



## **AGENDA – ANUSA STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 7 2023**

Wednesday, 11 October 2023

6:15pm, Zoom and Marie Reay 4.02

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

#### 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

Phi passes the chair to Milli

#### 1.2 Apologies

### **Item 2: Passing the previous meetings minutes**

#### 2.1 SRC6

Moved by Luke, seconded by Ben. Passes.

Procedural to move to motions before reports. Moved by Yerin, passes.

### **Item 3: Executive Reports**

#### 3.1 President's report (B. Yates) [Reference A]

BY: I extend my gratitude to the people who made this job wonderful. I'm so proud of what we achieved this year, we doubled our membership and I think one big union is a great change for students at ANU. I'll more or less leave it at that, congratulations to Phoenix who has my intense adoration and faith that they can carry out the role.

### 3.2 Vice President's report (G. King) [Reference B]

GK: Also my final SRC, I have been in about over 20 of those. I will take my report as read while saying a few things and mentioning a few people. Ben has been wonderful, my partner in crime throughout my entire time in university. He is so hard-working, intelligent, kind and funny. I have really appreciated working with him, and could not have done it with anyone else. Phi - thank you for being so kind, so hard-working and so cool. As clubs officer, thanks for taking everything on, and doing so well. Done a wonderful job. Bea - for teaching me so much, and inspiring me. Speaking in a way that gives everyone confidence and with a really kind energy. Makes everyone feel motivated. Katrina - for having such a kind energy. People feel good to hang around you. Luke, my bestie, thank you for coming along also, on late notice. For having great ideas, being fun and committed. You have done a really good job. Charlotte, for doing such a good job. Being so fun and funny and bringing light to the role. Good luck being me - small shoes to fill!. To all the department officers, I loved working with you. To the gen reps and college reps, I loved working with you, all the way back to December 1st. Congratulations to all the new elected reps, and good luck. Left-wing activism doesn't end ever. Good luck!

### 3.3 Education Officer's report (B. Tucker) [Reference C]

BT: Won't speak too much to what i've written. I agree with Grace, this doesn't end at December 1st, I'll still be around. I think anusa has changed my life and being around this very strange institution for the last three years has been an unexpected rollercoaster. I know now how to reconcile the experience with reality. There's a lot that i've learnt and it's bittersweet working 35 hours a week and being able to choose where that energy goes is exciting. I'm grateful to everyone I've worked with over the last few years, we've learnt from each other and challenged each other. I've really enjoyed working with Rex this year especially.

### 3.4 General Secretary's report (P. O'Neill) [Reference D]

Phi: Thank you to the executive, we have been an amazing team and I am proud of the work we have done together. Most valuable things we have built have come from executive meetings. Thank you to Kai as well. Have formed what I want to see on our exec next year. To department officers, you are so hardworking. You make up the best conversations. Some of the best discussions on ANUSA come from you. To general reps. Be proud of yourself for the work and activism you have done. Things like Daley Road bus and transport vouchers. Shout out to those who came to the housing action collective. Not super typical of something that the gen sec would do. I am proud of it and the results and looking forward to next year. Proud of what we have done this year and am super excited for next year. Excited to be President this year and proud of the people in the room. See you next year

### 3.5 Treasurer's report (K. Ha) [Reference E]

KH: want to thank everyone in every meeting, thank you for always listening to my report. As a BIPOC and international student i was worried about going into the exec but you all made me feel so welcome. I'll be deleting slack december 1.

### 3.6 Clubs Officer's report (C. Carnes) [Reference F]

CC: Buy your ticket to union ball. I know it is expensive, but it is a sit down dinner and an open bar. You can select the club, people you want to be sat with. Will be a really nice night. Vote in the clubs awards. Notes date of ball. Has yapped on about changing the o-week system, though something I am proud of. Something you will not see come into fruition unless you have been clubs officer, or on exec. Am proud of the concerted effort to bring students not politically engaged into the NTEU strike. Would also like to thank the entire executive, including Kai. Kai was a massive support to me, mostly because has a full licence. A lovely guy. A massive thanks to Phi, my president. I think being a club officer is an incredibly alienating and isolating role, working away from executive. Also, working consistently overtime. Having someone on the executive who has been through that and understood has been helpful. I also want to thank Ben - can be a bit tough love sometimes. Grateful for it. Hopes that future Clubs Officers will not have to work 40 hour weeks. Wants to thank Phoebe. They have been there every step of the way. Having someone so close has been super valuable and helpful. Have loved being a Clubs Officer. Get to interact with so many people

### 3.7 Welfare Officer's report (L. Manning) [Reference G]

LM: Take mostly as read. Want to hold a flag rally this friday night at Garema Place to stand in solidarity with Palestine. Congratulations to Skye for being elected Welfare officer, you are built for the role. Stepping into the role has been hard mid-year. When elected earlier you spend time building-up to what you want to do. Has been difficult without. Thank you to Bea, have worked closely with you over the past, through the years in building my politics. To Ben, you have always believed in me, even when I lost welfare last year. To Phi, you got me involved in stupol to begin with. You have always been supportive, and I love working with you in so many capacities. To the rest of the executive, you have been really supportive and lovely. To the Department officers, the work you do has been inspiring - looking forward to keeping in contact. To socialist alternative and Labor, thank you for keeping me on my toes. Super keen for next year.

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

### 4.1 Indigenous Department (A. Knack) [Reference H]

Apologies

### 4.2 Women's Department (P. Denham) [Reference I]

\*insert Phoebe's speech that they wrote out\*

SS: Asking all Department officers how much they earn in stipend and how much they work.

PD: my stipend is 20k for the year, my timesheets earlier this year has been incredibly detailed, less so but still currently. The work we do is not counted through hours and shouldnt be. It's a

management role, it's work that deals with our personal identities. I have a huge amount of work to show for this year. Happy to provide my timesheet over email.

#### 4.3 Queer\* Department (J. Jayawickrama) [Reference J]

Apologies

#### 4.4 International Students' Department (S. Fawwad) [Reference K]

Apologies

#### 4.5 Disabilities Department (M. Robson and M. McCarthy) [Reference L]

MM: We're doing good cop bad cop, I'm bad cop. When i started this job i thought the worst ableism would come from the anu but it's come from people who are supposed to be my peers. These people treat my collective and I like we're nothing. If fighting for my collective makes me a dictator then I accept that. I am constantly villainised by several independents and every faction for the work we do. It's been really saddening to see department officers used as political pawns. There was a recent display of anti-democracy in a department election which I won't name. Stacking is appalling. Marginalised communities are not your political playground. Your politics must come second to the experiences of marginalised individuals. I don't want to detract from the work we've done this year. I think we've done some great work this year including our campaigns.

MR: There are people we owe thanks to. We've had great allies in ANU staff. There are staff who we've been able to raise concerns to. Thanks to our fellow department officers as sources of support. Our fabulous committee who've solidified into a great group, they made our spoon space what it was. People who've put in the grunt work that has allowed us to focus on the advocacy we should be providing. Chats in the spoon space and chats at our casual coffee make this worthwhile.

SS: We can all agree the DSA is an amazing group. How many hours do you work and what's your stipend?

MR: We each get 15k for the year and do average of 15 hours each.

MM: We agree with Phoebe's analysis.

#### 4.6 Environment Department (R. Michelson) [Reference M]

RM: Many thoughts. Has been gratifying and challenging. My two year stint in the EC has been the realization of much longer investment in struggles. Collective has come away with really tangible engagement in struggle. Perhaps I could have done more. I have some thoughts in report. Still, steadfast in his commitment to the collective and belief in it. I Want to give

commendations to people on the collective. Watching you work has been inspiring. To the executive, for their consistent support. To Bea, Salt called us working together during the election nepotism, though I call it a working relationship. Rely on Bea's support.

SS: How many hours do you work and how much is your stipend

RM: Take on notice, though says that stipend is below minimum wage and it varies.

#### 4.7 Bla(c)k, Indigenous and People of Colour Department (P. Najafzadeh) [Reference N]

PN: I still have a lot of work left to do this semester, the zine for instance which should be out in week 12. I'm so excited to share the art and writing of our collective with this campus. Thank you to Woroni for giving us a grant for the printing. We have our racism report coming out which will be via documentary, it'll be out in december after teaching period. We've interviewed a lot of people and we want to make sure our participants are safe. I want to touch on EthnoCon. I wrote about it in my report but I'll say don't be racist if you're literally attending EthnoCon. It shows how student unionism and the NUS is not safe for BIPOC people. We've elected our new BIPOC officer Selena! I'm so excited for her. In terms of my experience as officer this year, it's been the joy of my life. My exec are my ride or dies. I couldn't have done it without them. We were able to get our safe space, the name is BIPOC Base. I never realised how hard it would be to get a space up and running so I got good at building ikea furniture. I want to thank Phi and Ben and the rest of the exec for all their support. As department officers we don't always have the background knowledge to make our ideas come to fruition. To the other dept officers, thank you. I realised at ethnocon how different the experience is for other departments and we all uplift one another.

SS: same question

PN: I earn 20k, I agree with Phoebe. It's become a norm for officers to expend so much of their time and energy into this role, I don't think it should be the norm to work yourself down.

#### 4.8 Parents and Carers Officer (A. Jackowski) [Reference O]

Apologies

Motion to consider all reports en bloc passes.

### **Item 5: General Representative Reports [Reference P]**

Skye: Taking my report mostly as read. I think I've had a great time as a genrep, managed to get a lot done here and outside of SRC. Building the strike, building protests, doing the daley rd bus. Excited to be Welfare officer, meow. There's a national campaign of importance going on

right now which I expect people to be at on Friday at 5.30 in Garema Place in support of Palestine.

Sarah: Thank you to Benjamin (Yates), Bea, Mickey, Skye, Brandon, Jemma Rule, Elise, KDB, Florence Cooper, Phoebe, Nick Reich and Lata Warner. Next year, I plan to work on wage-theft. In terms of a campaign to get interest, so far it has failed. If you are an upcoming general or college rep, would appreciate support and collaboration. I know Skye got 1000 signatures, though she is a better campaigner than I. Please message me on facebook.

Max: I'll take it mostly as read. 3 days until the referendum, anyone who has time to campaign for a week of stupol has time to campaign for the yes vote over the next 3 days.

Chris: Come to book launch on Indigenous liberation and socialism, October 21.

Yerin: Been a lot of drama on whether or not we get a palestine motion. This is so historically significant, this was one of the worst nights Palestine has every seen. I reckon if anyone stands with anti-colonial struggles and agrees with what the Harvard students have argued in their open letter then you'd agree that israel is completely to blame. I'll see you on Friday.

Brandon: take my report as read. I've loved being a genrep, it's been so valuable. I'd like to thank Sam for his support. I'm so excited for the upcoming year of ANUSA to see what Will and Milli do in their position. Brandon names incoming genreps from his ticket and is excited to see what they do.

Ollie: reiterate what Brandon just said and take his report as read.

## **Item 6: Discussion Items/Motions on Notice**

### **6.1 Disability Royal Commission: Abolish NDIS, more funding now**

#### *Preamble*

The final report of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability was tabled in Parliament last Friday. It highlights in thousands of pages, with more than 9,000 submissions, rampant levels of abuse that people with disability suffer in Australia – especially where they have been segregated out from mainstream society in healthcare, employment, education, and housing.

The report is harrowing, and show the results of decades of neoliberal underfunding of support services, welfare, and housing for some of the most vulnerable people in society. One of the sharpest edges of this underfunding is the neoliberal National Disability Insurance Scheme,

which forces people with disability to navigate a bureaucratic maze to get the minimum of care and assistance.

Despite this, the Royal Commission's recommendations are overwhelmingly focused on small tinkering around the edges of existing government policy and procedure, including the NDIS. Most of these are fine – such as the creation of a Disability Rights Act in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – but hardly groundbreaking. Some suggestions are clearly inadequate: like the raising of the minimum wage for people with disabilities to half the standard minimum wage, with the aim of wage equality more than a decade away.

On top of this, the Labor government has been ambiguous as to how many of these 222 recommendations will be implemented.

Taking the findings of the commission at face value, these recommendations are insufficient. The oppression, abuse, and exploitation of people with disability is at its most severe when they are separated from mainstream society, with underfunded healthcare and welfare systems unable to provide the support required for their independence and autonomy. We should demand further than the recommendations, for the abolition of the NDIS, and for increases in welfare funding for all.

### *Motion*

1. ANUSA acknowledges the findings of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability, and condemns the inadequate state of funding and support for people with disability resulting from decades of bipartisan underfunding.
2. ANUSA demands the abolition of the NDIS and replacement with direct support for people with disabilities, including for example increases in funding and accessibility of all welfare provisions including the Disability Support Pension, greater funding for public housing including accessible housing, equal wages for people with disabilities, and more.

Moved: Carter Chryse

Seconded: Sarah Strange

**Friendly amendment on notice:**

Add a third point to the motion:

““3. ANUSA condemns the lack of higher education reforms by the Royal Commission, especially the failure to abolish the Disability Standards for Education which forces students to have less protection against discrimination than the Disability Discrimination Act.”

**Friendly amendment on notice:**

Amend the second point of the motion to read:

“2. ANUSA believes the privatized and inaccessible NDIS is a fundamentally flawed model. Rather than bureaucratic reforms or funding cuts, we demand a public system of disability care that is genuinely free at the point of use. We also demand other direct support for people with disabilities including increases in funding and accessibility of all welfare provisions including the Disability Support Pension, greater funding for public housing including accessible housing and equal wages for people with disabilities”

**Friendly amendment on notice:**

Amend part 3 of the motion to just read "ANUSA condemns the lack of higher education reforms by the Royal Commission."

**Amendment on notice:**

Remove point 2 of the motion.

Moved: Maddi McCarthy

Seconded: Mira Robson

MM: Three friendly amendments on notice, stated above. No dissent.

CC: moving this motion because the report came out in full last week. Most important stuff is the harrowing tales of neoliberal state of welfare in Australia harmed some of the most vulnerable people in our society. Privatised healthcare, NDIS, poor support pensions, among others are harmful. Most important element of the report is recognising that this is a result of the neoliberalisation of healthcare. Disappointing thing is the recommendations, 22 of them, one of



them has a dollar figure attached to it which is for the complaints line for the NDIS. This is shameful, disabled people deserve better. 500,000 out of 4.2 million disabled people get funding from NDIS. Appalling. You need to abolish NDIS and put money towards public and national healthcare systems.

SS: Fully support this motion, I'm personally an NDIS recipient. Before that I had free therapy from the ACT but that was shut down when the NDIS came in and was outsourced to private providers. The state run disability care system has been entirely replaced by privatization. I ultimately feel the NDIS was a good thing compared to what came before but it's so important we have a public model of care. In terms of the royal commission, everyone expects it to be a magic bullet but we need to do something with this commission, things don't just happen and when they do happen they need to be adequately done.

MiMc: Unfriendly amendment on notice to remove .2 of the motion.

Maddi McCarthy (against): I am bound by my collective to say what I'm about to say, 2 things have been raised to me. People who are on the NDIS have raised they don't want it abolished without a different solution. It's not specific or concrete enough to use something vague. Collective members also would like to see the recommendations and actions following before such a harsh stance is taken.

CC: Not wanting NDIS to be abolished is not useful, where we are facing cuts to the NDIS without replacements we'd need to talk about that. The people who benefit most from the institution are not disabled people but providers who go private. I wish Maddi could say what she thinks on this and would not be beholden to her collective who have different opinions to her. This is a political debate. This is the point of consultation, she is personally for the motion and justice for disabled people is fighting for better conditions.

PD: Departments should be considered. Role of officers, know their community more than anyone. Consulting gives a starting point, and this is what Maddi is speaking to. Should not be disregarded

SS (against): I came to the DSA to collaborate as a member on this motion. I'm an NDIS member supporting this motion. Maddi doesn't even personally support this amendment, as one of the only NDIS members in the room I oppose it. Let's talk about politics in a substantive way. If you're going to support this amendment do so on the basis of your politics not your identity. I too am a member of the collective and she's not deferring to me. In my view, it's clear in this motion that we're calling for more disability funding to replace the NDIS model which is extorting money out of disabled people.

Beatrice Tucker (against): On basis of what has been stated as reason for amendment. Believe that if we leave time for action after royal commissions, when the media buzz is over,

we lose opportunity. While this is still in our minds, collective action is imperative. If we let this momentum pass by, we are not honoring testimonies. Being able to say the system of privatisation is flawed, replacing it with public system that is free is so vital and so important.

Aveline (against): The NDIS is an insurance scheme where money is handed out to private providers where they provide a service. The business is built around a scheme whereby the money never makes it to the people and to the care it ought to. The NDIS is flawed by design, it is by design that they hand out money to extortive businesses. When we call to get rid of HECS we don't call for no replacement, we are calling for NDIS to be abolished and for there to be an adequate replacement. The money should go to the people who need this support. This is a rort by design not because someone found a loophole.

Isabella Harding (PoC): Universal healthcare is the goal and we wouldn't need NDIS under that because they'd not need to pay for their healthcare. That has been fought for by disabled people. The NDIA is absolutely cooked but point of clarification the money is given to disabled people.

