

newsletter

June 2026

Local Fellowship News, Meeting Updates & Service Information

Welcome to the June edition of the Illawarra & South Coast Central Service Office AA Newsletter. In this newsletter you'll find updates from local groups, CSO news and information to help keep our fellowship connected and informed.



Parking Available - Thursday 12.30 Meeting

Good news! Parking is now available for members attending the Thursday 12:30pm AA meeting at City Central Presbyterian Church.

Soup Kitchen Meeting Update

The Wollongong Soup Kitchen Meeting - Lifeline remains temporarily closed while approval paperwork is finalised. The meeting is expected to re-open around mid-June. The CSO website News will keep you updated.

Tuesday Corrimal Big Book Study & Wednesday Wollongong Womens Meeting – Temporary Venue Change

Until 9 September 2026, the two meetings will temporarily move to:

CWA Room

Balgownie Village Community Centre,

113 Balgownie Road, Balgownie

Sobriety by the Sea 2027 | 5-7 February

Tickets are now on sale for Sobriety by the Sea 2027! Same great venue and pricing, with the Rally Committee already busy preparing another fantastic weekend of fellowship and recovery.

Bookings: events.humanitix.com/wollongong-aa-rally-2027

Central Service Office Updates

Group Rent and Charity Status

Our restructured I&SCCSO Inc. has had its charity status re-approved.

Groups needing confirmation of AA's non-profit status for council rent purposes (for example, a letter of support) can email:

aawollongong@gmail.com

We have also been approved for DGR and other tax deductible status.

New Bank Account Details

From 1 June, all literature payments and group contributions should be made to the new savings account:

Illawarra & South Coast Central Service Office Inc.

Bendigo Bank – Fairy Meadow

BSB: 633-000

Account: **243 853 025**

TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE

Can you help?

Newsletter Editor

Prepare this quarterly newsletter.

Website Coordinator

Maintain our local website by adding news and events.

Interested? Please contact the CSO at aawollongong@gmail.com



CSO Office Now Open on Saturdays

From 15 June 2026, the CSO office will be open on Saturdays instead of Fridays.

Regular opening hours are now:

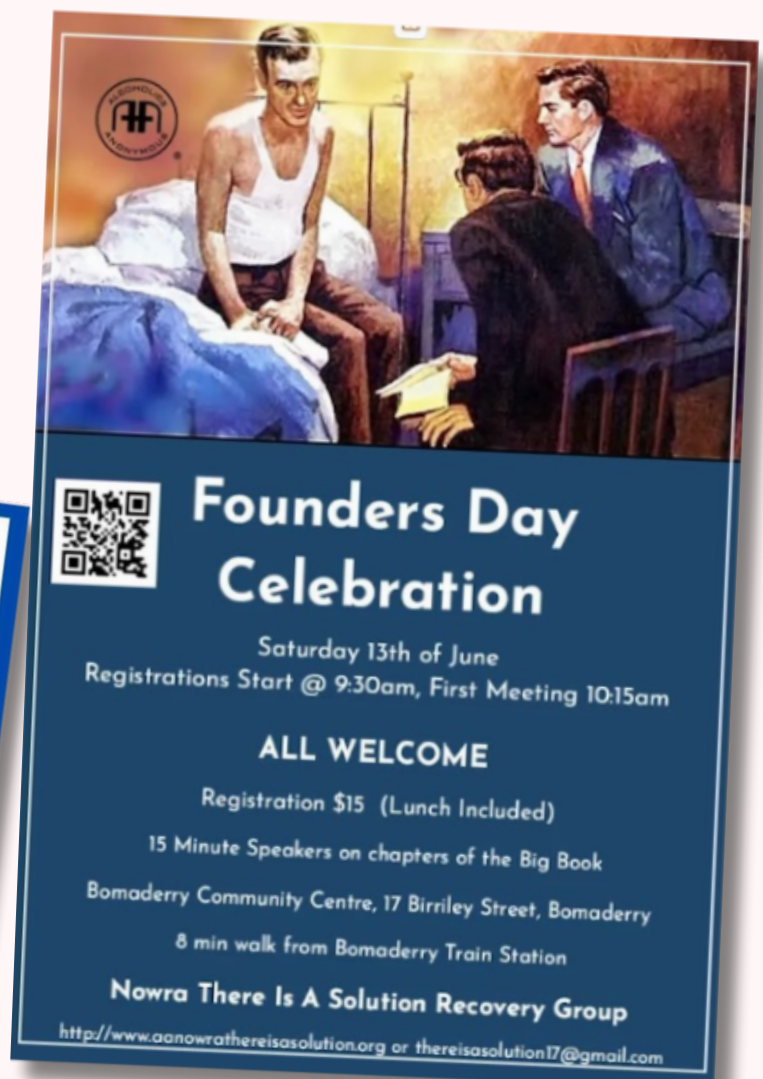
Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

9:00am – 2:00pm

(excluding public holidays)

Feel free to drop in for a cuppa, browse the literature, or pick up a book you haven't read before.

