



# AGENDA – ANUSA STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 3 2025

Wednesday, 30th April 2025

6:15pm, Marie Reay 2.02 and Zoom

Zoom Link:

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## **Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies**

Meeting opened 6:17pm by Sam Gorrie.

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Apologies

## **Item 2: Passing the previous meeting's minutes**

The Minutes from SRC 2 2025 (30th Mar 2025) can be found linked here:

[☰ MINUTES - ANUSA SRC 2](#)

Mover: Sarah Strange

Seconder: Seungbin Kang

**Motion passes.**

## **Item 3: Executive Reports**

3.1 President's report (W. Burfoot) [Reference A]

Will: There is a rally coming up, it's very important. AGM passed amendments, about postgrads and HDRs. Hopefully passes on the 1st of August, up to the uni. SRC 1: report about quantifying ANUSA's value, the value of the services we provide. Eg. social interaction, club event, volunteering, they affect your likelihood to stay at uni. Funds around 7 million, 2nd in Australia, for next year's SSAF.

### **Questions**

Sarah: Unfreeze EC funding, why don't you have any ideas?

Will: Amendments to EC constitution which were proposed, inc \$750 threshold where the EC can spend whatever they like, below \$750. If it's above, they need approval from the exec. If we unfreeze the funding with no changes to how the EC's finances work, we are failing our responsibilities and not acting in the best interests of the Association.

Seungbin: where can we find the report?

Will: I can share it with the SRC.

Iz: what students are more likely to find value in the services we provide?

Iz: Value report, does it go into specific details/groups eg regional students?

Will: Doesn't. Figures would be very useful, but report used averages and assumptions re drop-out rates etc, but didn't go into granular detail. We already know that RRR students are more likely to drop out.

Matthew: Re value report, original figure was 4.7 million, but once weighted it was 7.6 million. How did this come about?

Will: Comes from % of SSAF ANUSA gets and proportional student numbers, trying to make a level playing field re unis, but doesn't reveal methodology, presumably due to commercial interests.

### **3.2 Vice President's report (V. Gangarapu) [Reference B]**

Vaish: Talking to commercial places on Joplin lane and on campus. BKSS bread, ramen, hot choc, free groceries through student bites. Disability action plan: review on EAP process. Prepare for the ECA working group. Indigenous Aus event. New college reps to fill vacancies. New orientation session.

### **Questions**

No questions tendered.

### **3.3 Education Officer's report (R. Paton) [Reference C]**

Rosie: Get rid of assessments in mid sem break and no zero grade for CBE. get rid of late night exams. Graduations. AI and ANU's implementation of AI. how the uni approaches it, ethical issues, how students feel confident about using it. Course cuts: rally tomorrow.

Kuba: IT ISIS change?

### **Questions**

Kuba: Talking to ANU IT, someone from ANUSA being consulted on new ISIS system; who?

Will: Me.

#### 3.4 General Secretary's report (S. Gorrie) [Reference D]

##### **Sam cedes Chair to Rosie.**

Good exercise in student democracy, ran smoothly. Admin changes and EDC will improve the gov association, they passed. Admin change: writing the constitution, rewriting regulations.

##### **Questions**

Blair: Re OGM, shame that failed, will they be raised again?

Sam: Can't re-edit Constitution this year due to ANU limits. Since we think changes are necessary, esp the Disputes, so there will be some change to Disputes that are within constitutional bounds, so will be moving some Regulations in OGM 2. EDC works fine, Will has spoken regarding EC.

##### **Chair returns to Sam.**

#### 3.5 Treasurer's report (H. O'Brien) [Reference E]

Budget passed, union can keep running. Student services council, what they've done with SSAF. Reserve:SSAF that wasn't allocated at the start of the year. What the money ANUSA can use it for. Queer dept: gender gear. Women's dept: fund birth control subsidy.

##### **Questions**

Lea: Spent half of this year's SSAF allocation, are we in a good/bad position?

Hayden: We are fine, have pre-bought some things for later in the year, not worried, by end of year often left with excess funds, all is well.

Matthew: how much did you bid for?

Hayden: Funding for PrEP pilot program. Bid for around \$70k. Year to date financial position. Got the info from Will.

#### F3.6 Clubs Officer's report (H. Oates) [Reference F]

Harrison: info dash board shared with all clubs and societies, track how much they have spent of their allocation, how much the overall pool is looking. Plan and have an idea to make it transparent. Leaderboard, top is 322 events for a club. Post on ANUSA club's page shortly. Social: suitcase rummage went well, night market. Poster policy. Follow the campaign on insta to tear down the poster policy.

##### **Questions**

Matthew: regarding alcoholic event guide, can you provide outline of what that looks like, how it compares to industry standards?

Harrison: Trying to scale existing policy used (e.g. for Moose Mondays) to club level; is food provided, support after event - by Bush Week, clubs are finalising events; should be finished by then.

Darcy: web hosting support for clubs - what does that look like?

Harrison: Web hosting costs a lot, funding isn't in position to support both domain name and support; outlines how to use github, pages, everything clubs need - if they need more rubric is available, if more is needed, more than happy to build own solutions, but ANUSA not in position to fund those. I have collated this information.

Harrison: two more OGMs to ratify changes e.g. Clubs Code of Conduct, have until OGM 3, need to get through poster policy, bigger priorities at the moment.

### 3.7 Welfare Officer's report (K. Rosenberg) [Reference G]

Cost of living survey closed. Over 350 submissions. Sent data to departments and execs. Most people work 15-30 hours a week. Medical services working group. Buy nothing relaunch on Tuesday. Raffle for a bike.

#### **Questions**

Sarah: why writing a report?

Kiera: use data to show what students think.

Seungbin: bus?

Kiera: talking about it. Thinking about how to get bus drivers trained. On ACT transport and ANU.

Will: ACT transport has talked to ANU to talk about the bus.

Seungbin: smaller buses on campus?

Kiera: not suitable for the roads to run through areas of ANU.

Jade: other things to talk about cost of living survey?

Kiera: yes

Lea: anything different to buy nothing?

Kiera: bike raffle

Iz: concerns about the cost of living report, is the survey the only evidence base for the report?

Kiera: no. will use other reports too

Matt: ANU medical services deteriorated. Anything ANUSA can do about getting nurses?

Kiera: want to have more GPs in medical centre.

## **Item 4: Department Officer Reports**

### **4.1 Bla(c)k, Indigenous and People of Colour Department (A. Amirizal) [Reference H]**

Good that people are using the space when events aren't on. BIPOC party tickets sold out on the same night tickets went out. Volunteer. Get tickets. Advocacy racism report: approval from the ethics committee, long process of submitting it and getting a response from them. Need ANU staff member to lead your student team. Infringes on students being autonomous report. ANUSA legal: not necessary to get ethics approval. Not for research. Publish to ANU community to fill out. Panel event. motion : BIPOC mural. Will and I workshopping it. Get statement out by end of sem, get the mural done by bush week. Treasurer election is open.

**Procedural** for an extra minute for Aleesya's report.

Mover: Will

**Procedural passes.**

#### ***Questions***

Sarah: What will another Racism Report accomplish?

Aleesya: No substantial change from uni, but is symbolic. Advocacy does start from somewhere, can continue, just because demands aren't met doesn't mean giving up. Some change in ANU's position, Department's existence and advocacy is important.

Matthew: Does Racism Report measure changes, updates to recommendations over time?

Aleesya: Yes. Reports reference past recommendations, if these have been met, uni's response to report.

### **4.2 Disabilities Department (L. Warner, M. Webb) [Reference I]**

Lata: Medical services working group. High turnout for event. Health care consumer association. Event with Indigenous department next week. Consciousness raising event on healthcare. New rednote account.

#### ***Questions***

No questions tendered.

### **4.3 Environment Department (S. Strange) [Reference J]**

Sarah: Making seed balls tomorrow before the event. Will be an elder there. How climate change impacts Indigenous people. Hard to get funding. Frustrating. Waiting for the uni to bring something up.

#### ***Questions***

Matthew: Will's report mentions no changes to EC since findings made, is that true, what are the next steps for reform, ensure this is permanent?

Sarah: Has been changes. Expenses need to have listed SSAF purpose, treasurer role as layer of oversight, non-profit clauses in constitution, no way to make changes permanently within EC - constitution can be amended by members. Next steps - up to Will. Have made suggestions, up to Will and Uni. Frustrated.

Hayden: Leaflet has a QR code, why are you handing out leaflets - not very environmentally friendly?

Sarah: Printer measures environmental impact, my printing is equivalent to 9% of a tree. if you have had steak for dinner 3 times you have had more of an environmental impact than my leaflets.

#### 4.4 Indigenous Department (M. Bayley) [Reference K]

Malakai: Coffee catchups and department meetings. Spend time on the panel. GSA meeting next week. San churro night this week. Autonomous. Advocacy work: publish info about mental health. Naidoc week campaign by week 2 next semester. Send EOIs. spent \$955 total, excluding costs of the panel.

##### **Questions**

No questions tendered.

#### 4.5 International Students' Department (S. Kang) [Reference L]

Seungbin: panel on student housing. Study found no correlation between international students and costs of rents, lots of negative policy discourse and outcomes on this recently. Federal election has been quite stressful, visa fee increases. International students are seen as a cash cow. Met with other uni student reps eg. usyd, have a petition. Direction for international student advocacy. Unfair. Panel on Indigenous Australia. Cocktail night coming up.

**Procedural** for three extra minutes for Seungbin's report.

Mover: Will

**Procedural passes.**

##### **Questions**

Will: Issues that affect international students affect ANUSA members, increasing visa fees is important issue for ANUSA - need question, are you keen to work with me on this?

Seungbin: Yes. Want to write report on what advocacy is needed. Election, need to know how we will be affected by policies that we can't vote for.

#### 4.6 Queer\* Department (J. Rule) [Reference M]

Jem: new committee member handovers. What's worked well. Got funding. Working through finance. \$3k available in the bank account. Trans day visibility day. Rally. Lots of people showed up and volunteered. Queerphobia survey released. Weekly meetings for the working group, survey promotion and analysis of survey results. submissions=14. Queer space.

**Procedural** for another minute for Jem's report.

Mover: Hayden

**Procedural passes.**

**Questions**

No questions tendered.

4.7 Women's Department (J. Poulton) [Reference N]

Jade: vote4her rally not run by us, run by grassroots rally. Good turn out. Lesbian disability week. Elected 2 new officers. Medical working group. No access to female medical doctor. Admin student assistants and Hayden: birth control and emergency contraception. Made a list. August 1st working group. Annual campaign about SASH on campus.

**Questions**

No questions tendered.

**Procedural** to bloc all reports.

Mover: Will

**Procedural passes.**

**Motion** to accept all above reports.

Mover: Will

Seconder: Hayden

**Motion passes.**

## **Item 5: Elections**

**Item 5.1:** Election of returning officers for the election of the Disputes Committee and Probity Team

Chair to open nominations for RO and Deputy RO.

RO: Sam

DPO: Will

### Action

1. The SRC approves the outcome of the election of RO and Deputy RO.

**Motion carries.**

Sam: Needs  $\frac{2}{3}$  votes for disputes committee. Each member votes for nomination.

Hamoudi: born in syria. Resolve Disputes. Volunteer for a year at legal commission. Advocate for people in DPP and legal aid. Now at the commonwealth office of ombudsman. Reports on illegal immigrants on detention centres. Translating for people in migrant communities. Issues between community members and police.

Rayyaan: volunteer for vinnies. Emotionally removed from the matters that come before me. Member of src at school. Work to solve disputes from department of education.

## **Item 5.2: The election for members of the Disputes Committee**

The Disputes Committee applicants are approved by a vote that passes with no less than 2/3rds of the SRC voting in favour. No more than five people may be elected to the Disputes Committee.

The six candidates for the Disputes Committee are as follows.

### Thomas Fahey

Hello! I'm a second-year Computer Science student with a strong interest in fairness, governance, and clear decision-making. I currently serve on the executive of an ANUSA-affiliated social club and have experience as a debating adjudicator, where impartiality and rule interpretation are key.

These roles have developed my ability to assess complex issues, communicate clearly, and remain neutral in challenging situations. I'm nominating for the Disputes Committee because I believe in the importance of fair and accessible internal resolution processes.

I'm confident in my ability to uphold the ANUSA Constitution and Regulations with integrity and thoughtfulness, and I'd be proud to support the student community through this role.

No conflicts of interest declared.

### Ethan Trenaman

I am applying to join the Disputes Committee because I'm committed to upholding ANUSA's free and fair elections through a principled and impartial dispute resolution process.

As a student of history and law, I understand how vital—and vulnerable—democratic processes are, and I am committed to protecting them at all levels. To this extent, I have worked for the NSW Electoral Commission to oversee and organise the 2024 Local Elections.

Moreover, my roles as a Student Editor on the Federal Law Review (ANU's foremost law journal), legal research positions at Blackburn Chambers (2024 - Present) and Steadfast Group (Summer 2024), reflect my ability to interpret rules and resolve complex issues with care. Participation in mooted competitions (2024 and 2025) have further sharpened my legal judgement.



I bring no political affiliations or conflicts of interest – just an independent perspective and a genuine interest in ensuring ANUSA's processes remain transparent and respected.

No conflicts of interest declared.

Felix Archibald

Across my time at ANU I've seen the importance of good governance in student groups. I would be honoured to contribute to this as a member of the Disputes Committee. I am a 4th-year law student with experience in law firms, aboriginal legal services and not for profits. I ranked first in the ANU law subject that teaches the interpretation of corporate constitutions like ANUSA's, so I believe I am particularly well-equipped to carry out this important role. As a Sessional Academic at ANU, I now teach other students how to interpret corporate constitutions and I am currently assisting two Federal Court judges with a book on constitutional interpretation, so this is an area am deeply familiar with. In short, I believe I have the skills and the integrity to serve as a member of the Disputes Committee.

No conflicts of interest declared.

Hamoudi Al Saghir

Will speak to nomination verbally at SRC.

No conflicts of interest declared.

Rayyaan Khaleel

Will speak to nomination verbally at SRC.

No conflicts of interest declared.

Danielle Peck

I am applying for a position on the Disputes Resolution team, drawing on my experience as a former Probity member and current administrative support officer. As a motivated and detail-oriented student with strong problem-solving skills, I am confident in interpreting the ANUSA Constitution and applying its rules to disputes. I am skilled at evaluating cases thoroughly and providing fair, timely resolutions.

My focus on impartiality and passion for governance would make me a valuable addition to the team. I am confident that I can contribute to the team's work and ensure disputes are handled fairly and efficiently. Thank you for considering my nomination.

No conflicts of interest declared.