Aaron: if you want a new system where you inject a bunch of money into it where is that money coming from? As long as this new system is reasonable and can actually improve the health of our population.

CC: We're not the government. Half a trillion dollars going towards submarines and not disabled people. The government's rich, tax the rich, give that money to disabled people.

Isabella: Healthcare fundamental to our future. It is one of the most climate-safe jobs, fundamental to our lives. We have already had a levy for funding that works. Taxing the rich is always a good idea, but always cringe when people say funding disabled people cost money. Should not be about expense. We will always need healthcare. Should have funding and the fact we don't is appalling.

The amendment fails.

The motion passes.

## 6.2 Fighting Against the Fee Hikes

### Preamble

In June this year, the ANU decided on the increase in accommodation fees for on-campus residences for 2024 as follows:

Bruce: \$500 → \$528

Burton & Garran: \$260 → \$287

Fenner: \$330 → \$357

Toad Hall: \$265 → \$282

Wamburun: \$330 → \$342

Wright: \$470 → \$497

Yukeembruk: \$369 → \$382

This comes in the face of years of massive hikes to accommodation fees at residences. In 2020 Fenner Hall was \$295 and will be \$357 in 2024. This isn't to mention the large number of fees residents are slapped with during their time at college. Res com fees, room changeover fees, cleaning fees, bonds, and more. Residents are also faced with horrible conditions at colleges. Rat infestations, wasp nests, not enough cooking and storage space, consistently broken washing machines, just to name a few. Meanwhile, the positive experiences that residents have while in a res hall are conjured almost entirely by extremely underpaid student representatives.

In 2016, the ANU sold off on-campus accommodation to an investment company, AMP Capital for 30 years and now AMP Capital are in charge and decides how much money to charge students while they are living and studying on campus. This has led to tariff increases (yes, residents pay 'tariffs' not rent) that are consistently above inflation.

To top it all off, residents sign an 'occupancy agreement' when they move into their residence. This agreement restricts the rights residents have (such as being unable to terminate their contract fairly) and prescribes extremely punitive punishments for even the smallest of actions. Residents are extremely exploited and this shows a failure of the ANU's duty of care to students.

It's important for students to mobilise and fight back against the ANU in this regard. With consultation with the Housing Action Collective, presidents of residential committees at halls, and ordinary students, a petition has been created to mobilise students with the following demands:

An immediate freeze on accommodation tariffs for 2024.

A commitment from the ANU to stop privatising on-campus accommodation in perpetuity.

Establishing a new occupancy agreement in consultation with students that affords students basic rights.

Increase consultation with students regarding the functions of residential colleges and increase transparency about how the university manages residential colleges.

These demands came out of the experiences of students unable to afford to live, who felt insecure about whether or not they could remain on campus, and who have received no information or transparency about how the colleges are run.

### Motion

ANUSA condemns the ANU for its privatisation of its on-campus residences.

ANUSA endorses the petition against fee hikes, encourages all students and SRC members to sign the petition, and will actively promote the petition on social media.

Mover: Luke Harrison

Seconder: Skye Predavec

LH: Most people understand the current situation. The last few years has seen annual rent hikes, increases of 6-8% which is above CPI. Students shouldn't have to choose between work and study to live on campus. There are additional fees such as cleaning fees which negatively impact students. I've been talking to reshall presidents and heads of halls to start fighting for this. We're starting with a petition of 4 key demands, as above. Rescomm members are having meetings with reshall management who are telling them nothing and leaving them in the dark. We need to build and mobilize to fight against ANU.

Skye Predavec: It's horrible that in the middle of a housing crisis that affects every single person in the country, ANU chooses not to be a haven for students with lower rents but instead chooses to raise rents for so long. These rent rises are even above the ACT's rental caps.

Sam (against): A question about the motion, which unsuccessful Together candidates will be chosen for EWAG positions?

It was clarified that this is actually about the next motion, Sam was confused.

Phoebe Denham (for): One of the most ridiculous things about privatisation for res-halls, is that they use it as an excuse for every time they don't want to spend money on reshalls or SRs. Say money is connected and can say oh well it is out of our control.

Phoenix: Link is now in the agenda.

Chris Morris: It's shameful that there are private businesses involved in this. The university is privatising the accommodation on campus. It's good that there are actions on this, we need to hold ANU accountable for this as well as any government that has allowed this to happen. Occupancy rights section is important, occupants should have the same rights as tenants.

Luke (RoR): Next couple of weeks I'll be making flyers and posters, come get involved, we'll make a group chat.

Motion passes.

## **6.3 EWAG**

### Preamble

Written in the ANUSA Constitution is the 'Education Committee' that the Education Officer runs to organise education issues on and off campus. While still being called the Education Committee in the constitution, Ed Com was renamed the Education Action Group (EAG) and then the Education and Welfare Action Group (EWAG) to reflect that it is an organising space for all students to attend (not a committee of people appointed), to recognise the intersection of education and welfare issues and that both the Education and Welfare Officers are activists positions.

Both of us (Luke and Skye) have been Deputy Education Officers in the past two years and we both recognise the structure has some flaws and ran on policy to try and improve the deputy structure and EWAG itself. We aim to remove selected Deputy Education Officers and replace them with elected and stipended EWAG Co-Convenors. The idea is to make EWAG more democratic, accountable, and efficient to organise better.

This motion deals with the 'elected' part of the new changes. We're essentially asking the SRC to approve the process by which we will elect the EWAG Co-Convenors, especially given we will need them for summer for training and preparing for O-Week. This process is as follows:

The 2023 SRC approves the creation of Education and Welfare Action Group Co-Convenors as a replacement for Deputy Education Officers and approves the election process for them. (this motion)

The Education and Welfare Officers will open submissions for 3 Co-Convenors via Google form in late November/early December.

The SRC will elect the Co-Convenors at SRC 0 as per the regulations of SRC elections

The SRC will ratify the election of the Co-Convenors at SRC 1

### Motion

The SRC approves the creation of Education and Welfare Action Group Co-Convenors as a replacement for Deputy Education Officers

The SRC approves the process outlined in the preamble for electing Education and Welfare Action Group Co-Convenors

Mover: Luke Harrison

Seconder: Skye Predavec

LH: In the constitution the Education Committee exists which deals with ed matters, it's evolved into EWAG this year outside of the constitution to organise for ed and welfare issues. Skye and I have recognised that it's flawed, we want to elect co-convenors and give them stipends. The SRC will elect these people.

SP: Democracy's important. The dep-ed system was flawed.

Sam McRae: I'm in favor. Unsuccessful Stand Up! candidates can do it too.

Isabella Harding: Where is money coming from?

Luke: Executive will work over summer - this focuses on the election process. We will sit down over summer and discuss where money will come from and present that to the SRC.

Isabella: So is it just establishing the position without knowing where money comes from?

PO: This is just to make them electable, to pay them we'd need to do it at an OGM next year. This doesn't bind us to pay them at all

SS: This position is already in the constitution, the way it works now is that Luke could just choose any candidates they want so this is a better approach. Especially for Stand Up! candidates.

Will: Thinks a lot of committees created by constitution have expectation that do a lot of work with no compensation for work they put in. part of ANUSA increasing engagement is engaging students in way they can do the work. Students are busy. Paying them is really important. Confident it is an important job for the executive next year.

PO: Clarifying motion is not to vote on paying.

Sam MacRae threatens to run for EWAG co-convenor

Motion passes.

#### **6.4: Voice to Parliament: opposing the racist 'No' campaign means voting 'Yes' in the referendum**

##### Preamble

Anti-racists must vote 'Yes' in the upcoming referendum on the Voice to Parliament to oppose the racist 'No' campaign. Despite how ineffectual the Voice to Parliament will be at seriously addressing indigenous oppression in this country, we must recognise that a 'No' victory in the referendum would embolden the racist right and be a step backwards for the cause of Indigenous rights and anti-racism.

The right wing 'No' campaign led by Liberal Party leader Peter Dutton has brought racist anti-Indigenous rhetoric back into the mainstream and set political terrain on this question backwards by decades. Dutton has claimed that the Voice will 're-racialise' Australian society, undermine democracy and give 'special privileges' to Indigenous people. Jacinta Price even went so far as to say that colonisation has been a good thing for Indigenous people. This racist rhetoric, combined with declining support for the Voice in national polls, has raised the confidence of the right-wing of Australian politics. The right will only be further emboldened by a 'No' victory in the referendum. To prevent this outcome, left-wing student unionists should support a 'Yes' vote.

Importantly, we must also be prepared to label the arguments of the 'No' campaign racist and point out why that is the case. It is disappointing that representatives of the official Yes campaign are not only avoiding calling the arguments of Dutton and Price racist, but they are refusing to defend those who do point this out, like Marcia Langton, when they come under attack.

Encouraging students to vote 'Yes' in the referendum does not mean holding illusions in the ability of a Voice to Parliament to deliver real change for Indigenous people. The Australian Labor Party has reassured big business that the Voice will remain a toothless, symbolic institution with little to no power. Previous bodies similar to the Voice (such as the Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Commission), or overseas equivalents as exist in Canada and New Zealand, have made little difference to the lives of most First Nations people.

On top of this, the Australian Labor Party has proved time and time again that they have no interest in actually challenging racism in this country. On the 8th of August, the state Labor government in Western Australia shamefully overturned the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act, which provided a modicum of protections against the wanton destruction of Indigenous heritage that was carried out by Rio Tinto at Juukan Gorge in 2020. Just two weeks ago in Queensland, the state Labor government recently changed the law to criminalise breaches of bail conditions by young people and suspend the Human Rights Act in order to allow the detention of youth in adult watchhouses. Queensland has the largest youth prison population in the country, 62.6 percent of which is made up of Indigenous youths. Labor, in power federally and in every mainland state, is at the forefront of entrenching racism towards First Nations people.

These left-wing criticisms are not the content of the mainstream 'No' campaign. While a minority of progressive Indigenous and non-indigenous people support a 'No' vote in the referendum, they are marginal to the debate around the Voice. The overwhelming majority of those voting No will do so on a right-wing, racist basis. A number of First Nations activists who previously supported a "progressive no" have recognised this dynamic and are now calling for a yes vote. The reality is, a victory for the 'No' campaign will be a victory for Dutton and the rehabilitation of racism. A win for the 'No' vote will make it harder not easier to fight for more serious anti-racist reforms.

To oppose this outcome, left-wing, anti-racist students must support the 'Yes' vote and continue their support for the collective struggles of Indigenous people in the fight for anti-racism and genuine reforms.

### Platform

- ANUSA endorses a 'Yes' vote in the upcoming referendum in opposition to the racist 'No' campaign spearheaded by Peter Dutton, Jacinta Price and the conservative right.
- ANUSA condemns the racist rhetoric of the right-wing 'No' campaign spearheaded by Dutton, Price and the far-right.
- ANUSA recognises that the Voice to Parliament would be a largely ineffectual body which would do little to change the plight of Indigenous people in this country.
- ANUSA commits to mobilising for and supporting activist protest campaigns such as the demonstrations each year for Invasion Day and rallies to stop Black Deaths in Custody, and campaigning to defend land rights against attacks from the mining corporations like Santos and Rio Tinto.



## Action

- ANUSA will share this statement off its social media accounts.

Mover: Nicholas Reich

Seconder: Yerin Park

### **Friendly amendment on notice:**

Amend point three of the platform from:

“ANUSA recognises that the Voice to Parliament would be a largely ineffectual body which would do little to change the plight of Indigenous people in this country.”

To read:

“ANUSA recognises that the Voice to Parliament alone will not be enough to change the plight of Indigenous people in this country, and that much more needs to be done to reverse it.”

Nick R: Want to emphasise the dynamic that has come to pass. Right has made massive gains. The liberals, Jacinta Price, Pauline Hanson. Succeeding in normalizing racist talking-points in mainstream discourse. All of the talking points about how given special privileges, given veto powers, dividing the country. Even where Jacinta Price said colonialism was good for Indigenous people. These points justify oppression. A clear indication that rank and severe oppression are the sharp edge of even broader systematic oppression in entrenched poverty, higher rates of suicide etc. Clearly Australia has a racism problem embedded in institutions of State that right want to further. Recognising the gravity of this and fact accepted in the majority of the population shows a significant problem. Also, failure of mainstream yes campaign to point this out. Looking at misinformation is side-stepping the question. Akin to saying: When feminism has gone too far, would not say that actually it is wrong, would say it is sexist. Should highlight that these are vicious arguments which justify oppression. Just like Marcia Langton did, and was attacked for. This is why he is voting yes.

Yerin: Just to talk about the dynamic, when the liberals announced their opposition a mob showed up led by a neo-nazi. There's been a recent investigation into harassment of Lidia Thorpe led by the actual National Socialist Network that showed up to the Posie Parker rally. These elements are feeling normalised by the debate around the referendum. The polling shows that no is going to win and the labor party will be demoralized and not touch improving Indigenous lives in the future. Our responsibility as ANUSA as a student union is to campaign in an anti-racist way so it's important we vote yes but feel very prepared to call rallies in the future.

Friendly amendment adopted with no dissent

Skye: I really like this motion. It is really important now that we all support yes in the upcoming referendum. Where we're at should never have happened - labor and moderate libs picked a losing fight from the start because they weren't willing to genuinely fight for Indigenous justice. They got mining companies on board who would never support indigenous justice. We need to vote yes but after Saturday, each and every person in this room needs to fight for truth and treaty, this does not end the Uluru statement however the result goes. Let's keep fighting.

Beatrice T: Think that what is important to point out, will be voting yes, but agree with the beginning of motion that voice will do very little. Also, there has been racism from the side of yes. The right have been getting momentum, but lack of teeth paves the way for confusion. At the start, there was support when we knew what it was. But confusion created afterwards. If yes, is it just a body putting fingerprints on guns saying the government got advice, but did not specify whether voice supports it? Labor is to blame for confusion, and the emphasis on the lack of teeth. Blame labor if no wins.

Abirami: I'm not Australian but I want to talk. A lot of people are concerned the voice won't do enough and I also support a treaty. But the voice is a pathway to a treaty. There's a Yoorrook justice commission in Victoria and Victoria has a treaty act and is closest to a treaty. All of this is possible because in Vic there's a structure similar to the voice. This is proof that an advice group for the parliament would work, it takes us one step closer to a treaty and if that's what ANUSA wants, we need a voice.

Phoenix O: Most has been covered. Shameful that we are one of only colonised countries without a treaty. Most of those that have treaties do not have a voice to parliament. Treaty does not need to come after voice. Emphasis on toothless nature is leading to no vote. Also, should call out the racist no campaign while showing how the voice is toothless and ineffectual.

Wren: The emphasis of our understanding is the racist right is ascending in our society. They're abhorrent and they're contributing to Howard-era type racism. They're bringing fears that Indigenous people will take over backyards etc. Yet the Labor party has appeased the right, they've supported alcohol bans in Alice Springs and they're still overseeing oppression of Indigenous people. They are making conditions worse in Queensland with youth detention, all of that is to appease the right. We can't win over racists, we need to genuinely call them out and fight back.

Aemonn Hassan The Labor party is not doing enough to combat racism; Created war that is not willing to win. Must emphasise the need to build anti-racist fight-back, similar to the 1967 referendum where there was a massive movement to fight racism. Need to bring it back. No party will fight for this. If the vote fails, Labor will give up on Indigenous issues. We need to put ourselves forward, show we are willing to stand up for Indigenous peoples and bring the fight.

Chris: Already been said

Nick Reich (RoR): 1967 referendum is a useful touchstone because it was a marginal adjustment even the Liberals supported. Similar dynamics but more willingness from ALP, left and union movement to drive a campaign that ballooned after the referendum into bigger campaigns for Indigenous rights. The role of student unions: it is important to call rallies to mobilise people against racism, as Socialist Alternative emphasizes. But also student unions have a role in making strong political arguments: we can be one of the only institutions correctly calling the No campaign racist. Obviously a lot of students will be voting yes but there's still space to wage arguments that cut through the arguments of the right and highlight what life is really like for Indigenous people in terms of oppression

Motion passes

## **6.5 VOTE YES**

### Preamble

ANUSA should believe in the importance of always standing up for justice, fairness, and the rights of Indigenous peoples. There could not be a more monumental inflection point in this area than in the years-long campaign thus far for a referendum and Yes vote for the Voice to Parliament - a crucial proposal within the Uluru Statement from the Heart, alongside truth and treaty, that seeks to empower First Nations peoples in influencing policies that directly impact their lives.

The ANU Indigenous Department has pledged not to advocate for any particular stance on this issue, recognising that its mob hold a variety of views on the value of this year's proposed Constitutional change. Instead of campaigning for one side in the referendum, the Department has engaged in an extensive educational outreach effort on campus to ensure that ANU students can engage in this year's referendum with accurate information that will enable them to confidently cast their vote. Their efforts have been unambiguously positive, empowering students with accurate information on their vote, and all respect should be extended to their position.

