

# HOPE HIGHWAY SEPT 2025

Newsletter for Al-Anon SA area



## Diary Dates

Area Committee meeting dates (held on Saturdays at 9:30am – 12)

All fellowship members are welcome to attend.

- 13th September 2025
- 1st November 2025 (followed by a shared lunch)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 – PI open day in the office
- Spring Fair – Set up Fri night 10th October 2025, Fair 11th October 2025
- 16th November 2025 - Election Assembly (Sunday)

## Group News

**KILBURN ARE MAKING CHANGES FROM TUESDAY SEPTEMBER SECOND.**

Kilburn Al-Anon & Alateen meetings will now start at 7pm not the previous 7.30pm.  
We are still pleased to say, that The Kilburn Community Centre are host to AA, Alateen & Al-Anon simultaneously.

### **Calling all gardeners - Plants needed for the spring fair 11<sup>th</sup> October**

*The Elizabeth Day Group would like donations to the plant stall. Please consider what you could share with the fellowship in October. It is a way of sharing joy. Many of us have treasured plants grown by remembered members such as Dinnie. Do you have plants in your garden that you can donate or divide/propagate for the Spring Fair? Please bring them on the day. We look forward to having an interesting variety of plants to share.*



## **Public Information – Contact Joanna at pi-saalanon@outlook.com**

Anyone who can provide literature to their local police station please advise as this would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone who has any professional contacts in:

- Police, Legal, Domestic Violence etc.
- Alcohol Services and Rehab Centres
- Drs, medical centres and clinics
- Psychologists – Health and Wellbeing Centres
- Crisis support Services
- **Please advise so we can invite them to the Open Information for Professionals Meeting proposed for lunch time September dates to be confirmed. (we are proposing Wednesday Sept 23 and Friday September 26)**

**\*\*ALATEEN FOCUS FOR AUGUST - Please let us know if you have any professional contacts in schools or youth related community services, centres and groups.**

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### **New booklet providing a comprehensive resource for Groups/members/newcomers.**

**P24 2022-2025**

**Al-Anon/Alateen Groups at work.**

**Cost for the booklet is \$5 and is available for sale in the office or online now,**

**Thank you, Lyn D Literature Coordinator**

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**The Area Service position of Newsletter Coordinator has become vacant. Please consider undertaking this vital service. The Position Description can be downloaded from the Al-Anon website. <https://al-anon.org.au/south-australia/> Please register your interest by emailing [chairpersonsaalanon@outlook.com](mailto:chairpersonsaalanon@outlook.com)**



**Meadows  
Al-Anon**

Meadows Uniting Church.  
81 Mawson Rd, Meadows.  
Entry at rear of building.

**Soup Night**

**Wednesday September 10**  
**6.15** Soup & fellowship  
**7-8pm** Meeting  
\$5 donation - funds  
donated to SA Area

Vegan & GF options available

Join us for a fun  
**ALATEEN TRIVIA**  
**AFTERNOON**  
calling all Alateens ages 10-19

**When?**

- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

**What time?**

- 3pm AEST (arrive on time, don't miss the quiz)

**Where?**

- ZoomID 825 8329 0312 password 2528336

**Who will be there?**

- Alateen members (current, new and interested)
- Parents or guardians invited by you
- Alateen Sponsors

For more information contact [alateen@al-anon.org](mailto:alateen@al-anon.org)



## **Election Assembly - Information for members**

This is an Election year for us in SA Area. This means that there are people who will step down from their current service positions on SA Area Service Committee and the Association Committee as their 3 year terms of office will be complete at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. All service positions on the committees and for Group Reps and District Reps are declared vacant and new ones need to be elected.

Group Reps or the alternate GR's need to vote this year at the Assembly on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Only the Group Reps can vote on behalf of their Groups for people to fill all these service positions on the committees to begin their service from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026. If your Group does not have one, it is most important that the Group elect a member to represent them at the Assembly. Service is a vital part of Al-Anon and of our own recovery. Please consider offering service to Al-Anon through taking on one of the many service roles that keep Al-Anon functioning.

For the Area Service Committee, the roles are:

Alateen Coordinator – If you have a heart for helping children affected by someone else's drinking this role might be for you

Archives Coordinator – this role would suit you if you love history as it involves preserving Al-Anon SA history through records from Groups, and special events.

Membership Services – Technology Support – This is a newer position and would be interesting for those among us who love to work with technology eg recently we investigated an alternative to using ZOOM for committee meetings. You also check that the website information for SA is accurate and arrange for any changes needed.

Literature Coordinator - Love to read Al-Anon Literature? If that is you, as Literature Coordinator you hear first about the new CAL being produced and let members know. It also involves ordering CAL for members and Groups.

Newsletter Coordinator – This role involves putting together the monthly newsletter using input from members about what is happening in Al-Anon in SA. – Anniversaries, fundraising etc. Newsletter are mainly distributed on line so you would need to know how this is done. Training is available.

Public Information Coordinator – This job involves working with a team of helpers that you would coordinate to tell the community about Al-Anon. If you would love sharing about Al-Anon with professionals and can organise to do this, this role would suit you. There is lots of information prepared by the national office to help – the website, poster, speakers for events etc.

Special Functions Coordinator – this job is really important for Al-Anon SA as it involves organising the Groups to participate in the annual Spring Fair - our major fundraiser for the year. Other events are arranged throughout the year such as the picnic at Semaphore this year. If you have ideas for events to bring members from across Adelaide together for fun and fellowship then this role might be for you.

Office Coordinator – this role is making sure that the membership has access to information needed to run their meetings through the CAL sold here, information about our insurances, the Guidelines (also available on line) and often being the first point of contact with people suffering the effects of another's drinking by organising the phone to be answered both during office hours and for the after-hours phone.

Current committee members would be happy to provide more information about their positions. They may be contacted by calling the Office to be put into contact with the person currently doing the job, and ask for the position description to be sent to you or access it on the SA page of the national website. <https://al-anon.org.au/south-australia/>

Jobs at the Group level that need to be filled are the Group Rep and District Rep. Both of these are part of the SA Area Service Committee. There are job descriptions for these roles. For more information, speak to the Group Rep for your Group, call the Office (82312959) or look on the national website. Only Group members can vote for their GR and only the GRs within the 3 Districts are able to vote for the District Representative in their District.

The SA Area Association Committee manages the legal affairs of SA Al-Anon Area Inc. The Association is the incorporated body legally responsible for Al-Anon Family Groups in the Area. The members of the Association Committee also participate in the Assembly. The membership votes at the Assembly for the people to fill positions on this Committee. – President, Treasurer, Vice-President, Secretary and 4 General Members. If you are interested joining this Committee, contact the Office for more information and for the Nomination Forms that are needed. The association committee meets 4 times a year.