbers of local volunteers.
- This shows the need to for more face-to-face volunteers in preparation for the return of f2face; and demonstrates the respect and appreciation SPP have for our Syd ACA H & I volunteers.

**Literature Update (Janine)**

- I have completed my first month as literature coordinator.
- Taken in Aus \$1450 for literature sold. Postage Expenses out \$264. Balance in hand \$386.
- I have created a spread sheet, which I will send a copy to Tiff M Secretary.
- BRB Stock low, will need to place an order to USA soon.
- Trish in Melbourne ACA Intergroup is investigating the possibility and costs of publication of ACA Literature in Australia. Monique and Janine to link up to explore this further.





**Newsletter Update (Alison)**

- I have put all the intergroup dates for 2021 and the IG zoom meeting details in the Newsletter.
- I have also written an article about the 3 new Deputy IG service positions, why they have been created and asking for anyone who is interested to please email their details to the secretary.
- I have also included a list of all the 2021 Syd ACA IG Service Positions and the names of those who are currently filling each position.
- I will highlight the IG positions that are vacant, describe the requirements of each position and put out a request for members to step forward.
- I will liaise with Bill regarding the wording of the request for \$7 for a WSO Trad 7 donation.

**Website Update (Kevin)**

- Kevin has written a basic outline of the ACA Syd IG Website requirements.
- He will now seek 3 construction and operating quotes from web building companies.
- **Motion** “Kevin will explore and invite 3 web building and operating companies, to each submit a quote for the work required in constructing a new ACA Syd IG website.” Moved George, seconded by John. **Motion was carried.**
- One of these quotes may be from Kevin’s own company. Whichever company is chosen will provide excellent, ongoing support for a period of 12 months after the site is constructed.
- The company ‘WordPress’ was mentioned as very easy to update and has great ongoing support.
- Oriana volunteered to work with Kevin of a small website committee of 3 = Kevin, Oriana & 3<sup>rd</sup> position currently vacant.
- Kevin to set up ACA Syd IG email addresses for himself and other IG Position Holders who currently don’t have an ACA email address i.e., Webmaster Kevin and Deputy Chair Oriana.
- Will need one also for each of the new IG positions: - Deputy Secretary & Deputy Treasurer.

**Vacant IG Service Positions**

- Deputy Treasurer.
- Deputy Secretary.
- 1 person for website committee.

**Continued Business**

- **Website** (Kevin): Covered this in his update.
- **Telephone Answering Service** (Tiff) this is being worked on, Tiff will report back at March Inter Group Meeting.)

<b>New Business</b>	Nil -----
<b>Future Business</b>	<p><b><u>Notice of Items for 13<sup>th</sup> of March ACA Syd IG Agenda</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vacant IG Positions...John.</li> <li>• Kevin's 3 quotes for new website construction and ongoing web support. . . Kevin.</li> <li>• Motion to discuss, define role &amp; vote on Monique's offer to attend &amp; support Syd IG... John.</li> <li>• Bill arranging for debit cards for literature and website. . . Bill</li> <li>• Kevin's creation of his own &amp; others' new ACA Syd IG positions email addresses &amp; ask if possible to restore of the 'Meeting Report' Website page. . . Kevin.</li> <li>• Wording of the request to go out for e.g., \$7 for a WSO 7<sup>th</sup> Trad donation. . . Bill &amp; Alison.</li> <li>• Discussion on how to support better time management of the 11am – 12.30pm (1.5hr) ACA Sydney Monthly IG meeting, to work towards staying within allocated time boundary &amp; avoid running overtime. . . John.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Meeting closed at 12.50pm</u></b> with the ACA Serenity Prayer.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>11am (NSW Time) Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 ZOOM.</b></p> <p><b>ZOOM Meeting ID 913 2607 8635</b></p> <p><b>Password: Steps</b></p> <p>Click here to join the Intergroup Sydney Meeting</p> <p><a href="https://zoom.us/j/91326078635?pwd=VzczWHRvUUluZE5ydy9JQTZFWktpUT09">https://zoom.us/j/91326078635?pwd=VzczWHRvUUluZE5ydy9JQTZFWktpUT09</a></p>