**Elected:** Thomas, Hamoudi, Danielle, Rayyaan.

**Item 5.3:** The election for Probity Officers

Chris Hubbard

I am a first-year student in the College of Arts and Social Sciences. I have worked extensively in a probity and assurance capacity with the Commonwealth public service, and am already familiar with the obligations and responsibilities associated with impartiality and apoliticism. I've expressed interest in the role as I wish to contribute to the ANUSA and return to the ANU community - especially in such a time of obscurity and change.

No conflicts of interest declared.

Matthew Lillywhite

Will speak to nomination verbally at SRC.

Conflict of interest declared: former member of the ANU Democracy Society.

Kuba Meikle

Will speak to nomination verbally at SRC.

Conflict of interest declared: Current ANUSA General Representative; not recontesting at the upcoming elections.

Drew Davison

Good evening. My name is Drew Davison, and I'm nominating for Probity Officer. Elections form the foundation of our democracy, and I'm committed to ensuring they are fair, free from interference, and conducted with the utmost respect for both the candidates and the democratic process. I have experience with the conduct of elections at a high school level, and I will have experience with conducting federal elections. I will bring this background to my role as Probity Officer, should I be elected. ANUSA elections in years past have seen some irregularities and breaches of electoral conduct rules—I will seek to learn from the past and minimise these in 2025, and create an enjoyable and fair experience for everyone, to elect the leaders of this important body.

I apologise for not being in attendance tonight—thank you for considering my nomination. I look forward to serving as a Probity Officer.

No conflicts of interest declared.

Matthew: Works for the APS, commitment to service.

Hayden: will you come to src still or will that be a conflict of interest?

Matthew: no, conflict of interest

Kuba: work at moad. Gen rep. Know how campaigns and organisations work. Impartial, work for department of house of reps.

Blair: does kuba need to give up his position as gen rep?

Sam: no

Elected: Chris, Matthew, Drew

## **Item 6: Motions on Notice**

### **Motion 6.1: ANUSA Endorses the Experiences of Queerphobia Survey**

#### Preamble:

In 2025, the ANU Queer\* Department is undertaking a Queerphobia Report into current and former students' experiences of queerphobia at ANU. The goal of the Queerphobia Report is to research: the prevalence of queerphobia at ANU as experienced by students; the forms of queerphobia experienced by ANU students; the intersections between students' experiences of queerphobia and other forms of discrimination they may experience at ANU; the impacts of queerphobia on ANU students, and; the effectiveness of institutional responses to students' experiences of queerphobia at ANU. The research will be used to inform the findings and recommendations of the report, which will then be published and presented by the ANU Queer\* Department to the University, ANUSA, and other relevant organisations. The report will raise awareness about students' experiences of queerphobia at ANU, and advocate for a safer, more inclusive campus. It will be the first student-led report into students' experiences of queerphobia at ANU in more than 10 years.

#### Actions:

As called on by the Queer\* Department:

1. ANUSA SRC endorses the Queer\* Department's Experiences of Queerphobia Survey.
2. The ANUSA SRC requests that the Executive publishes the survey across its social media platforms.
3. The ANUSA SRC encourages all queer/LGBTQIASB+ students and alumni to complete the survey.

Mover: Jemma Rule

Seconder: Blair Doran

Jemma (mover): info on where people are experiencing queerphobia. Survey will be the first student lead research in more than a decade.

Blair (seconder): thinking to go through ethics committee?

No other speakers.

Right of reply waived.

Vote on Motion 6.1.

**Motion carries.**

### **Motion 6.2: ANU's Definition of Elite Athletes**

#### Preamble

The definition of an elite athlete is an individual who has reached the highest level of performance in their chosen sport. I am an elite level all star cheerleader who competed in the 2024 ICU and IASF Cheerleading World Championships, this is where I brought home a

gold medal for Australia giving me a status of a World Champion. Training as an elite all star cheerleader included 15 or more hours a week of in person training additionally to travelling back to Sydney every weekend for another team's training, and not to forget the food management and early morning gym sessions for injury prevention.

However, according to ANU's accessibility I am not an elite athlete.

ANU defines elite athletes as someone who competes nationally or internationally and is a current member of a recognised sporting organisation that is approved by the ANU. The majority of elite athletes within Australia will be on a scholarship within the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) or the network of Institutes and Academies of Sport.

This is extremely limiting and forgets that there are nuances to these policies, like in my case Cheerleading not having an AIS recognised National Sporting Organisation, as it is a fairly new sport that has not applied to be one yet. Not to forget Cheerleading is a sport that is recognised by the International Olympic Committee.

In the lead up to leaving for the world championships I had moved to a new city, moved out of home, started a full time university degree, part time job, all on top of my training. Whilst doing all of this I was also debating with Accessibility to be given recognition and support for my travels to the cheerleading world championships, which they refused to give me. I was lucky enough to have some of my other team mates help me with this fight, who also attend this university. Eventually I was given a conditional elite athlete program only for the time I was away in America for 3 weeks, but upon arriving back in Australia our schemes would all be revoked. But because I had missed 3 weeks of classes I was heavily behind on coursework as I did not have any time to do it when in America. And since I no longer had an elite athlete scheme I was not given any resources or support when I asked course conveners for help. This was extremely taxing on my mental health causing me to become burnt out and made me question whether I should be continuing with my sport or be dropping out of university.

Other sports that are not recognised MMA, Parkour, Mountaineering, just to name a few. All sports that put in countless hours of training on par with other elite sports; so why is it any different? Along with Cheerleading athletes in these sports will do the same amount of training if not more than other sports that are considered to be elite sports at the ANU.

Some universities that allow athletes that are not apart of a National Sporting Organisation to be given an elite athlete scheme include:

- UNSW
- Sydney University
- University of Canberra
- Macquarie University
- Monash University

Whilst they all state in their definition that elite athletes must be apart of a National Sporting Organisation, they also say that exceptional circumstances will also be considered. So why is ANU any different?

I ask you please to help other elite athletes like me that do not fall under ANU's extremely limiting criteria to be given academic support for their university degrees whilst also being able to follow their sporting passions.

#### Action

1. The ANUSA SRC acknowledges that the ANU's Accessibility Policy for Elite Athletes is inaccessible for hard working elite athletes in arbitrarily unrecognised sports.
2. The ANUSA SRC asks Accessibility to review their definition of Elite Athletes to be inclusive of other high level sports
3. The ANUSA SRC would support a change in ANU's Accessibility Elite Athlete policy to cater to other athletes at the ANU that do not receive recognition or support with their studies.
4. The ANUSA SRC requests the ANUSA Education Officer advocates for the policy change detailed in point 3.

Mover: Nathan Sharpe

Seconder: Rosie Paton

Nathan (Mover): went to Sydney, did not get support when training and doing full time uni. Only supported when going to america. Missed 3 weeks of class. Not given any support from course convenors.

Rosie (Seconder): unfair for people like nathan. Vote it!

Blair (For): good friend, have seen bust his ass without getting the same recognition as others. Vote up.

Iz (For): thanks for raising

Will (for): thanks for writing this motion. Without this, it could push people away from sport. People should be treated like an elite athlete with the time they put into it.

Jem (for): important. For music too.

No other speakers.

Right of reply waived.

Vote on Motion 6.2.

**Motion carries.**

**Motion 6.3:** Residential hall rights and experiences working group

#### Preamble

Students deserve to know what their residential hall rights are, and to have a positive residential experience. ANU students are paying \$12-24k per year for accommodation, which is \$400-\$800 more than in 2024.

The ANU Residential Experience Division have not stated where this extra money is going towards. We must hold ANU accountable for their decisions made using students' funds.

That is why establishing a working group and creating a residential hall experiences report will allow for social and financial transparency across all ANU students. This working group will be made up of residential students, including members of the ANUSA SRC, SRMs and College Presidents. It will include conducting student surveys across all residential colleges to directly capture and put forward student experiences.

Furthermore, a 2025 feedback survey has recently been conducted regarding the performance of CSOs across residential colleges. The ANUSA SRC calls on ANU to publish the results from this survey to the wider ANU community.

Overall, residential halls should be places where students feel that their needs are met. That is why this working group is being made for students, by students.

Action:

1. The ANUSA SRC affirms the importance of prioritising students' residential experience in residential colleges.
2. The ANUSA SRC supports the formation of a working group with the aim of improving students' residential hall rights and experiences.
3. The ANUSA SRC supports the collection of student experiences through surveys, in the aim of producing a transparent report. This report will collect data of students' experiences of their living conditions, support received, residential college culture, and issues students are facing. We will collect this data to produce a report representative of students' voices and experiences.
4. The ANUSA SRC calls for the working group's findings and positions to be taken to the ANU Residential Experience Division. This collaboration aims to identify where the Residential Experience Division has put the surplus of funds from the higher rental cost towards.
5. The ANUSA SRC calls on ANU to provide CSOs compulsory training regarding responding appropriately to residents' wellbeing and mental health concerns, and managing incidents related to breaches of noise curfews. This training aims to actively improve CSOs' performance to meet the needs of residential students.
6. The ANUSA SRC calls on ANU to establish CSOs assigned to each separate residential college per shift.

**Mover:** Jessica Gunawan

**Seconder:** Will Burfoot

Amendment to Motion 6.3 (friendly)

Amend action point 3 to add "accessibility of the residential hall" after "residential college culture".

Mover: Lata Warner

Lata (for): Important from accessibility perspective; reports of students being asked to leave wheelchairs outside of room because they were not given wheelchair accessible rooms.

ANU has done report on accessibility on res, has not been publicly released for 1.5 years, likely because it is damning.

Seungbin (for): Reception shares many duties with CSOs. Good motion, vote up.

Jem (for): Great motion. Working group important for developing action so queer/marginalised students are being listened to, advocated for.

Jessica: Thank you for Will, Hayden, and Seungbin for support.

Vote on Motion 6.4.

**Motion carries.**

**Motion 6.4:** ANUSA endorses the NUS 'Put the Liberals Last!' Campaign

Preamble

In the upcoming 2025 election Australians are being asked to make a choice; a choice between re-electing progressive candidates that fight for us and a right wing government led by Peter Dutton that would cut key services and halt key reforms of student and LGBTQIA+ rights and the fight against climate change.

Peter Dutton says that the Coalition has changed since 2022, but their policies are just as bad if not worse than they were during their 9 years of government. A re-elected Liberal government will cut jobs in key areas, crack down on unions and activism, as well as support university job and course cuts. Additionally their policies do nothing towards ending key issues like student poverty, and their dangerous nuclear plan would extrapolate the cost of living exponentially. Peter Dutton has also made a career on spreading racist rhetoric, exemplified by him heading up the "no" campaign, boycotting the apology to the Stolen Generations and spreading fear about immigrants. Infamously, he declared that Melbourne was overrun by "African gangs." This is only the beginning.

Polls show that this election will be very close, and there is big chance that neither of the two major parties will gain enough seats to govern in a majority, as a result it will come down to every seat, and for some; a small amount of preferential voting will determine who will win seats key to securing or blocking Peter Dutton's hope for the prime ministership

That's why the NUS' campaign to "Put the Liberals Last" is advocating that to stop Peter Dutton it is important that students across Australia including at ANU preference their ballots to make sure the best non-liberal candidate wins.

Action:

1. The SRC endorses the NUS' campaign to "Put the Liberals Last" at the 2025 Australian Federal Election
2. The SRC requests that the ANUSA socials repost the NUS campaign's graphic to the social media.
3. The SRC neither endorses nor encourages students to vote for any political party or candidate. This motion only seeks to support the work of the NUS campaign.

**Mover:** Dylan Adams

**Seconders:** Josh Shaw

Dylan (Mover): Dutton cut healthcare last time, we all have different political views, but we can all agree that we don't want to be governed under this egghead.

Josh (Seconders): Opinion polling close, Dutton bad - racist dogwhistling, infringements on minority rights, etc.

Amendment #1 to Motion 6.4 (unfriendly)

Strike all except paragraph 1 of the Preamble and replace with:

#### Preamble

Peter Dutton says that the Coalition has changed since 2022, but their policies are just as bad if not worse than they were during their 9 years of government. A re-elected Liberal government will cut jobs in key areas, crack down on unions and activism, as well as support university job and course cuts. Additionally their policies do nothing towards ending key issues like student poverty, and their dangerous nuclear plan would extrapolate the cost of living exponentially. Peter Dutton has also made a career on spreading racist rhetoric, exemplified by him heading up the "no" campaign, boycotting the apology to the Stolen Generations and spreading fear about immigrants. Infamously, he declared that Melbourne was overrun by "African gangs." This is only the beginning. Peter Dutton's policies are disastrous.

Having said that, the Labor Government has betrayed students on many occasions. They've betrayed LGBT+ students by erasing intersex people from the census (and originally trying to remove sexuality and gender identity as well). They've betrayed poor students by refusing to lift Youth Allowance by more than inflation. They've betrayed students by refusing to implement free education, a policy supported by both ANUSA and the NUS. They've betrayed students by refusing to recognise the state of Palestine, which is a cause that is supported by ANUSA and the NUS, as well as the ALP's own platform. They've betrayed students by approving many new thermal coal extensions and expansions, and refusing to pass environmental protection laws they promised. They've betrayed students by refusing to pass legislation to prohibit gay and trans students being expelled from schools, which they also promised.

ANUSA and the NUS shouldn't intervene in the election to support or oppose a particular party. Instead, we should be focused on pressing for student interests, no matter which party is in power. We should be forthright in our criticism of anti-student policies and actions by all parties, which includes Peter Dutton's disastrous policies.

#### Actions

1. The SRC condemns Peter Dutton and the Liberals for their racist and anti-queer attitudes and their anti-student policies. The SRC condemns the incumbent government for failing to take sufficient action for students and breaking their own promises. The SRC recognises that no political party or group is perfect or has policies which promise to fully implement ANUSA or the NUS's policy platform.



2. The SRC calls on students to vote for candidates who will implement ANUSA's policies and values to the maximum extent possible.
3. The SRC calls on ANUSA not to repost the 'Put the Liberals Last' campaign, but to promote student values and interests in a non-partisan way, without fear or favour.

Mover: Sarah Strange

Seconder: Blair Doran

Sarah (Mover): Liberals bad, but Labor doing same things that this motion criticises.

Blair (Seconder): One Nation polling numbers high, could get them 6 senate seats. Should we be preferencing them above the Liberals? Agree with sentiment, but worthwhile to discuss intricacies.

Hayden (against): This is about endorsing NUS' campaign, striking action points removes substance of motion. If you have issues with Labor's policies/conduct during term, make another motion, don't amend this one.

**Point of order** that amendment goes against substance of motion.

Procedural for a two-minute break.

**Procedural passes.**

Sam: Against substance of motion; could change specifics, couldn't change actual endorsement of NUS' campaign.

