

Illawarra & South Coast Central Service Office Inc (ISCCO)

Special General Meeting.

Monday 20th October 21, 2025, at 6pm.

Zoom: ID: 891 9515 7868. Passcode: 695615

1. Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer
2. Preamble and Traditions of AA read by Rusty.
3. **Attendance:** Rusty (Bellambi Thursday) Rona (Corrimal Sunday) Steve (Wollongong Soup Kitchen) Elise (Corrimal Sunday) Rhia (Corrimal Sunday) Suzi (Wednesday Womens), Danielle (Corrimal Sunday) Bill (Unanderra Monday) Lucy (Wollongong Friday) Anne (Bulli Saturday) **Apologies:** Kim (Shellharbour Tuesday)
4. **Special Resolutions.** Meeting was called to vote on changes to the ISCCSO Constitution.

MOTION 1 That Item 4.11 which reads are follows

4.11 Criteria for service representatives and alternate service representatives

- a) twelve (12) months physical abstinence from alcohol*
- b) six (6) months physical abstinence from other drugs (other than during medical treatment) prior to appointment,*
- c) bone fide home group member of the group for at least one month, and*
- d) not a representative of any other eligible group in the association*

be changed to read as follows

4.11 Criteria for service representatives and alternate service representatives

- a) **six (6) months** physical abstinence from alcohol*
- b) **three (3) months** physical abstinence from other drugs (other than during medical treatment) prior to appointment,*
- c) bone fide home group member of the group for at least one month, and*
- d) not a representative of any other eligible group in the association.*

Motion was carried unanimously. Moved Anne. Seconded Steve

MOTION 2 That Item 4.2 a and b - which reads are follows

4.2 a and b - Individual affiliate AA members

- a) whose home groups are in the Illawarra and South Coast*
 - i twelve (12) months physical abstinence from alcohol*
 - ii. six (6) months physical abstinence from other drugs (other than during medical treatment) prior to joining the association, and*

iii. annually register as an affiliate AA member.

b) Affiliate AA members may participate, speak at general meetings and the AGM, but do not have the right to vote, unless elected to the committee where they will also be voting members.

be changed to read as follows

4.2 Individual affiliate AA members

a) whose home groups are in the Illawarra and South Coast

i **six (6) months** physical abstinence from alcohol

ii. **three (3) months** physical abstinence from other drugs (other than during medical treatment) prior to joining the association, and

iii. annually register as an affiliate AA member.

b) Affiliate AA members may participate, speak at general meetings and the AGM, but do not have the right to vote, unless elected to the committee, **whereas Committee members**, they will also be voting

Motion was carried unanimously. Moved Rona. Seconded Rusty

MOTION 3 That Item 18 - which reads are follows

18 Qualifications of committee

18.3 That the qualification required for membership of the committee shall be

a) two (2) years physical abstinence from alcohol

b) one (1) year physical abstinence from other drugs, other than during medical treatment prior to joining the association

c) Bona fide membership of a participating Illawarra and South Coast AA group for at least one (1) year and

d) prior to attendance at least two (2) general meetings as service representative or individual member.

be changed to read as follows

18. Qualifications of committee

18.3 That the qualification required for membership of the committee shall be

a) **one (1) years** physical abstinence from alcohol

b) **six (6) months** physical abstinence from other drugs, other than during medical treatment prior to joining the association

c) Bona fide membership of a participating Illawarra and South Coast AA group for **at least six (6) months** and

d) prior to attendance **at least one (1) general meeting** as group service representative or individual member.

Motion was carried unanimously. Moved Steve. Seconded Rona

MOTION 4 That Item 18 - which reads are follows

52. Distribution of property on winding up

52.1 Subject to the Act and the Regulation, in a winding up of the association, the surplus property of the association must be

- e) transferred to another organisation with similar objects, and
- f) which is not carried on for the profit or gain of the organisation's members

52.2 In this clause: surplus property has the same meaning as in the Act, section 65.

be changed to read as follows

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- a) transferred to another organisation with similar objects, and which is not carried on for the profit or gain of the organisation's members, and

b) in the event of the association being a registered charity with the ACNC and being dissolved, all assets that remain after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes, which is charitable at law and which has rules prohibiting the distribution of its assets and income to its members, and

c) in the event of the association being wound up or its endorsement as a deductible gift recipient is revoked (whichever occurs first), any surplus of the following assets shall be transferred to another organisation with similar objects, which is charitable at law, to which income tax deductible gifts can be made:

- gifts of money or property for the principal purpose of the association*
- contributions made in relation to an eligible fundraising event held for the principal purpose of the association*
- money received by the association because of such gifts and contributions.*

52.2 In this clause: surplus property has the same meaning as in the Act, section 65

Motion was carried unanimously. Moved Bill. Seconded Steve

Proposed Changes 3 Minor typos numbering and clarifying Changes to ITEM 42 name. objects or constitution

MOTION 5. That Item 42.1- which reads are follows

42 Change of name, objects or constitution

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be changed to read as follows

42 Change of name, objects or constitution

42.1 A change in the association's name, objects or constitution must be decided at an annual general meeting *by special resolution* or at a special meeting of the association.

Motion was carried unanimously. Moved Rona. Seconded Suzi

MOTION 6. That minor typos and formatting problems in the current Constitution

be changed as per the items marked in RED in this proposed Constitution

References:

Note in preparing to apply for Charity and DGR status as the new incorporated groups these clauses need to be included.

Dissolution Clause required by the ACNC for registration as a charity FROM THE ACNC

'In the event of the organisation being a charity and being dissolved, all assets that remain after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes, which is charitable at law and which has rules prohibiting the distribution of its assets and income to its members.'

This clause is used if the organisation has applied for deductible gift recipient (DGR) endorsement FROM THE Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

If the organisation is wound up or its endorsement as a deductible gift recipient is revoked (whichever occurs first), any surplus of the following assets shall be transferred to another organisation with similar objects, which is charitable at law, to which income tax deductible gifts can be made:

- *gifts of money or property for the principal purpose of the organisation*
- *contributions made in relation to an eligible fundraising event held for the principal of the organisation purpose*
- *money received by the organisation because of such gifts and contributions*

NOTE FROM THE ACNC

Making a profit

A not-for-profit can in fact make a profit, but any profit it does make must be allocated towards its charitable purpose. This, in turn, may mean it is not operating profit as not-for-profit purposes. Not-for-profits can also retain any profits they make, if there is a genuine reason to do so, and that reason is clearly linked to its purpose.

For example, an organisation may wish to retain profits it has made to save up for a new project, new infrastructure or building, or to help it accumulate a reserve, so it remains sustainable.

If an organisation holds onto significant profits indefinitely – and without using them towards its charitable purpose – it may suggest the organisation is not working solely towards its stated

Motion was carried unanimously. Moved Anne Seconded Rusty.

5. Other business:

- i. Concerns have been raised about the lack of facilities especially running water at the new Coniston premises. Rona will contact the Real Estate Agent to investigate the possibility of getting water connected as this should be a legal requirement and a Health and Safety issue.
- ii. Rally update. Lucy provided an update on the upcoming Rally set down for February 2026. Everything is going to plan. Rona asked about the possibility of a time slot on one of the days to present to the Rally “What’s happening in Wollongong AA”
- iii. Danielle, Dennice, Rona, Elise and Rhia have had informal discussions on implementing and planning PI in our area.

6. Next delegates meeting: Monday 17th November.

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.