



SDC Highlights

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Welcome to the first edition of SDC Highlights

SDC highlights is aimed at keeping members of the fellowship in the loop about what the Southern District Committee (SDC) is doing, what's happening and how you can get involved. At the meeting on 11 September, the SDC discussed service opportunities, plans for a **2024 Hobart Rally**, how we can streamline our operations, upcoming events and training for members of the fellowship.

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."



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Upcoming events

First Anniversary of the South Hobart Monday meeting

To celebrate their first anniversary, you are invited to join the South Hobart Big Book meeting on Monday 18 September at 7pm and afterwards for some hospitality.

Celebrating 63 years of Al-Anon in Tasmania

Al-Anon Family Groups, Southern Tasmania District invites you to an open meeting with the theme, Changing Attitudes, followed by afternoon tea. Raffle on the day, \$1.00 per ticket, for *Many Voices, One Journey*

2pm-4pm Sunday 17 September 2023,

Rear Hall, Scots Memorial Uniting Church, 29 Bathurst Street, Hobart.

Tuesday morning meeting – new time, new place!

The Eastern Shore Tuesday morning meeting previously at Tranmere has moved to 10am at the Lindisfarne Masonic Hall, 205 Gordon's Hill Rd, Lindisfarne.

SDC Meeting Dates

So that SDC meetings do not always impact on the same home group, we have decided to rotate the meetings on a different weekday each month (but still in the second week of the month):

- 7pm Tuesday 10 October
- 7pm Wednesday 8 November
- 7pm Thursday 14 December

Hobart Rally 2024

13-15 September 2024 at the Moonah Arts Centre

We're pulling together a planning subcommittee - if you would like to be involved,
talk to your GSR or email contactus@aatasmania.org

In the pipeline

There's lots of work going on behind the scenes to streamline SDC operation and provide better support to AA Groups. Our phone coordinator is working to upgrade the phone system to continue helping people to contact AA via our phone services. The SDC now has a Corrections Coordinator who is working toward establishing AA in Correctional Facilities.

MacDougall Building meetings on the move!

The MacDougall Building, Battery Point, will no longer be available for AA to use in 2024. The SDC is working to secure new venues for the meetings that are currently held in the MacDougall Building. Changes will be advertised with plenty of notice and will be posted on the website.

*"I am Responsible.
When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA
always to be there. And
for that: I am responsible."*

Training

Watch out for:

- a workshop on AA service structure
- Training for AA phone line service volunteers later in 2023 (mid-Novemberish)



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Service opportunities



Phone Roster

We need volunteers for the phone roster so that when alcoholics reach out by phone, the hand of AA is there. If you are available to serve on the phone roster, contact the Coordinator at contactus@aatasmania.org.



Hospitals and Institutions (H&I)

AA members visit hospitals and institutions to share their experience, strength and hope with people who are seeking treatment for alcohol dependence. Members in the Southern Tasmanian District visit the residential rehabilitation unit at St Johns Park 7-8pm on Fridays.

If you are available to volunteer for H&I service, contact the Coordinator, by email at contactus@aatasmania.org.



Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI&CPC)

The goal of AA Public Information and Co-operation with the Professional Community (PI&CPC) is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This is achieved in two ways - through informing the general public about the AA programme and through reaching people whose work is or may be involved with the active alcoholic.

The SDC has established a PI&CPC Committee which will provide opportunities for service such as delivering pamphlets to local treatment centres, police stations and council buildings. If you are interested in volunteering for this service, talk to your GSR or email contactus@aatasmania.org.