**Amendment #1 deemed out of order.**

Amendment #2 to Motion 6.4 (unfriendly)

Add new paragraph 3 of the preamble:

Having said that, the Labor Government has betrayed students on many occasions. They've betrayed LGBT+ students by erasing intersex people from the census (and originally trying to remove sexuality and gender identity as well). They've betrayed poor students by refusing to lift Youth Allowance by more than inflation. They've betrayed students by refusing to implement free education, a policy supported by both ANUSA and the NUS. They've betrayed students by refusing to recognise the state of Palestine, which is a cause that is supported by ANUSA and the NUS, as well as the ALP's own platform. They've betrayed students by approving many new thermal coal extensions and expansions, and refusing to pass environmental protection laws they promised. They've betrayed students by refusing to pass legislation to prohibit gay and trans students being expelled from schools, which they also promised.

Mover: Lata Warner

Lata (Mover): ALP hasn't done right by students or unions. Should oppose Libs + Dutton, ALP not blameless in system. Decreasing vote for major parties, vote against libs isn't vote for major parties. May find that vote never makes it to Labor, preference minors/INDs, succeeds. Labor improvement from Libs, can't ignore that they have also done wrong.

Lea (Seconder): Putting Libs last is important, campaign against bad things in country, union; should target what we want to improve. Focus on what parties, people are willing to do good. Hold all candidates to account, focus on what we want to build, not just what we are against.

Blair (for): seeing shift to right - in doing policy for students, need to look at what majors are doing for education. Lots of ALP members in room - ALP doing good on some issues, but rightward shift. How good ALP is on education/other policies will be impacted by shift to the right, have seen this in the past. In the interest of students to know that they shouldn't be complacent with 'better' option, should push them, not let them get worse.

Hayden (against): SSAF rules - ANUSA can't endorse a political party. Motion is about endorsing putting progressive candidates over non-progressive candidates. NUS campaign says 'put Libs last', but ultimately about keeping Libs out of government. Let's endorse campaign, talk about criticism elsewhere.

Seunghbin(for): as student union, should advocate for student's needs; where was NUS budget protest? Shouldn't give free pass. Voice for students interest, advocate for free education, lowered age of independence; shared with NUS. As a union, our role is to put forward what's in our policy book. Campaign is in line with our policy, but need to acknowledge that ALP aren't perfect - union should be fighting force.

Kiera (against): Issue with writing - not correct acronym for LGBTQIA+, other writing. NUS budget protest - didn't expect budget this year, no time to prepare/organise. Will be protest of sorts in the future by NUS.

Sarah (For): Happy to change minutiae in writing. Students should trust us to oppose anti-student actions by governments. Students can't trust us if we take sides with government that fails students. Challenges Labor members to defend ALP's failures on Palestine, LGBTQIA+ protections, etc. PHON now competing in all states for senate seats, in Hunter - risk of more PHON candidates elected. About making sure students know the union will fight for them.

Harrison (against): One Nation - in senate, don't have to preference if you don't want to, moot point. NUS put forward campaign because PHON doesn't run in all seats. Can we forget about the preamble, focus on good action points? Waste of time.

Vote on amendment #2.

**Amendment fails.**

**Quorum check.**

**Meeting is quorate.**

Debate on motion, unamended:

Lata (for): in interests to not have coalition government. Member of ALP, as much as motion doesn't recognise failures of ALP, still important to oppose LNP government.

Riley (against) don't want LNP government, but ANUSA should focus on what benefits students. Some students support LNP, by having public statement, alienates significant part

of student population. Impact on election outcome small, but impact on ANUSA's credibility larger. If we want to oppose poor education policy, need to do in a better way.

Kiera (for): As NUS ACT president - have heard arguments about PHON preferences, true; not running in every seat - need to realise long-term LNP government ruined student unionism in country.

Sag (against): motion alienates people who support Liberals, right-wing views. Freedom of speech.

Jem (for): Motion doesn't endorse a particular party or candidate. Motion does not say SRC would deny ANUSA services to any student for political affiliations.

Arch (against): Motion has structural issues, contradictory to endorse 'put the libs last' while also saying motion doesn't endorse a candidate. Doesn't exclude LNP voters, does undermine trust in ANUSA. Slippery slope.

Hayden (clarification): ANUSA will never endorse a particular candidate/party - against SSAF regulations.

**Procedural** for 2 more speakers for, 1 against.

Mover: Lata

### **Prodecural passes**

Lea (for): ANUSA is a union - political aim as a body, as a union, is to push people to the left. Think why you voted against amendment #2. We are a political body, should be pushing towards the left.

Sarah (against): Issues - describes ALP as 'progressive' - ridiculous description. Shouldn't be involved with electoral policies. Won't swing votes, undermine ANUSA's credibility. Labor presence in ANUSA. Questions legality of campaign - two-party system, implies endorsement.

Will (clarification): No SSAF funds being used on campaign, other student unions have endorsed without consequences. NUS activities not affected by ANUSA SSAF regulations.

Lea (question): Motion was on previous agenda, pulled, why?

Hayden: pulled motion, will talk to you later.

Will: Decisions are not unanimous. Job is to advocate in interest of student body. Will never take any positions if required to be unanimous.

Seungbin (for): Potential for alienation is real. People doing it tough, must acknowledge, advocate for progressive policies. Role as a union when making political stances, to bring people along in discussion. Potential to alienate people, but what is important is bringing people along in political journey on issues that affect them.

Dylan (right of reply): Thanks for discussion. Motion is intended to push progressive policies first. Don't need to represent views of every single student, but most would agree with progressive policies.

Vote on Motion 6.4.

**Motion carries.**

**Item 6: Other Business**

**Item 7: Date of next meeting and close**

The next SRC (May SRC/ SRC 4) is scheduled for 6:15pm on 21 May in Marie Reay 2.02.

**Meeting closed at 9:24pm.**

# References

## [Reference A] - President's Report

### **SRC 3 - Presidents Report**

**Will Burfoot**

Hi all,

Every Student Representative Council (SRC) I deliver a report detailing my activities as President. My work is split up into distinct areas of managing the affairs of the union, representing students in various settings, supporting the work of other officeholders, and preparing and strategizing for upcoming periods.

#### **SSWC**

- I attended a meeting of the Student Safety and Wellbeing Committee, which is a sub-committee of council that I sit on ex-officio. We heard from current residential mentors about how the new CSO system is working, the new reporting tool Johns is using, updates from Residential Experience and University Experience. A focus of the meeting was on the national code to prevent and respond to Gender Based Violence at Universities, which is a piece of legislation with bi-partisan support (meaning will be legislated no matter who wins fed election) that supplements the National Student Ombudsman and introduced stringent requirements on tertiary education providers to ensure their systems and processes are at a minimum level. The discussion was centred around how the university can ensure it is compliant when the code is supposed to take effect on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2026, this will be a massive undertaking as it will touch on just about every aspect of the university and service providers like ANUSA.

#### **SDFR**

- The Student Discipline Framework review is continuing to meet and discuss ways in which the framework can be improved. I attended a briefing by ANU legal on the Discipline rule, its limitations and its strengths. With a staffing change the consultation sessions I had organised with the previous project lead have been delayed and I am seeking clarification on when they will occur.

#### **SSC**

- The Q1 Student services council met on the 29th of April. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss how we have used our SSAF funding to provide services and programs that matter for students. As has become standard practice the Q1 meeting also allows for allocations of reserve funding through the submission of bids, which is presented to the meeting. The Association submitted several bids that would see expansions to many existing supports including our grocery voucher program, medical grant and Skill Up but also expand our offerings with new grants, events, collaborations, and programs. We haven't received confirmation on the outcomes of the bids as the SSC

doesn't have any decision making ability but acts as an entirely consultative body. While I certainly appreciate hearing from the other service providers and discussing ways we can support students, the entire concept of a consultative body for the distribution of student money where the majority of members are staff of the university and not independent student organisations, I find very frustrating. Increasingly more when in my opinion there can be times that SSAF is used in ways which I think is entirely unproductive, and if instead given to us would allow substantial improvements and benefits for students.

### ***Renew ANU***

- The University released its Change principles implementation plan recently which contains very little detail and information on any actual changes within the university but rather stays high-level as it talks about the values of the uni and what the purpose of the restructure will be. I find this incredibly frustrating as we all know and are being teased that there is about another round of job losses and restructuring but yet we have no details on what it will actually look like. It was flagged in the implementation plan that Academic services, Graduate and Research services, ITS, and Communications and marketing will be areas with significant change proposals. This includes almost all student facing services including ANU counselling, ANU medical centre, Student central, academic support within the colleges, research supports, and much more. It was also flagged that colleges which operated in deficit in 2024 would see change proposals in Q2, this means in the next month or so we will see most of the colleges announce their structure and corresponding job losses.

### ***Mental health***

- Mental Health Strategy - the draft strategy is out and available [here](#). I really do encourage everyone to read it, I am very enthusiastic about the pathway the strategy lays out and the real and substantial improvements we could see in mental health and wellbeing at the ANU. They are also seeking feedback on the strategy from students and staff, which I think provides us an important opportunity to back the strategy and what it represents. Gen Rep Josh Shaw has been working with the Chair of the taskforce on ways to promote engagement and further his policies around mental health services. I participated in a video where we interviewed some students on their thoughts and look forward to submitting my own feedback.

### ***SEEF***

- SEEF has met since the last SRC where the panel considered a wide range of applications from students and groups.

### ***EDC***

- We had an inquorate meeting of the EDC last week. I look forward to welcoming the new college representatives and having discussions on a wide range of educational issues at the next meeting.

### ***AMC***

- We have had two meetings of the Academic Management Committee since the last SRC. These primarily focused on Renew ANU and AI implementation. It's been great coordinating discussions at AMC and then taking it to EDC for structured and considered debate, I think this is proving particularly helpful as we try and formalise a position on generative AI use within an academic setting. While this might not sound particularly thrilling its actually crucial that we have a well thought out position on this that will work across colleges as we know the university is actively how to approach AI use.

### **AGM**

- The AGM took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April. The meeting approved our 2024 financial statements, the President's annual report, and most importantly passed the last set of our constitutional amendments!! These amendments were on postgraduate and HDR representation within the union and sought to establish a Postgraduate Research Network (PRN) as a committee of the Association. I will be working throughout this year on drafting the regulations for the network so when its up and running in 2026 it delivers the benefits that we know it can.

### **College rep interviews**

- Following the annual elections last year, we had a few college representative positions unfilled, and so over the past couple of weeks we have been shortlisting, conducting interviews, and now appointing new representatives. I really appreciated the assistance from the current college reps in coming to the interviews and sharing their thoughts on the appointments.

### **RSAA Bus**

- I've been discussing with a student at Mount Stromlo an issue they have been having with access to the campus. This year RSAA decided to cut one of the bus services that transported students from the Acton campus to Stromlo. This left students without a car no real options for getting to their classes or facilities, as the public transport options are minimal and in a best-case scenario even if you can make it Stromlo you will still need to climb a mountain. We discussed ways that we could push the RSAA and the College to bring back the bus, this was aided significantly by the work of one student who surveyed other students, collected the data, and drafted a report showing the impact on students at Stromlo. The RSAA has since decided to reinstate both bus services, which for the time being is a significant win for Stromlo students.

### **Environment Department**

- Following OGM 1 where a constitutional amendment to transition the Enviro Department to a committee failed to gain the 75% majority required, we began discussions as to how we could still safeguard student funds and implement additional financial controls. While the matter of a committee v Department has been decided, the findings of the report are still very serious and put us in a position where we must be confident the Department has the appropriate controls in place before they may be able to expend funds. The reason for this is in the absence of any substantial improvements in how the Department manages it funds, to unfreeze their expenditure would be extraordinarily risky, as if there

is a repeat of the same type of behaviour then we will have expressly failed in our fiduciary responsibilities and put the union in serious jeopardy. This is compounded by the continuing attitude of some that there was never any problem to begin with, which is so blatantly false that I struggle to decide if they are serious when they say it. We worked with the Environment Officer to put forward some amendments to the Departments constitution that would have dramatically reduced the risk of thousands of dollars being misspent however this motion was voted down in a meeting with 11 attendees or so. It is my position that the Environment Department should be able to use their own funds, and I would prefer if they could have been doing so already, so I will keep working with the Officer to support their activities in the meantime while we seek clarification from the university and explore how we can ensure financial probity within the Environment Department. If anyone has any ideas on how we could do this please let me know.

### ***New DVCA***

- The university has a new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), I was involved in the selection process through a stakeholder meeting where I met Professor Leech and discussed some aspects of the DVCA role, the current state of the university, and how ANUSA has previously worked with the DVCA.

### ***Quantifying ANUSA value***

- In an earlier SRC I made mention of a report we had commissioned to quantify the value of the services and programs that the Association provides. This value is purely in terms of student retention, where data shows that clubs' programs, volunteering, leadership opportunities, and event attendance has a direct impact on a students decision to stay at university. The report showed that in 2024-2025 we created \$4,672,720 (raw) of value in reduced risk of student attrition, the weighted figure of \$7,580,527 places us **second** in Australia for organisation assessed. This is a remarkable result which demonstrates our strength as a union and the importance of our services. This report will strengthen our argument for an increase in our SSAF allocation when our current agreement expires.

### ***TDOV***

- I assisted the Queer Officer in setting up and packing down our resources for the Trans Day of Visibility Rally that took place on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. It was great to support the rally, hear from the speakers, and see so many ANU students be there showing their support.

### ***Edcon Tender***

- ANUSA has submitted a tender to the NUS to host Education Conference 2025 at the ANU. This is an opportunity to bring students from all over Australia and discuss the state of higher education and what we should do about it. I'm really looking forward to hosting a plenary and seeing other ANU students run workshops on issues that matter to them. To deliver Edcon 25 without impacting any other areas of our budget we are using the NUS budget line which typically just goes to affiliation to also cover conference costs, meaning we will be seeking a fee waiver for affiliation fees. I expect this to be granted.



### ***Gender affirming Gear***

- Discussed the Gender Affirming Gear program with the Queer Officer and the Treasurer, how we could support the Department to deliver the program both with funding and administrative support. The program has opened for this year!

### ***Legal, WHS, and Staffing matters***

- As President I have oversight and responsibility for a broad set of internal legal and employment matters. These are usually private as they involve our staff and they can take up a bit of my time.

### ***Timesheet***

- Since December 1st I have worked 729.6 hours. This averages to 34.7 inclusive of public holidays, shutdown periods, and leave.

# [Reference B] - Vice President's Report

Vice President  
Sree Vaishnavi Gangarapu  
SRC 3

## Introduction

My name is Vaishnavi (she/her) and I am your 2025 ANUSA Vice President. The Vice President works closely with the President and is responsible for the BKSS. I also work on academic advocacy and internal affairs.