However, as individual students in an inherently political union - this does not deflect from our responsibility to distinguish right from wrong, and progress from regression. Over the past number of months, we have witnessed an unprecedented alliance of people fighting for a Yes vote as a modest step towards long-lasting First Nations justice. This is in stark contrast to a No campaign that has deliberately engineered widespread disinformation to stoke anti-Indigenous fear, prejudice, and division within Australian society for their own political gain. We must use basic common sense to discern this as an elected body and be unequivocal in deciding which country we want to live in after the 14th of October.

These implications of this moment clearly call for us to be unwavering in supporting, voting, campaigning, and engaging in conversations for a Yes vote in any and every circumstance.

The 'ANU Students for the Voice' chapter of Yes23 has been involved in organising stalls and calling sessions on campus, flagging local doorknocks, working with likeminded on-campus groups, and supporting all efforts in the wider community for a Yes outcome (including at the Canberra Walk for Yes) - connecting students to a national campaign that has brought tens of thousands of Australians together to be active in the face of history's calling. The chapter has brought in countless ANU students ranging from the otherwise politically uninvolved, to those who have run in the last student elections on all tickets (including all successful candidates independent of a ticket) elected to the upcoming SRC.

When it comes to the often-repeated call for activism, campaigning and advocacy to be at the centre of what ANUSA should prioritise as a student union - mobilising students to make the world a better place - then all of us engaging with this once-in-a-generation referendum for a Yes vote could not be a more transformative outlet of doing so. It is disappointing that a number of purportedly progressive members in this body (including in the executive) have not so far, and this must be rectified in these final days leading up to this crucial moment in history.

#### Motion

All members of the ANUSA SRC commit to supporting the Voice to Parliament and the full implementation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart

ANUSA calls on all SRC members to vote Yes in the Voice referendum

All members of the ANUSA SRC pledge to speak to at least three undecided voters before October 14th - this may be through phone banking, street stalling or talking to family and friends

ANUSA commits to actively engaging in national campaigns of significance according to its political positions as articulated by the SRC, such as those run by the National Union of Students and others of the same style as Yes23.

Moved: Brandon Lee

Seconded: Lara Johnson

Brandon: The previous motion covered a lot of what I would say. It's important we follow the Uluru Statement from the Heart. I think this motion covers the campaigning aspect of the referendum. I'm really proud to be part of the yes chapter and to be with a number of other SRC members who are part of the chapter. We recognise the value of the Yes vote, I urge all of you to be involved in campaigning in the next few days. I urge the SRC to be more proactive.

Lara: The voice comes from the Uluru statement. That's one of the more important points in this discussion. We should completely reject the idea that the people in this room who sit as labor factions are to blame for the voice failing. The people in this room have door knocked over 12,000 doors in only two months. That's more than anyone else has done. That's what will get

us a yes vote, not criticising the labor party from in this room. There will be national campaigns in the future at federal and state level. We need to engage in those and take active steps in a personal capacity not just as a student union. It's rattling to see people blame student Labor for the voice failing as we've put in so much work every day.

Point of clarification (Bea): was not blaming the people in this room, but asking them to reflect on the broader Labor party.

Ashlyn: I agree. I think that party messed up. I hope it makes you feel better now, 72 hours away from it. We set up ANU Students for the Voice right before the end of semester 1. You have refused to engage with that body, and are saying we should support it now. Where were you at the start? Ridiculous to state support now. We need another state to pass, with South Australia being important. Let me know if you want to help the phone-bank to campaign.

Charlotte (against): I voted up the previous motion but I will not be voting up this disingenuous motion. In no way did we ever say the people in yes shirts were bad, while this motion calls us, the executive, out. I don't know if any one of the Labor members have spoken to a single member of the executive on this issue. The previous motion is very different to this motion, this motion makes no attempt to note the flaws of the Yes23 campaign or the labor party. This motion does not recognise the grassroots Indigenous no movement. Not recognising that movement of Indigenous people is appalling.

Sam Mcrae (for): Thank God this SRC is finally taking up the yes campaign. The Uluru statement from the heart deserved our support from the start. So proud that in our groups we have knocked on doors across the country. We wish we could see more people doing so. Not just university students, but people across campus. Cannot talk about the yes campaign without talking about thorns coming from people across campus. Criticising Solidarity for doing a range of things except for supporting the referendum. Greens have been dragged kicking and screaming to support the voice, after voting for HAFJ have finally joined the right side of history by supporting Yes. Impressed by Socialist Alternative commitment to yes vote and commitment from the start. Still, we need to all do better, and this SRC has to do better.

Skye Predavec (against): I've covered the yes campaign itself and Charlotte made most of the points I want to say. What Sam said gets to the core of why I despise this motion. Point four of this motion is that we will engage with national campaigns in the future. It's crazy at this decisive time you want to play politics about NUS campaigns - it's in the motion. You want to play your games about Student Left Alliance and the Greens, do you support the Voice or do you want to play political games?

Will (poc): the motion here is about engaging with campaigns, action items about sharing social media statements. So which one is meaningful and which one is a joke?

Skye: The action items is that we'll vote yes, we'll speak to people, and we'll engage in future campaigns including the NUS.

Procedural to give Skye more time passes.

Skye: I agree that 72 hours is far too late to be having this discussion. Labor has people on the SRC, they are not observers, they could have moved a motion far earlier. Labor is expecting things to magically happen without their involvement. This is meaningless political point scoring.

Sam Macrae (poc): You should not have to be asked to vote yes and engage with this

Isabella (for): a bit rich to say we did not approach you. Acknowledge there is a grassroots no campaign. That is something up to the decision of experience and Indigenous people interaction with the state. It is a bit hypocritical to be on SRC and say you support a voice but protest about people not approaching you. Should have been involved in ANU Students for Yes, part of the yes23 campaign. Ashlyn fought hard for it. Easy to be involved. I have door knocked. Motion is just about talking to people who are undecided. Yes, labor people have been talking to people in campaigns, and yes has critiques about whether voice will do anything. But complaining about not being approached is a bit rich.

Beatrice (against): I cannot support the #yes23 campaign. It is toothless. I will not support voting up toothless campaigns like this in the future. Where have the Labor party been on the Intervention, the Bringing them Home report, the gas wells on Gomeri country? Why are Labor members not looking at their own party? You can't sit here and say that we've done nothing for Indigenous people when Labor itself is complicit in the destruction of Indigenous land. Sydney Labor students aren't showing up to fight these gas wells. Being obsessed with how I wasn't out there for this vote is missing the point that struggle happens beyond this vote. Whether it's yes or no we must fight. I hope yes happens so we can all see how ineffective the voice is.

Yerin (for): we're talking about a situation where the far right are more confident than they've ever been. Door knocking isn't going to save the referendum, it's not going to do anything for indigenous people. They're split themselves on how to manage the far right. This is a mess.

Luke (against): Everything I want to say has been said.

Paria (against): I want to agree with the contributions of Bea and Skye. I also want to say that the Indigenous Department will not be taking a stance so as not to alienate their collective. This has been a mess but Labor is blaming us because it's three days out and you say we haven't done enough, but you had so much time to move a motion

Brandon (poc): Regarding Indigenous department, which the motion respects. Consulted with the department, and this motion deals with members of the SRC rallying behind the voice. This is not sidestepping prior decisions of ANUSA or autonomous departments.

Aveline (for): This idea of a progressive no doesn't exist anymore, the racist no will get up and will be so destructive for indigenous rights. Forget the shit fight happening in here. The content

of this motion supports a vote for yes. It's grim that the labor students haven't used the word racist in this motion but overall the content of the motion should get up. Regardless, we keep fighting. What are we gonna do after this loses? Are we going to keep protesting and fighting? Yes. We need to fight the Labor party.

Lara Johnson moved a procedural to go to a vote after the current speaking list. It failed.

Phoenix O'Neill moved a procedural to take a new speaking list and go to a vote straight after that is finished. It passes.

Phoebe (against): Agree with a lot that has been said by Skye, Phi, Charlotte etc. Wants to emphasise that differences between this motion and the last one is that this one provides no critical analysis. Particularly when we had one that did this quite effectively, no reason to vote up

Nick (for): Substance of motion broadly agreeable. Internal politics is getting in the way of the substance of the motion. Still thinks the motion is crap - no recognition of major dynamics, being that no campaign winning would be a win for racists. Labor has conceded on every racist point coming from the right. Thinks the progressive no campaign, even if coming from Indigenous people, is an object of force for obfuscation. Negative that it exists. The main dynamic is that if the no vote gets a massive showing, the racists win. Still, voice does not deal with structural dynamics of racism in Australia. A lot of which was carried out by the Labor party contributing to racism. Examples of suspending the Human Rights Act in Qld and suspending Heritage Act in WA.

Phi (against): getting bogged down in internal politics. What matters is the public face. First motion is better. Puts out a public statement from ANUSA to vote yes. Also, regarding the Indigenous Department consultation and position, the political climate has changed since motion from SRC 2. Most people in this room have done everyone on this list. The motion is spineless like the voice is spineless. Political analysis of motion before is significantly better and a better position to take. Not that I disagree, but that other one is better to take.

Sam Gorrie (for): It's not reasonable to say the Voice is failing because it doesn't have enough teeth. The far right would've risen further if the voice had more power. The process is voice, treaty, truth. You should be seriously behind the first step in the statement. We are committing the SRC to doing important things. You should be supporting the four things that this motion requests.

Phoenix O: There was a refusal from your end to collaborate on the two motions

Lara: It wasn't a refusal. Nick brought the motion, we said you support, we want to say something else. It wasn't a refusal, we actively chose to do two separate motions.

Ben Y(for): I'm voting this motion up, i don't support the preamble but I agree with Nick. I squarely agree with the politics of the previous motion. We vote for motions not for preambles. I agree with the previous motion and I can justify voting for each aspect of this motion. I'm committed to implementing the statement and to voting yes and to doing what I can within my own circles to achieve a yes vote. Opposing a national campaign is also a way to engage with a national campaign. I won't wear a yes23 shirt because they're nauseating. I want to speak to the indigenous department's position, they did not want Anusa to take a position on this but us as a student council is different. Ultimately, I have many critiques of the voice to parliament and agreed more with the motion prior to its amendment because the voice will be ineffectual.

Sarah Strange (for): False dichotomy between people who support voice and people who support Indigenous justice otherwise. Happy to be out there with ANU Labor club and door knocking. Has a Yes23 bullshit shirt, wore badges to debate, and has been fighting for the campaign. Also has been opposing Santos projects in WA. Also, has been opposing Queensland suspension of the Human Rights Act. Can stand behind the voice and stand behind Indigenous justice, even where the Labor party is the culprit.

Wren (for): Has turned into a silly shit fight. Need to think about what it would look like to vote this down. Looks like a no vote will win, and I do not want to contribute at all to it. Points people have made about not liking the motion is fine. The motion is fine. It is a decent motion and it would look bad to vote it down. Should ignore the shit fight and vote for the motion because it would be bad optics and embolden the right if we were to vote it down. Who cares about internal politics? It is irrelevant

Aemonn Hassan (for): Pretty simple. This motion is fine. The progressive no campaign is emboldening the right by attaching to no campaign and giving left cover. Me and Socialist Alternative will continue the fight an

Maddi: There are a couple of contradictory things. Firstly, why did you not take a stand earlier? Labor compelled ANUSA to be neutral on this. I have the motion in front of me. I agreed with the motion at the time; it was necessary to stand with the department. It is strange to stand against the position you compelled ANUSA to take. Also, there are people on SRC that will vote no for valid reasons. It is so strange to say that you respect the Indigenous no vote and compel ANUSA to vote yes.

Motion passes.

## **6.6 Solidarity with workers at Woolworths and Coles**

### Motion:

ANUSA expresses solidarity with workers at Coles and Woolworths, which includes ANU students, who are taking ongoing industrial action.

ANUSA stands with the sensible demands of workers like abolition of junior rates (which affect many ANU students who are under 21) and minimum shift lengths.



ANUSA will post the previous sentences of this motion in their next newsletter.

Moved: Sarah Strange

Seconded: Aveline Cayir

SS: RAFFWU has called a strike at woolies and coles, 1000 workers across australia got involved which included workers in canberra and at the ANU. I'm not particularly interested in debating the merits of RAFFWU and the SDA. Workers have a right to go on strike and to join their union. We should back them.

Aveline: Awesome this is happening across the country. Brilliant young people are organised in some of the worst jobs out there. They are facing a cost of living crisis. The other day I went out to Tuggeranong Coles with Aemonn, although sort of shame on RAFFWU leadership as they weren't there. Saw action. Good on them.

Sam: As a proud member of *my* retail union, I'm so elated to see workers striking. It's empowering to see over 2000 Australians striking, join your union.

Skye: Unlike some, I will not mince words. Glad an actual, militant union has come along to retail space that will actually stand up for workers, unlike some mentioned unions that work with bosses and undermine workers. Need to throw support behind actual union, that is what matters.

Ashlyn: As a retail worker who's a member of RAFFWU, i'm super happy to support this.

Motion passes.

## **6.7 Honoraria**

Motion:

ANUSA approves the Honoraria Committee report in Appendix Q

Moved: Katrina Ha

Seconded: Ben Yates

Interpretation that quorum still holds despite most voting members leaving the room.

KH: Has to explain about honoraria. Basically, according to the Constitution, the honoraria committee must be debated about criteria for getting honoraria. Concluded that where the person nominated is not getting a stipend, it is all good. That is how it works.

BY: congrats to all the people who received honoraria, we're very grateful for the contributions made to this union by unpaid members.

KH: Please submit your forms in the next week if you were a recipient.

Motion passes

**Item 6: Other Business**

**Item 7: Meeting Close**

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council is TBD in 2024.

Expected Close of Meeting: 9:00pm

Close of Meeting: 9:21pm

Released: 9 October 2023 by Phoenix O'Neill

Reference A



# President's Report

Student Representative Council 7, 2023

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# Thanks for a wonderful year (or five)!

This is my final report as President. Holding this role is an absolute privilege. I am immensely proud of what we've done as an organisation this year. We delivered the most substantial change to the complexion and structure of the organisation in decades. We showed substantial and meaningful solidarity with staff as they went on strike for the first time this millennium. We continued to grow as an activist union, and I was especially proud of the work of ANUSA representatives through Invasion Day and the Posie Parker counter-rally.

The privilege of my term has been to work with the outstanding department officer team. In particular, I want to pay special tribute to the four department officers who I have had the opportunity to work most closely with: Phoebe, Maddi, Mira and Paria. I admire all of you immensely and am impressed time and again by your tenacity and bravery.

I'm incredibly grateful to the executive team. You have been an absolute pleasure and privilege to work with. This role is uniquely isolated and sometimes lonely. The executive has repeatedly pulled me back to earth, put me back on track and given me pause to reflect. I am immensely grateful to them. I am also immensely proud of them. I have pushed many of you ... a lot. I have watched you grow into your roles and develop massively. No one arrives on the executive fully prepared for these roles but you have all made immense contributions.

As much as the executive team has supported me through this year, there is no greater joy than having someone join you in this slightly lonely but utterly extraordinary role. I get to do this for a short time with someone I profoundly trust and respect, in handing over to Phoenix as 2024 President. I have absolutely unwavering confidence in Phoenix's ability to take on this role and be a truly wonderful President.

I am also proud of myself. On a professional level, I have achieved a lot this year. But on a personal level I finish the year still firmly planted in the same love for this organisation and its mission in which I started my term. Many of my predecessors have not been so lucky and have left this role bruised and hurt. I can only hope that those who follow me have my good fortune.

In no particular order and with no claim to completeness, I have some thank yous:

- The entire ANUSA staff team but especially Eleanor for backing and supporting me always and showing me how to make the machine move.
- The many, many staff members at the University who backed me. The whispered hints on the way out of a meeting, the occasional tip-off, the private Zoom message to tell you what you said was spot on. All of these are remembered and all are appreciated.
- The great folks at Woroni and especially Alex Lane for pushing student media on this campus to be meaningful and impactful and for growing the bonds between our two organisations. Really, playing Rush five times at Market Day was ten times too few.
- The residential hall leaders who have worked with me time and again this year, including senior residents, rescomm leaders and community coordinators.
- The students who come to ANUSA spaces and engage earnestly and in good faith.

To conclude, being President has been an honour. Thank you and my absolute best wishes and support to the 2024 team!

## Other projects and activities

### **Handover**

The President handover largely involves shadowing which means Phoenix gets to spend the next seven weeks at my side. There are also numerous meetings with

other members of the incoming team and I have already had meetings involving Charlotte, Will and Milli regarding various staff, financial and governance matters.

### **Elections**

Congratulations to all elected in the annual elections. The elections were immensely technically time consuming this year. Our contract with QPay ought to give us a superior election platform to use next year. Elections take a huge amount of time for non-conflicted executive members. Our model of election organising relied on Probity Officers to spend a full week working on campus unpaid. I doubt this was ever a reasonable expectation but it is increasingly unrealistic. This necessarily puts more onto the shoulders of the non-conflicted executive.

On the campaign side, I was saddened to see the tenor of the campaign and the tone of celebration and commiseration on social media afterwards.

