

Treasurer's Report for Annual General Meeting - 17 August 2026

To be tabled at the CSO Committee Meeting on 8 August 2026

The Illawarra and South Coast Central Service Office Inc. has continued to evolve since it commenced in late 2024 reviewing its Constitution with the view to Incorporation and was confronted with need to move premises with the massive increase in rent foreshadowed by the new owners of the building at Fairy Meadow.

Both tasks required more input, partly because of my Treasurer role (i.e. the practical hand on access to the finances) and my Public Officer / previous experiences with working for, being on the boards of, and setting up a number of incorporated associations. I thank our Secretary Rhia for her expertise with our Charity Application which make that part less onerous, and her assistance in taking over the Secretarial role with enthusiasm.

- ***The Relocation to Coniston*** — *also was an opportunity to review and update Office volunteer roles, tasks, procedures as well as financial processes etc. This involved*
 - *With other Committee members, checking out alternate venues, arranging the lease and collection of keys etc.*
 - *Reviewing petty cash, float, banking and honorarium payments to reduce monies held on the premises*
 - *Reducing paper-based systems to moving more to online.*
 - *Reducing phone expenses by moving away from landline Internet and phone calls. The later part was re-established in June due to unreliable mobile internet signals. This arrangement is still less expensive and may not be needed long-term. The national 1300 222 222, over the next 12 months, is going to a state-based digital opt in app on mobile phones, which will allow for wider participation by members from their homes, but still by the CSO when volunteers are on shifts.*
 - *Updating equipment — new basic pc computer with wireless card, phones and arranging water to the sink being the major ones*
 - *Adding the credit card Tyro payment app to the office mobile so members would purchase by credit card.*

- ***Establishing Office Sub-committee meeting chairing and minute taking rotation with Zoom summaries to reduce minuting work***

- ***Assisted with organising and staffing the Rally CSO Literature Table*** in February 2026, and the use of the Tyro app. on several phone including for Rally Committee members

- ***As Public Officer did the main administration for the application for Incorporation which involved***
 - *completing online forms and payment of fees*
 - *applying for a new ABN*
 - *updating the Constitution in November 25 and February 26 with associated notifying of the Department.*
 - *completing the application for Charity Status with associated policy development etc.*
 - *applying for Tax Exemption and DGR Status which was approved*
 - *closing all bank accounts and cards and establishing new accounts in our new name.*

- ***Now the best bit — The finances***

Please see the Financial Statements attached.

Profit and Loss – May Quarter

Profit and Loss – Year to Date

Balance Sheet — This Quarter : Last Quarter

The files loaded will be those presented at and accepted by the Committee at its 8th August 2026 Meeting.

Auditors Report

These will be loaded as soon as available.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Income from the Rally was: \$ 4,485

The CSO ended with \$2,111.14

That equals a Loss for the CSO operations of \$ 2373.86

Which is remarkable given we had a lot of relocation and set-up expenses with the move, including; New mobile, Desktop Computer, and Plumbing for adding water to the CSO (which combined would almost equal the difference) .

Issue to be Monitored Regularly

This means, whilst the CSO is moving to reduce its overall financial assets to its prudent reserve and does not need a lot of financial support from local group at present, this aspect of the CSO needs to be constantly watched.

The CSO has least one year's Prudent Reserve (\$15,000) set aside in the Term Deposit of \$20,000 and at the end of May, another \$14,715.21 which we can be proactive about in meeting our primary purpose of "carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers".

At May 31 - Bank Accounts	
scaasc main	734.61
scaasc debit	50
isccsoi main	1612.99
isccsoi main	12000
isccsoi debit	317.61
total	14715.21
isccsoi rally	3985
isccsoinc term	20000

Any questions?

Finally, I'd like to thank Bill for his great assistance with sorting out the books, getting our finances digitally into Quick Books and arranging our files to go to our Auditor — will make the new Treasurer's role so much easier, and Anne for her dedicated minute taking of our Committee and General Meetings, other Committee Members and our Office volunteers for their patience in dealing with all the changes in this last year. I am sure the next year will be much smoother now we have all those hard yards behind us.

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Treasurer & Public Officer

AGM August 2026

Presented at 8th August 2026 Committee Meeting.

Addendum: This is a section from the Public Officer's AGM Report 2026

I would personally like to acknowledge all the AA Members who since 1975 started this Service Office for the Illawarra and South Coast regions. They were pioneers in starting local service offices — there had only been a State Office when AA started in Australia (NSW) in 1945. We created a short history here for the South Coast Alcoholics Anonymous Service Council as we were known until 2nd July 2025.

<https://irp.cdn-website.com/bccbbb3b/files/uploaded/AAAA-+Illawarra-Piece.pdf>

The Executive Committee in its last 3 year term worked diligently through both

- 1. The physical office — sorting through old files, documents and equipment and cleaning the space for it to be a warm and friendly space for members and the general public to visit.*
- 2. The record keeping — especially working to set aside monies for the day that rent changes etc. could impact the service to the point that it may have needed to close.*

In our move, we were able to send 20 boxes of archived materials to the National Office for safe keeping and digitisation, and will continue this practice going forward so our local AA history is not lost.

Our groups and the ISCCSOInc Management are indeed very fortunate to be able to transition into our new legal structure with such a healthy financial reserve.

Some CSOs have closed — Central Coast NSW, Gold Coast QLD, Blue Mountains — and many have not started because of the cost of rental space and the fact that many CSO functions such as answering help calls and selling literature are now able to be operated digitally. The latter means that instead of CSOs been established Districts under the General Service Arm of AA have been set up to perform these local service functions.

The Illawarra & South Coast Central Service Office Inc. has worked to ensure that we can

- 1. Continue to have a physical presence in the Illawarra by putting aside a prudent reserve of one year's operation (\$15,000) which represents our expenses in running our new office in Coniston, and*
- 2. Having a Constitution structured such that only minimal wording changes ,such as a new name, would need to be made if at some point our groups decide to close our office, or if the local groups do not provide sufficient contributions to maintain the office.*
- 3. That said, this association Committee is committed to the AA principle of both "Pass it Forward" — AA is not about accumulating profit/ making money —"our primarily purpose" of carrying AA's message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic, both in and especially out of our rooms using monies excess to our prudent reserve for this.*

So on behalf of all the fellowship, a "Big Thanks" to that last Executive Rusty A, Tony H, Anne S, Dave H, Gary W and Marianne H for their foresight and huge contribution to our Ilawarra and South Coast community.