



AGENDA – ANUSA STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 6 2023

Wednesday, 20 September 2023

6:15pm, Zoom and Marie Reay 4.02

Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies 1820

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Apologies

Item 2: Passing the previous meetings minutes

2.1 SRC5

Moved by Luke Harrison

Seconded by Charlotte Carnes

Motion passes

Item 3: Executive Reports

Procedural to move all reports en bloc moved by Luke

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

BY: Will take mostly as read, a few highlights. Will talk about Monday's incident at the end. We are about to start enterprise bargaining, sent out notices, so that is now in progress. Besides that, not too much more to highlight. Monday was really distressing to happen on campus, hope

everyone is taking care of themselves and know that support is available. Chief Psychiatrist of ACT will be investigating the incident, and there is an expectation that ANU will do the same. ANU has done reasonably well, more proactive than 2017 and willing to engage with me. Damage response has been relatively positive.

No questions for Ben

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

GK: Three things to highlight. First, a lot of time was spent hiring and onboarding new BKSS staff, a very exciting, very competitive application process. Usage is very high which is a wonderful problem to have. Have also spent a lot of time inducting new reps, including casual vacancies for postgrads. Lots of work onboarding and helping them into the community, supporting that transition into having more reps and postgrad reps. Final thing, sparkle of the SRC is Paria, the BIPOC Officer for running really awesome events, they always get great feedback on events, new safe space, great merch. Great work Paria!

No questions for Grace

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

PO: Bea will be late, will circle back at the end of the reports.

BT: apologies for being late, was stuck at work. Since last SRC have mostly been working on the AUKUS forum and petitions along with others in EWAG. Forum is tomorrow and you should all come, Sarah has a motion about it later. It is not part of a night against war, with ANU Film Group running a movie afterwards. We are going to make it kinda one event, starting at 5.30pm in Kambri cinema. Speakers will be... Going to be pretty cool, Lata Warner is chairing. Lots of groups have said they are coming and bringing contingents, so highly recommend you come along to learn about AUKUS and be part of the campaign against militarisation of our campus. ANU is one of the first unis where the Labor gov's militarisation plan has put money, along with South Australian unis, so maybe it doesn't feel that urgent but it is. If we can stop this degree taking off here, we can make it really hard for the AUKUS rollout to function. Strong imperative to stop it. Leave it at that, and there will be pizza tomorrow so come eat it.

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

Chair passes to Charlotte.

PO: Main thing is the Meeting Owl, it is really good to have found a speaker that will work. We've considered it for a while but weren't sure about the room size, but after some testing found it would work. Pranavi has resigned as ISD Officer, Syed has replaced her, this takes quite a bit of time as the ISD constitution was out of line with the ANUSA Constitution, will help make relevant updates. From AQAC, where they pass many academic things including upcoming nuclear related degrees, I had a pretty clear mandate to vote against anything nuclear

related and did so. Change doesn't really happen in committee meetings but still worth dissenting. If you want to see change, come along to AUKUS event on Thursday.

Sarah: When it comes to the ISD, don't they usually have massive online elections?

A: That's something they do, but not in their constitution. Can elect officer at their OGMs, but would prefer to do the other option. They're snowed under atm.

Chair returns to Phoenix

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

KH: Want to start with expenditure report, nothing special except SSAF income shows almost 3.3mill because we are getting an additional 1mil due to expansion of services. Also getting 400k tight funding for capital expenditure, can only be spent in accordance with that plan.

Finding best way to manage funds wisely, we put some reserves into accounts with favorable interest rates in 6 months and a year. Finally, honoraria has opened and will close 8th October, please nominate people who fit the criteria. Anyone can nominate anyone, including themselves.

No questions for Katrina

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

CC: Take mostly as read, flag that Union Ball is on Friday 20 October, tickets will probably go out next week. Most time since last SRC has been spent on the SSAF bid, really proud of that work and grateful for clubs who participated. Initial discussions with uni have been positive, puts us in a good place to fund clubs for the rest of the year.

No questions for Charlotte

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

LM: Taken mostly as read. Last monday we had a rally outside parliament house against the transphobe panel happening inside. Great success. Tomorrow is a forum in kambri cultural centre about AUKUS, followed by a film called 'road to war' afterwards. I'm sure people may have seen drug decriminalisation laws passed recently, \$100 penalty for certain drugs. Still can be arrested, but you can't be imprisoned for holding those drugs. Now want to call out greens for folding to Labour on HAFF. May make some limited change, but a lot of the issues come from landlords jacking up the price of rent. Clear that the solution is not through electoral politics but through fighting for it on the ground.

No questions for Luke

Item 4: Department Officer Reports

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

Aleisha is away. Please forward any questions.

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

PD: Just a few things: very happy to say our dinner and delights event raised 400 for crisis services, we've made that donation. Have a bit in report about SASH stuff in the media. A great deal of really great events are coming up including more feminist consciousness-raising, women in history panel next week.

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

JJ: Take my report mostly as read, only thing to flag is that the queer doof has been announced and most of my time has been working on that. 13th October, woo!

4.4 International Students' Department (P. Jamwal) [Reference K]

No report this week given that the new officer was only elected two days ago. They'll report on all of their activities at the next meeting.

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

MM: Quick content warning, will be discussing royal commission into abuse of disabled people.

Want to highlight that the royal com results are being released at the end of next week. Some aspects have already been released, they are and will be extremely confronting and upsetting. It will be a difficult and upsetting time for disabled people and students. Encourage able-bodied people to be good allies over the next while. Seek help as you need.

Q: (sarah) What do you think about Ben's comments about the DAP 'having concerns about the viability of the reform group?' What do you think of that?

A: I'll take it on notice. Mira knows more than I do about this.

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

RM: Mostly as read, been flagged tomorrow is forum speakers from Australian institute and staff, commendations to people flyering + organising that. AUKUS campaign has fallen to my co-convenors and others, particularly Gabe Love with Bush Week, two protests that have happened are good to see and a stepping stone for more things to come.

Q (Chris): Do you think that your actions as environment officer have been constitutional, seeing as you've been away for ages and nobody was here last meeting in your place, particularly giving global warming, etc. How do you explain your absence?

A: First thing to mention, credit where it is due, I haven't been gone most of the year, 5 weeks of delegating and working remotely, things still happened. Things could have been handled better on my part and understand that accountability is important, take ownership about last SRC in particular. Have to contextualise with a few things, my absence wasn't a vacation, was an interpersonal thing. With co-convenors being elected later, was an opportunity for them to do physical tasks. Second thing is have undertaken environmental activism a lot in first semester, two protests happened with the Collective, as well as major discussion and strategy. AUKUS has taken a bit of a bigger role. Speaking more abstractly, last semester the Collective was less active.

Grace moves a procedural for more speaking time, passes.

Rex: That is a focus going forward, more things in the swing of it, meeting end of last semester. No coincidence that I've known a lot of enviro officers in my time and hasn't seen a single enviro officer back at a meeting after their tenure. I won't sacrifice my sanity at the altar of ANUSA. I dispute the very pointed nature of that question.

Q (Carter): Not really about your personal emergency, as if the collective has been functional then your work would have trundled along. The two protests that have happened have happened due to socialists.

Phoenix asked if Carter had a question twice.

Carter was named. Rex not required to respond.

Going to Beatrice's report

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

PO: Paria is not here. Please reach out to them if you have questions.

4.8 Parents and Carers Officer [Reference O]

PO: First parents and carers report!

AJ: Hello, for those who don't know me, I'm the parents and carers officer. Main features, 37 students currently in the group, mostly postgrads and mostly parents. Last week, we held first social event which was a colouring competition in the boardroom, a chance for parents to get together. Currently in the process of collecting artworks and will get ANUSA people to vote for a winner in the kids and adults categories, prizes will be Harry Hartog gift cards. Also took suggestions from students about what they wanted to see or any concerns. Main issue currently is funding for childcare and holiday care options. Did attend a childcare liaison meeting where I brought the problem up, but not much that I can do, keen to hear any ideas. Otherwise people are really responsive in this group, last couple of weeks have been really great. One of the main ideas is an on-campus child-minding option for people who can't pay for childcare, a really big idea so possibly not until next year, but essentially just having some place where parents can

leave their kids for a few hours rather than taking them to class. Main issue would be finding volunteers or staff to care for these kids, but again a really big idea so will take a lot of consideration before it gets off the ground. Otherwise lots of social events in the works.