Upcoming events



< Save the date for our AGM

What Might a United Structure For AA Look Like?

An Extension of Time has been given for feedback.
The new closing date is: **30 June 2026**

You may like to read our "*ISCCSO Inc Submission for a United AA Structure for AA*" similar to the One Arm of Service Structure used by AA in the United Kingdom for ideas for your submission.

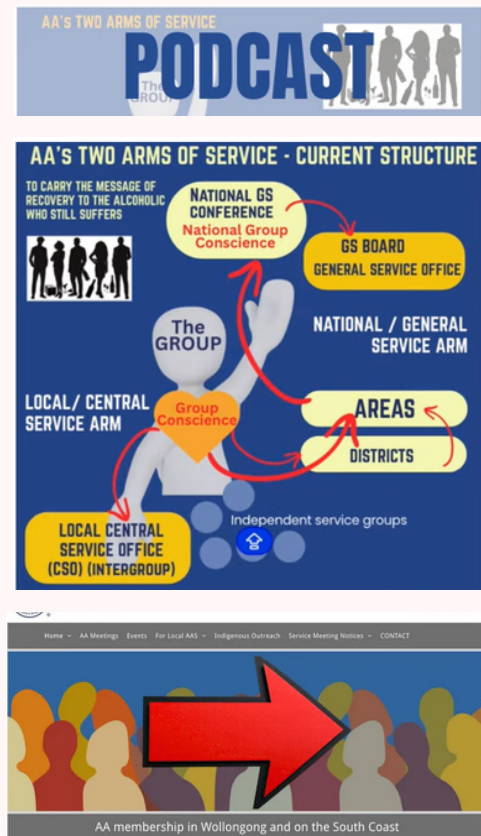
The CSO has made a 3 page **Summary** with updated diagrams and a **Podcast** to explain this on our Local News webpage.

More information - Go Item 7 May 26 NEWS on:
www.aawollongong.org.au/news for

- **Letter of Invitation** - for your own submission
- Please provide your feedback via the Submission Link below:
<https://shorturl.at/Olr6r>

Get to know your local AA website

Also on www.aawollongong.org.au/news - check out this short video >>



Couldn't make the Quarterly Service Reps Zoom Meeting?

Papers from the Quarterly Service Reps Zoom meeting can be found on a dropdown menu item from the **Service Meeting Notices** on our local website or URL: www.aawollongong.org.au/meeting-papers

The meeting focused on updates from various group representatives about their current activities and attendance numbers. Most groups reported steady attendance, with some noting recent drops due to colder weather and personal commitments. Several groups mentioned challenges, including the need for more female participants and financial constraints at some venues.

Group Contributions

It is important to remember that our role as a Meeting, Group, CSO is not to hoard money but to keep a prudent reserve (say 3 months rent etc) , and pass on what is left over to other AA services.

That is why your committee has allocated \$3000 initially for PIPA – we want the funds we have to be used If you have ideas or suggestions please let us know.

Groups in the past have donated according to a suggested plan called the **60:30:10**.

However your group is free to donate in any proportions your group Conscience sees fit.

Your Group may like to consider a

10% to the **CSO** – *just to let us know you value having a local office*

10% to the **Area D** if that is your Area – It is for the Illawarra and the Shoalhaven

40% to the **GSO**

40% consider whether you donate more to the **National Remote Communities Project** which covers everywhere that is more than 2 hours from the closest meeting - OR **Corrections** or **PIPA** OR **Young People in AA** etc

So your plan may be **10:10:40:40**

Or the Proportions above maybe **10: 10:30: 50** and so on, to the above AA projects.



From the Treasurer

Some points of interest:

- The CSO has opening new bank accounts in preparation for the new financial year in our new name, which will transition to start from 1st July 26
- We have established a separate Savings/Statement Account for the Rally Sub-committee to assist with the book-keeping
- We thank Bill K for his assistance with the Rally books, and his offer of assisting with preparing our books for the auditor, in preparation for the August AGM.

To summarise of trading for the Year to Date

From 1st June 2025 to 30th April 2026:

Profit/ Loss: - \$936.81

Assets: + \$38,617.15

Liabilities : Nil

And as of 17/5/26: Current assets of \$39,020.17

Group Contributions

- CSO received \$3670 in Group Contributions (maybe another \$250) and \$480 (maybe \$230) inpersonal Contributions
- Group Literature Purchases \$1976.77 and \$681 in individual literature purchases - see lists below for details.