### **Director, Residential Experience Panel**

I will be on the hiring panel for the Director of Residential Experience. I am deeply invested in this division and role and look forward to participating.

### **SSAF Funding**

SSAF three-year agreement negotiations have begun. My position, based on the feedback I've heard, has been that ANUSA+PARSA funding is our clear expectation.

We also received approximately \$450k in *tied* extra SSAF funding. This is largely for capital works. I have to emphasise that this is tied funding and can't just be reallocated at will. It must all be acquitted back against named work. It will reduce our fixed costs over the near term.

The incoming team, especially Phi and Will, will of course be heavily involved in the SSAF negotiation process.

### **Commercial Activity**

I put up a public [update](#) on commercial activities about a month ago. I will prepare a further report before the end of my term as required by the motion at last SRC. There are no substantial developments to report since last SRC although we were advised on precinct rules that ruled out one element of the proposed concept. While I will continue to do the work to get this project to the place of being viable, any key decisions before the end of my term will be done in consultation with the incoming team.

### **Postgraduate Events Program**

Our postgraduate events program rolls on, with good turnout at events. We are experimenting with different approaches to calibrate what works best. A big thank you especially to Yalan Chen for coordinating representative attendance and to the postgraduate college reps for supporting and hosting these events.

### **Financial Policy Work**

We are running a little behind schedule on the Financial Policy updates. We had intended to have them passed at this SRC but it looks like we will instead hand over drafts to the incoming team to pass next year.

### **Privacy Policy**

ANUSA now is bound by the Privacy Act given that we have tipped over the turnover threshold that puts us within the act's scope. We have a first draft privacy policy which is in initial consultation with an internal working group. It will then go to an open consultation with staff per the EA and with students before ultimately coming to a meeting for approval.

### **Legal, WHS and Staff Matters**

I maintain active oversight over any and all matters involving legal risk, WHS concerns, staff issues and so forth. By their nature, when they arise, these matters tend to be confidential.

We are in the early stages of renegotiating the ANUSA Enterprise Bargaining Agreement.

## ANU Council

I am the Undergraduate Member of ANU Council. This role is separate to my role as ANUSA President however, per the ANUSA Constitution and Standing Orders, I am invited to attend and report to SRC meetings. For the sake of space, I intend to compact this reporting into my President report.

My role on ANU Council is notoriously difficult to reflect on publicly. This is regrettable as it diminishes the extent to which students can hold me accountable for the representations I make in the forum of Council. The substantive decisions and the deliberations of Council are strictly confidential. What I can share is only the broadest strokes of how I am using the role.

Besides attending Council meetings and attending to other requirements of the role, I have, in my Council capacity, met with a number of senior staff members around the University. These meetings are primarily in relation to the areas of University affairs where there is not existing student oversight. For instance, ANUSA is well represented in the academic decision making forums. Matters relating to commercial affairs are far less visible to most students and, as a Council Member, few students besides me have access to some of this information.

Phoenix attended the last Council meeting in their capacity as incoming UMAC. I will be assisting Phoenix and Edan Habel to prepare to join Council on 1 December by arranging a number of briefings.

### **Vice-Chancellor Selection**

I was on the selection committee for the new Vice-Chancellor. As you would have seen, the outcome of this search was announced.



### **Student Safety and Wellbeing Committee** ([SASH](#))

In my Council capacity, I have attended all meetings of the Student Safety and Wellbeing Committee. It has the independence from management and the critical outlook that has been desperately needed for a long time. I am pleased to work with other students on the committee, namely Luke Harrison, Avan Daruwalla and Josh Green as well as Will Moisis, the Postgraduate Member of Council. This week, I am on the recruitment panel for the student member who will replace Avan.

## Other

### **Stakeholder engagement**

I maintain regular contact with a number of key student representatives and groups including:

- The Interhall Council of Presidents' Chair and many of the hall presidents individually
- Student Media
- Various members of ANU Council
- A number of student club leaders
- ANU Sport
- The National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU)
- National Union of Students ACT Office-Bearers
- Various members of PARSA before its liquidation and during the transition period.

If you feel like ANUSA is not doing right by you or a group you represent, shoot me an email and I'd be glad to chat.

## Timesheet

Since December 1, I have worked 2128 hours. I have taken six days of annual leave (including the first week of the Easter break) and one day of sick leave.

Reference B

# ANUSA Vice President SRC Seven Report

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## Introduction

Hello everyone and welcome to SRC Seven! My name is Grace King (she/her) and I am the 2023 ANUSA Vice President.

I am sad and nostalgic that this is my final SRC as Vice President. I have not had a free Wednesday night in three years — I'm not sure what I'll do with myself! But in all sincerity, thank you to all the SRC representatives I have had the pleasure of working with this year, and in years prior. I have sincerely enjoyed my time. The work of ANUSA, and of student unions, and of the left, is essential and it is never done. I am proud of the work we have done, and certain of its importance.

If you wish to contact me about my report, my work or any other matter, I can be reached at [sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au) and I would be thrilled to hear from you!

# **Brian Kenyon Student Space**

The Brian Kenyon Student Space (BKSS) is a free space for all students. It is open weekdays from 8am-8pm. The BKSS is a place for students to eat, relax, study and socialise.

The BKSS offers:

- Free breakfast, coffee, tea and other snack items
- Toasters, kettles, sandwich press, microwaves etc.
- Free pads, tampons, condoms and pregnancy tests
- Chargers that are available to be borrowed
- Art and craft supplies
- Stationary supplies
- Information on ANUSA services
- Information about ANUSA
- Information on upcoming events, campaigns etc.
- So much more!

## **Usage**

The usage of the BKSS continues to be high. I am continuing to manage the budget very closely due to such high demand, and this has been going well so far. It is probably worth considering an increase in the BKSS consumables budget line in future years, although that is up to future SRCs to decide. Even just reallocating money from the BKSS non-consumables line to the BKSS consumables line is a good idea because there is minimal expenditure required from the non-consumables line now we have furniture etc.

## **Student Bites**

Student Bites occurs every Friday, usually sometime between midday and 4pm. It is free groceries and items from OzHarvest. It is given out on the ANUSA balcony as a first-come, first-serve system. Student Bites is incredibly popular again this semester. I would like to thank the volunteers who make Student Bites happen and do such a wonderful job each week!

## **Future Plans**

I have two To-Dos for the BKSS!

1. Making the foyer look better and less corporate-y.
2. Working on the accessibility and functionality of the BKSS, the foyer and the balcony

## **Mutual Aid**

The mutual aid shelves were an initiative that I started as Welfare Officer in 2022. I am so happy to be continuing mutual aid this year! A mutual aid system is where members of a community voluntarily collaborate to provide for each other's needs. It is rooted in anti-capitalism and anti-consumerism. Mutual aid is centred around the knowledge and lived experience that governments, organisations and charities are inadequate providers of support and material goods. They only attempt to address the consequences of economic inequality, rather than the roots of the inequality – capitalism creating divides, suffering and inequality despite there being more than enough resources and labour for everyone.

How does mutual aid work at ANUSA?

- ANUSA as a centrally located, organisational body to help facilitate the mutual aid system
- The foyer next to the BKSS is the home base
- Welfare only made available 9-5 is reflective of how little the university engages with working students. Items are available for donation and collection outside of ANUSA business hours (BKSS hours)
- Anyone can pick up anything! No need to tell anyone, say anything etc. No limits on what to take or how often to visit!
- It relies on donations, services and help from the community

## **Universal Lunch Hour**

Universal Lunch Hour is a free barbeque run on Fellows Oval during lunchtime. During Bush Week, it was run on several days. During the semester, it is run every Thursday lunchtime by a club or a society. Affiliated clubs and societies can apply to run ULH via the new QPay system. The ANUSA Clubs and SEEF Administrator is now responsible for the logistics of ULH.

ULH continues to be very popular and well-attended week after week. It does cost a fair bit to purchase all the supplies because the demand is very high. I am the purchaser for this, so I am familiar! I would recommend that future Vice Presidents and the ANUSA Clubs and SEEF Administrator work out a comprehensive plan and budget for ULHs over the summer break.

## **Committees**

### **Student First**

There was one meeting of Student First since last SRC. I was an apology for this meeting due to being on leave.

### **Childcare Liaison Committee**

There has not been a Childcare Liaison Committee meeting since last SRC.

### **Learning and Teaching Committee**

There has been one Learning and Teaching Committee meeting since last SRC. This is the new version of TLDC, for reference.

### **Employability Framework Working Group**

I attended the second meeting of this working group on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Election**

I did some work providing consultation to candidates and general election-running duties in the lead-up to election, such as planning some of the central ANUSA events in election week.

### **Handover**

I have spent most of my time planning my handover to the incoming Vice President, the wonderful Charlotte Carnes! Love that girl! There is a lot to handover in the Vice President role, specifically because of the BKSS, so it is a lengthy process. Love a detailed handover <3

### **SRC Representative Support**

I have spent a significant amount of time supporting SRC representatives. In particular, I have spent time helping Department Officers.

I have also provided support and helped out new representatives in recent weeks.

## **Incident Response**

I responded to several incidents since SRC Six. These all related to ANU students. I followed all the relevant procedures and escalation lines to respond appropriately.

I also provided pastoral care on multiple occasions to SRC members. I am always available to listen, offer my help and/or any other kinds of support, and do so confidentially and readily.

## **Timesheet**

I was unexpectedly on leave for nearly all the time since SRC Six due to a personal emergency. I was on leave from 25/09/23 to 09/10/23 inclusive. Between SRC Six and 10/10/23, I worked 33 hours over four non-leave days.

## **Sparkle of the SRC**

The sparkle of the SRC goes to all outgoing SRC representatives! It has been a pleasure to work with all of you. The sparkle of the SRC equally goes to all the recently elected SRC representatives. Congratulations, and enjoy!

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### 1. SRC 7 Intro

Seriously, I'ma say it again, get involved in stopping the militarisation of our campus. As one of the first Uni's where AUKUS degrees are coming in, if we can halt them from forming here then it's gunna be so much harder to implement AUKUS degrees everywhere else too!

Fight imperialism at home guys, we gotta stop the drive to war.

### 2. Upcoming Events/Meetings

- Next Education Welfare Action Group (EWAG) Meeting, 1pm Wk11  
17/10/23 <https://fb.me/e/328MI0leA>

### 3. Anti-AUKUS

- a. *(this bit is a repeat from last report but useful summary)*

#### Political context and ANU degree implementation

- i. The below is a draft of a flyer drafted by Gabe Love and myself that never made it to bushweek, but thought it explained AUKUS in our context well:

AUKUS is a deal brokered between Australia, the UK, and the US. Looking to gain access to US military nuclear technology, the Australian Government has budgeted \$368 billion over the next 30 years, more than an entire percentage point of the Australian economy, for 8 nuclear submarines. It is predicted that by the time the

submarines are built in 2040, military technology will have advanced to the point that the oceans are practically transparent, making the submarines obsolete.

The ANU is playing an integral role in the new AUKUS deal, alongside many other universities across Australia. Over next year alone, \$127 million has been dedicated towards the militarisation of the higher education sector. This aggressive strategy is part of an arms-race, which is driving the Australian state towards joining an imperialist war between the US & China.

The ANU wants to benefit from government funding by adding a nuclear engineering degree. This comes only 3 years after majors in Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering were cut, as well as masters degrees in Renewable Energy. Cuts have also been seen across many disciplines at ANU. E.g. Visual Arts courses available at the School of Art and Design have plummeted; in 2014 there were 162 courses offered and in 2023 there are only 36.

It is clear that ANU does not care about our planet or its students, as it's condemning them to fight in a war against their interests. So, see you at the protest on Friday as we march from Kambri to disrupt the ANU Council meeting at the Chancelry building. This protest is only one of many that will need to happen, as we build up a mass anti-war movement that can fight militarisation and imperialism at home.

b. Current Petition

- i. If you haven't already, sign the petition against AUKUS on Campus here and check out how many have already signed: <https://forms.gle/WcM39dLimsniazd29>
- ii. The ANU has announced it wants to implement a new physics major in support of AUKUS after already announcing an engineering major to support AUKUS.



- iii. If you want to get involved in supporting getting signatures on the petition and are keen to have the long chats with students, email me or fb message me and we'll organise an EWAG stall. No prior experience in stalling necessary very happy to teach you what I know and keep it relaxed and accessible. Promise I'm a pretty good stalling teacher.

Keen to see Sam McRae and Brandon Lee out with us stalling, since finding that Unity is Anti-AUKUS too. Hmu you guys!

- iv. There are now 300 signatures on the petition, would be great to get to 500 by the end of the semester

- c. EWAG forum on Sept 21st titled: "AUKUS 2 years on: why should you oppose it?"

**Facebook event can be found here:**

<https://fb.me/e/3X4XUrvjc>

EWAG hosted an anti-AUKUS forum in line with the anniversary of the announcement on sept 15th 2021. The event was 5:30pm Thurs 21st September.

Speakers: Allan Behm from the Australia Institute; ANU staff speaker, Sinead Wilson; Beatrice Tucker (myself), ANUSA Education Officer. And was chaired by Lata Warner, Deputy Education Officer.

Was part of a collab called 'A Night against War' with ANU Film Group as they screened the film; 'the road to War' directed by ANU Alum David Bradbury at 7:30pm in the Kambri Cinema too!

Many organisations came along in attendance, brought along contingents, including Dickson Labor, IPAN & more. Was a good night with 80 people in attendance!

It had been a bit of a cursed event, taking an out of the ordinary amount of time to organise for what should have

been real simple. Especially with struggling to keep staff speakers on the list (a few confirmed but then dropped out), and with the AUKUS event clash come collab causing location and slight time change from copland to the cinema, and from 6pm to 5:30pm instead. But it all came together!

People were fed FREE PIZZA at from 7-7:30pm.

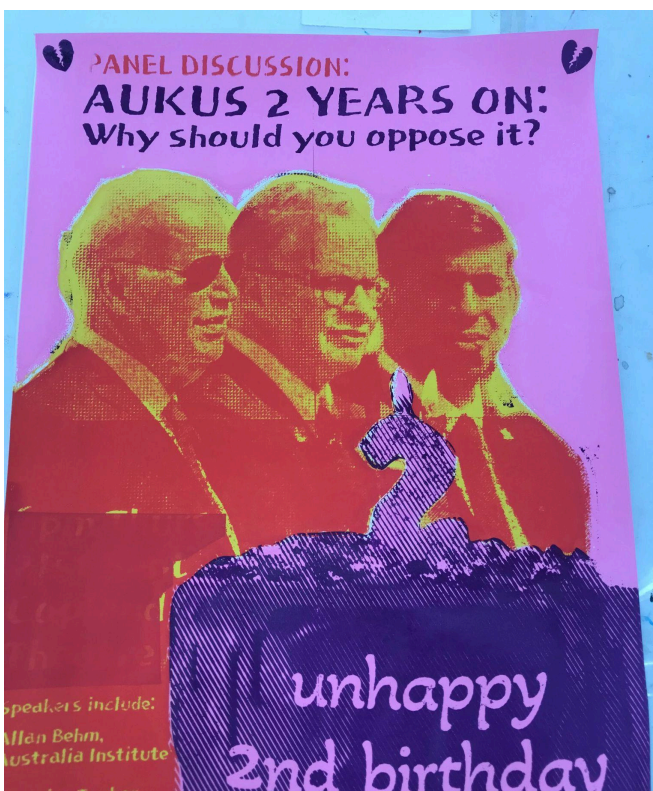
ANU Film Group opened this film up to be free for everyone, usually you must be a member or pay to attend their films, so it's cool to see the support of anti-war events.

The forum passed a motion to condemn ANU's involvement in AUKUS and a photo of people from the forum condemning it can be seen below.

#### **4. Counter Course Guide**

- Still a few hundred copies available if students are keen to get some. Approach me, look around the BKSS, on the table as you walk into the ANUSA office. Some are located in various libraries across campus too.

#### **5. Sick Screenprint for the event in A2**



## Reference D

General Secretary Report - SRC7 2023  
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## 1. Introduction

I'm Phoenix O'Neill (they/them), the General Secretary of ANUSA. Welcome to the last SRC of 2023!

## 2. Meetings

A vast majority of my time since the last SRC has been spent on preparation for OGM3 and SRC7, both of which have had complicated motions that I've had to seek advice on and consult on. This has been a lot of work so most of my hours have gone towards that.

## 3. Representatives

I've been helping some Departments with their upcoming elections on governance questions and will be continuing to do that over the next few hours.

## 4. Meeting reform

I've been working on getting the Code of Conduct started, but it will have to be handed over to next year's General Secretary.

## 5. Handover

A majority of my time that hasn't been on meetings has been getting my handover ready and starting to have meetings about it. Congratulations to Milli McDonald, the incoming 2024 General Secretary, and chair of this meeting! Many of my hours in the upcoming weeks will also be dedicated to handover.

## 6. Interpretations

I've done one interpretation since last SRC, as the ISD's constitution and the ANUSA constitution were out of line on Officer resignations. If you'd like to see this interpretation or ask any questions about it, please feel free to contact me via email!

