

INTRO

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N.W.A. 

NETWORK of WOLLONGONG ANARCHISTS



This zine was written on unceded Dharrawal land of the Eora Nation.
Abolish Australia.



What is NWA?

The Network of Wollongong Anarchists (NWA) is a grassroots network born from the need to connect and amplify autonomous action in a city where many individuals and small groups work independently. Rooted in the belief that true resistance requires solidarity, we aim to create a loose but intentional network for anarchists and anti-capitalists to share ideas, coordinate efforts, and build collective power. Our focus is on fostering community through regular meetings, social events, and open communication, while respecting the autonomy of affinity groups and individual initiatives.

At its core, NWA is guided by a commitment to dismantling all systems of domination. We advocate for the abolition of the state, capitalism, patriarchy, white supremacy, and colonialism, recognizing these as inter-linked structures of oppression. Decolonization is central to our mission, acknowledging Australia's history of genocide and the ongoing harm of settler-colonial systems. We prioritize Indigenous sovereignty, rejecting the subordination of traditional knowledge to Western frameworks and respecting the wishes of First Nations peoples for self-determination.

Our structure is intentionally decentralized. No single authority dictates actions; instead, decisions emerge through consensus and mutual aid. Membership requires agreement with our principles, attendance at three meetings, and approval by a two-thirds majority. We welcome diverse perspectives under the umbrella of anti-authoritarian values, using a flexible name that reflects our openness to terms like "Anarchists," "Anti-Capitalists." NWA also publishes a zine to share stories, strategies, and critiques, with contributions from members and allies. The goal is collaboration—a foundation for resistance that grows organically, rooted in shared vision and collective solidarity.

Points of Unity

1. We expect all members of NWA to fight to abolish the state, class society, patriarchy, white supremacy, colonialism, capitalism, property and all other systems of social domination, at a bare minimum.
2. NWA tolerates no bigotry. This includes racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia and ableism. NWA will not tolerate the policing of others' bodies. These are systems of social domination and whilst it's covered in point 1, it needs to be clear.
3. We are serious about decolonisation. Australia is a settler-colonial state founded on genocide. We must dismantle colonial structures, the state and federal governments, their national borders, standing army, police forces, prison systems and the child 'welfare' system that continues the horrors of the Stolen Generations to this day. We must respect Indigenous knowledge and not subordinate such knowledges to the western scientific traditions. Equally, we must respect the traditional owners of the land and their wishes for its use, not only when it is convenient, but especially when it is not. Colonialism can only end when we stop the colonising process.
4. To consider yourself a member you must agree to this platform, attend three meetings and be approved by 2/3 majority of members present at a vote at or after your third meeting.
5. NWA has an official publication, with contributions open to all members. An editorial collective will be formed to put together, layout and print physical copies. Contributions by non-members are welcome, but are subject to review by an editorial collective who can approve or reject any submissions by non-members. The editorial collective will consist of any members that wish to participate.

So How Does NWA Work?

NWA operates and organises through monthly meetings. Unlike a federation NWA allows both individuals and collectives to attend, report back, plan and organise collectively. Let's explain how NWA is organised.

NWA is a network comprised of affinity crews who are trying to connect to a radical community, We are aimed at organizing anarchist activities, fostering community solidarity, and facilitating communication.

Affinity Crews these can be groups of friends, comrades who share your particular micro-ideology, metal bands, work colleagues etc. These affinity groups plan amongst themselves, deciding on the level of risk they wish to take, what specific actions they want to participate in etc. then during the meetings everyone shares their plans.

At NWA meetings crews can see which projects they're crew can contribute too or to promote they're own actions and events. Each affinity group appoints a delegate to the spokes council who is responsible for communication for the group, they are always immediately re-callable and can consult their group during the meeting. The meeting is not to decide anything as a group. Affinity groups maintain their autonomy and use the spokes to coordinate with other groups. Sometimes there's actions planned that your group wants to get on board with, or specific times actions can occur that would get more participants etc. and negotiation and co-ordination occurs. Clusters of affinity groups can form blocs such as the infamous black bloc or support each other through participating in each others actions and events.