● **Have any queries about our finances?**

Have book-keeping experience and like to help?

Our Treasurer is happy to hear from you -

● **aawollongong@gmail.com**

Group Contributions / Purchases

25/2/2026	250	Contribution G Albion Park Fri 11am
7/4/2026	250	Contribution G Albion Park Fri 11am
10/4/2026	150	Contribution G Albion Park Wed 7pm
13/3/2026	300	Contribution G Bulli Sat
12/4/2026	120	Contribution G Corrimal S and T
1/3/2026	120	Contribution G Corrimal S and T
8/2/2026	60	Contribution G Friday Soup
30/3/2026	1470	Contribution G Kiama Monday
13/4/2026	290	Contribution G Kiama Saturday
2/2/2026	535	Contribution G Kiama Saturday
9/3/2026	50	Contribution G Nowra Sunday 10am
9/2/2026	50	Contribution G Nowra Sunday 10am
31/3/2026	25	Contribution G Unanderra
7/4/2026	150	Contribution P MR HUGH
20/4/2026	100	Contribution P MRS BONITA
11/2/2026	11.5	Literature G Albion Park
2/3/2026	656.71	Literature G Bateman's Bay
19/2/2026	622.6	Literature G Bellambi Promises
20/2/2026	222.3	Literature G Kiama PAUL P
25/3/2026	4	Literature G Warilla Womens
8/4/2026	11	Literature G Warilla Womens
11/2/2026	13	Literature G Warilla Womens
6/3/2026	183.76	Literature G Wed Wollongong
20/2/2026	111.5	Literature G Wed womens gong
20/2/2026	140.4	Literature G wgong beg monday

If every member gave just \$1, we'd exceed \$20,000!

Brown Paper Bag Appeal – Founders Week 2026

Supporting Our AA Family in the Asia-Oceania Region



As one of the "older sober countries," Australia has a special responsibility to help spread the AA message where it's needed most.

Why

Many years ago, our World Service Office in New York responded to a call from "Down Under"—and AA in Australia was born. Now, it's our turn to carry that spirit forward by supporting the 72 countries in the Asia-Oceania Region, many of which are developing nations with limited resources. Last year, we raised \$19,570. Let's aim higher this year!

When

When to Give: Founders Week
Monday 8th June – Sunday 14th June 2026
Please contribute during your group's meeting closest to Founders Day, June 10.

How

BSB: 012 006
Account: 009750529
Reference: FDISF
If your bank does not accept letters in the reference field, use: 10061935 (AA's founding date)

Bank transfer

Payable to: "GSB of AA"
Mail to:
FDISF, GSO of AA
1/1 Garnet Street
Rockdale NSW 2216

PayPal

Cheque

Scan or click the QR code.

Need Help or More Info? Reach out to your World Service Delegates: Judy: 0408 051 203 or Andy: 0421 571 077

New CSO Zoom Account

The CSO now has its own Zoom Account.

If your group would like to use our CSO Zoom Account to sponsor a Remote Community AA Group, that is another option the CSO Committee could consider.

Please email aawollongong@gmail.com if your group is interested.

Public Information and Professional Awareness (PI-PA)

Sub-committee Report 9th May 2026

The PI-PA Sub-Committee currently has seven members and has appointed a Secretary and Treasurer, with the Chair role rotating.

The committee meets monthly via Zoom and has had two meetings to date.

The CSO has allocated an initial budget of \$3,000 to support the committee's establishment.



TOGETHER. CONNECTED. STRONGER.

NATIONAL REMOTE COMMUNITIES FORUM

Voices from remote communities.
Solutions for a stronger future.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

SHARE
Real stories from remote communities

CONNECT
Build relationships and strengthen our network

COLLABORATE
Work together on solutions that create change

EMPOWER
Support, resources and hope for every community

SUNDAY 5 JULY 2026

COMMUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY

TIME
WA: 10am
East Coast: 12pm
NT & SA: 11:30am

ZOOM ID: 489 979 6238 | **PW: 383906**

Be part of the change.

AA | ONE PURPOSE • MANY COMMUNITIES • STRONGER TOGETHER

PI-PA Current Focus

- Cataloguing and ordering resources for alcoholics and professionals in health care settings.
- Developing a directory of health services across the Illawarra and South Coast.
- Assembling information packs for distribution to local health and community centres.

To join the PI-PA Committee or assist with PI-PA activities, please contact Rhia or Danielle via aawollongong@gmail.com.

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