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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS CELEBRATES 75 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA

The countdown is now on for a giant birthday party, with as many as 20,000 sober alcoholics across the country preparing to celebrate A.A.'s Diamond Jubilee in Australia.

Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) was originally formed in the USA on 10th June 1935 in Akron, Ohio and its anniversary is celebrated each "Founders' Day" on that date. Australia was the first country outside North America to hold A.A. meetings, commencing in 1945 just after the end of WWII. 10th June 2020 will mark the 75th year of A.A. operating in Australia.

The Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been heartening for the fellowship that A.A. has not missed a beat during this time, with members adapting to online meetings with a minimum of fuss. An unexpected silver lining has been the way in which members, young and old, have connected in a way unlike any before, having the ability to join a meeting anywhere in the world virtually at any time. Many members will celebrate Founder's Day using online platforms

As well as celebrating the formal anniversary on 10th June, A.A. Australia's Diamond Jubilee will also be celebrated at the upcoming National Convention in October. The host city for the National Convention this year, Toowoomba, has recently decided to change the physical Convention to a virtual one, which is a world first for A.A.

The Virtual National Convention will include a Diamond Jubilee celebration and the sale of a souvenir book. This showcases the 75 year history of A.A. in this country, acknowledging the significant roles that others for all walks of life played in its establishment.

A.A. Background

Our primary purpose in Alcoholics Anonymous is to stay sober and help others alcoholics to achieve Sobriety. We welcome all who have a desire to stop drinking and we have no dues or fees, being self-supporting through our own contributions.

AA has grown from just two alcoholics talking together to now having over 2 million members and is found in over 180 countries throughout the world

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