## BKSS

Whether you're looking for free toast, sanitary pads, or a cosy study spot during Canberra winters, the Brian Kenyon Student Space is your one-stop for all. The BKSS is open 8AM to 8PM on weekdays. We offer free breakfast every weekday from 8:30AM to 10:30AM. We have a free groceries program called Student Bites running every Friday afternoon. The Buy Nothing Shelf is stocked with community-donated items, offers free access to snacks, toiletries, contraception, menstruation products and household essentials. You can take what you need, when you need it. We also have microwaves, toasters, coffee and tea, arts and crafts, chargers and umbrellas!

### Student Bites

Through Student Bites, the BKSS collaborates with OzHarvest to provide students with free groceries sourced from local supermarkets' surplus on Friday afternoons. I help the BKSS staff member on shift to keep it running smoothly, which takes about two hours weekly.

### Lunch Express

The Lunch Express program, launched in 2024, is a food rescue initiative run in partnership with Chartwells and Residential Experience. It provides free meals catering to a variety of dietary needs, subject to limited availability from Monday to Thursday at 1PM. Lunch Express is dependent on the number of meals available at reshalls.

### Ramen Nights

We ran Ramen Nights during Week 6 at the BKSS for students to have an easy meal during midsems prep.

During the mid semester break, I worked a few shifts at the BKSS.

In the first quarter of 2025, we served 1253 loaves of bread (excluding those provided during Universal Lunch Hour!), over 60 lunches through Lunch Express, 756 servings of ramen through Ramen Nights and a 1000 servings of hot chocolate. 280 students received free groceries through Bites.

## Academic

### **ECA & EAP Reforms**

Following the Disability Action Plan, ANU has started a review on EAPs and the ECA process. The Education Officer and I are members of the ECA Working Group, where we're contributing in close consultation with the DSA, to discussions around how ECAs can be made more streamlined and accessible. On the EAP side, Inclusive Communities is leading a broader review of the process, and we've been involved alongside the DSA to make sure student voices are heard.

### **Academic Management Committee**

The AMC is made up of the President, Vice President, Education Officer, General Secretary and Academic Officers. The ANU, among other GO8 universities, is discussing an institutional approach towards AI. We used the AMC to discuss the implications of AI within different cohorts, how it affects our work and what we would like to see in the future.

### **Other**

I've spent some time responding to course-specific concerns and following up with Class Reps after the Class Rep training.

### **Reflections on Country: A Panel on Indigenous Australia**

I worked with the International Students' Department, BIPOC Department and the Indigenous Department to organise the panel last Thursday. Our panelists had very interesting conversations on Country and what it meant to each of them. This was followed by a workshop, where the audience could interact with the panelists one-on-one. We had a good turnout and received positive feedback. Thank you to everyone who attended the event!

### **Internal Affairs**

The President and I recruited new representatives to fill some of the College Rep vacancies. I'm very excited to see the EDC grow, and I'm currently preparing the ANUSA Orientation Session for the new members.

Additionally, I've been engaging with department officers on a range of matters.

### **Timesheet**

I have worked 451 hours since December 1st, averaging about 24 hours a week. I have taken four days of personal leave.

If you have any questions about my report, suggestions on improving the BKSS, or you'd just like to chat, feel free to reach out to me at [sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au)!

## [Reference C] - Education Officer's Report

Hi everyone! My name is Rosie Paton (she/her) and I am your Education Officer for 2025!

**Learning and Teaching Committee:** I have recently been writing a series of position statements to present at the next Learning and Teaching Committee meeting. That paper includes our proposals for:

- Simple extensions
- Tutorial participation
- Implementing BYOD exams
- Capping assessment weightage at 60%
- No assessments in mid-semester break
- Standardised assignment submission deadlines

I've written a draft of this and shared it with the Pro-Vice Chancellor of Learning and Teaching in anticipation of the Learning and Teaching committee this Thursday morning.

**Examinations:** The next goal is for me to present a similar paper to EGAPP (examinations, graduations, academic progression, and prizes). This paper will once again be pushing for BYOD exams and additionally will be looking at conforming February graduation dates in 2026 and beyond and changing the exam timetable. I am currently working on benchmarking all these proposed changes against other universities.

**AMC and EDC:** I would not normally combine these but last week we had an AMC and an EDC meeting that were both on ANU's implementation of AI. In 2025 the implementation of AI is an area that a lot of senior academics are interested in, and they are also much more welcoming for different feedback, which means we as students have a chance to coordinate our position on the matter and genuinely shape the way ANU approaches AI. Our main discussions about that include how the university is teaching students how to use AI, how ANU is going to implement AI in regard to their assessment policy, how students feel about AI, and how the university is going to educate students on the issues surrounding AI.

**EAP:** Recently the DSA, VP and I were invited to give feedback on the current EAP system and where we thought it could have been improved. Our feedback included but was not limited to the following:

- A non-exhaustive list of potential accommodations for students
- Clearer guidelines about who has the responsibility for enforcing different aspects of EAPs, as well as some sort of process for when this is not being followed.
- For the EAP renewal process to be more appropriately implemented for students with chronic illnesses/permanent disabilities.
- To ensure that course convenors are implementing accommodations and also reducing their ability to not implement them because it requires extra effort.
- Increasing visibility of EAPs and awareness to hopefully lower the stigma around getting an EAP.

The DSA also had some highly valuable feedback and I am fully aware that I have not included all of them so perhaps reach out to them if you would like more information. As a result of this the VP and I have also met with accessibility to see if we can implement some of the accommodations that EAPs offer for all students. **ECA:** The VP and I have also been invited to attend the ECA working group, which has currently met once. In an effort to

improve the student perspective as much as possible, we have been alternating between ANUSA Executive and DSA participation on the working group. The ECA working group seems like a very positive place and a really good opportunity to share feedback. I believe that the ECA process is going to be completely overhauled and that all of this will come in next semester alongside canvas. However, they are looking to implement majority of the UNSW ECA process, which includes some concerning aspects such as the Fit to Sit rule. Additionally, as a response to the implementation of simple extensions, they are investigating replacing 'working days' with 'calendar days', two things we are strongly advocating against. The DSA has kindly set up a meeting between us and the UNSW disability officer to discuss this further.

**Course Cuts:** We will be having a student strike against the course cuts on May 1<sup>st</sup>. I have been helping with this in my role as education officer, and also within my role as convenor as EdCom. The day is going to be super exciting, so I encourage you all to skip class. We also are going to have a protest at 11! And there are going to be lots of general festivities around the event. Recently I have also been emailing the registrar about degrees that have been cut, but I am yet to get confirmation. Either way, we looked at the changes to the offerings on programs and courses and created a banner for open day.

**EdCom:** Alongside the course cuts campaign, I have recently been working with the Education Committee co-convenors to EdCom also ran an FOI information session and will be participating in the campaign against the poster policy. I have also spent time recently working with the co-convenors to map out our larger plan for the rest of the year, so stay tuned for that.

**Timesheet:** Since the start of my term I have worked 301.8 hours.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out at [sa.education@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.education@anu.edu.au).

# [Reference D] - General Secretary's Report

## **General Secretary Report – SRC 3**

**17/03/2025 - 27/04/2025**

### *Intro*

I'm Sam (he/him), the 2025 General Secretary and here's what I've specifically been up to since the last SRC.

### *Constitutional Changes*

At the OGM, many constitutional changes passed, including format changes, role descriptions, and the executive as the board of the Association. These are all changes that improve the Association, and I am happy to see these passed by students.

At the AGM, a number of constitutional changes passed, which included postgraduate changes to establish the Postgraduate Research Network along with further administrative and grammar/format changes.

There were also a number of changes to our regulations, including establishing the 'Committee Regulations', a payment to Probity Officers and tweaks to the standing orders.

If you have any questions about the changes that passed, please get in touch with me!  
[sa.gensec@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.gensec@anu.edu.au).

### *Meetings*

I did a lot of work in preparing for both the OGM and the AGM to organise smooth-running, well-run, and constitutional meetings that dealt with the contentious debates and votes fairly and appropriately. I am pleased that the meetings both ran well and fairly, and ensure that students' voices and opinions got heard. Thank you to Will, Vaish and the Exec for all their help in organising this.

I've also been coordinating EDC with Rosie, where I remain as the Chair/organiser of EDC, but we are working together to shape the future of this body.

### *Misc*

Met with a variety of ANUSA Officers and reps regarding Constitutional/ governance matters and had various consultation sessions. I've done a variety of miscellaneous admin tasks, including formatting the Regulations document, formatting the Constitutional changes that passed in a document for the university, and doing a bit of a number of Agenda, minutes, and website work.

### *Hours worked*

I have worked 100 hours in the three weeks since the last SRC.

From the start of my term to the end of last week (ending 27/04), discounting Public Holidays and Shutdown, I've worked a total of 353.5 hours.

This is an equivalent of working ~18.4 hours per week.

If you have any questions about my report or activities, you are welcome to direct them to [sa.gensec@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.gensec@anu.edu.au).

## [Reference E] - Treasurer's Report

### **Treasurer's Report**

Greetings, Salutations and Good Evening to all, as I hope you know my name is Hayden O'Brien and I am the 2025 ANUSA Treasurer and according to my Mum a pretty cool dude. Gosh there's been a lot happening since the last SRC including reports I've given at the ANUSA Annual General Meeting and other ANU committees. I would like to begin my report by personally thanking the ANUSA executive and the ANUSA staff for their help in assisting me with these things and they are doing some amazing work that I think deserves to be recognised formally.

I sound like a broken record I know but remember to always reach out personally or at my ANUSA email [sa.treasuer@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.treasuer@anu.edu.au) if you have any questions, concerns, queries or just want to catch up :)

### **Committees**

On Tuesday 29th April I had the Student Services Council which was postponed from its original date of the 17th of April. The Treasurer sits on SSC with the President and the General Manager and it is our responsibility to represent ANUSA in this forum. In the lead up to the SSC it was my responsibility to prepare a report of ANUSA's use of SSAF (which is basically a report upon what we are delivering in all our services). This report basically serves as our presentation to the university on all the good things we do and why we are good value for money. In it I presented reports on the dealings of the BKSS, ANUSA Legal, Clubs, Student Assistance Team, Shut up and write and others. Additionally ANUSA participated in what is called the "reserve round" which is where un-allocated SSAF is bid for by SSAF recipients in order to fund extra services. While the nitty gritty elements are still being worked out we are confident that our proposals are sound and look forward to delivering them to students soon.

### **Meetings and Consults**

Had a meeting with the President and the Queer Officer on the Gender Affirming Gear program. Was a great, productive discussion and with the program launched we are excited to work with the Queer department to continue delivering this subsidy. Also spoke to Queer et. al about running events like "Balls" where alcohol can be served and how to remain SSAF compliant during the planning of these events. I also spent a lot of my time on the AGM and SSC so spent A LOT of my time having and preparing stuff for these meetings



## Profit and Loss Statement

### Profit and Loss

The Australian National University Students' Association Incorporated  
For the period 1 December 2024 to 29 April 2025

Account	1 Dec 2024-29 Apr 2025
<b>SSAF Income</b>	
SSAF Allocation	2,502,500.00
<b>Total SSAF Income</b>	<b>2,502,500.00</b>
<b>SSAF Expenses</b>	
Accounting/Bookkeeping - Xero	835.25
Auditing	27.27
Bank Fees with GST	211.75
Bank Fees without GST	513.98
BKSS - Asset purchases	708.00
BKSS Food/Consumables	22,753.93
BKSS Non-food	913.90
Motor Vehicle expenses	7,275.51
Club Funding	72,401.48
College Representatives	336.57
Consultancy	25,295.00
Departments & Collectives	50,052.45
Education Committee	4,184.49
Equipment Expense	3,135.45
Fees & Subscriptions	45,862.78
IT Support & Equipment	3,340.00
Leadership and Professional Development	17,738.83
Legal Expenses & Consultancy	9,796.39
Marketing & Communications - Printing	656.36
Marketing & Communications - Software Subs	971.02
Meeting Expenses	276.36
Membership Solutions Limited	200.00
Other Employee Expense	5,753.24
O-Week Events	48,404.53
Parental Leave payable	(3,113.72)
Printer	243.43
Department - Stipends	63,709.85
Department - Superannuation	6,578.05

Salaries and Wages	630,497.43
Salaries and Wages - ANUSA Exec & Officers	104,404.81
Salaries and Wages - BKSS	28,380.40
Salaries and Wages - Event Coordinators	15,237.94
Superannuation Expense	102,320.21
Superannuation Expense - ANUSA Exec & Officers	15,461.58
Superannuation Expense - BKSS	2,928.72
Superannuation Expense - Event Coordinators	2,220.76
SAT Purchases - Student Meals & Others	2,532.56
Student Assistance Team Grants	33,419.53
Skill Up	4,527.84
Staff Amenities	292.03
Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	621.40
Utilities	3,299.21
<b>Total SSAF Expenses</b>	<b>1,335,206.57</b>

<b>SSAF Surplus/ Deficits</b>	<b>1,167,293.43</b>
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#### **Other Income**

Bus hire revenue	272.73
Interest Income	6,945.09
Miscellaneous (Sundry) Income	45,555.31
O-Week Income	32,903.48
Ticket/Event Sales - O Week	550.02
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>86,226.63</b>

#### **Other Expenses**

Social Profolio	577.97
Birth Control Subsidy	6,718.81
SEEF Grants	36,355.16
Shut Up and Write program	707.91
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>44,359.85</b>

<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>1,209,160.21</b>
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### **Hours Worked**

Since the last SRC there have been a lot of public holidays which has been nice but also meant I have worked less days in certain weeks meaning that from the 1st of December 2024 to the 11th of April 2025 I have worked a total of 263.5 hours with two days of leave.

[Reference F] - Clubs Officer's Report

# Clubs Officer's Report

Harrison Oates

SRC3, 2025

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# Introduction

Hey everyone! My name is Harrison, and I'm the 2025 ANUSA Clubs Officer. I'm responsible for both the Social Portfolio – including O-Week, Bush Week and everything in between – and the Clubs Portfolio, where I support our 100+ affiliated Clubs and Societies on campus to thrive. If you're interested in any of my work, feel free to reach out to me at [sa.clubsofficer@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.clubsofficer@anu.edu.au): I'm always up for a chat.

## Clubs

### Sponsored pool delivered!

The regulation changes to allow ANUSA to get sponsors of the clubs pool have been passed at AGM and incorporated into the new Clubs Regulations. This means that clubs are now able to claim up to an extra \$5 per person per event when sponsors are onboarded to the program.