Mover for reports: Ben

Secunder for reports: Grace

Reports pass

Item 5: Discussion Items/Motions on Notice

5.1 Condemning the lack of transparency on the Night Cafe

Preamble

In 2020, a candidate successfully ran for Treasurer on the promise to build an independent post office on campus. Realizing, as they should have done before the thought even entered their head, that this was unfeasible, they pivoted to promising to build a night cafe. Thus began this sorry saga. In 2021, the ticket Grassroots ANUSA ran on a panoply of policies for the future night cafe. I have heard there was a centralized mandate from that ticket's leadership for General Representative candidates to think up cafe-related policies. Many of these were entirely delusional.

The night cafe has been delayed since that time, despite commitments that it would be open before the end of 2022. This is, more than anything, the ANU's fault. ANU rents are sky high and Kambri management have tended to drag their feet beyond any remotely reasonable length of time. This motion does not condemn the executive for failing to build the night cafe, nor does it advance the laughable proposition that somehow I would have built it if I were in charge. Rather, this motion is a response to an endemic lack of communication and a prevalence of delusional thinking.

I do want to further add that this motion does not censure the entirety of the executive, nor does it disrespect the hard work that every executive member does for the union, including on the night cafe. I am cognizant of the burden of overwork on executive members, few of whom report working only their expected hours. There is no easy solution to this problem - I try my best to afford executive members as much grace as I can. Unfortunately, there also comes a time when students must demand accountability from their elected leaders. In my view, that time is now.

The lack of communication on this issue is particularly unfortunate. Reading SRC reports very closely, I still have essentially no idea of the cafe's progress. SRC reports on the issue this year have tended to consist of form assurances that work on the night cafe is ongoing, but that the night cafe would not go ahead if it were not in the interest of students. There were more detailed

reports at SRC 3 and 4 noting that a business plan is being written. What has been missing is any communication to the student body at large through any medium other than SRC reports. Students cannot be expected to pore through the minutes of arcane meetings in order to know the progress of the promises they voted for. Nor do the minutes of executive meetings (which are even more arcane) shed much light on the issue. Though I completely recognise that commercial matters must be held in confidence to a degree, even the SRC reports do not contain such information as when students might expect the cafe to begin operating or where it might be.

The delusional thinking is another unfortunate aspect that has plagued this project from the start - its genesis as an independent post office was not auspicious. There have been promises that all the cafe's products would be sourced ethically.¹ There have been promises of open mic nights and autonomous discussion groups. There have been discussions of bicycle repair. But very little of the project's thinking has grappled with the following, fundamental question. How on earth is a business supposed to be ethically run in terms of suppliers, pay its workers fairly, afford the university's unreasonable rent, be the cheapest food outlet on campus, and make the union a large amount of profit that is exempt from SSAF? The difficulties inherent in that plan should have been obvious to all from the very, very first. If the night cafe project is to go ahead, there needs to be a substantial amount of prioritisation of values. For instance, should it prioritise affordability and run at a loss or prioritise profit? Perhaps there has been a genuine effort to grapple with these priorities. If this is so, it has been entirely absent from communication with the SRC, the public, or indeed the executive meeting minutes. The SRC should be able to have an open and honest debate about these values, but to do so it requires adequate information.

Motion

The SRC condemns the executive members responsible for the night cafe for a lack of transparency and communication with students.

The SRC requires that the ANUSA executive (delegating as it so chooses) produce a detailed report on the night cafe's progress, which must be posted on facebook and instagram as a standalone by November 30. This does not bind the executive to provide any information that would prejudice commercial negotiations.

Moved: Sarah Strange

Seconded: Lata Warner

Sarah (mover): Definitely an interesting mood in the room today, flop era of SRC. I move 700 words of pure toxicity to solve this. I want to talk about this a bit. This saga started in 2021,

¹ Speaking only for myself, I am dubious of the idea of 'ethical sponsorship' as a political programme. The union has been indisputably right to exclude, for example, the ADF from campus. But how can major banks, which regularly sponsor market day stalls, be branded with the imprimatur of 'ethical'? Speaking only for myself, I think the union simply ought to be honest with its priorities. It can either include unethical sponsors, as it now does, or make more of a loss on market day. Such values-based prioritization is the crux of political debate. Sweeping it under the rug under the name of 'ethical sponsorship' is a sham.

when the former treasurer ran on a promise of an independent post office. In terms of 2021 elections, the grassroots ticket made a bunch of crazy promises, there was a central mandate from the centre of that ticket to gen reps to come up with policies. From last year up to SRC7 the treasurer was promising to open the night cafe by October. We learn this year that there was no viable business plan until this year. Current executive reports have been contentless and this project has been limping along. Second paragraph, there hasn't been a promise to students. Fundamental political angle to this: a lot of students are left-wing, and lots are uncomfortable for the union to run a profitable business of this kind. Gen reps should be holding executive to report. Motion would see exec produce a report on the issue by 30th November.

Lata (seconder): Sarah has said a lot of what wanted to say. Want to add that the big issue is transparency. Think it is an ok idea, if a bit ambitious. Problem is we don't know what stage it is at, and we have never known. That it takes a lot of time is no excuse for not telling us what is happening, particularly because it has been a big part of election promises. Even if you're really engaged, there is no way to know what is going on.

Motion to produce a detailed report should have been happening all along, we should be entitled to know how these big election promises / plans that take time and money are going and what is happening. We should get this big report of where we're at. I want to know where my money is going, and it is ridiculous.

No speakers against

Ben (in favour): This is a good motion and raises some really fair points. Have spoken with Sarah at length and share a lot of the perspectives around the unreality about the night cafe for a long time. When we sat down to write election policy last year we focused on talking about a viability threshold. It has not yet surpassed that threshold.

When we talk about commercial things as opposed to advocacy or service provision, there are certain sensitivities but I would work on that. We've also had a lot of work on post-grad integration.

Once the opportunity had arisen to provide a more reasonable plan, we did have to confront the idea that we could have everything all at once and not pay for it. Draw attention to last para of preamble which really effectively states this delusion. Important that we have a mature conversation about this.

Luke moves to give Ben two more minutes. Procedural passes.

Around elections, there does need to be a level of reckoning with the reality of either this being revenue-generating or expanding the BKSS. You can have one of those, we run a business at a loss as a charity, we would just need to install a commercial kitchen.

If we want to run as another charitable food venture, we can do that. You need to justify a night cafe with making funds, and if you can't do that then you shouldn't do it. Lots of talk about night cafe with elections, I don't think it's good to have the union go down this path.

Encourage people to use the election to have a mature conversation about this. If we are prepared to generate revenue we should, but if we are not wholeheartedly prepared to then we shouldn't.

Sarah (RoR): I think it's funny for the exec to unanimously condemn itself, self-censure is funny. Obviously this is a political space, I'm not bound by neutrality unlike Ben. This appears to be in a certain ticket, Together for ANUSA's policy...

Phi vacates the chair to Grace

Even though this project was started as an initial revenue-raising for ANUSA, while revenue might be useful in the future student satisfaction has been a priority. Agree with Ben that if we are not going to prioritise revenue it is not worth doing. Disappointed this space has not taken an interest in it before. We could increase BKSS to open until 12, would be expensive but still cheaper.

Motion moves to a vote.

Motion passes.

5.2 Confirming the Election of the International Officer

The SRC confirms the election of Syed Muhammed Fawwad to the position of International Officer.

Moved: Ben Yates

Seconded: Luke

Ben (mover): Let's confirm.