## 7. General ANUSA executive

As per usual, I have spent some time doing general ANUSA executive work.

## 8. Timesheet

From December 1, I have done 655 hours of work. If you are curious about how I spend my time or want a more detailed breakdown, feel free to reach out to me.

## 9. Reflection

Thank you all for an awesome year on the SRC.

I'm really proud of the work that I've done this year. There are three things in particular that I'm quite happy with. The rewrite of the constitution to include postgraduate students and electing the first cohort of postgrad reps to ANUSA is something I worked extremely hard on this year, and I'm very proud of it. I think ANUSA still has a long way to go in making sure that it appropriately represents postgraduates and undergraduates, but this is a really strong start and our engagement so far has been great. I'm also very happy with the move to Marie Reay and

the new meeting OWL. Finally, I'm really proud of the work that I did on the Housing Action Collective this year. It's rare that Gen Secs take on activist work, but it's a project I was incredibly passionate about and I think there was a lot of success. There's still a lot of work on HAC to do in the Welfare portfolio, but I'm extremely happy with the protests we did.

I will be thanking most of the people I have to thank outside of this meeting because otherwise, I would very much go on forever. But I do want to give a big thank you to Ben for being an amazing President. I won't go on for too long, but you're the hardest-working person that I know and this has translated into an extreme dedication to ANUSA. You've supported me consistently as Gen Sec and you've always been a sounding board for any situation I come up against. You've been an amazing leader - thank you so much for this year, and I am so excited for our handover period.

## 10. Project register

Project	Content	Update
Election Regulation Reform	Reforming parts of ANUSA's election regulations, with a particular focus on exclusion zones and spending caps.	Completed at the SGM
Meeting safety and accessibility	Increasing the safety and accessibility of ANUSA meetings.	Of course this is never done, but a lot of progress has happened this year and with the OWL and moving locations :)
Code of Conduct rewrite	Making a new Code of Conduct for conduct at ANUSA meetings, as well as looking into ones for club spaces with Charlotte and student spaces with Grace.	Being handed over
Buddy system reform & representative support	I will be working with Grace King (Vice President) on making an alternative system to the buddy system for representative support.	Being handed over
Policy register reform	Create different registers for ANUSA's political stances, policy requirements, and staff related policy.	Being handed over

Representative governance reform	Create a representative structure for ANUSA that guarantees representation of postgraduate students	Completed at the SGM.
Housing Action Collective	Organising the Collective to facilitate action for housing reform	Handed over to Welfare portfolio

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## **Treasurer Report SRC 7**

**Katrina Ha**

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#### **1. Introduction**

Hi everyone, me again. Last SRC, last report, thanks all for listening to too many Treasurer's reports. It was great to be in ANUSA executive and SRC in 2023. I want to thank everyone who helped me in 2023 including all the executive members <3

#### **2. Expenditure Report**

Please find the attached ANUSA's profit and loss statement starting from 1<sup>st</sup> December. This statement shows a summary of ANUSA expenditure as of 8<sup>th</sup> October, and I'll update the last expenditure report of 2023 on 30th November on the website. This report includes both 2022 and 2023 year-to-date expenditure reports, so you can compare both income and expenditure with the previous year. As always, I'm happy to answer all questions about our expenditure. In general, I'm really satisfied with how ANUSA's financial status was managed in 2023, and I hope this trend can continue for future years.

### **Profit and Loss**

The Australian National University Students' Association Incorporated

For the period 1 December 2022 to 8 October 2023

<b>Account</b>	<b>1 Dec 2022-8 Oct 2023</b>	<b>1 Dec 2021-8 Oct 2022</b>
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**SSAF Income**

SSAF Allocation	3,313,405.00	1,760,000.00
<b>Total SSAF Income</b>	<b>3,313,405.00</b>	<b>1,760,000.00</b>

**SSAF Expenses**

Accounting/Bookkeeping - Xero	1,215.71	1,221.61
Auditing	10,677.27	11,327.27
Bank Fees with GST	311.04	257.15
Bank Fees without GST	883.35	649.17
BKSS - Asset purchases	0.00	499.09
BKSS Food/Consumables	63,033.65	60,362.72
BKSS Non-food	4,298.76	18,066.23
Bus expenses	6,714.70	7,593.90
Bush Week - Events	16,089.74	13,662.48
Cleaning	0.00	(6,623.18)
Club Funding	150,294.99	82,709.18
College Representatives	0.00	185.88
Committee projects - General	30.55	94.95
Consultancy	5,870.00	0.00
Departments & Collectives	96,205.48	94,095.84
Education Committee	4,113.69	1,224.85
Elections	842.61	1,129.38
Equipment Expense	1,231.09	1,849.05
Fees & Subscriptions	57,483.73	44,046.88
Friday Night Party Expenses	0.00	177,116.94
Honoraria	3,670.00	3,480.00
IT Support & Equipment	2,023.32	283.96
Leadership and Professional Development	21,215.42	20,424.21
Legal Expenses & Consultancy	13,848.03	11,551.10
Marketing & Communications - Advertising	905.98	1,032.48
Marketing & Communications - Diary	4,690.00	2,850.00



Marketing & Communications - Printing	1,654.13	6,014.12
Marketing & Communications - Software Subs	199.00	199.00
Marketing & Communications - Website	0.00	65.00
Meeting Expenses	749.60	6,160.93
Membership Solutions Limited	320.00	1,571.29
NUS	31,600.00	20,000.00
Other Employee Expense	10,832.03	5,405.45
Other Events	3,224.85	0.00
O-Week Events	86,732.11	41,608.75
O-Week Food purchases	71.51	479.63
O-Week General expenses	0.00	1,169.43
O-Week Merchandise	5,327.18	8,640.00
Parenting Room	1,959.42	0.00
Printer	305.13	1,027.47
Department - Honoraria	3,470.00	(250.00)
Department - Stipends	122,570.75	66,229.50
Department - Superannuation	13,329.77	8,425.49
Salaries and Wages	854,408.92	709,740.62
Salaries and Wages - ANUSA Exec & Officers	164,520.67	144,538.77
Salaries and Wages - BKSS	61,334.89	57,518.35
Salaries and Wages - Event Coordinators	24,123.22	26,562.86
Salaries and Wages - Taxable Honorariums	0.00	3,750.00
Superannuation Expense	140,007.06	121,511.52
Superannuation Expense - ANUSA Exec & Officers	22,460.15	10,506.70
Superannuation Expense - BKSS	7,199.00	4,330.21
Superannuation Expense - Event Coordinators	2,563.13	1,984.87
Superannuation - Taxable Honorariums	0.00	393.75
SAT Purchases - Grocery Vouchers	0.00	44,579.90
SAT Purchases - Student Meals & Others	28,892.66	3,779.82

Student Assistance Team Grants	53,728.90	250,497.82
Skill Up	7,529.08	2,094.96
Staff Amenities	1,016.88	985.47
Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	1,992.49	4,944.70
Student Engagement	895.58	19,055.27
Telephone	145.45	0.00
Utilities	2,651.95	1,937.65
Workers Compensation Insurance	24,726.32	25,554.83
<b>Total SSAF Expenses</b>	<b>2,146,190.94</b>	<b>2,150,105.27</b>
<b>SSAF Surplus/ Deficits</b>	<b>1,167,214.06</b>	<b>(390,105.27)</b>

#### Other Income

Bus hire revenue	72.73	745.45
Interest Income	21,004.44	19,678.20
Miscellaneous (Sundry) Income	23,924.89	22,162.50
Bush-Week Income	9,694.09	7,425.59
Friday Night Party Income	0.00	3,877.27
Other Grant Funding	35,000.00	0.00
O-Week Income	34,718.56	17,347.73
Sales - BKSS	0.00	0.01
Ticket/Event Sales - Bush Week	809.79	1,089.10
Ticket/Event Sales - O Week	29,933.69	5,347.00
Ticket/Event Sales - Others	5,407.52	0.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>160,565.71</b>	<b>77,672.85</b>

#### Other Expenses

<b>Non SSAF Expenses</b>		
Events Non-SSAF	5,498.00	0.00
<b>Total Non SSAF Expenses</b>	<b>5,498.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Other Student Grants	1,800.00	0.00
Social Portfolio	2,090.92	0.00
SEEF Grants	26,303.10	0.00
Shut Up and Write program	4,290.91	0.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>39,982.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>1,287,796.84</b>	<b>(312,432.42)</b>

### 3. SSAF Proposal

I'm currently working on a 3-year SSAF Proposal, and might be confirmed before my term ends. This 3-year agreement will secure ANUSA's better financial condition, and will make ANUSA's financial status less volatile.

### 4. Ethical Sponsorship Committee Process Reform

The current process of how ESC passes our sponsors throughout the year is quite lagging and hard to be practical. Therefore, we discussed the ways to improve this process more effectively and we will try to apply this process from October.

### 5. Financial Policy Review Update

In Semester 2, we formed a financial policy working group to review ANUSA's financial policies. We are currently working on this, including reviewing the existing policies and writing some new policies. We aim to finish this by the end of our term and pass those in the next year.

### 6. Semester 2 Honoraria Committee

By SRC 7 I'll have had the honoraria committee meeting to allocate honoraria to the nominated people, as the meeting is planned to happen on Tuesday. Please see the details on the honoraria committee report. It is a really important job to sit on the honoraria committee, so I want to thank everyone on the honoraria committee. Also, I want to thank and celebrate everyone who received the honoraria,

### 7. End of Year Department Financial Review

As the end of the term is around the corner, I'll start contacting the Departments to ensure all the financial regulations and processes of the departments are followed through this year. This is especially important as the Departments are now allowed to have their rollovers, so I'll check all the documents thoroughly.

### 8. Timesheet

From 1/12/2022, I worked 501.75 hours. For a detailed breakdown, please email me at [sa.treasurer@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.treasurer@anu.edu.au).



## Reference F

SRC 7  
Clubs Officer  
Charlotte Carnes

### Executive summary

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#### 1. Introduction

I'm Charlotte (she/they) and I'm your 2023 Clubs Officer. This year I intend to focus a lot on the intricacies of the clubs system and solidifying the newer aspects as well as broader engagement with the union. In particular, refining the practice of the regulations and ensuring they're as comprehensive and accessible as possible for the sake of both admin and clubs.

Most of my time since SRC 6 has been spent working on union ball and handover. If you have any questions, [sa.clubsgeneral@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.clubsgeneral@anu.edu.au) is now the first point of contact for all things clubs!

#### 2. Union Ball

Union Ball is next week!! It's Friday the 20th October 6-10pm. The theme is 'sundown' so wear your best warm tones and sunset colours for a great evening. Most of my time since the last SRC has been spent organising union ball. It's a sit down dinner with an open bar (hence the cost of the ticket) and clubs awards will be presented there. You can choose to sit with other members of a club as well!

The link to vote in the club awards:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScncgqzs2MsAmAFNdNtunjyGk6IFjy58zXkxjm7RWpM2MMnrw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScncgqzs2MsAmAFNdNtunjyGk6IFjy58zXkxjm7RWpM2MMnrw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The link to the Union Ball facebook page where tickets are: <https://fb.me/e/1gPO2ikgy>

#### 3. AGMs

AGM season is upon us for most clubs. I've spent a lot of my time since SRC 6 helping clubs with their constitutions and elections. When clubs affiliated in December and January at the beginning of my term, many had constitutions that were quite outdated. Most constitutions still contained mentions of Clubs Council and PARSA among other redundant clauses, so I'm pleased that their constitutions are more sound which should allow them to operate more smoothly next year.

#### 4. Code of Conduct

I don't have a lot to add on the code of conduct from my last report other than I've been working on it. I hope to finish this before the end of my term which once union ball's done should be achievable. I've had discussions with a few clubs so far around what's included in the code and have gotten some great ideas from them. I look forward to speaking to more clubs in the next month.

## **5. Reflection on the year**

I'm incredibly proud of the work I've done this year, especially around reforming the role of Clubs Officer and its involvement in O-Week and Bush Week. That work is very much behind the scenes and not something people who aren't on the executive or aren't future Clubs Officers will really see but it was a long time coming and I'm so proud to have been the one who made it happen.

I'm also proud of the work that was done on the SSAF bid. Before we had a dedicated clubs staff member I spent most of my time helping clubs with very mundane things, this however felt like something that really fit within my role and felt like making a difference. It's been a huge year for clubs in every sense and the bid was an amazing way to work with clubs directly.

I'm so grateful to the clubs committee as well. I believe that the relationship we built this year has set a really solid foundation for the relationship between ANUSA and clubs moving forward. Without members of the committee, the SSAF bid never would have happened and neither would the night market in semester one.

A few people who warrant thanks. Firstly Erin, our Community Life Officer. She's the beating heart of every O-Week and Bush Week. Her support has meant everything to previous clubs and social officers and her support has meant everything to me. Next, Phoenix who is our General Secretary and soon to be President, but they have been the only other person to know what being a clubs officer is. They have trusted me from the beginning with this role and that support has been invaluable. I cannot wait to continue working with them next year. Following, Ben Yates. Presidents and Social/Clubs Officers have historically had complicated and tense relationships. Ben and I have had a different experience. He's a tough love kind of guy and when I came to him after O-Week and told him I felt unfulfilled and burnt out, he simply told me to do something about it and I did. Some might call this unsupportive but it was necessary and it was work that needed to be done. He has empowered me at every step and I'm so grateful to him. This executive has been amazingly supportive and we've worked so well together, I thank them. Finally, I would like to thank my girlfriend, Phoebe. They have been there while I've cried countless times about this role and have lifted me up every single time. Having someone by your side who understands what working for ANUSA is like has been incredible. Clubs Officer is a role with a very isolated position on the executive due to the vastly different work that it does, the people I've mentioned above have reduced that isolation and made me love this role.

## **6. Timesheet**

Since the beginning of my term I have worked 845.25 hours. If you have any questions or concerns about how I use my time, reach out at [sa.clubsofficer@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.clubsofficer@anu.edu.au).



# **Welfare Officer Report SRC 7**

**Luke Harrison**

Hi everyone! My name is Luke Harrison (they/them) and I'm your Welfare Officer for the last half of 2023. I'm in my fourth year studying International Relations and Arts majoring in Political Science and minoring in Environmental Policy. Please feel free to reach out to me at [sa.welfareofficer@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.welfareofficer@anu.edu.au).

For clarification, I became interim Welfare Officer on the 16th June and carried out my duties in this time. On the 31st July I was elected Welfare Officer permanently.

Content Warning: Discussions of ableism

## Disabilities Royal Commission

The Disabilities Royal Commission (DRC) Final Report was released recently, making 222 recommendations on how to improve the lives of people with disabilities. It also highlighted the harrowing experiences of people with disabilities across all sectors of society. I've had a chance to read through some volumes of the report, in particular volume 7 which talks about inclusive education, employment, and housing. It's really important to stand in solidarity and support people with disabilities at this moment - but also realise that the recommendations this report makes will probably not be implemented in its entirety. Especially the



recommendations aimed at the government. But rather we need to fight alongside disabled people to achieve these goals.

### Housing Action Collective

I've been working on a petition against on-campus accommodation fee hikes and consulting with HAC, res hall res com presidents, and ordinary students. I'll talk about it more in the upcoming motion.

### EWAG

On Thursday 21/09 we held the forum on AUKUS on its two-year anniversary (roughly). It had really good turnout and very productive discussion on how to fight AUKUS moving forward.

### Drug Law Reform Work

It was really disappointing to see the ANU's email to all students regarding the ACT's reforms to Drug Laws. The ANU sent out an email stating that the new reforms wouldn't apply to ANU students which is untrue. However, the occupancy agreement students sign to live at on-campus residences prohibits drug use. However, the language and tone establish a level of distrust towards residents from the university which can lead to dangerous situations for students. I was interviewed by Win News on 05/10 about this.

### Coles and Woolies Workers Strike

Coles and Woolies workers who are members of the Retail and Fast Food Workers' Union (RAFFWU) are going on strike over the weekend. Solidarity with those workers. As a proud member of RAFFWU its

awesome to see a retail and fast food union organising with workers. They've also threatened to strike during the christmas period which would be awesome to see.

### Rally for Palestine

There is a protest this Friday (13th October) at 5:30 to stand in solidarity with Palestine and Palestinians at this time. I will be attending and I unequivocally stand against the apartheid and continuing colonisation happening in Palestine. Here is a link to the event:

<https://fb.me/e/3U4o7eBMd>

### Final Weeks as Welfare Officer and Reflections

This will be my final report as Welfare Officer. Huge congratulations to Skye Predavec who will be taking over as Welfare Officer in 2024. Really excited to see what she does in the role and super keen to work with her next year.

The final few weeks of my term will be me working on handover with Skye, wrapping up a few of my projects, sorting out and setting up EWAG stuff, and working on a few smaller informational projects such as drug testing info and pamphlets about unions that can be distributed during O-Week.