### Funding Transparency

I built an information dashboard which allows clubs to track their usage of grants in real time. I was also made aware that there is a friendly competition between a number of societies as to who can run the most events. Consequently, the tool also tracks the number of events that each club registers with ANUSA in order to receive Ordinary Events Grants. As of writing, ANUSA has funded 322 events this year through the Clubs program!

The tool can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16na3l2hSBcOZBMbfsA7mxSwPZyxUlv5t7-xQdixo0LM/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

### Disputes, Interpretations, and Clubs Support

I provided support to several clubs with regards to dispute resolution and miscellaneous matters.

## Social

### Suitcase Rummage

ANUSA ran a suitcase rummage on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. It was a well-attended event, despite the rain forcing a move from Joplin Lane to the ANUSA balcony.

## Miscellaneous

## SEEF

I chaired the second meeting of the SEEF committee.

## Poster Policy Organising

Much of my time since the last SRC has been spent convening the Poster Policy Working Group and building the campaign to Tear Down the Poster Policy. We hard launched the campaign on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April, and the response from students has been incredible. The Poster Policy affects every single member of the ANU community, and to have such a broad coalition of clubs, activist campaigns, and concerned students building this campaign is phenomenal. We'll be stalling at the No Cuts Student Strike tomorrow (1<sup>st</sup> May), so please make sure to skip class and show solidarity with the staff impacted by Renew ANU.

I think it is deeply regrettable that we need to run activist campaigns to protect the basic functions of clubs and societies. Yet, it's precisely the situation that the ANU's recent decisions have created. First it was Kambri venue hire fees, then it was rigid Functions on Campus approval timelines, and now it is the Poster Policy. Let me be clear: advocating for the interests of clubs is a duty I take very seriously, and I wear the responsibility with pride. However, it is deeply concerning that fulfilling this duty now requires constant vigilance and pushback.

You can follow the campaign on Instagram: [@posters.not.policies](#).

## Timesheet

As of Sunday 27th April I have worked 425 hours since December 1. The expected hours over the same period was 260.4

## Contact

If you're keen to get involved with any of my work, or have something you'd like to chat about, my email is always open at [sa.clubsofficer@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.clubsofficer@anu.edu.au).

## Project Register

This is a space where I list completed, ongoing, and planned projects.

Project	Content	Update
Clubs Pitch Grants	Competitive extra funding for clubs during O-Week from the O-Week budget	Completed – see SRC1

SEEF reform	Fast-tracking approvals for grants <= \$250	Completed – see SRC1
Clubs Calendar	A centralised calendar for clubs to post their events to	Completed – see SRC1
Volunteer Program	Policy and technical infrastructure required to support an ongoing volunteer program to sustain ANUSA's operations	Completed – see SRC1
Sponsorship Match-making Scheme	The policy and regulations required to enable non-SSAF funding of club grants	Completed – see AGM
Transparent club finances	Live funding cap tracking + club event numbers	Completed – see above
Web Hosting support	Helping clubs establish their web presence	Migration guide complete, still to write 'building from scratch' section.
Clubs Knowledge Base	Enabling club knowledge-sharing	Github organisation name secured.
Ball & Alcoholic Events Guide	Safety checklists for clubs	Can be adapted from high-risk alcoholic events plan on advice from Womens Officer
Regulation Reform	including but not limited to Code of Conduct, and accessibility grants.	Not started

# [Reference G] - Welfare Officer's Report

## Welfare Officer Report

### SRC 3

#### Cost of Living Survey

The cost-of-living survey has now closed with over 350+ submissions. The key findings of the survey following its closure are:

##### 1. Workload and Financial Stress

- A large proportion of students work 15-30 hours per week to cover everyday costs, with some exceeding 35+ hours, particularly those who do not receive financial support.
- Many students report having to increase their work hours due to rising costs, which impacts their academic performance.
- Several students indicated they would drop their course load or have already done so due to financial stress.

##### 2. Common Cost Pressures

The most frequently cited expensive items at the checkout are as follows:

- Meat/Seafood/Meat substitutes
- Fresh produce and dairy
- Personal hygiene and cleaning products
- Laundry products

Also worth noting a significant number of students identified groceries and housing as the most difficult to afford.

##### 3. Housing

- Off-campus students in particular flagged high rent and the struggle to move out for those that live at home, due to affordability.
- On-campus residents mentioned frustration with rent increases not being matched by improvements in services or living conditions.

##### 4. Mental Health and Healthcare Access

- Many respondents listed mental healthcare and healthcare costs as unaffordable.
- Some students reported skipping medication or avoiding health services due to costs.

##### 5. Services Feedback

- A number of students have engaged with ANUSA or ANU services, yet satisfaction with these services are quite mixed.
- Others noted barriers to accessing support, such as income thresholds disqualifying them from Centrelink or services focusing mainly on domestic students.

##### 6. Transport and Parking

- Parking on campus is repeatedly cited as expensive and inaccessible, leading some to stop bringing their cars altogether.
- Some students who commute from remote areas reported being disconnected due to long travel times and rising transport costs.

## 7. Demographic Observations

- Many respondents identified as Queer, BIPOC, Disabled, Low SES, and Regional/Rural/Remote, with around 29% of respondents being international students, these respondents highlighted key intersecting forms of disadvantage.
- Students from these groups were more likely to mention feeling excluded from services or struggling to meet basic needs.

I have commenced analysing the data and findings of the survey, hence the findings above, I aim to commence writing and drafting of recommendations over the next fortnight. I also intend to open up submissions for the report to autonomous departments.

## Residential Experience

I recently had the chance to look through a report which regarded the new CSO model. To make a long story short- The findings are concerning.

While the CSO have been able to take undue stress and burden away from the senior residential roles, it has without a doubt come at a cost. I have received various anecdotal reports of incidents in which CSOs from various colleges have acted inappropriately toward residents or handled situations in a poor manner, sometimes even turning to student residential leadership unprompted on how handle certain incidents- defeating the whole purpose of the remodel in the first place.

Alongside this, there has been a significant increase in the reporting of minor incidents such as smoking or vaping, while major incidents remain virtually the same. Meaning there is a significant increase in students being penalised unnecessarily for minor offences which were previously “not a big deal”- for lack of a better word.

It is clear to me students do not feel safer, nor do they feel any more comfortable reaching out for assistance under the current model. Students are feeling they are being supervised for the purpose of finding something to penalise them for as opposed to simply looking out for their wellbeing.

Admittedly, trying to organise a way to gather SRMs and RMs from various halls at one time and place proved quite difficult. So I have had to rethink my previous approach on this. I am now going to be seeking a meeting with Residential Experience to express these concerns along with gathering feedback from Residential Leadership as to how the model has worked or not worked.

## ANU Medical Centre

I recently met with the pharmacist from ANU who detailed a pretty dire situation for the health landscape at ANU. Students are repeatedly going without medication or having to



take old medications due to the shortage of GPs at the medical centre. Alongside this, they recently lost a Nurse Practitioner due to the shortage of staff.

Not only this, but the Pharmacy had reported a significant increase in patients inquiring about medical issues they are unable to help with, repeatedly having to refer students to medical centres outside of campus. The key problem with this is that given many students are from out of state or overseas they face great difficulty in accessing medical services off campus.

While there have been two new GPs recently, these GPs are only available on a part-time basis, leaving significant backlogs and high waiting times.

Given this, I have now established a working group with the purpose of advocating and campaigning for expanded medical services on campus- mainly getting more GPs.

If you have interest in this topic please do feel free to reach out via [sa.welfareofficer@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.welfareofficer@anu.edu.au)

I will also be meeting with ANU staff who preside over the medical centre so as to relay the concerns about the issue, and inquire as to what is being done to get more GPs on campus.

## **Transport**

Over the past weeks, I had the chance to meet with the ACT Minister for Transport, Chris Steel to discuss issues regarding the ANUSA Transport Vouchers since the rollout of MyWay+. We were advised that memo had been sent out to bus drivers to advise them to accept the vouchers and to not turn passengers away. However, if students still continue to have issues, we now have a contact within ACT Transport to notify them of such incidents.

During the meeting we also had the chance to discuss a bus on-campus. I detailed various issues with not having a bus on campus such as accessibility, safety, and lighting. Since then I believe ANU and ACT Transport have continued active discussions around having bus on-campus.

## **Buy Nothing**

I will be relaunching Buy Nothing next week!! With plans to have a bike raffle as part of the event. Students will be able to enter the raffle at the event, with the winner to be announced after the event. Super exciting super cool. If you have anything you would like bring for the event please do so!!

## **Hours**

Since the last SRC I have worked a total of 68 hours. I was on leave for a week between 31/03 to 06/04. Over the last fortnight I worked 22 hours, and after this week I will have met my hours for the last two fortnights.

[Reference H] - BIPOC Officer's Report

**ANU BIPOC Department Officer Report**  
**(SRC 3 30 April 2025)**  
**Aleesya Amirizal (she/her)**



**Outline**

1. Social Portfolio
2. Advocacy Portfolio
3. Finance
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**Social Portfolio**

**Events** - Similar to my previous reports, I am happy to share that BIPOC Department events have been seeing consistent high turnout. Our staple Chai and Chats events continue to be popular amongst students and we used one of these to particularly hone in on and engage with the Black and African Student Collective. I have also noted a significant increase in the amount of students using the BIPOC Base as a social space, many of them coming in to read, play board games, use the TV and even just to chat. It is great that people feel safe and comfortable enough to use the safe space outside of BIPOC events. We were reached out to by the BIPOC representative from Yukeembruk Village to collab with them, this being an exciting opportunity to engage with res halls. Currently a WIP but my first year rep and I are working hard to make it happen.

**BIPOC Rage Semester 1 Party** - Tickets for the BIPOC Rage party are currently on sale. Early bird tix (\$7) sold out the same evening that they went on sale while standard tickets (\$12) are still available. We have confirmed our DJs who are BIPOC students from ANU so it is super exciting to be able to give them a platform to perform. Set list will be dropping soon. We are still looking for anyone interested in photographing/videographing the event and general volunteering. There is a EOI on our instagram if you are wanting to volunteer. Get tickets!

### **Advocacy Portfolio**

**Racism Report** - After discussion with Jemma the Queer Officer, I have decided against seeking ethical approval by the university ethical approval committee for the the racism report survey. The process is very time consuming which puts us at risk of not even being able to get the report out on time. Furthermore, it also requires an ANU staff member to “lead” the project which I then feel infringes on our autonomy as the report is made for students and by students. ANUSA Legal has advised both Jemma and I that it is not necessary for the Racism Report and Queerphobia Report to need to be approved ethically. The ANU services page which describes when human research ethics approval is required explicitly states that *“Research that is not for academic use or publication is not required to go through the ethics review process”* As an ANUSA department is not engaged in an academic endeavour or in academic publication, the project is unlikely to be caught within the envelope of ethics approval requirements for academic purposes. My next steps from here are to send our finalised survey questions to ANUSA Legal who will then make sure we are legally protected and that private information is protected.

**Reflection on Country Panel** - Last Thursday, we held panel on Indigenous Australia in collaboration with ISD, Indigenous Dept and ANUSA VP. The event was very successful and informative and highlighted the intricacies of the Indigenous experience. Our panelists were so open to sharing and being honest when sometimes the truth was difficult to share. Our audience as well was very engaged. It was great to see so many conversions about country and our first nations peoples even after the panel had already ended. Special shout out to Seungbin, Vaish and Malachi for making this all possible.

**Mural** - ANUSA statement on mural coming out towards end of sem. Mural redone in bush week.

### **Administration**

**Elections** - Unfortunately, our treasurer has decided to take a 6 month break from university. Thus, there is now a vacancy on our exec. Nominations are currently open through our website and elections will be held next Wednesday during our collective meeting.

**Office hours** - My office hours are Wednesdays 3PM - 4PM at BIPOC Base or via zoom. Please contact me to set up a zoom link.

**Contact me -** [sa.bipoc@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.bipoc@anu.edu.au)

[Reference I] - Disabilities Officers' Report

# Disabilities Officer Report

## SRC 3, Semester 1, 2025



Lata Warner (she/her) and Matilda Webb (they/them)

Disabilities Co-Officers

*ANU Disabilities Student Association*

Prepared 26/04/25

### Contents

1. Executive Summary
2. Advocacy & Campaigning
3. Media & Community
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#### 1. Executive Summary

The DSA has had a great start to the term and has seen great engagement at our weekly events. have been working on both individual and issues-based advocacy, particularly concerning EAPs and ECAs.

#### 2. Advocacy & Campaigning

##### General Advocacy and Student Support

Issues with turnaround times for students getting an EAP are ongoing, so if this is affecting you, please use our email template to send to course convenors to ensure you are accommodated in the meantime. You can find this email template on the DSA linktree, attached to our socials.

Also, this semester the examinations office is under more stress, and therefore we have been notified that students must have an EAP in place by the 22nd of May in order to have their accommodations implemented for their exams. If you already have an EAP for this semester, don't worry, but if you have not gotten one or renewed one yet, please apply as soon as possible. We recommend applying at least 2 weeks before the deadline (so by the 8th of May) to have the best chance of receiving your EAP in time.

If you ever have any issues with EAPs, please don't hesitate to contact us at [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au), or any other means through which you are comfortable seeking contact.

##### The ANU Medical Centre

The understaffing of the ANU Medical Centre remains a high priority issue for us. We will be attending the ANU Medical Centre Working Group meeting organised by the ANUSA Welfare Officer

to direct strategy on how we will approach fixing this issue. At this time, before this meeting has occurred, I can't say what our next moves will be. I will be sure to mention this in my oral report at the SRC, once the meeting has taken place.

### **ANU Disability Parking Changes**

This year ANU has made a change in their parking policy, and they now no longer offer ANU Disability Parking Permits. Last term we launched our Disability Parking Permit Survey to get a better understanding of how this is affecting students and staff. From that, we have learnt that there is significant hesitance to apply for an ACT disability parking permit, for a variety of reasons including being unsure what the eligibility requirements are, or what the process looks like, or a fear for international students that having a disability parking permit may negatively affect their visa application later on. We do not currently have any evidence of students who had an ANU permit and have been denied an ACT permit.

We can confirm that having an ACT disability parking permit will not affect a visa application, largely because that information is simply not available to the people reviewing the visa. To address the other concerns, we are looking into educational resources and events to enable students to understand the system better and feel more confident in submitting an application.

The survey will remain open for the foreseeable future for any further responses. If any other issues come to light, we will respond appropriately.

### **Education Access Plan (EAP) Review**

This year the current Education Access Plan (EAP) process is up for review. This review will be conducted by the Inclusive and Respectful Communities team. We attended a session with the ANUSA VP and Education Officer where we were able to give our input on the issues and some potential improvements for the EAP system, focussing on documentation requirements, the enforcement mechanisms, and clear communication among other issues.