Luke (seconded): Let's confirm him

Motion put to a vote. Motion passes.

5.3 AUKUS is bad

Preamble

AUKUS is bad.

Motion

- The SRC reiterates ANUSA's opposition to AUKUS
- SRC members are encouraged to attend tomorrow's 'A Night Against War' event in Kambri Cinema featuring a film starting at 7:30 and a panel discussion starting at 5:30
- ANUSA will make a facebook post tomorrow promoting that event.

Moved: Sarah Strange

Seconded: Mickey Throssell

Sarah (mover): Wrote this preamble so short bc people who are organising it had not written. I'm moving one of the longest preambles and one of the shortest. Very main character day for me. Lots of new reps, important that we talk about what AUKUS is and why we oppose it. It is a three-way military alliance in which we provide 368b dollars worth of submarines plus more. UK and US will provide us with nuclear powered submarines. Totally normal way to be spending money. Over 600 billion Night Cafes or something. The reason we oppose AUKUS is not only because we oppose nuclear power historically in Australia

To have nuclear power generation in this country is unacceptable, this is tied up with militaristic rhetoric against China, plus Australia has its own imperialist agenda. They fucked up Nauru, fucked around with Indonesia, etc.

ANU is totally complicit, has cut courses and is replacing them with nuclear degrees, and have said publicly this is because of AUKUS. Good to move these political motions as it lets people know about the issue. Encourage everybody to attend tomorrow's event in Kambri at 5.30.

Mickey (seconder): Completely agree with everything Sarah said. More about the forum, it starts at 5.30 and will be talking about the militarisation of the uni as well as the deal as a whole. Speaker from Aus INstitute, Bea Tucker, NTEU staff member. There is also a petition which you can find out on uni ave or go to EWAG facebook page.

Maddi: Point of clarification, myself and Mira have asked EAG to provide accessibility information for the event and I haven't heard anything from them. We moved a motion two or so SRCs ago to provide this for ANUSA-run events. I won't be going because of this lack of information.

Bea (for): Go check out facebook event and like it. I haven't opened that email and you're right. Location changed at last minute and FoC was only confirmed yesterday. Very cursed event, has been a very chaotic event organising, in another world it would have been so much better built. Excited regardless and thank you for that Maddi.

Sarah waives RoR.

Motion put to a vote.

Motion passes.

Item 6: Other Business

PO: Please make sure to help put room back into shape.

Item 7: Meeting Close 7:11

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council is scheduled to be on Wednesday, 16 August at Marie Reay 4.02.

Expected Close of Meeting: 7:30pm

Released: 21 August 2023 by Phoenix O'Neill

Reference A



President's Report

Student Representative Council 6, 2023

Ben Yates

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Welcome and Shoutouts

Hi folks, hope everyone is well! My time has unfortunately been consumed with a lot of administration over the past few weeks, especially around elections, as well as several substantial Council commitments. In the midst of that, some important advocacy work is of course happening, especially the rolling work related to the SR review and res hall 24/7 staffing model.

A particular plea to all to be decent to each other during the elections. A hard fought and fiercely debated election is entirely consistent with engaging with each other in good humour.

Activism & Advocacy

Residential Halls / SR Review

The outcome of the SR review was a clear win. No change to the SR scholarship had been our key ask and at many points it looked like a distant prospect. The outcome also demonstrates the success of the sustained strategy of integrating our student safety and residential hall activism, demonstrating that student safety in halls is, at least in some measure, a function of university investment in prevention and response.

Now we move to engagements over what the 24/7 staffing model will look like. I want to clearly state that a 24/7 staffing model *could* be a good thing. It has been successful for instance with John XXIII's 'night porter' model. However, it could just as easily be a detrimental outcome. I am concerned that the University may attempt to fill this staffing through an outsourcing model. We need only look at UniSafe and UniLodge to see how outsourcing welfare/wellbeing/safety functions goes. Students have time and again emphasised that they want to know the staff in their halls. This cannot be achieved with an outsourced model, as both UniLodge and UniSafe have proved.

Education Access Plans (EAPs)

Most students are aware that EAPs are a broken system. The DSA in particular have long been vocal about this. I am very pleased that there is increasing acknowledgement of this fact from the University since the Accessibility team (formerly Access and Inclusion) moved to sit adjacent to the Student Safety and Wellbeing Team. There needs to be a move away from EAPs as a compliance/regulatory matter and towards EAPs as a part of student care, treated with a person-centred lens. I understand we will see a holistic review of EAPs through late this year and into next year. I would broadly group my concerns into three classes: firstly, the EAP system is bureaucratic for students to navigate and the Accessibility team are not currently acting as advocates for disabled students but are often protecting the University. Second, there are a large number of students with experiences that are not 'diagnosable' but should be accommodate. For instance, having messy handwriting is usually not a diagnosable condition but has a tangible impact on students' ability to perform. Lastly, staff support was never built into the EAP system. Lecturers often fail to meet students' accommodations not out of malice but simply because they do not have time and resources. The EAP system was constructed on the assumption that students with EAPs would represent a very small minority in any class. There are now classes with around a third of students on EAPs. The system is not built to make this sustainable.

Parking

I haven't had the time to launch a parking campaign but would be keen to work with anyone who is interested. Send me an email or Slack!

Other

Huge shout out to the ANUSA and NUS officers who put together the anti-transphobe rally at parliament. It was great!

Committees

IDEA Governance Committee ([SASH](#), [Racism](#), [Ableism](#))

The IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility) Governance Committee (IGC) oversees strategic work aligned to improving the University's performance across these areas. Under the IGC there are 'taskforces' and these taskforces broadly align with a number of our departments.

I had the most recent meeting of IGC last week. Several strategies are seeing interesting movement:

- Gender Equity Strategy – the strategy has been approved by the Senior Management Group. The recommendations of the strategy are wide-reaching and ambitious and I believe there may be a gap between resourcing and the nominated actions. It is not clear that there will be enough accountability to see these actions delivered. I advocated for an on-going oversight group to ensure that the promised actions are delivered.
- Anti-Racism Taskforce – recommendations have been provided by the taskforce. The recommendations demonstrate a clear commitment to scoped, achievable actions that will actually be delivered, rather than big promises that fail. I think broken promises from the University are corrosive of student trust so I am pleased to see this approach. The approach is also iterative, identifying a small number of urgent actions, including a disclosure tool, for urgent delivery before the end of the year, while also identifying projects that will sustain anti-racist work into the future.
- Disability Action Plan Reinvigoration Taskforce – the DAP work is highly convoluted and I am beginning to have concerns about its viability. The initial intention mid-year, that I supported, was to take the current DAP which has largely not been delivered, identify priority actions and arrange for implementation of those while separately beginning work on a new DAP to be introduced in 2025. These prioritisation exercises are necessarily painful but I can't see significant evidence of prioritisation and it seems the focus has been on refining action items. This is important and useful for the next DAP but I don't think it addresses the urgent need for action and the resourcing gaps that caused the DAP to go largely unimplemented.

- LGBTQIA+ taskforce – this was supposed to start by May. It seems commitment to this taskforce is either waning or was never there to begin with. I have advocated that, especially given the clear up-swing in transphobia, including in the University’s own data collection, some form of this taskforce remains urgent.

The IDEA system was supported by a team called Equity and Belonging, since renamed Inclusive Communities. This team very suddenly hollowed out due to staff attrition mid-year. It is now slowly rebuilding. There have been early discussions of a redesign of the IDEA approach. I support these discussions happening. IDEA work tends to promise big and deliver little because there is a fundamental misalignment of strategy and resourcing decisions.

Student Safety and Wellbeing Steering Group (SASH)

Phoebe and I sit on the Student Safety and Wellbeing Steering Group, a coordination mechanism between all divisions with responsibility for SASH prevention and response. It is one of the more productive and valuable committees I sit on. Recent matters that have come through include

- The mid-term review of the Sexual Violence Prevention Strategy, being performed by the UNSW Gendered Violence Research Network.