I don't have many reflections on the year, to be honest. More broadly, I believe the union has been and is going in the right direction with the work it does, and I'm really proud of how the union was able to manage taking on postgraduates as effectively as it did. Increasing postgraduate engagement with the union is still a work in progress but even PARSA struggled with engagement. In the welfare sphere - it was difficult to

jump-start projects when I began my term over halfway through the year. I am grateful for the support I received from everyone, to Phoenix for allowing me to take over HAC, and to Beatrice as we continued to work on issues such as AUKUS and student-staff solidarity through EWAG together.

I have completed 196 hours of work since I became Welfare Officer on the 16th June.

Super keen for next year it's going to be great. Anyway, meeeeeow.

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## Reference I

ANUSA 2023 SRC 7 Women's Officer Report

Phoebe Denham

9 October 2023

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[facebook.com/anuwomensdepartment](https://facebook.com/anuwomensdepartment)

## Upcoming events

- We'll be hosting a picnic in the Copland Courtyard this Friday, there'll be lots of food and even some iced tea!! <https://fb.me/e/7Ui0VXEzc>
- Feminist Consciousness Raising (FCR) circles are continuing, keep an eye on the Facebook page for upcoming sessions  
<https://www.facebook.com/anuwomensdepartment>
- Book Club is also continuing, join the Facebook group to keep up to date with upcoming events <https://www.facebook.com/groups/anuwdbookclub/>

## Past Events

We hosted a Badger Mixer alongside the other autonomous departments last week. It was a great chance to get to meet people from different collectives and just hang out! It got amazing attendance and I think everybody had a good time!

We recently hosted a Women in History panel with the History Society. Thank you so much to all the academic and students involved — it was a wonderful night!

FCR and Book Club have been occurring regularly, and they're both always amazing! It has been so great to see them grow over the year and cover a huge range of topics. I'm really excited to see them both continue next year.

## Women's Department Elections

Our internal elections are underway, with the first few being held this week (week 10) and more being held next week (week 11). Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram for more information and please feel free to reach out to me if you are interested in knowing more about any of the roles or nominating.

## Reflection on the year and my time on SRC

I will provide a verbal reflection during the meeting (and notes for the minutes!).

## Income and expenditure / Money things

Thanks to the WD Treasurer, Phoebe, for helping me put this table together!! <3

## **ANU WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT** **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

**FOR THE PERIOD FROM 17/09/2023 to 08/10/2023**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>
Merch	5.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
FCR	20.45
Book Club	70.83
Collective Meetings	12.10
Other Social Events*	514.02
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>617.40</b>

\* This amount includes the total cost for the Badger Mixer event which we payed upfront, but other departments will be contributing to

Please let me know if you have any questions about our spending, including if you would like a breakdown of individual budget lines.

Reference J

## SRC 7 Queer\* Officer's Report

*Jehan Jayawickrama, 10/10/2023*

### Department Activities

**Events** - Running at least 1 event a week. So far events have had pretty good turnout. One zine event left for the semester.

**Queer\* Doof** - Queer Doof cancelled, replaced with Queer Soiree.

**Queer\* Soiree** - Booked White Rabbit for 40 people, used \$2000 of profits from merch sales (not SSAF money) for a bar tab. Ticketed at \$5 a person, 10 equity tickets.

**Gender Affirming Gear** - All gender affirming gear except Untag binders have arrived, will be handing them out in the week of the 9th-13th.

**Constitution Changes** - Have announced that we will be making a motion to include a postgrad officer in the committee next year to help with the transition from undergrad only to including all students.

**Election nominations** - Election nominations have been opened, will stay open until 17th (5 minutes into our next and final meeting of the year).

### Income and Expenditure

*\*since 18/09/2023*

**Income:** \$4000.00

**Expenditure:** \$5563.78

**Current balance:** \$7012.16

### Full Transaction History

Date	Amount	Merchant	Statement Description	Bank Balance
19/9/2023	-\$40.07	Domino's Pizza	collective meeting	\$8,535.87
19/9/2023	-\$114.95	Sock Drawer Heroes	gender affirming gear	\$8,420.92
21/9/2023	-\$20.00	Fran Evatt	Art for Queer House	\$8,400.92
22/9/2023	-\$20.10	Coles	snacks for event	\$8,380.82
22/9/2023	-\$10.00	Green Shed	supplies for event + book for queer house	\$8,370.82
23/9/2023	-\$341.53	Amazon	gender affirming gear	\$8,029.29
23/9/2023	-\$65.00	Kmart	decor for queer house	\$7,964.29
25/9/2023	-\$114.95	Sock Drawer Heroes	gender affirming gear	\$7,849.34
26/9/2023	-\$20.97	Aldi	snacks for event	\$7,828.37

26/9/2023	-\$3.50	Coles	snacks for event	\$7,824.87
27/9/2023	-\$550.00	Sock Drawer Heroes	gender affirming gear	\$7,274.87
27/9/2023	-\$1,521.80	Untag	gender affirming gear	\$5,753.07
27/9/2023	-\$2,058.00	Sock Drawer Heroes	gender affirming gear	\$3,695.07
3/10/2023	-\$27.10	Milligram	coffee (trans coffee)	\$3,667.97
3/10/2023	-\$44.13	Domino's Pizza	collective meeting	\$3,623.84
3/10/2023	-\$8.12	Domino's Pizza	collective meeting	\$3,615.72
5/10/2023	-\$26.70	Milligram	coffee (ace/aro coffee)	\$3,589.02
5/10/2023	-\$12.81	Eventbrite	doof ticket refund	\$3,576.21
5/10/2023	-\$12.81	Eventbrite	doof ticket refund	\$3,563.40
5/10/2023	-\$12.81	Eventbrite	doof ticket refund	\$3,550.59
5/10/2023	-\$12.81	Eventbrite	doof ticket refund	\$3,537.78
5/10/2023	-\$12.81	Eventbrite	doof ticket refund	\$3,524.97
5/10/2023	-\$12.81	Eventbrite	doof ticket refund	\$3,512.16
5/10/2023	-\$500.00	White Rabbit	deposit for queer soiree	\$3,012.16
6/10/2023	\$4,000.00	ANUSA	reimbursement for gender affirming gear	\$7,012.16



## **ANUSA International Officer's Report – SRC 7**

**During this SRC cycle the ISD has:**

**Events:**

- International Student Diversity (ISD) Ball October 6<sup>th</sup>
  - The annual ISD Ball held on the 6th of October was a resounding success, drawing an impressive crowd of over 150 attendees who gathered to celebrate our rich cultural diversity. The event was a testament to the collective efforts of the entire ISD team, who worked tirelessly to ensure its success. The evening was adorned with captivating performances, featuring a live band, and enthralling dance performances.
- ISD x "Let's Speak English!"
  - In a collaborative effort, ISD partnered with the "Let's Speak English!" initiative at ANU to enhance the visibility of their valuable services while concurrently promoting the ISD to our international student community. "Let's Speak English!" offers an excellent platform for students to forge new friendships and refine their English language skills.

**Upcoming Events:**

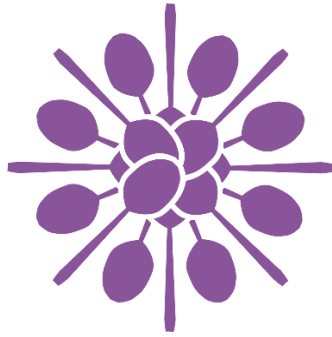
- ISD x "Let's Speak English!"
  - We will be organizing another event in collaboration with "Let's Speak English!"
- ISD Elections - October 15th:
  - A crucial event on our calendar is the ISD Elections scheduled for the 15th of October during a General Meeting. Nominations for the elected Executive positions are currently open, and the Returning Officer is diligently assessing the validity of these nominations.

## **International Students' Departments Expenditure Report**

<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>\$3,236.39</b>
<b>Income</b>		
ANUSA Baseline Funding		\$10,000.00
Merch Sales Revenue		\$709.00
Unauthorised Transaction Refund		\$22.00
ISCE Security Refund		\$200.00
ISCE Ticket Sales		\$2834.04
Ball Ticket Sales		\$10,749.87
ANUSA Shared Funding		\$6613.43
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$31,128.34</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Unauthorised Transactions	(\$41.79)	
Coffee Catch-up	(\$140.40)	

OGM (Pizza)	(\$59.84)	
ISD Mixer	(\$364.00)	
ISD Speed Friending	(\$54.87)	
ISDxBIPOC Pizza Party	(39.37)	
ISCE	(\$6,668.75)	
Trivia Night	(\$93.00)	
ANUSA Printing	(\$19.61)	
Merch	(\$2305.55)	
Bonfire Night	(\$94.65)	
ISD Ball	(\$20,490.00)	
Paint and Study	(\$94.00)	
Bubble Tea & Study Night	(\$76.25)	
Website Subscription	(\$192.00)	
Autonomous Department Mixer	(\$60.00)	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>(\$30,794.08)</b>	
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>\$3570.65</b>

*As of 11/10/2023*



# Disabilities Officer Report

## SRC 7, Semester 2, 2023

Mira Robson (she/her) and Maddison McCarthy (she/her)

Disabilities Co-Officers

*ANU Disabilities Student Association*

Prepared 6/10/23

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### 1. Executive Summary

Our main focus this SRC cycle has been processing the results of the Disability Royal Commission (more below). We are also preparing to handover to the next officers, and are preparing for elections for next years' committee!

### 2. End of Term Reflection

Maddi

Buckle up, this is a long one.

Mira and I have been privileged enough to work together as co-officers for the past 18 months. This job has had amazing ups, but unfortunately many downs as well. On the bright side, being able to work representing and supporting our collective has been a wonderful and incredibly rewarding experience. Our events this year have been more popular than ever, thanks to the work of our incredible social and publicity officers, and our collective feels stronger and closer than ever. Thank you to all of the wonderful students who have attended our events, used our safe space or trusted us to advocate for you- you have been the best part of this role, and you've made this job worth doing for 18 months. And a massive thank you to the rest of our wonderful committee who have been an amazing team to work with- our deputies for supporting us and for running amazing projects, our treasurer for doing the finances I can't wrap my head around and our various secretaries this year for doing the crappy job of minuting.

I also want to give so much credit to the other department officers. I cannot even begin to imagine doing this job alone. Your strength and commitment to your collectives is evident even just by the fact you've lasted this entire term. I could never do this job alone, and I admire all of you so much. Intersectional

activism is so incredibly important, and the team we've had this year has made inter-department collaboration fun and successful.

The final good part of this job has been certain people on the ANUSA team. Having strong allies on the executive is something I can't value enough. Thank you Ben, Grace, Phi, Charlotte and Luke for supporting us this year through everything we've been through. Being your colleagues and friends this year has made this job so much easier to cope with.

On the other hand, we have also had to deal with the very difficult role of fighting ableism on several fronts. As disabled students ourselves, fighting for basic rights on campus is very taxing and we've both had moments that were really difficult for us to face. ANU has a long way to go when it comes to making our campus safe and accessible for disabled students, and unfortunately many of the staff we deal with seem to have outdated attitudes around disability and inclusion. There are, luckily, a few good apples among the bad. Special thanks to Leeanne Kelly, Kim Neville and Bruna Contro Pretero for being the best staff allies we have on this campus, and supporting us in our fight to make ANU a safer space for our students.

On top of fighting ableism from the uni, we also have the unfortunate experience of fighting ableism from within the SRC, especially from factions. And it's the last report I'll ever write, so why not name and shame? SAlt and Labor make our jobs more difficult than they should be, fighting us on disabled students' rights to basic accessibility on this campus. During our term, we've watched first hand and dealt with many disclosures from students harassed by SAlt in the name of 'democracy' year round. I have had many a breakdown trying (and succeeding every time xx) to fight ableist motions moved and/or supported by Labor and SAlt at multiple meetings, such as the last OGM (0.6 votes babyyyy, I bet losing VP by 7 votes feels a bit worse now!). The way that I have been screamed at, called a dictator and a liar, ganged up on and villainised all simply because I am fighting for disabled students basic rights is vile. SAlt and Labor pride themselves on being anti-racist and anti-transphobic, yet are so comfortable promoting and participating in ableism on this campus. I've also personally come up against unfair resistance and disagreement with Labor members at the NUS level, which was extraordinarily disappointing given the NUS is apparently meant to be a support to student unions and department officers. Truly, the worst part of this job has been all the times we are forced to come up against these factions, especially when no other department officer ever has to face such foul resistance when they are defending their collectives. I sincerely hope for the sake of the officers that follow us that these factions will one day catch up to the rest of the world and adopt progressive views on disabled students in the years to come, and will start to take the words of disabled students more seriously. The job of department officers is hard enough as is fighting discrimination from ANU, without dealing with it from students too.

Peace out,

Maddi.

Mira

Maddi has said a lot in line with the thoughts I'll take away from having been in this role for the last 18 months. I have felt both empowered in so many ways to speak up for disabled students at the ANU, and

hugely ignored in other instances. I think the ANU, ANUSA, and student spaces in general have a huge way to go for us to have a truly inclusive campus. I am certainly looking forward to not crashing after SRC anymore.

I would reiterate that we've had some great support from some areas on staff, and have been lucky to have been so well supported by the ANUSA team this year. I hope this is a trend that will continue and grow. But I'd also like to note that we've had real difficulty working with certain parts of the university where accessibility and disability is supposed to be at the forefront, like with Accessibility (formerly Access and Inclusion), and the Disability Action Plan Implementation working group. I sincerely hope that feedback we've given to both of these groups is carefully considered and implemented in the years to come.

I am so proud of what our committee have achieved this year, through lots of role changes and in a major and tumultuous year for disability rights with the release of the Disability Royal Commission. Finally, most of all, I would like to thank our collective. While we've been in an official role of advocate and support for you, you've all helped me so much with your friendship, support, and doctor recommendations (and anti-recommendations). I cannot begin to say how much you've all helped me embrace and feel comfortable in my disabled identity, and advocating for myself. For that you all have my deepest thanks.

Kind regards,

Mira

### 3. Advocacy & Campaigning

#### Issue based Advocacy & Student Support

Students who contact the Officer with individual issues of ableism and discrimination can receive assistance. We have been in contact with various parties, including conveners, Accessibility, and other university staff members, and others in order to address the individual concerns of students, including over the non-teaching period. The details of these interactions will remain unspecified for reasons of confidentiality. A lot of our advocacy issues at the moment are EAP, and Extenuating Circumstance Application (previously Special Considerations) related issues.

If you ever have an issue like that, 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.

#### Deputy Campaign Update

No updates from our deputies :)

#### Disability Royal Commission

The Disability Royal Commission was released on Friday, 29th September. The report was extremely difficult to engage with, as many of the stories and findings are very confronting. We ran our debrief sessions last week in the wake of this. Despite what many activists thought, there was no mention of tertiary education in the report at all. This is extremely disappointing as we know first hand how inaccessible tertiary campuses can be. We were hoping to be able to springboard off the results of the

Commission to engage in further conversations with the university, but this is seeming unlikely as the report does not give us anything to use to do this.

We encourage everyone in the disabled community to look after themselves in this time. We hope to see the 200+ recommendations made in the report actually acted upon. This is a huge moment for disability activism, and hopefully real change will actually come from this report.

## Taskforces and Meeting Updates

During this SRC cycle, the DAP taskforce didn't meet but plans for future meetings are emerging. These final meetings will be aimed at finalizing some DAP action items around education and general policy, before the Revitalised DAP is approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at the end of October.

The Mental Health Strategy Taskforce has met several times this SRC cycle, and predominant items for discussion and consultation have been how consultation for the new strategy should be carried out. At this point, so trials of consultation workshops should run before the end of the year, to be fine tuned for broader scale consultation early next year.

## 4. Media & Community

### Spoons Soiree

Spoons Soiree was held on the 28th September. We had a last minute venue change (fire at the NFSA) meaning that the Soiree was instead held in the Spoons Space. Despite this, we had an amazing event, with a far larger turnout than last year! A huge thank you goes to Florrie, our social officer, who was almost entirely solely responsible for the organisation of this event.

### Social Strategy Update and Recurring Events

Running events in order to increase student engagement has been very successful so far. We hope that future events will get even more engagement. Our recurring events, including casual coffee, craft sessions and our collective meetings, all meet at regular times on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please check out our Facebook page for more event details!

### The Spoons Space

If you want Spoons Space access and do not yet have it, please fill in the form here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSer0wMrnhQwxmAnbiZHp6wzjK8XOeEpDVmvVHRV0iClLyN5hw/viewform>

Spoon space access requests are batched and get put through on a Friday afternoon, so you should have access on the Monday after you put your request in. If there are any issues with card access, please email us, but please note you need a valid student card to get spoon space access- so if your card is expired or lost, please extend it or renew/replace it first before requesting access!

Currently, hail remediation works are happening in Copland building until June 2023 (timeline could change if delayed significantly by bad weather). There is still access to the spoon space, however you need to go via the corner with the bathrooms, rather than the main route through Copland courtyard. There will be additional noise, additional dust in the air and increase of foot traffic with tradespeople. As

we are on the ground floor, even when power is out for work on higher floors we should still have power for door access, spoon space etc. If you have any questions or concerns, or wish to report an issue to do with hail remediation, please contact us at [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au) and we can help or direct your enquiry on to facilities and services. UPDATE: Scaffolding is coming down around some parts of the building but works are still ongoing, and trades people are still blocking access occasionally.