From this point, we are expecting a document of recommendations to be finalised within the next few weeks, and from that point we will determine our approach to ensuring as many as possible are implemented.

If you are particularly interested in this issue, please don't hesitate to contact us at [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au).

We are also working with Accessibility on making a list of common accommodations students can receive in their EAPs available, which will help students, especially people getting an EAP for the first time, know what accommodations they can ask for.

### **Extenuating Circumstances Applications (ECAs)**

This year the ANU is holding an ECA working group to try to address some of the issues with the system. We are working on being added to the working group itself, but so far Matilda was able to attend the first meeting as Vaish's proxy. We also had a thorough conversation with Vaish and Rosie ahead of the meeting to ensure we were all on the same page. We intend to continue attending these meetings and pushing for meaningful change for students. At this stage there is clearly an appetite for change, we are just hoping to ensure that change is positive.

If you are particularly interested in this issue, please don't hesitate to contact us at [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au). Both technical issues with the current system and major issues are welcomed, as we may be able to fix technical problems while large changes are still in the works.

## **3. Media & Community**

## Spoon Space access

The Spoon Space will remain accessible for those with card access 7am-7pm weekdays over the non-teaching period. Those collective members with 2024 access will have to reapply for 2025 access.

If you want Spoons Space access and do not yet have it, please fill in the form here, or find it on our linktree: <https://forms.gle/Px9WZMwB98Qg3YmG9>

## Social Strategy Update and Recurring Events

Information about our recurring events, including casual coffee, craft sessions and our collective meetings, are currently up on our Facebook page. There were a few changes over the last two weeks owing to all the public holidays, but we are now back to normal

## Movie Night

Last Thursday we had a movie night in the Spoons Space where we showed 'Big World' in Mandarin with English subtitles. This was organised largely by our Postgraduate Officer who is also an international student, in an effort to engage more international students with our department. We had a good turnout, though all were regular attendees, and the movie was an excellent watch.

We chose to show Big World because it had been highly praised by disability communities. We generally agree with this assessment, though we were disappointed to realise partway through that the actor playing the protagonist, a man with cerebral palsy, was not disabled.

## Navigating Healthcare in the ACT event

This week we are holding a Navigating Healthcare in the ACT event, run by the Health Care Consumers Association. It is being held on 30 April at 3-5pm, so at the time I write this it hasn't happened yet, but will have before SRC. This event covers things like how to find a GP, how to get the most out of medical appointments, and other tips for dealing with the health system in the ACT. I encourage anyone who could benefit from this to come along!

If you are planning to attend this event, please do register (for free!) via the qpay link attached to the event or on our linktree. This is largely so that we can share any resources with attendees.

## DSA x Indigenous Department Event

Next week we are holding an event in collaboration with the Indigenous department! It will be a consciousness raising event focussing on the issue of healthcare. It will also be single autonomous, meaning that you need to be either Disabled or Indigenous to attend, you don't have to be both. We made this decision because the DSA does not have many Indigenous people in our active membership, and none in our committee, and the Indigenous department similarly doesn't have many people who comfortably identify as Disabled. We are hoping that this can be a starting point for more events between our departments.

This event will be on Tuesday the 6th of May at 10am-12pm in the ANUSA Boardroom, please come along!

## Red Note Account

The DSA has recently launched a Red Note account. This initiative was prompted by our Postgraduate Officer, who is also an international student, and pointed out to us that many people he knows do not use facebook/instagram much, and we may be more effective using Red Note if we are interested

in cultivating a larger membership among international students. One of our Deputies and our Publicity officer met with the Publicity officer at the ISD in week 7. Thank you very much to Elaine for all your help setting up the account and providing preliminary (and potentially ongoing) translation help. This could not have happened without you!

We now have a few posts up advertising our most recent events, and we are planning to continue expanding the page.

## 4. Administration

### Office Hours

Office hours have begun again for the year. This semester, office hours will be held every Friday 12pm-1pm. In odd weeks, Lata will take office hours in-person in the Spoons Space. In even weeks, Matilda will take office hours online at a Zoom link posted to our Facebook page. Meetings will also be available by appointment - please email [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au).

Over the last two weeks, public holidays have frustrated our schedule. In both weeks office hours were relocated to Thursday afternoon. From this week onwards, we will be back to the usual schedule

### Secretary Election

At our last collective meeting last week, we held an election for the position of secretary, which has been vacant since early last term. We have elected Ayu Pupita Ningram as the new DSA secretary. They were not present at the meeting, so we have sent them an email inviting them to our next committee meeting. We are all very excited to meet them, and to have a secretary again.

### Spoons Week and Spoons Soiree Subcommittee

Each year, the DSA holds Spoons Week (a disability awareness week) in week 4 of semester 2, and Spoons Soiree (a DSA end of year party) around week 8 of semester 2. To plan these events, we create a subcommittee, and elect a director.

At our last committee meeting we closed nominations for director. Since we had no nominations, one of our Deputies and our Social Officer will serve as co-directors. We did have 2 nominations for the committee, who will be contacted soon as we plan the first meeting. Nominations for the committee will remain open, so if anyone is interested in attending please fill out the form online - it is attached to our facebook post about the topic - or send us an email.

### Conflict of Interest Policy

At the last collective meeting we passed our new conflict of interest policy. After our induction as officers late last year, we realised that the DSA did not have any policy or processes around conflict of interest, and so we sought to create a new one. We have created a policy that is tailored to the DSA and our needs. The document, which can be found on our linktree, includes an explanation of the significance of the policy and examples of how we will use it and how members can declare conflicts of interest. It was checked by the ANUSA Gen Sec and the DSA committee before being presented to a collective meeting.

### Financial report since December 1, 2024

Money in

Item	Amount
Basic Funding from ANUSA	\$5,000.00



#### Money Out

Item	Amount
Casual Coffee	\$279
Events	\$26.20
Officer Meetings	\$21.50
Collective Meeting Dinner	\$164.70

Total Out: \$491.4

#### Timesheet

During the period between 19th March 2025 and the writing of this report (26/4/2025), the co-officers worked a total of **117 hours**.

Most of this time was spent meeting with ANU, Accessibility and the ANUSA Executive, attending weekly events, some individual advocacy and other behind the scenes work for our main issues this year.

## [Reference J] - Environment Officer's Report

### **Environment Officer SRC 3 Report**

"Was the earth made to preserve a few covetous, proud men to live at ease, and for them to bag and barn up the treasures of the Earth from others, that these may beg or starve in a fruitful land; or was it made to preserve all her children?" - Gerrard Winstanley



### **Introductory remarks**

Jamie Newton continues to be an exemplary Deputy Officer worthy of thanks. I should also thank Maxi Howes for showing up to stall multiple times for the EC and doing a fantastic job getting loads of signatures and engagement. We also are likely to have a new Deputy Officer and Treasurer by the time the SRC meeting happens, but those elections will happen after this report is submitted.

### **Timesheet**

Since the beginning of my term until Sunday 27 April, I've worked 15.2 weeks - this is quite low because I've taken 4.4 weeks of leave (2.4 weeks holiday leave, 2 weeks sick and personal leave) in addition to the Christmas shutdown and public holidays. In that time I've worked 212.8 hours which averages out to exactly 14 hours per week. My target is 14 hours a week in line with Executive members.

A very detailed timesheet can be provided on request.

### **Recent Activities of the Collective**

#### **FOI event**

EC Co-Convenor Jamie ran an event explaining the Freedom of Information process along with the Education Committee. There was a decent turnout and the session was informative - thanks to the ANU FOI team for coming by and letting us know how they approach the process.

#### **Report and building ANU ZERO**

For anyone unaware, our ANU ZERO campaign calls for the ANU to divest from weapons and fossil fuels ([sign our petition here](#)). I continue to stall in Kambri or Uni Ave every week where it's possible, which is a promise I made during my last campaign. I've also written a [report](#) proving that 10 of the 39 Australian universities have essentially done what we've asked for and divested from all or the vast majority of fossil fuels. Another 3 universities have divested from companies who primarily produce fossil fuels, like Woodside, which the ANU disgracefully remains invested in. That means the ANU is behind 1/3rd of Australian universities on this question. I've written an op-ed in Woroni publicising this [here](#).

#### **Thrift stall for flood relief**

On Wednesday, I was very pleased to participate in ANUSA's second-hand clothing event on behalf of the Environment Collective. Re-use is a big part of the so-called circular economy, so it's always good to promote it as part of our sustainability work. Also, we were able to raise funds for the important cause of Queensland flood relief. We're seeing more and more

strange disasters around the world like bushfires in winter and tropical storms outside of tropical areas, which clearly has something to do with climate change. It was awesome and important to raise money for the victims of one of these disasters, but we need to advocate for emissions reduction to stop more of these disasters from happening in the future.

### **Governance reform**

Since the last SRC, the Collective successfully campaigned to remain a Department. Huzzah! That said, I'm not in favour of ignoring the fact that we misused student funds in the past, so I did want to make some substantial changes to the EC's internal governance that would make sure we can retain the confidence of students and ANUSA. We successfully passed changes to add a non-profit clause to our constitution and to add a new role of Treasurer (which has hopefully been filled by the time you read this). This is in addition to changes we've made in the past making very clear there are obligations to consider SSAF purposes and value for money in all our purchases. I promised to fix the EC and in many ways I've done so.

Having said that, I'm very upset by the decision of the Collective to reject my motion that would require the Collective to request permission from the Treasurer of ANUSA before spending \$750 on one item or event. This was a very sensible proposal, reached through good-faith negotiation, that would not have negatively affected the Collective's operations. I think it was rejected for fundamentally spurious reasons by people who aren't interested in the best interests of the Collective or ANUSA as an organisation. The intolerable lengthy freeze of our funding is partly due to the Executive and indeed the university's administrators, but those people who voted against this common-sense compromise can be blamed as well.

### **Planned Activities of the Collective**

#### **Forum on 'the impact of climate change and fossil fuel extraction on Indigenous communities'**

When running for election, I made a promise to host an educational forum in collaboration with the Indigenous department on the impact of climate change on Indigenous communities. I'm very pleased to say this event is going to go ahead on Wednesday, May 14 at 5:30PM in the Heydon-Allen Lecture Theatre/HA Tank. We have three very insightful speakers planned. They are Brianna Gordon, a PhD student studying how mining is impacting Wiradjuri communities, Ella McEvoy, an undergraduate land rights and anti-Adani activist, and Bradley Bell, a Ngunnawal elder who sits on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body (our local equivalent of the Voice to Parliament) and has many years of professional experience in water rights management.

I think this event is very important for two reasons. First of all, many people, including in this room, see climate change as an upper-class idealist issue and aren't sure if or why opposition to climate change is important. If we're going to rebuild the climate movement on campus or in this country, we're going to need to convince people of the fundamental truth that climate change is impacting ordinary people and communities. Second, this event is very important because Indigenous issues have been completely neglected on campus and

in Australian politics more broadly since the Voice Referendum. Student politicians and adult politicians all got together and promised to keep fighting for Indigenous communities after the Referendum failed, but instead it's been basically radio silence since then. I reckon that's disappointing, so I hope there's a big turnout here to demonstrate that we shouldn't leave Indigenous people and Indigenous land rights behind.

### **Opposing course cuts**

The ANU cut two environmental majors last year, Geography and Environmental and Resource Management. The removal of Environmental and Resource Management is a disgrace in particular. There are classes on environmental management within the Environmental Science major, but those are really two different areas. The removal of the Environmental Management major is going to harm our environment because we need a future workforce to protect our nation's endangered lands, waters, and biodiversity.

Given the ANU is clearly going after students who study environmental degrees, the Collective has considered it worthwhile to help build efforts against the course cuts, particularly the upcoming Student Strike on May 1, which has been endorsed by ANUSA as well. To bring turnout to make the day more of an actual strike, No Cuts at ANU has proposed there should be a schedule of other events from clubs and other groups during the day. As such, we've organised a 'seed ball' making event which should go ahead tomorrow at 10AM if the weather is good.

### **Remarks on strategy**

Following student politics since 2020 has taught me some things. Any serious person who calls themselves an activist or who runs for an advocacy position in the union should learn lessons from the past. They shouldn't repeat the exact same mistakes as previous failed movements. I have made mistakes from all perspectives, but I have tried to synthesise what I've seen and learned into some ideas that I'm attempting to apply as Environment Officer.

### **Less agitation, more propaganda (and know the difference!)**

Basically, agitation is sending out a simple message to a broad base of people, for example during a protest or strike. Propaganda is sending out a more sophisticated message to a few people, for example by writing a newspaper editorial, or holding an educational forum. This distinction between agitation and propaganda is sort of from socialist theory, which I learned from reading a Tom O'Lincoln pamphlet. But it really is useful for people of any political view - though people of non-socialist views would probably use different names for the concepts.

My view on the application of this principle to student politics is that inexperienced office-holders have often tried to do too much agitation and too little propaganda. They have often tried to call protests on issues, like AUKUS or housing supply, that students don't currently care about, without doing the hard work of building a dedicated base of activists first. A lot of students got burned out and essentially 'retired' from activism or politics due to these efforts, which they could see were failing.

I haven't called any protests this semester. Instead, I'm trying a political education and engagement blitz to recruit and motivate people. This has included vastly improving our social media engagement with regular posting. Almost all of it is pushing my main message -

we need to rebuild the climate movement. It also includes running a public panel on climate change and Indigenous communities, which is meant to do the hard work of actually convincing at least a small group of students to care about the real personal impacts of climate change, and consider becoming climate activists. I've also written multiple editorials in Woroni pushing the ANU ZERO campaign and our vision for climate politics.

### **Democratic and participatory, but not unguided**

All political groups and movements, including the Departments, should be genuinely democratic. Why would anyone sign up to a group where they don't get a voice or a vote? Why would anyone be part of a project it's impossible to be personally invested in? Democratic trade unions, for example, do much better than anti-democratic ones, and the same is true of activist movements.

That said, I've also seen the chaotic effects of totally leaderless, unguided movements. In the encampment for example, we often saw the exact same arguments rehashed constantly, a lack of real strategy and tactics, and meetings that went on far too long and achieved nothing. Movements like this alienate people just as much as undemocratic movements do, because nobody likes coming to a group for the first time and seeing no strategy and no vision articulated there.

Balancing between these pitfalls is basically impossible. I've seen almost infinite groups fall into one problem or the other and very few get it right. I also have an authoritarian, inflexible personality. One principle I've put in place that guides me into thinking in a more democratic way is to say 'yes' to any new ideas other people put forward, unless they are logistically infeasible or politically unsound. This approach which I've consciously taken has led to basically all of the Collective's events and activities, which were usually put forward by other people. However, my 'try to say yes' policy doesn't absolve me from the responsibility of putting forward a broader vision for the Collective, allowing of course the possibility for democratic disagreement, which I think I have done. If you read my policies at the last election, for example, you'll notice that I've implemented essentially all of them, which is a sign that I've been operating with some strategic foresight.