University House Board

I sit on the board of University House, an entity that encompasses student residences in Graduate House and (once reopened) University House, hotel accommodation (once reopened) at University House, commercial activities at Rimmer St, Symposium and ‘Fellows at Law’ as well as broad contribution to the research community. I was pleased to provide the board with an update on ANUSA’s work for postgraduates. University House has a remit for graduate students that can dovetail well with part of our own. It has ambitions, that I support, to become the HDR community hub. I have had great conversations with the Master of University House about ANUSA supporting and engaging in these plans.

Internal

Elections

A lot of my time over the past month has been consumed by election administration. This looks like managing a lot of the technical set up and data governance for the election platform as well as supporting probity and completing the required processes in the election regulations.

It has been disappointing to see this become one of the most rancorous elections in recent memory already. Confected grievance and outrage is not the same as a rigorous debate. Also, anonymous posting is a coward's campaign tool (and not a very effective one at that). Opening yourself up to criticism comes hand in hand with participation in political debate.

Given that at point of writing all major tickets have launched, I have to remark that there is a troubling amount of ill-conceived policy going around this election from more or less all tickets. I'm not concerned about things that I disagree with personally, but rather I'm concerned by policy that duplicates things that already exist, policy that ignores processes in train that have been publicly reported, policy that violates our enterprise bargaining agreement (publicly [available](#) on our website), policy that is plainly unlawful or policy that is clearly defamatory to individual students and workers. Most of this could have been avoided with even brief consultation, or often even some googling. If you just want to use the election to promote particular politics and campaigns that is one thing, but there is a higher burden on those who genuinely want to make a contention about the operation of the union. Many (most?) candidates have not discharged that burden. This really is not ticket specific.

Consultations

I did say that I would publish who had consulted with me. Obviously many candidates for many positions did not consult with me which is not in itself a

discredit. I know many consulted with other executive members and department officers.

Stand with Sarah – Fighting for Working Studnets	
Sarah Strange	One consultation meeting and several emails and requests for information
Stand Up!	
Brandon Lee	One consultation meeting
Ashlyn Horton	One consultation meeting
Lara Johnson	Two consultations meetings
Will Burfoot	Plans to consult this week
Together for ANUSA	
Phoenix O’Neill	Approximately four consultation meetings
Charlotte Carnes	Approximately three to four consultation meetings
Luke Harrison	One consultation meeting
Phoebe Denham	Two consultation meetings
Edan Habel	One consultation meeting
Irina Samsonova	One consultation meeting

I have also had a number of informal conversations with students who have been considering running who have wanted to understand ANUSA/particular roles before making a decision. I have not included those above.

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.

Commercial Activity

I put up a public [update](#) on commercial activities last week. This is comprehensive and I am happy to meet with individuals to provide further information. There is a decent amount of information that it would be unstrategic to put in written reports given commercial negotiations but I am happy to share with students who are interested.

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

I am working with Katrina and Phoebe on the work-plan of financial policy updates we set out in response to the Financial Review Committee's report earlier this year. We are also taking the opportunity to harmonise formatting and other trivial matters. It will provide a good chance to clear out the bloated 'governance' tab on the website. Our financial policies remain robust but they require too much knowledge and work to navigate. Simplifying and consolidating these policies is important.

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.

Vice-Chancellor Selection

I was on the selection committee for the new Vice-Chancellor, which consumed a significant amount of time since last SRC.

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 PARSAs 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 1961 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 Six Report

Grace King (she/her)

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Introduction

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

The role of the Vice President is an interesting one and its definition changes year-on-year. It is often based on a division of duties between the President and the Vice President that is arbitrarily based on strengths/capacity/interests. This report will cover the main tasks and issues I have been working on, but it is not exhaustive or static.

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 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 has truly been at an all-time high. Breakfast has never been busier. Once again, we are at a 'new normal' for the popularity of the BKSS. In my opinion, this is largely attributable to an increased number of students on campus and especially a large number of international and exchange students this semester.

Usage dropped as expected over the mid-semester break because people were not on campus/travelled home. However, it has been back to usual since the start of Week 7. This was actually a really needed reprieve because high levels of usage put strains on the budget, inventory etc. I used the quieter period to stock up on everything, particularly the pricier items, which will tide us over for the rest of the teaching period. The BKSS staff also had extra time to organise the space, update posters etc. which has been great!

Budget

As a result of high usage, the expenditure on BKSS consumables has increased. This was particularly acute between weeks 1-6. During that time, I purchased only the essential items for the BKSS and I temporarily paused the purchase of particularly expensive goods.

But over the mid-semester break, I have been able to resume usual consumables purchasing — more variety, larger quantities etc.

We have had two massive wins for the budget this semester!

The first win was at the beginning of the semester. Thanks to the ANUSA Community Life Officer, the BKSS received about 500 pairs of U By Kotex period underwear as a donation. We have given almost all of these away through the BKSS, as well as giving some to residential halls. There are only around 40 pairs remaining.

The second win happened Monday of Week 7. I reached out to Share the Dignity over winter break because menstrual products are in extremely high demand at the BKSS and they are very expensive items — of course, this does not supersede the importance of having free menstrual products! The BKSS

received about 50 boxes of tampons and 50 packages of pads from Share the Dignity. This is at least a month's worth of menstrual products for free, which is a big help.

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! In the first week of the mid-semester break when unfortunately OzHarvest cancelled due to illness. However, the second week of the break was a great success with so much food that we had leftover items — this never happens!

Hiring

Between SRC Five and Six, I conducted nine interviews for the BKSS staff member position and hired two people out of that shortlist. This was a very time-consuming process with about 250 applications for two positions. It was the first time that postgraduates were eligible to apply!

I have spent a significant amount of time onboarding the new staff members since SRC Five. It has been one of my major activities, time-wise. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Preparing and conducting internal staff inductions
- Coordinating external training (relevant licences and certifications)
- Inducting staff into ANU and ANUSA systems, software, tech etc.
- General administrative and support tasks

The BKSS staff member role is a very important one as they are commonly the first people students go to for help, support and escalation. They are very visible parts of the union. As such, the learning curve is quite steep. Not only do BKSS staff need to be fabulous at food and hospitality tasks, but they need to be across the political history and current activities of the union, know where students can buy MyWay cards, appropriately escalate a student experiencing a crisis to the best-suited service etc. BKSS staff do a wonderful job but this certainly takes time!

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

Between SRC Five and Six there have been several upcycling events at the BKSS to get rid of longstanding items on the mutual aid shelves.

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.

So far this semester, ULH has been very successful and well-attended. I am a fan of ULH because it is an easy, popular and low-cost means for ANUSA to engage with and support our clubs and societies in their efforts to increase their awareness and engagement.

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.

Equipment Hire

I am in the process of handing over the responsibilities of ANUSA equipment hire to the Clubs and SEEF Administrator. This has involved writing a lengthy handover and should be finalised by Week 9.

Committees

Student First

There has not been a Student First meeting since last SRC.

Childcare Liaison Committee

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

Learning and Teaching Committee

There has not been a Learning and Teaching Committee meeting since last SRC.

Employability Framework Working Group

The first meeting of this working group was on August 23rd, and it meets for a second time on September 20th (before SRC, but after this report was submitted). So far, the working group has not been objectionable in my opinion. NB: This group is *not* about affecting education to make students more employable e.g. cutting less 'employable' degrees.

The group discussed the differences in student engagement and awareness of services between academic colleges. We also discussed how things like encouraging unpaid internships for students to gain work experience is completely inaccessible.

Expansion to a Single Student Union

Casual Vacancies

I assisted with filling several casual vacancies for ANUSA representative positions, including conducting interviews.

Hiring

I assisted with hiring a new Administrative Assistant.

New Representative Induction

Last Friday, I held a two-hour induction for all the new ANUSA representatives that have been appointed since SRC Five — casual vacancies. This was similar to annual inductions given by

the ANUSA executive. I have also done significant administrative and communicative work to introduce and support the new representatives.