## 5. Administration

### Office Hours!

Office hours are running both in-person and online via zoom until the end of semester. You can come to find out more about the DSA, discuss an issue you are having regarding accessibility, or seek information and advice on navigating the disability policies and structures in place at the ANU, like EAPs and medical withdrawal. The new office hours for this semester are:

Maddi: 3:30-5pm Wednesdays.


Mira: 3:30-5pm Fridays.

We can be available for appointments outside those times too, please get in contact via [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au) to make an appointment.

### Financial

Below is a link to a shared PDF of our finances as of 6th October.

If there is any issues accessing this or you have any questions, please contact us at [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au).

 DSA Financial Audit as at 6 October 2023 - Sheet1.pdf

### Timesheet

During the period between the last SRC and the writing of this report, the co-officers worked a total of **63 hrs 55 min**. Most of this time was spent in meetings, facilitating events, planning for upcoming campaigns and doing individual advocacy and emails. A full breakdown of how our time was spent is available upon request.

Since our re-election on December 1st, the officers have worked **699 hrs 28 min**. See the table for an ongoing tally from each SRC period.

			hours worked	total
Dec 1st 2022	-	SRC 0 (11/01/23)	37:35:00	37:35:00
SRC 0 (11/01/23)	-	SRC 1 (22/02/23)	117:19:00	154:54:00
SRC 1 (22/02/23)	-	SRC 2 (15/03/23)	84:15:00	239:09:00



SRC 2 (15/03/23)	-	SRC 3 (19/04/23)	63:50:00	302:59:00
SRC 3 (19/04/23)	-	SRC 4 (10/05/23)	52:09:00	355:08:00
SRC 4 (10/05/23)	-	SRC 5 (23/08/23)	211:40:00	566:48:00
SRC 5 (23/8/23)	-	SRC 6 (20/9/23)	68:45:00	635:33:00
SRC 6 (20/9/23)	-	SRC 7 (11/10/23)	63:55:00	699:28:00

### DSA Delight

Our DSA Delight this SRC cycle is our entire committee! They've each put in a lot of work this year to help the DSA grow, and be advocates in their own areas. We'd like to thank them for all they've done.

## **Environment Collective Department Officer Report #5**

**Rex Michelson**

### **Executive Summary**

- **Report**
- **Reflection**

### **Report**

Our 7th meeting occurred in the context of the election week, as a consequence attendance consisted of me and my co-convenors. This constituted a discussion and not a formal meeting of the collective. To the contrary, our 8th meeting was productive in setting a course of action for the end of this year. This week we will be reaching out to environmental organisations with the intention of organising action to close out this year. We also discussed the announcement of el nino and the current context of activism during times of abject disaster. Given this context the collective should focus on environmental action through potential protest action in a climate strike or other protest. Furthermore in our upcoming AGM we discussed budget motions to be moved for final expenditure. The collective will commission and purchase merchandise and decide on the purchase of a megaphone. The AUKUS forum was successful, it was gratifying having the opportunity to talk to students ahead of the protest. Given the timeline of the year I believe the collective should focus on the pursuit of student outreach for the AUKUS issue. Handover and collaboration with the incoming officer is set to begin in the coming weeks.

### **Reflection**

In totality I feel incredibly privileged to have the opportunity to work in the capacity as environment officer this year. I will elaborate on some significant challenges faced but I have not become disillusioned with the collective or its role within the university. I believe the collective has the capacity to grow and ultimately improve significantly, however this doesn't discount the meaningful activism the collective has contributed to that has occurred this year.

This year we have seen escalating climate disaster, a continuation of the significant negative repercussions of climate change. As a consequence the collective's role is increasingly crucial in its capacity to organise against climate criminals within and outside ANU. We were instrumental in organising the SS4C rally that saw hundreds gather in Glebe Park. This saw many groups come together and our role in organising the protest gave us the capacity to push strong politics railing against capital and the labor government with strong speakers and motivated activists. As a consequence, this was incredibly gratifying and a highlight of the year. Following this the collective participated in the National Day of Action contributing to a tradition of protesting climate on campus. An underappreciated aspect of this activism was outreach to students given this is broadly an issue that is incredibly important to many. To this end, it is important to consistently relay the complicity of ANU in the climate crisis given their investments and historic apathy toward the environment.

A unique feature of activism this year has been opposition to AUKUS. In isolation AUKUS is a costly and disastrous policy that threatens the future of Australia through the pervasive drive to war. However, ANU's insistence on positioning itself as a champion of this agreement through educational pathways is uniquely reprehensible. The collective has been involved in the planning of anti-AUKUS action in its

many manifestations this year. The abstract nature of the issue has proved challenging to motivating students, however, I believe there has been effective visible resistance this year. Given the potential environmental impacts I believe effective groundwork has been laid for further action into next year.

This year has presented many challenges, some of which could be avoided and others I believe to be the nature of the position itself. The position necessitates engagement in organising, public speaking, finance, admin etc. Juggling all of these aspects under scrutiny in the absence of a livable wage and the addition of university work has the capacity to affect anyone a great deal of stress and anxiety. Indeed this took its toll exacerbated by the constantly public nature of the position. I knew what I signed up for but I say this now with no stake in the game to advocate for more pay and respect afforded to officers. Another great challenge was the late election of co-convenors, I am grateful for the work of Gabe and Luke. However, perhaps as a consequence of my inability to delegate (and Luke being elected welfare officer) I consistently was a sort of one man show. A stronger focus on work done through the collective as a collective would facilitate a better functioning organisation. Another observation is the attendance in meetings being confined to the same band of dedicated activists. I believe what is needed is a stronger sense of community within the collective that has the capacity to welcome individuals into the fold. Although we engaged in social events and I still don't believe this should be the collective's primary focus. It's evidently important in the pursuit of outreach and engagement.

I would like to afford my gratitude to Beatrice Tucker especially who was instrumental in everything I did. Without their sage advice and consistent support I would have been unproductive and totally mentally depleted. They are undoubtedly a brilliant activist and an asset to ANUSA. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the exec this year who without exception have been incredibly supportive, accommodating and personable.

This year has constituted a significant learning curve for which I believe I have garnered many abilities in the realms of activism. I look forward to organising in years to come outside my official capacity as officer. Moreover, I am confident in the future of the collective and its capacity to be more than what it was this year.



## ANU BIPOC<sup>[1]</sup> DEPARTMENT OFFICER REPORT

**PARIA NAJAFZADEH (SHE/HER)**

Student Representative Council 6  
11 October 2023 6:15 PM

### **OUTLINE:**

#### **I. PROJECTS**

2. SOCIAL EVENTS
3. ADVOCACY WORK
4. STATEMENT ON COLLABORATIONS
5. ANTI-RACISM TASKFORCE
6. ETHNOCON
7. ADMINISTRATION
8. BIPOC BADDIE OF THE MONTH

#### **1. PROJECTS**

I have had interest from many SR's from various residential halls for resources. **We are working on a pack to send out to all SR's and ResComm teams.**

#### **2. SOCIAL EVENTS**

We have First Year Chai 'n' Chats on Friday, and we will be organising an end of year potluck in BIPOC Base.

#### **3. ADVOCACY WORK**

The editing work on the documentary is underway now that we have finished the interviews. We also finished editing our 'Being BIPOC' Zine and it will be ready to distribute in a couple of weeks. We received a grant from Woroni to publish our Zine so a big shoutout to them!

Lastly, we have one more consciousness raising circles with BIPOC Talks left this year! This event provides a safe space for BIPOC students to talk through their experiences in order to heal as well as highlight the struggles we all face, which in turn can transform into activist actions. The theme for our last even is safe space and healing.

#### **IV. STATEMENT ON COLLABORATIONS**

Over the last year and especially the last few weeks the department has received many requests for collaborations. **We appreciate each opportunity offered to us; however, we cannot accept every request.** We appreciate being asked to be involved in discussions of race, colonialism, etc. however, it is not our responsibility to monitor and facilitate every one of these discussions on campus. Instead, we are moving our focus internally to supporting our collective as well as ensuring our own anti-racism campaigns are of the highest quality we can produce. We are of course able to provide consultation on how to make spaces and events safe for BIPOC students however, we do not have the capacity to be involved in running every one of these events.

#### **V. ANTI-RACISM TASKFORCE**

The Anti-Racism Taskforce has submitted its report to the IGC. Currently unsure of the future of the taskforce.

#### **VI. ETHNOCULTURAL CONFERENCE**

I attended the NUS Ethnocultural Conference at the University of South Australia at the end of September. I thought this conference was a chance to talk to other Ethnocultural/POC/BIPOC Officers around the country and it was not that. It felt like I, along with the other BIPOC attendees were teaching white participants about how to be anti-racist. Which is fine to an extent in the sense of us sharing how student unions can be anti-racist, if people were listening and were engaged. Unfortunately, most people would spend workshops/talks on their phone or laptop doing other work, which I understand to an extent, but I would have hoped there would be more meaningful engagement. The most disappointing part of the event was the fact racist comments were made by a member of the NUS. This person did apologise, but it just highlighted how student unionism, and the NUS, cannot be trusted as a safe space for BIPOC students, and highlighted to me the necessity of BIPOC activism and autonomous spaces. I would like to thank the members of other unions who took what I, and other POC speakers, shared seriously and I hope to see more unions across Australia implementing our recommendations of creating an Ethnocultural/POC/BIPOC Officer, and supporting this role adequately, and financially.

#### **7. ADMINISTRATION**

##### OFFICE HOURS

My office hours are 3-5pm on Wednesdays via Zoom. Please contact me to set up a Zoom link.

##### COMMITTEES

Our social and advocacy committees are open to join all year round. Message our Facebook to be added to the relevant group chat(s).

## FINANCES

### EXPENDITURE

Purpose	Item Description	Amount (-\$)
ZINE	Adobe Subscription	121.99
BIPOC TALKS	Reimbursement	10.24
ADMIN	Google Storage	2.49
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>134.72</b>

### **VIII. BIPOC BADDIE OF THE MONTH**

Following the trend of other reports shouting out the work of an executive or collective member, I will be shouting out my BIPOC Baddie of the month. A BIPOC Baddie is someone who serves. I will provide no extra explanation. This month I would like to thank Abreshmi and Emalisa for all their hard work on the zine! Also a big thank you to all of our artists and writers <3 The zine is looking really good and we cannot wait to release it!!!

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[1] BIPOC is an abbreviation for Bla(c)k, Indigenous, People of Colour

## Reference O

### *Parents & Carers Report*

- As of Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, there are currently 39 students in the Parents & Carers Group (a few extra students joined recently)
- Colouring-in Competition winners have been contacted individually and received their prizes (\$50 Harry Hartog Giftcard). To briefly reiterate how this worked, there was one winner each for the adults and kids category. ANUSA members were encouraged to vote for their favourite entry via a Google Form that was posted on Slack. The names of the winners and photos of their winning entries will also be posted to the ANUSA Facebook Page shortly, as well as the sign-up link to the group for those who haven't yet joined. It's hoped that this will also promote the group to a wider audience of students and give insight on the kind of activities we do.
- The Parents & Carers Social lunch was held on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September with catering from Zeus Street Greek. Excess leftover food was taken to BKSS after the event to be distributed to other students. It was difficult to accurately align attendance numbers with food quantities as the recommended numbers on the catering menu were a general guide only, however, most students were happy with the flexibility this event offered as a way of assisting in meal-prep for their kids. I received some great positive general feedback in-person from some of the parents, and was also able to speak to them during the event and get suggestions on what they'd like to see in future. I also spoke to some parents about their general study/parenting/caring situation and they were eager to share their experiences and struggles with balancing their degree and family responsibilities at home.
- The Student Assistance team also kindly offered to attend the social lunch, with Hassan present to engage with students and distribute flyers about the assistance services available at ANUSA. Most students were unaware or unsure about what they are eligible to receive, particularly international students who may find it difficult in accessing funding from external sources such as Centrelink. The P&C Group was also sent an email from myself for those who may have missed the event or wanted to save the information for future reference with relevant links to support services and pages containing detailed information about Student Assistance. I've also encouraged students to share this info with their friends at ANU who may also be in a similar situation.
- Student engagement is relatively strong at the moment, with students being quick to respond to event invites and asking questions via email or in-person if they are unsure about something. I have directed a couple of students to contact the Student Assistance team directly regarding some

enquiries about graduation assistance and carers funding. I am currently focusing on spreading more awareness about the support that is available and engaging individually with students.

- I've had a new suggestion from one parent about possibly having a dedicated play-space at ANUSA, i.e. a room with games/toys/books where parents can come with their kids OR leave their kids for an hour or two whilst attending a class. As mentioned in my previous report, this will need a lot of planning to organise who will be supervising the play-space and what its opening hours should be. I'm still working on developing this idea a bit further, but one possibility could be using the already existing Parents Room and improving it with more play items/puzzles/books for kids to engage with as a starting point that would then be carried into 2024.

- My next plan of action in the nearest weeks is releasing a survey/questionnaire to the P&C group to further gain a better picture of which students still need support and with what specifically, as well as compiling a report of areas that desperately need improvement, as well as tasks requiring potential development either now or to be passed on into 2024.



Reference P

## Skye Predavec

My second semester as General Representative has been (in relative terms) quieter than semester one.

I have attended all but one ANUSA SRC, where I sent in apologies near the beginning of the semester due to personal commitments. Despite my efforts I have been largely unable to fulfil the role of Deputy Education Officer to a satisfactory degree, partly due to being incredibly busy this semester and partly due to ongoing scheduling issues with EAG meetings, at first making time to go to meetings which did not occur, and then EAG meeting times changing to the point that I could not attend.

However I have spent my time as Genrep doing other things.

The strikes! Seems like a lifetime ago now but we should all be proud of what we accomplished with bringing students along to that, doing banner painting, and all the rest. In addition that afternoon me and many other students did some really great roaming picketing of scab classes. It's very sad that the NTEU called off doing any further strike actions in favour of accepting a deal that did not do enough for staff, which is just more reason to be organised and prepared to fight for the next bargaining rounds in a few years time, and continue fighting for staff and student rights anyway. We should have student contingents to all NTEU actions, and I've been proud to have been part of quite a few from the start of this bargaining campaign.

The trans rights protest in September. During mid-sem break a bunch of raging transphobes came to parliament house, and the NUS queer office + ANUSA + others organised what turned out to be a really great rally to oppose them. We outnumbered the attendees of the event a lot, got good media coverage, and had great vibes at the rally with some really great speakers. I was really proud to have initiated the organising of that rally, moved the motion at SRC to endorse it, and to have been part of the three meetings which brought it to fruition.

The final update on the Daley Rd Bus petition campaign has come through, with the petition not being referred to committee as the Greens, Labor and Liberals see it as an issue for the ANU to resolve. This is really disappointing, and it represents ignoring the many voices of students and the Canberra community who explicitly disagree and want public transport on campus. Apparently the ANU is planning on bringing back the campus traveller sometime in the future as part of its Kambri master plan, which would do a lot to help, but a public bus line is still something that students need. This just shows that next year we have to put more pressure on the ACT government to provide the bus, and I'm really looking forward to doing so as Welfare Officer :)

In summary: meeeow 🐾

## Sarah Strange

I got appointed in wk 2 of the mid-semester break. Since then I spent much of my time campaigning for election, which was successful in getting me re-elected. I've also

- Attended SRCs, DSA meetings, EWAG meetings, HAC meetings and Queer\* Dept meetings.
- Helped minute OGM3
- Moved and passed a motion compelling the executive to provide comprehensive answers on the night cafe by December 1st.
- Gone doorknocking for the Yes vote in the referendum (of course not on behalf of ANUSA, which maintains a neutral stance - though I've heard a motion is being moved here to finally change that)
- Attended the fantastic trans rights protest in September and helped paint a banner for it as well as postering for and attending the anti-AUKUS forum.

I also spent a substantial amount of time writing, consulting and trying to get votes for the exclusion zone motion. The fact that it failed is however by no means the end of the world. I believe a great number of electoral things should be on the agenda next year including exclusion zones and the ridiculously burdensome and pointless disclosure process.

Democracy is by no means an impediment to people with disability and I look forward to participating in the DSA next year to make it a more powerful campaigning force. I think many left-wing activist people on this campus (I of course mean Socialist Alternative but not just them) have a disdain for departments, in particular the DSA, as bureaucratic and focused only on identity politics and matters like exclusion zones. The accuracy of this description is a matter for the reader. But I think departments are still really awesome as communities and I think they also can and should be transformed into effective campaigning units. Some of course don't need to be transformed - the women's department deserves particular commendation as an extraordinarily well-oiled and also politically engaged machine with unanimously positive reviews from everyone I've met. Holding the faults of the DSA against disabled people or disability activism is deeply unfair and I hope we left-wingers on campus do more disability activism next year.