A great author on trying to hold up this Ming vase and have both democracy and leadership is the late Jane McAleavy. Many of her principles are not easy for me to put into practice - for example, she argued that people should organise within existing community structures rather than single-issue groups, which I can't do because I've been elected to lead a single-issue group. That said, I've been inspired by her injunctions against top-down, anti-democratic models, and I also approve of her words against 'mobilising' efforts that only preach to the converted.

### **Finances**

We're still being prohibited from spending our money by the ANUSA President and the university. At the beginning of my term on December 1, the total balance between our bank accounts was \$5,202.21. Our total balance now is \$5,201.31.

### **Income**

Date	Bank Statement descriptions	Money in
01/12/24	Interest	2.95
01/01/25	Interest	3.04
01/02/25	Interest	3.06
01/03/25	Interest	2.76
01/04/25	Interest	2.29

## Expenditure

Date	Bank Statement descriptions	Money out
01/12/24	Debit card fee	3
01/01/25	Debit card fee	3
01/02/25	Debit card fee	3
01/03/25	Debit card fee	3
01/04/25	Debit card fee	3

## [Reference K] - Indigenous Officer's Report



### **ANUSA INDIGENOUS DEPARTMENT OFFICER'S REPORT** **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2** *Malachi Bayley*

- 1. Recent Events/Upcoming Events**
- 2. General Advocacy and Wellbeing**
- 3. NAIDOC Week Campaign**
- 4. Expenditure Report**

#### **Acknowledge of Country**

*I would like to acknowledge the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people as the Traditional Custodians of this land in which we gather on, but which I also live, work and study on. I recognise the ongoing and everlasting efforts that the Elders, past and present, have put in to ensure the continuous survival of culture, country and education regarding Indigenous Peoples. I would like to further recognise that sovereignty was never ceded, and this was and always will be Aboriginal land.*

#### **General Introduction**

Hello! My name is Malachi (he/him). I am a proud Dyirrbal and Yolngu man, although I grew up on Dharug and Wodi Wodi country. I am the 2025 Indigenous Officer, and I am a third year student studying Peace and Conflict Studies. I have been in this Department for two years now, as I was the 2024 Secretary. I was also heavily involved in the Department in my first year, as well as being very active within the Tjabal Centre. I would like to thank the previous Department Officers and Exec, as well as all the staff at Tjabal, for all their assistance and support that they gave and continue to give to me.

#### **1. Recent Events/Upcoming Events**

The Indigenous Department has had a variety of events that have occurred. From our Coffee Catch Ups, we had a bit less turnout than usual for this semester, although that is due to a mismanagement aspect of the Department exec. We also had our usual Department Meetings, where we discussed upcoming events such as the now passed Reflections of Country panel and our NAIDOC Week Campaign.

We have quite a few events upcoming, making the Department decently busy for Term 2. We have a collaborative Forum with the Environmental Collective discussing the Impacts of Fossil Fuels and Climate Change on Indigenous Australia in Week 11, which we hope will be a great success. We also have a discussion group event with the DSA upcoming where we will talk about Healthcare in the ACT and around ANU in Week 9. We will also be having autonomous events such as San Churro Night in W8. Overall, we are looking forward to a great term and end of semester.

## **2. General Advocacy and Wellbeing**

The Department has been working towards increasing the amount of Advocacy and Wellbeing that it provides for all Indigenous students. This includes resources on mental health and access to it for mob, acknowledging Indigenous students and staff's successes at ANU, and hosting events aimed at letting Indigenous peoples take a break from study/work and be able to have a safe environment to relax in. We are aiming to achieve more next Semester with more Campaigns and Advocacy based events, especially in the educational sector. As my capacity as Indigenous Officer, I am also sitting on a Reconciliation Panel that Fenner Hall and Burton and Garren Hall are working on to discuss the importance of it as an Indigenous student.

## **3. NAIDOC Week Campaign**

There is not a lot to say regarding the NAIDOC Week Campaign that the Department is hosting. We are hoping to finalise deadlines for our documentary to be done, including interviews and editing, as well as finalising dates for the Showing/Q&A Non-Autonomous event and for other events that we are hosting alongside it. We will be reaching out to the Ngunnawal Centre at UC this week in hopes to have an autonomous event with their centre. We look forward to having updates on this.

## **4. Expenditure Report**

Income (as at 24/04/2025)	Description on statement	Notes	amount
Refunds	Booktopia	Refunds from purchased made in 2024 that could not be delivered	\$625.2
Saving account Interest	Interest	Saving account income	\$16.67
Reimbursement	AMELIA DESOUZA	Reimbursement from queer x indigenous department picnic snacks	\$44.18
<b>Total income</b>			\$686.05
Expenditure (as at 24/04/2025)	Description On statement	Notes	amount
Recurring events	As you like it	Coffee catch up week 6	120.9
Recurring events	Crust Pizza	Department meeting week 5	129.5
Running cost	Big w	Wrapping papers	10.75
Recurring events	Aldi	Shut up and study	40.25
Recurring events	Coles	Shut up and study	47.8
Non-recurring events	Archie brothers	Holey Moley event	302.04
Non-recurring events	Aldi	Movie night	31.44
Non-recurring events	Big W	Movie night	13.4
Non-recurring events	Daily mart	Movie night	4
Recurring events	SushiShushicanberra	Department meeting week 7	94
Recurring events	Daily mart	Department meeting week 7	4
Non-recurring events	Badger&Co	Badger night event	151



Debit card fees	Debit card fees	Miscellaneous	6
<b>Total spending</b>			\$955.08
<b>Current Balance</b>			<b>\$15,456.47</b>

Indigenous Department expenditure report week 4-7 Semester 1

# ISD SRC 3 REPORT



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# Introduction

Hey! I'm Seungbin Kang (he/they) and I'm the 2025 ANUSA International Officer. I'm from South Korea and grew up in Singapore before pursuing a Bachelor of Asian Studies and Environment and Sustainability here in the ANU.

My work involves representing, advocating, and supporting international students in the university. Oftentimes international students are missing voices from the table who disproportionately faces the burden of an increasingly profit-driven education. The ISD is committed to doing all we can to improve the lives of students in our collective, and would love for all interested ANU students to reach out to us!

You can reach out to us via our [Facebook page \(https://www.facebook.com/anuisd\)](https://www.facebook.com/anuisd), or email us directly at [sa.international@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.international@anu.edu.au).

# Committee

The ISD had an Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. We will have fortnightly collective meetings on even week Tuesdays from 6pm at the ANUSA Boardroom.

The Committee had a planning day on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April where we planned our activities from semester 1, term 2 until the end of the winter break. We will reconvene for another planning session during the winter break to plan for bush week and the rest of the year.

We inducted new General Representatives to the committee on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of March.

# Governance

Constitutional changes will be made during our collective meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> of May, 6pm. The scope for these changes are currently being worked through with the Secretary and the rest of the committee, and there will be a working group created to focus on the project.

# Finance

See financial report below.

# Advocacy portfolio

**Content Warning: Sexual assault and sexual harassment**

We are working alongside Victim Survivor Voices in organising a workshop for victim survivors of sexual violence on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May at 6pm. This session is aimed to be a safe space for people to have conversations about their experiences of sexual violence.

We are organising a panel on International Student Housing on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of May at 6pm, demystifying false claims from the government and opposition that international students are the cause of the housing crisis. We are pleased to have received confirmation of attendance from Associate Professor Michael Mu, the lead researcher behind a study conducted by the University of South Australia that found no significant correlation between international student migration and housing prices in Australia. The panel will also feature researchers, journalists, international student advocates, education experts, and community groups in advocating for a positive shift in policy making centered around the lived experiences of international students. [Woroni article on said issues thank you Saboor and Adriano \(https://www.woroni.com.au/news/campus-perspective-study-debunks-link-between-international-students-and-rising-rents/\)](https://www.woroni.com.au/news/campus-perspective-study-debunks-link-between-international-students-and-rising-rents/).

In the ANUSA AGM on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, we moved and passed a motion regarding international student mistreatment during the federal election. It is disheartening to see that since the motion was moved, that the Labor government has announced an increase of student visa fees from \$1,600 to \$2,000 in order to meet policy costings proposed in the elections. This once again demonstrates a clear disregard for the value of international students beyond the cash cow behind the multi-billion dollar international education industry. The International Students' Department condemns all political parties that seek to continue the extractive and exploitative relationship between international students and the lucrative international education business, and have been working in supporting students and raising awareness around these issues. [See my motion here \(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W8RP4Dmq3yfee5JuseT6IIHlb2brT5GLQCFpa7HLlcM/edit?tab=t.0\)](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W8RP4Dmq3yfee5JuseT6IIHlb2brT5GLQCFpa7HLlcM/edit?tab=t.0).

It is unfortunate the National Union of Students International Officer is still unresponsive with any contact from various international student collectives across the country. I have taken the initiative to form a connection with the USYD SRC International Student Collective, UWA International Students Department, UMSU International Students Collective, and CAPA and SUPRA International Officers.

Weihong Liang, the SUPRA Education Officer and I have launched a petition opposing increases to visa fees. We are still in the process of properly launching the campaign but the petition can be found [here \(https://chnng.it/ppsbWZqPvT\)](https://chnng.it/ppsbWZqPvT). I highly encourage all SRC representatives to sign on to the petition, and share it within your networks. Weihong and I have been also in the process of establishing a National Representative Body for international students since the dissolution of the Council of International Students. It is important for there to be a peak body representing international students on a national level. We will be reconvening in May alongside other international student representatives.

In ANU, I have been working with the ANUSA President in releasing a joint statement between ANUSA and the ISD re: visa fee increases among other international student issues, and endorsing

this petition. I have also been in contact with the National Union of Students to organise a joint-statement between the NUS and the National Tertiary Education Union if possible. I have also been in the process of writing an article for Woroni on this issue, apologies Woroni for the extremely late submission coming up.

Visa fee increases and student caps, among broader political discourse punching down on international students is a long-term issue. I look forward to dedicating my time and resources of the collective in advocating for these issues and the interests of international students. It is clear that now more than ever we must take a proactive stance against the profit-driven university sector that is hellbent on extracting every last finances from international students.

Continuing the focus on ANU, we have had positive strides in achieving an autonomous space for international students on campus. We have met with Lisa Kennedy who supported our proposal, and am now in the final stages of submitting a report to Lisa for a space to be obtained. We hope that such a space will be operational by the beginning of semester 2, 2025.

I have also been involved in the organising for the May 1<sup>st</sup> action. I will be speaking at the action about the corporate university, cuts and fee hikes, and the exploitation of international students.

We are also in the process of developing an International Students Survey. There has been extensive work done by groups such as Allianz on international student wellbeing, and we aim to focus this on the context of ANU. Thank you to the UMSU International Collective in particular for assisting us with this survey. This also involved meeting with PSP standard surveys in ANU.

Some work is being done on the graduations side of things. We are waiting on notice whether graduations will return on February next year to decide the scope of the campaign.

I've also met with the residential hall international officers. It was proposed that an Interhall International Council be established to coordinate the work of various international officers and offer higher level support and representation. This was something that previously existed pre-Covid, and I am excited to support bringing it back this year.

Lastly, I am a part of the Medical Action Group Less Band-aids More Solutions. We are organising an open letter for release on the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> of May (Tues/Wed), alongside an action during week 12. In addition, we might organise a panel on medical advocates.

## Education portfolio

We will be conducting alongside Allianz a OSHC Workshop on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May covering OSHC and bulk billing in Canberra, and troubleshooting any difficulties people are facing with their healthcare claims.

We will also be organising a panel with the ANUSA Lawyers and representatives from the Department of Home Affairs discussing the 858 National Innovation Visa for HDR students on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 3pm at Graduate House.

An International Careers Fair is being organised for Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. This career fair is targeted specifically for international students, and will feature a collaboration of a majority of academics societies across campus. We are currently in the process of preparing a proper budget for this and seeking additional sources of funding if possible.

A thank you to Malachi, Aleesya, and Vaish for our work in organising the Reflection of Country Indigenous panel. The event was well attended and the conversations were fantastic. Thank you to the panelists, Faith, Hunter, Krista, Dave, and Malachi (again!).

An International Zine is also being prepared through the SCRIPT fund from Woroni.

We are also organising a housing and tenancy workshop with Legal Aid ACT.

## **Welfare portfolio**

The week of the 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> of May is dedicated as a Wellbeing Week for ISD. We have various events such as a workshop hosted by MIEACT on suicide prevention in POC and international student communities, a ramen workshop, postcard making, casual crafts, and launching our fortnightly conversation group.

Additionally during the exam season, we will be providing care packages to students who sign up.

## **Social portfolio**

On the evening of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, the ISD alongside ANUSA is hosting a Cocktail Evening. I am grateful for the return of a collaboration between the ISD and ANUSA (prev. PARSA). This is a sold out event.

Coffee Catchups has been a hit with large amounts of attendees at each. We will be hosting them once every 2 weeks.

The Iftar event held between the ISD and the BIPOC department was well attended with fantastic Palestinian food.

A movie night was organised by our Social Officer which was well attended.

We have started conversations around organising the annual Tapestry of Culture even with the various cultural clubs on campus. It is looking like a semester 2 term 3 event.

Thank you to the Womens Department in co-organising a picnic with our collective. It was a well attended event.

And additionally thank you to the Queer\* Department for co-organising a Boba Run with our collective. Loads of boba was had.

We are organising post-exam Badger night for our collective members to catch up before heading off for the break!

And lastly an interhall mixer is planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> of August evening. This will be alongside various hall outreach work we will be doing.

## **Publications portfolio**

Our social media presence is going well. We had difficulties with the website processing our domain purchase and have reached out to Squarespace for assistance.

## **ANU Committees**

I have sat on no ANU committees since the last SRC.

I will be attending the upcoming Academic Board meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May as an observer. I will also be attending the new Student Engagement Hub on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May.

## **Shoutouts**

A massive shoutout to Jira our social officer for organising the bulk of our upcoming cocktail evening!