Election Consultations

I have been very forthcoming with my offer and strong encouragement that candidates consult with me. This includes mentioning this several times in both my written and oral SRC Five reports.

I think consultation is super important because it allows you to get new insights on policy, ideas and the day-to-day duties that can inform your actions and thoughts now and if you are elected. It is also a sign of respect in my opinion.

For complete transparency, as of Monday September 18, the following candidates have consulted with me:

Vice President:

Charlotte Carnes

Welfare Officer (a position I held in 2022):

Sarah Strange

Skye Predavec, another candidate for Welfare Officer, has contacted me about a consultation but it has not happened yet.

I have not had any contact from any other candidate for these positions nor from any candidates with policies that relate to the Vice President role, such as the BKSS.

It is highly unlikely that I will be able to consult with candidates that have not contacted me prior to the SRC Six meeting. Ample opportunity for consultation has been given and two working days before the election is frankly inadequate notice and unlikely to be impactful so soon before the election. I encourage candidates in future years to make different choices and promptly and meaningfully consult with office-bearers.

SRC Representative Support

I have spent a significant amount of time, especially since the semester begun, 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 Five. 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

Between SRC Five and September 18, I have worked 137 hours. This is approximately 38 hours of work per week on average. I have not taken any leave.

Sparkle of the SRC

The sparkle of SRC Six goes to Paria! Paria is the ANUSA BIPOC Officer. On a near daily basis, I hear from students how much they enjoy the BIPOC department — specifically the events run by the BIPOC department. Really awesome to hear such consistent and positive

feedback. Now with a hard-won safe space on campus, I know the BIPOC department will only continue to grow and succeed!

Reference C

Reference D

General Secretary Report - SRC6 2023
Phoenix O'Neill sa.gensec@anu.edu.au

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1. Introduction

I'm Phoenix O'Neill (they/them), the General Secretary of ANUSA. I work on all things governance and constitutions. It's a busy time in my portfolio at the moment, so there's a lot to work on!

2. Meetings

As usual, I've been putting a lot of work into prepping for this SRC and for the CRC that's coming up next week, and in particular working out reporting systems for our new representatives.

I've also been working on reviewing exec meeting minutes as there were a few concerns about confidential information that needed to be amended.

3. Governance reform

ANUSA is currently in the process of reviewing its Privacy Policy to bring it in line with the Privacy Act given the recent increase of our funding. I've been working on reviewing the first draft of the policy with Phoebe and providing feedback on it going forward.

4. Representatives

I've been assisting with work in filling casual vacancies on the SRC.

Pranavi resigned as International Officer last week and I am wishing her the best going forward. As I had to make an interpretation during this process for choosing the incoming International Officer, this has taken up a fair chunk of my time recently. I've been working closely with the interim Officer, Syed, on this process.

5. Postgraduate work

I've been working with Ben, Grace and Edan on filling postgraduate casual vacancies that were left after our OGM at the beginning of the semester - predominantly HDR ones. Happy to say that we've filled all but 2 postgraduate positions - this is a massive success and a huge step forward in ANUSA's representation of postgrad students!

6. Meeting reform

I bought and procured a Meeting OWL!! This is extremely exciting news - this will massively improve the hybrid ability of our meetings while able to stay in more accessible rooms like Marie Reay! I am also going to be talking to Kambri about trying to secure 2.02 for ANUSA meetings - they've already said no on the basis of wanting to keep it free for bigger events but I think that it's really important that we have the space for as many students to come as possible (as well as having space and better air ventilation!) If this OWL works well we will also be looking at buying a second one to daisy chain them if we think it's needed. I will also be working out with Grace a system for Dept Officers to start borrowing meeting owls for their collective meetings.

I've also been working on implementing the normative changes at SRC meetings to improve accessibility. This will be of course always a work in progress, so please reach out to me if you have any feedback. I've begun outlining the code of conduct and consultations on its content will begin soon - if you've flagged that you want to be consulted, I will definitely be in contact, as well as reaching out to other SRC members/regular meeting attendants.

7. Committees

AQAC

I've had two AQAC (Academic Quality Assurance Committee) meetings in the time since our last SRC as there was an extraordinary meeting called. These meetings are three hours long with agendas that are 100+ pages, so they do take up quite a bit of my time in the weeks that they happen.

I'd like to note that in the most recent AQAC, a motion about a nuclear minor for a science degree was raised. I voted against it and noted my dissent in the agenda. I am anti-AUKUS and the motion at last SRC gave me a clear mandate from students that it was my role to oppose it. It's clear to me that the ANU is allowing for industry to dictate its research and education priorities, and the military industry at that. I don't think that ANU academic committees are the place where we're going to win the fight against AUKUS (and students should come to the panel on Thursday instead)! I've had a discussion with Beatrice and I am planning on bringing the steps forward on this to the next EWAG meeting.

I've also been working with the ISD on support for ESL students as it was raised at AQAC. A survey has been made to distribute to International students to gather feedback, but this project is briefly on pause while the ISD switches to its new Officer.

8. 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!

9. Activist work

I was involved in the organisation of and was a marshal for the anti-transphobia rally at Parliament House on the 11th of September.

10. General ANUSA executive

I have done a number of things in my general capacity as an ANUSA executive member over the break, including helping out with Bush Week and other activities.

11. Timesheet

From December 1, I have done 615 hours of work. Excluding leave, this averages out to around 16.5 hours a week. If you are curious about how I spend my time or want a more detailed breakdown, feel free to reach out to me.

12. 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.	See section on meeting reform - we have new tech!!
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.	I have begun outlining the code of conduct and consultation will begin soon.
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.	On pause while I am high capacity.
Policy register reform	Create different registers for ANUSA's political stances, policy requirements, and staff related policy.	No updates.
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	See the Housing section.

Reference E

Treasurer Report SRC 6

Katrina Ha

Executive Summary

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1. Introduction

Hi everyone, I hope everyone's semester break was great. This report will be shorter than the previous reports as I'm mainly focusing on SSAF and the new budget for the next general meeting. Still, there might be things that I forgot to include in this report, so if you have any questions regarding this report, or even things that are not on this report, always feel free to email me at sa.treasurer@anu.edu.au.

2. Expenditure Report

Please find the attached ANUSA's profit and loss statement starting from 1st December. This statement shows a summary of ANUSA expenditure as of 17th September. This report includes both 2022 and 2023 year to date expenditure report, so you can compare both income and expenditure with the previous year. The expenditure report shows \$3.3million 0all the SSAF income sources, and this will be explained in SSAF update section. Some of the expenditures related to SAT grants are still being reconciled, but it's almost matched with the expenditure report. I'm happy to answer any questions regarding our expenditures, but want to highlight that we are in a good financial position this year, considering that we are expanding the services to all students.