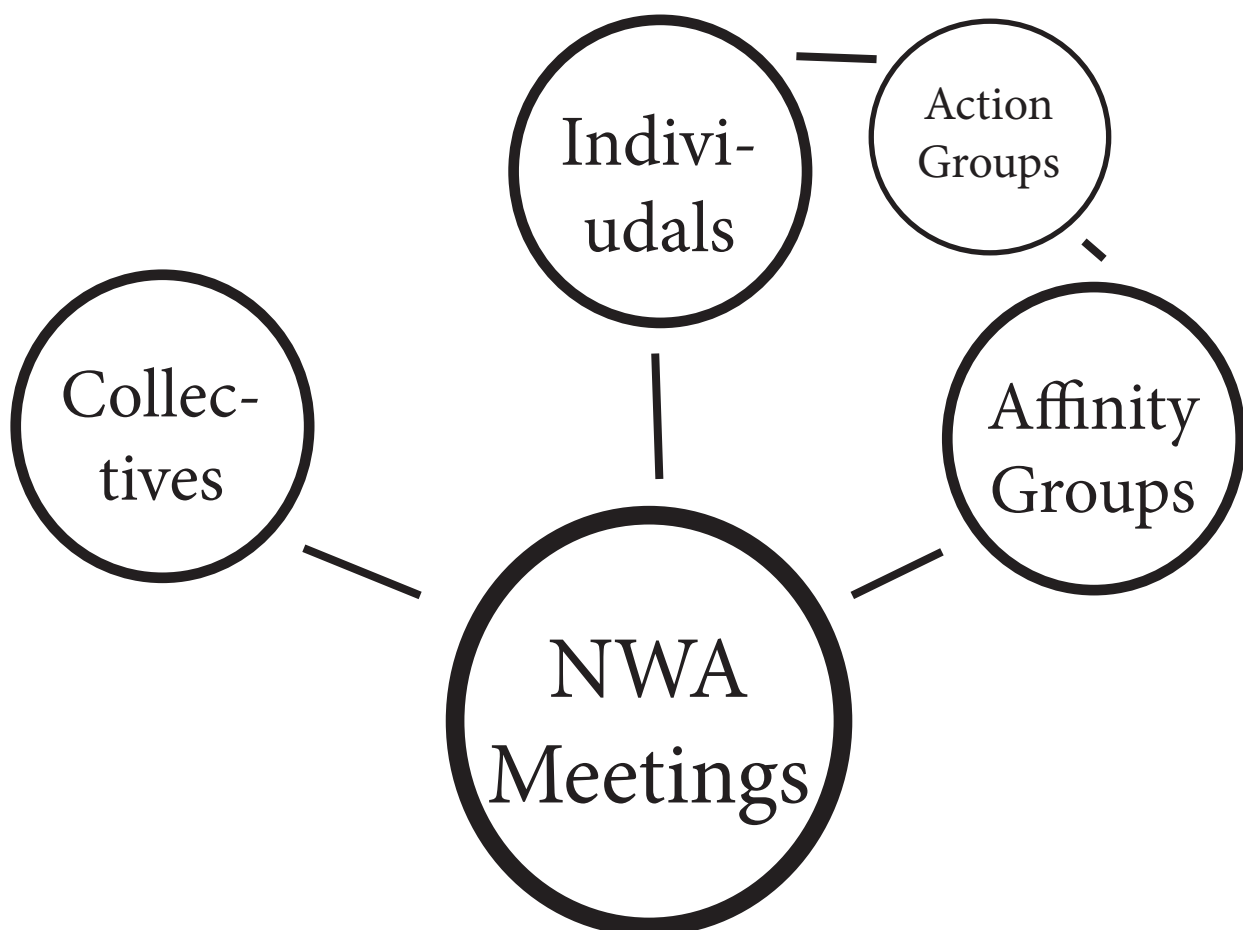
Whilst there are a few groups that act as affinity groups, there are a lot more people without that sort of support group around them. We aim to build solidarity and community, not plan to seize the Winter Palace (yet), so meetings are more relaxed. NWA will facilitate delegates from orgs that agree with the principles as needed as well as *individuals* who want to be involved and connected the anarchist community.

Collectives are more organised than affinity crews and can be community coalitions, other networks or radical organisations they attend NWA to promote and they're events, plan and connect with the wider radical community.

NWA meetings primarily are to share information about actions and events away from NWA and to build the solidarity between like-minded groups and people.

Only actions with unanimous support can use our name, everything else can be organised by the action group, affinity group etc. Think of it as kind of like a nascent Federation, where we have a few affinity groups, but most people aren't that organised. We can create and destroy action groups as required for specific purposes and people can participate in whatever actions they feel an affinity for.

All organising happens outside the meeting working/action groups can be created at meetings but all work and organising happens outside of it.



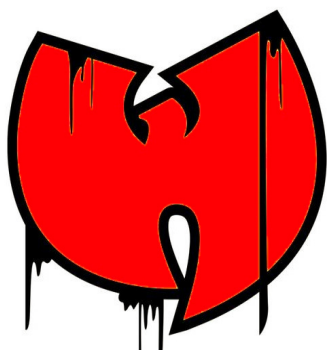
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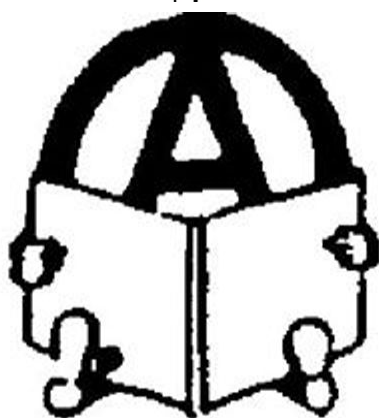
- Food Not Bombs Wollongong
Friends n neighbours sharing free vegan meals and resources on Dharawal land. Every second Sunday 5pm, McCabe Park. We're volunteer-run, anarchist, secular & aim to foster an inclusive community through mutual aid.



- Anti-Fascist Action Wollongong
A Network of anti-fascists in the Illawarra dedicated to direct action and creating a culture of resistance through art and music.



- Wollongong Housing Union
A local union of tenants dedicated to fighting for tenant power



- Wollongong Anarchist Bookfair
The Wollongong Anarchist Bookfair is a space for newcomers to learn about anarchism, for activists and orgs to network with each other, and for fellow-travellers to find likeminded people.

How to get Involved?



Want to get involved? Want to connect with local activists and anarchists? Want to build a better world? Then reach out to us on our social media to get informed on our upcoming events.

Facebook @NetworkofWollongongAnarchists

Instagram @NWA.Wollongong

Email @networkofwollongonganarchists@proton.me



Wollongong Anarchist Bookfair



NWA hosts annually the Wollongong Anarchist Bookfair

The Wollongong Anarchist Bookfair Fair takes place on the unceded lands of the Wodi Wodi and Dharawal people. It is a space for community organisers, artists, and activists to come together, exchange ideas, learn about each others' work, and build relationships.

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Check out the website for updates
wollongonganarchistbookfair.noblogs.com



WOLLONGONG ANARCHIST BOOKFAIR



A day of bookstalls, workshops
& live music! 1pm-5pm

4th October Coniston Community Centre
Free food provided by Food Not Bombs

Book a table now



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