## **Upcoming projects**

- Autonomous Space advocacy
- Careers Fair
- Social staples
- Conversation groups
- National Advocacy Body
- Graduations
- Visa biz
- Interhall magic

## **Income & Expenditure**

As of 29/04/2025

<b>Opening Balance as of 1/12/2024</b>		<b>(Bank account not accessed yet)</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>ANUSA Baseline Funding</b>		<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Merch Sales Revenue</b>		<b>\$258.00</b>
<b>Cocktail ticket sales(until 29/04/2025)</b>		<b>\$1,940.00</b>
<b>2024 Remains</b>		<b>\$4,196.27</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$11,394.27</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Merch Expenditure</b>	<b>-\$986.59</b>	
<b>Department Fete</b>	<b>-\$22.94</b>	
<b>Market Day</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Tangyuan and Lantern Night</b>	<b>-\$107.32</b>	
<b>Speed Friending and Trivia</b>	<b>-\$107.37</b>	



<b>Valentines' Chocolate Making</b>	<b>-\$380.74</b>	
<b>Canberra Grocery Tour</b>	<b>-\$161.22</b>	
<b>Movie Night</b>	<b>-\$72.00</b>	
<b>Let's Speak English</b>	<b>-\$34.70</b>	
<b>Financial Literacy Workshop</b>	<b>-\$60.70</b>	
<b>Holi</b>	<b>-\$263.47</b>	
<b>Enlighten Festival</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>BIPOC Coffee Chat</b>	<b>-\$139.93</b>	
<b>Committee Retreat</b>	<b>-\$154.20</b>	
<b>Women's Dep Picnic</b>	<b>-61.86</b>	
<b>Genrep intro</b>	<b>-54</b>	
<b>Committee Planning Day sem 1</b>	<b>-80.6</b>	
<b>Coffee catchup</b>	<b>-195.75</b>	
<b>Boba tea event</b>	<b>-167.26</b>	

Cocktail event (deposits include)	-7425.91	
Total Expense	-\$10,476.56	
Closing Balance as of 29/04/2025		\$917.71

## [Reference M] - Queer\* Officer's Report]

### SRC 3 - Queer\* Officer's Report

Jemma Rule, 28/04/2025.

Hi everyone, my name is Jemma Rule (she/they/ia) and I am your Queer\* Officer for 2025. As Queer\* Officer, I represent and advocate for all queer students at ANU. This includes, but is not limited to, students identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual/biromantic, transgender, intersex, asexual/aromantic, brotherboy, sistergirl, non-binary, gender-diverse, pansexual/panromantic, polysexual/polyromantic, and questioning. If you have any questions about my report or the Department, please feel free to contact me via email: [sa.queer@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.queer@anu.edu.au).

#### Department Activities

**Admin** – New committee members have now received their handovers and are settling into their new roles. The committee held an internal meeting during the teaching break to share progress on key activities within the Department and discuss goals and next steps for Term 2. Much of the discussion focused on developments regarding the Queerphobia Report and Queer\* House. The Officer also met with all committee members individually across Week 6 and the teaching break; all committee members are working well together and fulfilling the responsibilities of their roles.

**Finance** – Received \$10,000 in funding from ANUSA. Both Deputy Officers have now completed their ANUSA stipend forms, which have been shared with the ANUSA Finance Officer for approval. We currently have around \$3,000 tied up in an old bank account; this is inaccessible to all signatories except a previous Queer\* Officer who held the role a few years ago. Contacted the bank over the phone to organise recovery of the bank account; planning to go to the bank in person to discuss further. Moving committee communications around finances to Slack has proven successful, with spending approvals and receipt submissions now easily separated from general communication through use of separate channels. As the free version of Slack deletes messages after 30 days of being sent, the Treasurer is screenshotting all spending approvals and receipt submissions to upload to the Department Google Drive, thus ensuring records can be kept beyond that period.

**Advocacy** – The Department helped organise the Trans Day Beyond Visibility rally in Canberra on 31 March. Specifically, the Officer was involved in organising and marshalling for the rally, one of the Deputies (Jules) led a walkover to the rally, one of the Deputy Officers (Raffy) was a legal observer, the Publicity Officer was a speaker, and several other members of our collective were involved in organising, marshalling, and speaking at the rally. The Department also released statements for Trans Day of Visibility, International Asexuality Day, and International Lesbian

Visibility Day. Aiming to release statements for similar days or weeks in future, including IDAHOBIT, Aromantic Visibility Day, and more.

**Events** – Schedule for Term 2 events confirmed, all events booked besides collabs. The election of our Postgrad Officer has meant we can now run postgrad autonomous, and postgrad focussed events, which have had great turnout from postgrad members of the collective. To increase engagement, discussion groups have been reworked as informal panel discussion events featuring guest speakers, and there will be two of these events this term: a panel on trans and gender diverse perspectives, and a panel on asexual and aromantic experiences. Fortnightly crafternoons have also been reworked as weekly Queer\* Zine Working Bees to increase engagement with, and submissions to the zine, although turnout to the events themselves remains low. Fortnightly Queer\* Coffee events will continue as is.

**Publicity** – Publicity deliverables (e.g. style guide, post schedule) have been revised to be easier to meet. A Zine channel has been added to the Discord, and plans have been made to make more posts across Department socials to promote zine submissions. Facebook events, and Rubric events are being made for all Term 2 events requiring registration. Aiming to share all important posts to Discord, and create a RedNote account for the Department.

**Queerphobia Report** – The Experiences of Queerphobia Survey has been released! There are three versions of the survey: a student version, alumni version, and an accessible version. The Department encourages all queer\*/LGBTQIASB+ identifying ANU students and alumni to take the survey before responses close at 11:59pm on 23 May 2025. Several more meetings of the Queerphobia Report Working Group have taken place, with the group now meeting weekly rather than biweekly. The working group's focus has now shifted from research design to survey promotion, with members organising times to distribute flyers and posters for the survey throughout Term 2. Additionally, a working group member has submitted an article about the report to Woroni, and the Officer has submitted a motion to SRC 3 for ANUSA to endorse the survey, following the Department's unanimous decision to endorse it as a collective.

**Queer\* Zine** – The total number of submissions is now at 14. Aiming to increase zine submissions to 15+ by the end of Semester 1 for a publication date in late Semester 2. Planning to encourage members to submit art, photography, illustration, or other artwork to the zine, as the majority of submissions are currently written pieces.

**Gender Affirming Gear** – The 2025 Gender Affirming Gear program will be launched in Week 9 after discussions with the Department committee, ANUSA President, and ANUSA Treasurer. The program will include feminising gear (bra inserts and tucking underwear), and masculinising gear (binders, packers, and packing underwear). These items can be requested through a form that we will open in Week 9. All queer\*/LGBTQIASB+ identifying ANU students are encouraged to

request gender affirming gear through the program. The form will remain open until 11:59pm on Monday 26 May. Aiming for gear to be ordered over the winter break, and the collection period to be held in mid-Semester 2. There will also be a restock of trans tape which will become available in Semester 2. Students do not need to request this item through the form. Planning to have further discussions with the Department committee and ANUSA Treasurer on gear ordering, collection, and funding arrangements.

**Queer\* Ball** – The venue for the ball has now been decided; the 2025 Queer\* Ball will be held at the Canberra Rex Hotel. The contract has been signed and the first deposit payment made. The venue is affordable and accommodating to the Department's needs, including our request for gender-neutral bathrooms and sensory friendly spaces for the event. Aiming to open expressions of interest for the Queer\* Ball Planning Group in Week 10. The group will advise the Department committee on decorations, performers, music, and so on.

**Mapping Campus Gender-Neutral Bathrooms** – One of the Deputies (Raffy) has been in touch with the ANU Spaces team to discuss the project, and the team is keen to make a map for us once we finish mapping all gender-neutral bathrooms on campus. Around two thirds of campus has been mapped. Planning to continue working on this project until all campus buildings that are reasonably accessible to students have been mapped.

**Autonomous Space** – The new location for the Department's autonomous space has been confirmed. Painting and window frosting will proceed, and is currently being organised via the ANU's capital works team. Per the Department's request, the ANU Spaces team is seeking quotes for the cost of a kitchen installment in the space. At our last collective meeting, Department voted unanimously to endorse the relocation of the Department's autonomous space, as well as the renaming of the Department's autonomous space to 'Queer\* Space'. This change will take effect once the move has taken place. After considering feedback from a consultation between the Officer and one of the Disabilities Students' Association (DSA) Co-Officer, the Department also voted unanimously to reaffirm its support for the Department's Safer Spaces Policy and its commitment to fighting ableism in both autonomous and shared spaces. Aiming to continue seeking updates from the ANU Spaces team, specifically around the kitchen installment, card access to the space, and the transferral of larger items from Queer\* House to the new space. Also aiming to continue discussions with the Disabilities Students' Association to ensure our collectives navigate shared spaces in a safe, inclusive, and respectful manner.

**Other** – The Officer, one of the Deputies (Jules), and the ANUSA Education Officer met with the Inclusive and Respectful Communities team to discuss LGBTQIASB+ exchange students' travel and safety. This meeting was productive, with all members expressing interest in further collaboration in response to this issue. Aiming to continue regular meetings with the team across Term 2. The Officer received an invite to attend the Inclusive Communities Student Engagement Forum, participate in

the ANUSA Welfare Officer's Campus Medical Services Working Group, and get involved in the ANUSA Club's Officer's anti-fascist stickering action.

The Officer responded to a media enquiry from ANU Observer; the article should be out in the next few weeks. The Officer is organising an interview with Woroni Radio, and provided feedback on an article about the Experiences of Queerphobia Survey, which will be posted in Woroni in the next few weeks. The Deputies are continuing to organise a meeting with A Gender Agenda and Meridian to discuss potential collaboration.

*This is not an exhaustive overview of the Department's activities nor is it a specific report into the Queer\* Officer's activities. Please reach out if you would like more information about any aspect of the Department's work, which can typically be found in collective meeting minutes.*

## Hours

Since December 1, I have worked approximately 429.25 hours.

## Income & Expenditure

Income: \$10,016.50

Expenditure: \$2,227.20

Current balance: \$10,419.53

Date	Amount	Merchant	Statement description	Bank balance
19/03/2025	-\$50.60	Domino's	Collective meeting food	\$2,579.63
19/03/2025	-\$44.18	Indigenous Department	Event food	\$2,535.45
19/03/2025	+\$10,000.00	ANUSA	ANUSA funding	\$12,535.45
27/03/2025	-\$98.87	Lab ANU	Event food	\$12,436.58
11/04/2025	-\$1,596.00	Canberra Rex Hotel	Ball venue first deposit payment	\$10,840.58
13/04/2025	-\$47.96	Domino's	Queerphobia Report Working	\$10,792.62

			Group meeting food	
14/04/2025	-\$37.65	Wenshuo Zhang	Reimbursement for event food	\$10,754.97
15/04/2025	+\$16.50	Renee Young	Reimbursement for collab event food	\$10,771.47
16/04/2025	-\$51.60	Domino's	Collective meeting food	\$10,719.87
17/04/2025	-\$82.40	The God's Cafe	Event food	\$10,637.47
21/04/2025	-\$24.20	Wenshuo Zhang	Reimbursement for event food	\$10,613.27
23/04/2025	-\$18.60	Domino's	Event food	\$10,594.67
23/04/2025	-\$54.00	Kebabs Belconnen	Event food	\$10,540.67
24/04/2025	-\$35.49	Lab ANU	Event food	\$10,505.18
24/04/2025	-\$75.04	Lab ANU	Event food	\$10,430.14
24/04/2025	-\$7.61	Lab ANU	Event food	\$10,422.53
24/04/2025	-\$3.00	Big W	Postering material	\$10,419.53

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## WOMEN'S OFFICER REPORT

Jade Poulton

27th of April 2025

### Introduction

The ANU Women's Department has had a significant few weeks, with major work underway across our campaigns, support services, and feminist community spaces. We've run and supported impactful events like the *Vote4Her* rally this morning, launched new advocacy initiatives, and continued our weekly feminist programming.

### August 1st

Preparations for the annual August 1st protest are underway. The campaign this year will focus on demanding urgent action from the university on sexual violence, transparency in misconduct responses, and improvements to support services. We are currently reviewing past campaign materials, drafting a briefing document, and setting up planning meetings with allies and past organisers.

We have also begun forming a *Women's College Reps Working Group\** to support on-campus Women's\* representatives. Many college reps face challenges such as low funding and limited institutional support—this working group will provide a platform for shared advocacy, event coordination, and peer support.

### Support

Such movements are full of solidarity, anger, and shared care for one another. It is important to know that there are lots of support resources and services both through the ANU, ANUSA and the broader Canberra community and if you need help accessing these, I'm always more than happy to help and can be contacted at [sa.womens@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.womens@anu.edu.au)

### Birth Control Subsidy

The Department has continued refining and promoting our **Birth Control Subsidy**. We recently finalised an information guide outlining available contraceptive options and associated PBS pricing, and we're working with the collective and ANUSA to explore the program's budget sustainability and expansion possibilities.

### Period Product Equity Working Group

Our Period Product Equity Working Group, led by Katie, has begun work on key projects including:

- Expanding access to menstrual products on campus



- Advocating for menstrual waste bins in all gender-neutral and accessible bathrooms
- Auditing the availability and accessibility of gender-neutral bathrooms
- Promoting inclusive and affirming language around menstruation

The group will continue meeting over the semester, with reports and mapping work expected by winter break.

#### Book Club and FCR

**Feminist Consciousness Raising (FCR)** continues every Tuesday at 5pm, exploring themes from reproductive justice to feminist economic theory.

Our **Book Club** launched in Week 8 with *bell hooks' Feminism is for Everybody*. A second session is planned for Week 12.

#### Governance and university engagement

We've engaged with the University's review of the **student discipline framework**, providing feminist-informed feedback on consent policy, sexual misconduct processes, and gendered impacts of disciplinary responses.

Very excited to begin engaging with the Medical Services Working Group!

We've also provided updated **role descriptions** for Women's Department committee members, including the new First Year Representative and Postgraduate representative positions - on that note I'm so excited to announce the new members to our committee, Isabelle Devadass and Esy Gracia!

#### Rose Room

The Rose Room is our autonomous space on campus, it can be found in the Copland Courtyard.

If you would like access to the Rose Room - please contact me at [sa.womens@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.womens@anu.edu.au) or you can find the google form on our linktree in our Instagram bio.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### Collective Meetings

The Women's Department Collective Meetings are held at 6pm every second Monday at the ANUSA boardroom. Members of the Department are invited to come along to hear about what we're doing!

#### FCR

Feminist Consciousness Raising is on every Tuesday at 5pm. Our Deputy Officers, Em and Leto run FCR each week, however we are looking for external facilitators to lead our

conversations. If you have a topic that you think would suit FCR, please reach out to our Deputies at [anu.womens.dept@gmail.com](mailto:anu.womens.dept@gmail.com).

Expenditure	Amount
FCR	\$90.29
Collective Meetings	\$36
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$126.29</b>

### Timesheet

I have worked approximately 330 hours since December 1st. Mondays and Thursdays are my office days, but please feel free to reach out if you would like to meet me outside of these hours at [sa.womens@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.womens@anu.edu.au)