Profit and Loss

The Australian National University Students' Association Incorporated
For the period 1 December 2022 to 17 September 2023

Account	1 Dec 2022-17 Sep 2023	1 Dec 2021-17 Sep 2022
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SSAF Income

SSAF Allocation	3,313,405.00	1,760,000.00
Total SSAF Income	3,313,405.00	1,760,000.00

SSAF Expenses

Accounting/Bookkeeping - Xero	1,086.12	1,105.39
Auditing	10,677.27	11,327.27
Bank Fees with GST	284.22	226.07
Bank Fees without GST	748.10	641.67
BKSS - Asset purchases	0.00	499.09
BKSS Food/Consumables	57,193.65	51,564.20
BKSS Non-food	3,982.83	18,066.23
Bus expenses	6,451.06	7,557.54
Bush Week - Events	16,089.74	13,526.12
Cleaning	0.00	(6,623.18)
Club Funding	137,545.41	72,531.45
Committee projects - General	30.55	94.95
Consultancy	5,870.00	0.00
Departments & Collectives	84,965.70	94,455.84
Education Committee	4,113.69	431.43
Elections	315.42	1,129.38
Equipment Expense	1,162.95	1,527.23
Fees & Subscriptions	54,110.83	44,028.78
Friday Night Party Expenses	0.00	62,988.43
Honoraria	3,670.00	3,480.00
IT Support & Equipment	2,023.32	283.96
Leadership and Professional Development	18,692.68	20,424.21
Legal Expenses & Consultancy	12,921.94	10,914.01
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	611.44	5,696.69
Membership Solutions Limited	0.00	1,571.29
NUS	31,600.00	10,000.00
Other Employee Expense	10,832.03	5,275.03
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	1,533.58	0.00
Printer	305.13	1,027.47
Department - Honoraria	3,470.00	(250.00)
Department - Stipends	118,351.21	66,279.38
Department - Superannuation	12,865.63	8,375.61
Salaries and Wages	793,864.57	674,530.78
Salaries and Wages - ANUSA Exec & Officers	157,151.10	137,847.16
Salaries and Wages - BKSS	57,201.72	51,337.67
Salaries and Wages - Event Coordinators	24,123.22	24,086.10
Salaries and Wages - Taxable Honorariums	0.00	3,750.00
Superannuation Expense	130,092.47	115,703.13
Superannuation Expense - ANUSA Exec & Officers	20,372.23	9,804.07
Superannuation Expense - BKSS	6,648.84	3,345.40
Superannuation Expense - Event Coordinators	2,563.13	1,825.19
Superannuation - Taxable Honorariums	0.00	393.75
SAT Purchases - Grocery Vouchers	0.00	44,579.90
SAT Purchases - Student Meals & Others	27,873.57	3,489.64
Student Assistance Team Grants	51,498.90	236,455.82
Skill Up	0.00	2,094.96
Staff Amenities	878.17	568.72
Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	1,901.14	4,913.34
Student Engagement	895.58	19,055.27
Utilities	2,651.95	1,570.51
Workers Compensation Insurance	24,726.32	25,554.83
Total SSAF Expenses	2,006,752.17	1,931,120.19
SSAF Surplus/ Deficits	1,306,652.83	(171,120.19)

Other Income

Bus hire revenue	72.73	645.45
Interest Income	20,784.63	7,679.14
Miscellaneous (Sundry) Income	23,924.89	22,162.50
Bush-Week Income	9,694.09	7,425.59
Friday Night Party Income	0.00	2,800.00
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	29,923.16	5,347.00
	Ticket/Event Sales - Others	5,407.52	0.00
Total Other Income		160,335.37	64,496.52
Other Expenses			
	Non SSAF Expenses		
	Events Non-SSAF	5,498.00	0.00
	Total Non SSAF Expenses	5,498.00	0.00
	Social Portfolio	890.91	0.00
	SEEF Grants	17,569.10	0.00
	Shut Up and Write program	2,600.00	0.00
Total Other Expenses		26,558.01	0.00
	Net Profit	1,440,430.19	(106,623.67)

3. SSAF Update

As I mentioned in the last report, additional \$1 million dollar for the expansion was confirmed and we have sent the invoice to ANU. In addition to this, we've got confirmed to receive additional \$446,346 from the SSAF underspend pool, which will be spent for the capital expenditure of ANUSA this year and the next year. The plan for additional capital expenditure using this pool will be included in the next general meeting's budget. To sum up, in addition to \$1.8 million dollar of the ordinary SSAF funding for 2023, we've got confirmed \$1 million dollar for the expansion, and \$446,346 additional for capital expenditure. Therefore, the expenditure report shows \$3.3 million in total. If you have any questions about this, happy to answer.

4. Term Deposit Update

As Ben and I reported in the AGM in May, we are currently revising the financial policies. Until the Financial Policies Working Group revises and presents financial policies, the Executive decided to put our reserve into term deposits for interest income. However, as liquidity of the fund is quite important in ANUSA's operations, we've deposited \$2 million dollar. If you have any questions about the details of the term deposits, please email me.

5. Semester 2 Honoraria

Honoraria nominations for the semester 2 are now open and will close on 8th October Monday at 5pm. If you know someone who has done more than required in their role in Semester 2 but does not receive a regular payment from ANUSA (a stipend or wage), then please nominate them! Anyone who fits this criteria can be nominated, and anyone can nominate them (which means you are allowed to nominate yourself). Please keep in mind that this is ANUSA honoraria not department honoraria, so only submit if the person has worked above and beyond their role in

non-departmental work. Also, if someone is already getting stipends or wages from ANUSA, that person cannot be nominated. Please email all nominations to sa.gensec@anu.edu.au with this form completed (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18jCXVNASrH90xtORcnDQ58wdRbHeYx6Y/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108466369735583903155&rtpof=true&sd=true>) for every person you want to see nominated.

6. Timesheet

From 1/12/2022 to 17/09/2023, I've worked 462.75 hours, and I was on leave for a few days due to the personal reasons. For the detailed breakdown, please email me at sa.treasurer@anu.edu.au.

Reference F

SRC 6
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 5 has been spent working on the SSAF bid and union ball. If you have any questions, sa.clubsgeneral@anu.edu.au is now the first point of contact for all things clubs!

2. SSAF bid

Most of the break was spent working on the SSAF bid which has now been submitted to the University. A number of clubs submitted data to use in the bid, I'm really grateful to those clubs, the data, images, and personal statements they provided speak to the value of clubs to the ANU community and the tangible impact they have on student lives. The document ended up being 21 pages long including a 3 page statement from me.

I'm really proud of the work I did on this bid. It took a while and I unfortunately had to learn how to use excel but if it means more SSAF comes back into students hands then I will have done my job. I bid for 50k to see out the rest of the year, I am also contemplating what this overspend means for future clubs officers and clubs funding.

3. Union Ball

Union ball planning is underway. I don't have a date confirmation at the time I'm writing this report but I imagine if a save the date isn't already out, it'll be out this week (end of week 7). The work surrounding union ball so far has mostly been investigating venues and putting together a vague budget. I anticipate this will be most of my work leading up to the next SRC.

4. Code of Conduct

I just began working on a code of conduct for clubs. The regulations only dictate misconduct by a club as an organisation not by individual members of a club. This is where a code of conduct comes in. There have been a number of instances this year where clubs felt out of their depth handling issues of individual misconduct and felt they had little grounds to do anything about it. The code will cover issues of harassment, bigotry of any kind, bullying and among other things. More importantly, the code will also cover non-student members of affiliated-clubs. It's crucial that we prioritise the wellbeing and safety of ANU students and the regulations do not account for the precarious relationship between ANUSA and non-student club members.

My goals in making this code of conduct are twofold. The first is about addressing some of the gaps in the clubs system and refining those intricacies. The second is making clubs feel better equipped to handle a variety of issues and to outline what is in the realm of the club executive handling and what needs to be handled by ANUSA and the Clubs Officers. In Clubs Committee at the beginning of the year, when I asked what clubs would like to see happen from me this year a number of people voiced that they would like to see clubs better supported. Though the clubs code of conduct was an election policy of mine last year I now see that this should be the immediate benefit of it and I hope that achieves it.

5. Timesheet

Since the beginning of my term I have worked 815.75 hours. If you have any questions or concerns about how I use my time, reach out at sa.clubsofficer@anu.edu.au.

Reference G

Welfare Officer Report SRC 6

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.

CW: Transphobia

Anti-Transphobe Rally

On Monday the 11th of September, 9 transphobes and right-wing figures held a panel inside of Federal Parliament House on the issue of 'the war on women.' I worked with the NUS Queer Office, independent activists, USyd QuAC, ANU Womens Department, ANU Queer Department, Socialist Alternative, United Workers' Union (UWU), Australian Unemployed Workers' Union, the Sydney Sex Worker Action Collective (SWAC), and more to organise a counter-rally outside of Parliament house to show those transphobes that they are not welcome here.