So what next, as a 2024 general representative? I do intend to campaign against wage theft in our society and on our campus to the best of my ability. Unfortunately, despite my efforts to raise the profile of the issue, I have been remarkably unsuccessful at actually getting other student politicians remotely interested (though many punters on the street certainly were!). I encourage future general representatives and college representatives in particular to reach out to me if you want to be involved in this issue next year. I intend to get involved with governance and constitutional matters as much as I'm allowed to. And I'm sure you'll see me at many different

things, though I'll be back to a full time study load and hopefully working, so far less. I certainly hope to be, if not anything else, slightly nicer.

## Abirami Manikandan

I have continued working on student mental health and wellbeing-based projects this semester while emphasising international student representation in these discussions

-Volunteering: I volunteered at two orientation week events, the strike breakfast (followed by participation in the rally) and was the sober-rep for the Mooseheads event.

-Committees: I am a member of the Ethical Sponsorship Committee and the Honoraria committee.

-Meetings and advocacy:

1. ANU Counselling: Met with the senior counsellor from ANU Counselling to provide feedback on the one-on-one counselling resources offered by them. I delivered anonymised feedback from students to the counsellor to advocate for improved services. Met with Michelle Pickrell to contribute to her research on ANU Counselling services to discuss the group programs offered by ANU Counselling and to suggest targeted programs for international students.

2. Student coffee catch-up: I organised a coffee-catch up to discuss mental health services available to students. I have collected feedback on how ANUSA could assist students with preventing and improving mental health struggles. The focus of the catch-up was also to discuss whether community-based support in the form of financial grants would be effective in giving student clubs and communities agency in seeking appropriate mental health resources for their members. The idea was well received by the students in attendance. I intend to create a report based on the feedback received from the students in order to effectively convey their ideas to stakeholders.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

## Max Marland

As a General Representative, both semester 2 and my 2023 SRC term are coming to an end, and there is a brief reprieve for us all from stupol (until NatCon ofc).

As someone who now works full time, this semester has been harder to get involved with the many issues that I support, as many rallies are inaccessible if you have a standard 9-5 job. However I have been grateful to at least have been involved in the anti-transphobia rally earlier in September (and while turn-out wasn't as high as semester one against Posie Parker, it was still really heartening to see not only Canberrans but also comrades from interstate - just showing how united we are as students especially against the hateful beliefs and language of these TERFs), and ofc the many Anti-AUKUS protests earlier this semester.

In addition to this, I have been on quite a mission to change clubs policy at this Uni to better reflect the needs of students and clubs. And although I will not be personally on SRC to make these changes next year, I do look forward to working with Clubs Committee and the incoming Clubs Officer Seungbin to hopefully make some much needed changes.

To conclude, I would like to highlight that in 4 days (at the time of writing), Australia will be voting on whether we should enshrine the Voices of our First Nations community in the constitution. I will be campaigning and street-stalling on Uni Ave almost everyday, and helping out with booths on election day. I would implore everyone who has attended this SRC not only to vote yes, but to actively engage your family, friends and communities to vote Yes. If you'd like to help with street stalls or referendum day - feel free to contact me.

## Chris Morris and Yerin Park

### **NTEU Strike**

We were busy at the start of this semester helping to build the student support for the staff strike. Together with others in Socialist Alternative, we did most of the promotion for the rally. We spent a few weeks leafleting, making lecture announcements, posterizing, etc and talked to many students about the strike and why we should support staff. On the day of the strike we were involved in soft picketing of lectures and tutorials.

### **Protesting Michele Bullock**

Earlier this semester, the new RBA governor Michele Bullock came to the ANU to talk about how she will be running the reserve bank. Given that this was her first public platform since being confirmed as the new governor, we thought it was a good opportunity to protest. Days before she had claimed that inflation should be countered with a rise in unemployment. We called this out by jumping in at the start of her speech with a giant printout of a Jobseeker application, shouting that if she wants 140,000 people to lose their jobs, she should give the lead and resign. The stunt garnered national media attention and stole what would have been positive headlines—they now read along the lines of “RBA head protested over cost of living”. Importantly, we set a precedent that the RBA will not go unchallenged. Activism against the reserve bank, started by our comrades in Sydney, will continue no matter who is in charge. Let getting protested on day one be an omen for her governorship.

### **Protest against transphobe conference**

When the NUS called a rally against the conference of transphobes like Katherine Deeves and Moira Deeming at Parliament House, we as part of Socialist Alternative organised the promotion of the rally in Canberra. From designing the poster and leaflet, to speaking to other students on campus and passersby in the city, we provided the local contingent to the Sydney activists busing up to the Parliament House lawns.

### **The Voice referendum and anti-racism**

We have been involved with the yes vote campaigning for the referendum this semester. We have done stalls on and off campus promoting other indigenous causes, such as petitioning around the Narrabri gas project. We were proud to be part of the only electoral tickets to support and campaign for a yes vote. We will be having a public meeting tomorrow as well to discuss why we support yes, and more importantly, what we should do following the referendum to fight racism in Australia.

### **Palestine solidarity**

We've been involved in various international solidarity campaigns throughout the year, and helping to organise the upcoming rally as part of Canberra Palestine Action Group is an important addition. This is especially so in somewhere like Australia, where our own government and every mainstream media outlet is justifying the violence of an apartheid state. This is following 75 years of Israeli occupation, and the last two years of increasing murders, dispossessions, and burning of entire towns for Palestinians. We agree with the Harvard students in holding the Israeli regime is entirely responsible for all the ensuing violence. Anyone who supports anti-colonial resistance should come along to the protest **this Friday, 5:30pm, at Garema Place**.

### **Contributing to SRCs**

As a matter of course we've attended every meeting and made very active contributions to debates around the direction of the student union—from campus campaigns to left-wing political positions ANUSA should take as an institution.

### **Educationals**

We've been organising educationals for left-wing students and activists—most recently inviting Joel Geier, an organiser of the UC Berkeley Free Speech Movement, to speak on the lessons of the last mass student radicalisation in the US. Upcoming on the **21st of October** is the book launch for *Indegenous Liberation and Socialism*, featuring the author Jordan Humphreys, discussing the links between working class movements and those for indigenous rights.

## **Brandon Lee**

Hi, Brandon (he/him) here again! I just wanted to state how fortunate and grateful I am to have served as a Gen Rep throughout this year - and to have been in a position to pursue meaningful priorities for students currently. While this sem has been a bit slower with ANUSA-related actions, I am really happy with my overall progress and work in my term, which I will discuss further throughout this report.

Last semester (and before then), as covered in my previous report, I was able to accomplish much of my policy priorities; to mention a few below:

- I worked from the start of my term with Ben (Pres) to deliver on my commitment to implement MyWay vouchers for ANU students, as part of cost-of-living relief from transportation costs - resulting in the publicised ANUSA Transport Voucher Program being successfully implemented. Please refer to this ANU Observer article for further information:  
<https://anuobserver.org/2023/05/08/anusa-transport-voucher-program-aims-to-provide-cost-of-living-relief-for-students/>
- I worked with the Indigenous Department's officer, Aleisha, to support her efforts on campus to educate students about Constitutional recognition for First Nations peoples in the lead-up to the upcoming Voice referendum - particularly around res hall outreach events which occurred. Moreover, in the last SRC meeting of Sem 1, I successfully moved a motion (which Aleisha is seconding) that supported the Department's educational efforts and condemned misinformation being circulated around the referendum
- At the last SRC meeting of Sem 1, in line with my intention to strengthen collaboration with autonomous collectives on campus, I successfully seconded a motion (with CASS Rep Lara Johnson moving) to strengthen the role of autonomous Departments in activism that concerns their communities and affirm their right to safe spaces at the ANU - this motion was the product of consultation with all autonomous Departments at the ANU by the both of us
- I attended the NUS' National Conference at the end of last year and have supported the efforts of our national body to advocate for cost-of-living relief to tertiary students across Australia - including reversing Job-ready Graduates, raising the age of independence and freezing HECS indexation; I will continue to push for a closer working relationship between ANUSA and the NUS, and am very glad to see ANUSA paying its fair share of affiliation fees this year
- I participated in ANUSA's Housing Action Collective with the goal of fighting and working to achieve more affordable housing in Canberra for ANU students

I am really heartened to have built on that work in this Semester, to mention a few, including:

- Foremost, I have used most of my time this Semester to work with the Yes campaign as a co-organiser of the ANU Students for the Voice chapter (affiliated with Yes23). We have organised both street stalls and letterboxing on campus, and have also connected ANU students to volunteering for the wider campaign. I am really proud of the wide cohort of ANU students that the campaign has mobilised, which is why I am moving a motion at this meeting to encourage all ANUSA SRC members to join this effort in these final days - and I hope it passes tonight.

- Separate from my campaign-side of work, I have also continued to keep in touch with the Indigenous Officer on her Department's informational campaign on the Voice referendum - which culminated in successfully organising a yarnning circle at Wamburun Hall that went ahead successfully and generated positive feedback.
- I am happy to have highlighted ANUSA-related issues pertaining to residents rights on campus throughout the past semester - and I hope that policy that has come from that area in the past few weeks can be addressed in the upcoming term.
- I have had discussions with another member of the SRC to progress on mental health-related issues from ANUSA's-end, and I am really keen to continue working on this until (and beyond) the conclusion of my term.

I am also happy to have maintained my duties to ANUSA organisationally and helped out with the union's general work on a volunteering basis, including through:

- Attending the vast majority meeting required of the SRC, except a very small number of meetings which I sent apologies for, and actively speaking & working on motions at a number of them
- Being a member of the Ethical Sponsorship Committee, which involved approving and assigning levels of sponsorship for entities wishing to work with ANUSA - primarily over the summer break before O-Week and the winter break before Bush Week
- Volunteering for ANUSA during O-Week and Bush Week, having helped out at the ANUSA Market Day stall and the ANUSA Mooseheads night event

Thank you for taking the time to read this report and I have been really grateful for my time as a Gen Rep to work on important priorities. Please feel free to contact me, either through my email [u7488695@anu.edu.au](mailto:u7488695@anu.edu.au) or on my Facebook (Brandon Lee), if you have any questions or feedback at all about my work as Gen Rep this term!

## Ollie O'Kane

Hey everyone!

This semester, I have spent my time campaigning for a Voice to Parliament through ANU Students for Yes and the Yes23 campaign. I know ANUSA has not taken a position, though I hope this changes today.

I have also attended all SRC meetings, including the AGM and OGM, as well as helping man the ANUSA stall on Market Day.

I am currently enjoying minuting or am preparing to minute.

Cheers!



**Honoraria Committee Report Sem 2 2023****10/10/2023**

*Committee: Katrina Ha (Treasurer), Ben Yates (President), Phoebe Denham (Women's Officer), Abirami Manikandan (General Representative), and Sejal Bijlani (College of Business and Economics Postgraduate Representative)*

Name	Position	Contribution	Amount
Sarah Strange	General Representative	Going above and beyond in contributions to EWAG events in Bush Week, AUKUS, HAC and by being an active part of political culture of ANUSA meetings.	\$200
Mickey Throssell	CASS Representative	Going above and beyond in contributions to EWAG events and functioning, staff strikes and AUKUS.	\$170
Lara Johnson	CASS Representative	Going above and beyond by being an active part of the political culture of ANUSA meetings and EWAG.	\$170
Tess Northcott	CAP Representative	Going above and beyond in showing leadership and commitment in the CAP representative role.	\$160
Lata Warner	EWAG Deputy Education Officer	Going above and beyond in contributions to EWAG for the semester, and to chair multiple events.	\$140
Harrison Oates	CECC Representative	Going above and beyond in contributions to minuting every single ANUSA meeting for the entire year.	\$110
Marcos Pentenado	Ordinary Clubs Committee Member	Going above and beyond in contributions to Night Markets and Clubs Committee.	\$110

Finnian Colwell	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond in contributions to EWAG events including roaming pickets, screen-print events, student forum events and AUKUS related events.	\$100
Elise Chua	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond in contributions to EWAG events including roaming pickets, screen-print events, student forum events and AUKUS related events.	\$100
Yerin Park	General Representative	Going above and beyond by being an active part of protests and being an active part of the political culture of ANUSA meetings, HAC and EWAG.	\$100
Wren Somerville	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by being involved in organising and chairing at multiple anti-AUKUS rallies and being an active part of the political culture of ANUSA meetings by writing motions.	\$100
Aveline Cayir	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by being an active part of the political culture of ANUSA meetings, HAC and EWAG.	\$100
Carter Chryse	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by being an active part of the political culture of ANUSA meetings, and HAC.	\$100
Nick Reich	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by being an active part of the political culture of ANUSA meetings, and HAC.	\$100
Khubaib Qureshi	Ordinary Clubs Committee Member	Going above and beyond in contributions to Clubs Committee and SSAF Bid, and by advocating for clubs.	\$100

Jiawei Ye	CECC Representative	Going above and beyond by assisting with the establishment of ANUSA Postgraduate Representation and events and representing ANUSA on AQAC.	\$90
Abolfazl Amjadipour	CHM Representative	Going above and beyond by assisting with the establishment of ANUSA Postgraduate Representation and events and representing ANUSA on Mental Health Strategy Taskforce.	\$90
Chris Morris	General Representative	Going above and beyond by being an active part of the political culture of ANUSA meetings, anti-AUKUS, and HAC.	\$80
Hejia Zhang	CASS Representative	Going above and beyond by assisting with the establishment of ANUSA Postgraduate Representation and events.	\$80
Tianyu Shen	CASS Representative	Going above and beyond by assisting with the establishment of ANUSA Postgraduate Representation and events.	\$80
Sanskruti Borikar	CAP Representative	Going above and beyond by assisting with the establishment of ANUSA Postgraduate Representation and events.	\$80
Sally Wilson	CAP Representative	Going above and beyond by assisting with the establishment of ANUSA Postgraduate Representation and events.	\$80
Anjalie Edirisooriya	CECC Representative	Going above and beyond by assisting with the establishment of ANUSA Postgraduate Representation and events.	\$80

Manreet Kaur	COS Representative	Going above and beyond by assisting with the establishment of ANUSA Postgraduate Representation and events.	\$80
Jewel Joanna Cabardo	COS Representative	Going above and beyond by assisting with the establishment of ANUSA Postgraduate Representation and events.	\$80
Putri Riska Answendy	CoL Representative	Going above and beyond by assisting with the establishment of ANUSA Postgraduate Representation and events.	\$80
Sejal Bijlani	CBE Representative	Going above and beyond by assisting with the establishment of ANUSA Postgraduate Representation and events.	\$80
Ferdi Djajadisastra	CHM Representative	Going above and beyond by assisting with the establishment of ANUSA Postgraduate Representation and events.	\$80
Sinead Wilson	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond in contributions to Staff Strikes and EWAG Bush Week initiatives.	\$70
Skye Predavec	General Representative, EWAG Deputy Education Officer	Going above and beyond by supporting EWAG Bush Week initiatives.	\$60
Darcy Hoyle	EWAG Deputy Education Officer	Going above and beyond by helping EWAG events, minuting EWAG meetings and stalling in the lead-up to the strike and on market day.	\$50

Aemon Hassan	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by being an active member of the HAC, and EWAG and contributing to political debate and discussion.	\$50
Louie Hanna	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by being an active part of the political culture of ANUSA meetings, anti-AUKUS, and HAC.	\$50
Vinh Nguyen	Ordinary Clubs Committee Member	Going above and beyond in contributions to Clubs Committee.	\$50
Evan Qiao	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by being a volunteer coordinator in Bush Week.	\$50
Luisa David	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by being a volunteer coordinator in Bush Week.	\$50
Pratham Roy	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by being a volunteer coordinator in Bush Week.	\$50
Shahrukh Rahman	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by being a volunteer coordinator in Bush Week.	\$50
Wenjie Zhao	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by being a volunteer coordinator in Bush Week.	\$50
Xinyun Zhou	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by being a volunteer coordinator in Bush Week.	\$50
Lauren Frost	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by supporting EWAG Bush Week events and staff strikes.	\$40
Benjamin Jelfs-Smith	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by supporting EWAG Bush Week events and staff strikes.	\$40
Sasha Parker	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by supporting EWAG Bush Week events and staff strikes.	\$40

Zofia Francis	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by supporting EWAG Bush Week events and staff strikes.	\$40
Jack Dowling	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by supporting EWAG Bush Week events and staff strikes.	\$30
Remi Prica	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by supporting EWAG Bush Week events and staff strikes.	\$30
Frances Evatt	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by supporting EWAG Bush Week events and staff strikes.	\$30
Sam Coady	Ordinary Member	Going above and beyond by supporting EWAG Bush Week events and staff strikes.	\$30
			Total: \$3,830.00

**Note from the Committee:**

As noted in the financial regulations, these are tokenistic monetary amounts, not reflections of hours worked and volunteered. The total pool for this year is \$7,500, of which half, \$3,750, was allocated this semester, according to the budget that ANUSA passed. However, there was a remaining \$80 from the semester 1 honoraria pool, so the total amount of Semester 2 honoraria is \$3,830.

Note that if a committee member has been nominated, they have abstained from the discussion.

Candidates were only eligible to be allocated honoraria when they did not receive another form of payment from ANUSA this financial year. This includes department stipends.