The rally was a resounding success. Around 100 trans-rights activists came out where we heard from many awesome speakers and chanted to drown out the right-wing ideologies on display. Meanwhile, the panel

inside had minimal attendance and had more panellists than watchers (embarrassing). It was really beautiful to see so many people out there and it's important to not become complacent. Trans rights are under attack everywhere and we need to take to the streets and fight back.

Housing Action Collective

The bulk of my time has been working on housing issues through the Housing Action Collective (HAC). We've had two meetings since the last SRC, and there have been two key areas that HAC is focusing on:

The broader housing crisis. I've been reaching out to different individuals and organisations such as the Greens and unions to establish strong connections. The idea was that when the Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) came back into parliament we could organise a strong, snap rally. I talk about this more at the end of my report but now that the Greens have folded and the HAFF has passed parliament there needs to be a different approach going forward. We'll discuss this at HAC this Friday (1:30 pm in the boardroom).

Housing issues on campus. The direction currently on res hall fee issues is to establish a petition of demands to the ANU and build a campaign off of that. I'm still consulting some key stakeholders at the moment to ensure the petition is the best it can be.

Education and Welfare Action Group

Through the Education and Welfare Action Group (EWAG), I've been working with several others on keeping up the pressure on the university around AUKUS.

On Thursday the 21st of September, there will be a forum hosted by EWAG discussing AUKUS. It's two years on from the original announcement of the AUKUS nuclear submarine deal under the Morrison government, and the deal has only gotten worse and worse for workers and students. This forum will have speakers like Beatrice, the ANUSA Education Officer, Alan Behm, and an ANU Staff member. The panel is also part of a larger 'A Night against War' event with a film 'The Road to War' being put on afterwards. The whole event begins at 5:30 pm and is being held in the Kambri Cinema at the Cultural Centre.

Broader News that I want to comment on

Starting on the 28th of October, drug decriminalisation laws passed by the ACT Government will come into effect. These laws include reducing the penalties for the possession of a small quantity of a number of drugs. The penalty will be \$100 for the outlined drugs (1.5 grams of cocaine, amphetamines, ice, and ecstasy (5 dose limit), 1 gram for heroin, 5 doses limit for LSD, 50 grams of dried cannabis, and 150 grams of harvested cannabis). This is a good step in the right direction.

However, I still urge caution as police still have the capacity to arrest people if they deem it necessary on the basis of drug possession - even if you have the above limits. You just can't be imprisoned for it. It's also egregious to see the liberals - both ACT and federal liberals - fighting back against this change. This is a good article to read:

<https://the-riotact.com/what-will-the-acts-new-drug-decriminalisation-laws-actually-mean/697801>.

The Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF). It's really disappointing to see the Greens fold on this issue and support the bill. While the extra funding for immediate housing is good, the bill itself does not go far enough to address the growing housing crisis. It's important to acknowledge that so much of the problems with the current housing crisis isn't necessarily a supply issue - it's greed from landlords and corporations jacking up the price of rent across the board. That's why the demands for rent caps and rent freezes were so crucial. This is the second time this year the Greens have folded to Labor on key issues - first the Safeguard Mechanism and now the HAFF. Going forward, it's clear that the pressure needs to come from workers, unions, and grassroots organisations to fight for, and demand the rent caps and rent freezes we need.

I have completed 164 hours of work since I became Welfare Officer on the 16th of June.

Reference H

SRC 6

Aleisha Knack

Hours

Twenty hours consisting of meetings, events, social media management, emails and writing reports and educational material for the campaign.

Events

In the last week of term 3, we hosted a shut up and study with morning tea for students before the Term break, and we have been hosting Coffee catch-ups fortnightly. Regarding upcoming events, we will be joining the mixer with the other departments at Badger, continuing coffee catch-ups, hosting an event for the NRL grand final, providing support for students in the lead-up, and following the Voice Referendum. We will host a walk to the polling booths, so Indigenous students feel safe and culturally supported when voting. After the walk to the polling booths, we will help the Tjabal Centre host a BBQ for Indigenous students at the ANU.

We are also supporting the Yukeembruk Academic Team with an 'Incorporating First Nations Knowledge into Academic Research Session on the 30th of September.

Campaigns

We had a booming Voice to Parliament Panel at UniLodge with Professor Asmi Wood and Braydon Edwards. Thank you so much to Stella and Maria for helping to organise the event. You are both fantastic to work with. Next week, we will help host a Voice to Parliament Information Session with Professor Anthony Hopkins. I thank Brandon Lee for supporting me in helping to organise the event.

Finances

We are hoping to finally finish stipend allocation in our week 8 meeting.

Other Matters

We will begin working with ANUSA legal service to work on the cultural safety policy for the ANUSA. The Anti-Racism task force had its last meeting, and we hope that ANU follows the recommendations handed down to them.

Expenditure Report

Our updated expenditure report will be provided ASAP. If you have any concerns about our expindture please contact me on sa.indigenous@anu.edu.au

Reference I



ANUSA 2023 SRC 6 Women's Officer Report
Phoebe Denham
18 September 2023
sa.womens@anu.edu.au
facebook.com/anuwomensdepartment

Content warning; mentions of transphobia and SASH (sexual assault and sexual harassment)

Upcoming events

- Feminist Consciousness Raising, see Facebook for details <https://fb.me/e/6kVTSZO48>
- Bookclub, see Facebook for details <https://www.facebook.com/groups/anuwdbookclub/>
- Skating event, see Facebook for details <https://fb.me/e/wbwSFe0gU>
- Women in History panel on 28 September, more details coming soon
- Autonomous Departments Badger mixer on 3 October, more details coming soon
- Merch launch coming soon!!
- Office hours this week are Wednesday 4-5pm (just before SRC)

Campaigns

I recently helped organise, and spoke at the rally against transphobes speaking at Parliament House. As always, it is important that the Women's Department stands up against people who use 'feminism' to push their bigoted, transphobic agenda. The rally was a huge success, shoutout to the other people who helped organise it, including Luke, Phoenix and Skye.

There has also been a lot about SASH on university campuses in the news recently, and Ben and I have provided some comments to media. Two notable things have happened: first, the STOP Campaign (established by ANU folks!) submitted a report to the University Accords panel, outlining recommendations for changes the Accords should make. It also included a case study about ANU, which generally reflects what I know and have seen on our campus, but was nonetheless difficult to read. Soon after, a Senate inquiry into consent laws published very significant recommendations about universities' approach to sexual violence, including about TEQSA (the regulatory body for universities in Australia) and Universities Australia (UA, the peak body for universities). You can read more about these events here:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-09-14/university-review-sexual-violence-complaints-students/102853080> and here:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-09-15/sexual-violence-on-campus-landmark-inquiry-recommendations/102858844>.

Past Events

At Dinner & Delights, we raised \$400 to donate to the CRCC and DVCS. These donations have since been made. We're so grateful to all the performers and others who helped out on the night — it was a lovely event and a really nice way to raise money for these important community

organisations. The Women's Deputy Officers, Maya and Selena put a huge amount of work into this event.

ANU Committees

I recently attended the Student Safety and Wellbeing Steering Group.

Women's Department Elections

Our internal elections will be occurring late this semester. Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram for more information about when these will be held and how to nominate. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to me if you are interested in knowing more about any of the roles.

Income and expenditure / Money things

Thanks to the WD Treasurer, Phoebe, for putting this table together!! <3

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

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 13/08/2023 to 16/09/2023

INCOME	\$
Merch	60
Dinner & Delights tickets	400
Total Income	460
Expenses	
Social Events	222.40
Collective Meetings	86.03
Dinner & Delights Cost	609.98
Dinner and Delights Charity Donations	404.80
Book Club	73.97
FCR	37.32
Bush Week	230.00
Total Expense	1664.50

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 6 Queer* Officer's Report

Jehan Jayawickrama, 18/09/2023

Department Activities

Events - Currently organising events for the coming term - looking at around one event per week, taking feedback and suggestions from people.

Zine - Events schedule includes zine events (i.e. blackout poetry, arts and crafts night).

Queer* Doof - Queer Doof is in Week 10 (Friday 13th October). Have met with ANUSA lawyer to discuss insurance and legalities. BIPOC tickets have been released, all tickets will be released by 22/09. Will be posting about volunteers soon.

Gender Affirming Gear - Form has been closed. Packers and bra inserts have been ordered, but we have run into issues with tucking underwear and binders. SDH (supplier) has run out of tucking underwear, but have emailed to check when they restock - Australia based, so shipping will not cause much of a delay. GC2B has also run out of pretty much all of the binders we need, so we will need to find a new supplier and release a new form/contact people who ordered binders.

Income and Expenditure

**since 14/08/2023*

Income: \$0.00

Expenditure: \$627.63

Current balance: \$8,672.90

Full Transaction History

Date	Amount	Merchant	Statement description	Bank balance
22/8/2023	-\$43.98	Domino's Pizza	collective meeting	\$9,236.98
25/8/2023	-\$24.00	Big w	chocolates to fill the jar for the giveaway	\$9,212.98
25/8/2023	-\$14.99	Domino's Pizza	Pizza for the Purple & Pide	\$9,197.99
25/8/2023	-\$148.99	menulog	Pide for the Purple & Pide event	\$9,049.00
26/8/2023	\$9.80	square	merch(Tote bag sale(x2))	\$9,058.80
28/8/2023	-\$27.30	Coles	snacks and supplies for collage & chai event	\$9,031.50
18/9/2023	-\$191.65	Lovehoney	gender affirming gear - packers	\$8,839.85

18/9/2023	-\$166.95	Sock Drawer Heroes	gender affirming gear - packers	\$8,672.90
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Disabilities Officer Report

SRC 6, Semester 2, 2023

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

Disabilities Co-Officers

ANU Disabilities Student Association

Prepared 17/9/23

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

It has been a busy break for the DSA. We're gearing up for our spoon soiree in week 8 (tickets available now!), the access for all campaign received a response from the university, and the final report of the Disability Royal Commission is a few short weeks away.

2. 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, or any other means through which you are comfortable seeking contact.

Access for All Campaign Update

The ANU provided their official response to the campaign, which is available on the DSA Facebook page. At this stage I am still consulting with various people about what the next step will be, however, it will likely now be the end of the campaign as we achieved a lot of wins from the university (4 short term immediate changes and 2 commitments to long term changes).

Deputy Campaign Update

Our deputy Alan does not have any updates they wish to report here. Our deputy Griffin reports that research + investigations are in the works for the development of their ableism report.

Disability Royal Commission

DSA has been busy thinking about the upcoming Disability royal commission and what it might mean for our DSA community, wider disability community, and the ANU community as well. We think it will validate a lot of lived experience for disabled students and staff

Mira has been working with Women With a Disability ACT (WWDACT) around organising a panel event in mid October. We'd be bringing together a bunch of people from Disabled Peoples' Organisations (DPOs) and in this space to have a discussion about what the Disability Royal commission will mean for our organisations and communities going forward, after we have had some time to reflect on the findings. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

Taskforces and Meeting Updates

Throughout the break and in the last few weeks both myself and Maddi have met with many people and participated on some task forces. I'll give a brief summary but please contact us if you'd like to know more or give feedback relating to any of these initiatives. I especially welcome feedback and contributions about the mental health taskforce.

- [DAP Reinvigoration Taskforce](#)

The DAP reinvigoration met for its final scheduled meeting (at that point), however it was clear that there we're plenty of things still to discuss and decide upon. An extension has been granted so that more community consultation can be conducted to aid with these decisions.

- [Meetings with Leeanne Kelly](#)

We have met again with Leeanne Kelly to raise some issues around exam accommodation (which we are pursuing further with the exams office), and the new Extenuating Circumstances Application process.

- [Mental Health Strategy Taskforce](#)

Mira has been working with them on their community consultation sub-working-group to good success, and also attended the Engoori workshop hosted for taskforce members around reflecting and articulating out aims for the strategy.

3. Media & Community

Spoons Soiree

Spoons soiree is coming up! It will be Thursday the 9th October, from 5pm, at the National Film and Sound Archive Courtyard. So come along for a chill time- whether you want to dress to the nines or come in comfy clothes, we don't care and would love to see you there!

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any accessibility needs, or dietary requirements and we'll try our best to accommodate you!

Ticket link: <https://clubs.getqpay.com/?eid=21136>

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/1FAIpQLSer0wMrnhQwxmAnbjZHp6wzjK8XOeEpDVMvVHRV0iCILyN5hw/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 and we can help or direct your enquiry on to facilities and services. UPDATE: we are still unsure when this work will be complete- as soon as we know we'll let you know!

4. Administration

Office Hours!

Office hours have resumed, and run both in-person and online via zoom. 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 to make an appointment.

Financial

Our treasurer was unable to provide the finances by the date of this report for various personal reasons. If you have any questions about our finances since the last SRC, please contact us. Otherwise, we will have the updated finances at the next SRC.

Timesheet

During the period between the last SRC and the writing of this report, the co-officers worked a total of 68hr 45 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 635hr 33min. 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

DSA Delight

Our DSA Delight this SRC cycle is Alan, our deputy, who has been putting in a lot of work to their campaign on accessibility in residential halls. If you identify under the collective, we encourage to come along to a meeting to hear updates!!

Reference M

Environment Collective Department Officer Report

Rex Michelson

Executive Summary

- **Introduction**
- **Bush-Week**
- **AUKUS**
- **Expenditure**
- **Planned Expenditure**

Introduction

The second semester thus far has presented unique challenges to the functioning of the collective. Titrularly, I as officer worked remotely in correspondence with co-convenors for the first 5 weeks of term whilst visiting family. However, this presented an opportunity to delegate planned activities to co-convenors. Given Luke has undertaken the role of Welfare Officer most commendations must go to Gabe Love for the work undertaken during this time. Hence, in discussion of bush-week and AUKUS campaigning although I was involved in the planning prior to the start of term much of my input is second hand. However, I ultimately believe it is a useful exercise for the collective to have the capacity to function without my direct intervention.

Bush-Week

Bush-week entailed a lot of effort in regards to both activism and outreach. In preparation before the end of term and over the course of the holidays we had planned a cafe visit, stalling and protest through the anti-AUKUS working group.

The department fete and market day stalls provided the opportunity to interact with students directly. It also provided a learning opportunity in communication skills helped through guidance by Bea Tucker. Gabe said that many productive conversations were had that benefited the collective and the issues we were campaigning for (titrularly fossil-free and AUKUS). It is important that consistent outreach is sought to make students aware of the function of the collective. Ira, a member of the collective, proposed and assisted in the organisation of a social visit to the cafe. The idea proposed discussion of sustainability constituting a more social activity. The final action of this week was the bush-week anti-AUKUS protest, an idea born out of a desire to see visible resistance to ANU's complicity in AUKUS education outcomes. The protest was built through outreach in bush-week and preparations undertaken throughout the holiday. I will discuss this further into the report. Given the unique nature of the strikes occurring during this week some of the work done was extended beyond the mandate of the collective. Co-convenors volunteered on

the picket line and discussed the strikes with students in conjunction with the happenings of the collective. Ultimately, this was undoubtedly the most important week in the collective's efforts this semester. The activism that occurred this week was by all accounts productive and engaged the student body in the issues the collective has undertaken.

AUKUS

The primary focus of the collective going into the second semester through much discussion had shifted to opposition to AUKUS. In my view, this is a consequence of the immediacy of the issue. Not only are there implications in the broader drive to war but the ANU's direct involvement directly conflicts with the interests of students broadly and for their education. The bush-week protest against AUKUS was reportedly a productive demonstration. The speakers effectively encompassed a broad group of individuals that effectively communicated the negative implications of the universities involvement. Although there were reportedly less people in attendance than other actions this year I would attribute this to the abstract nature of the issue. It is important to have ongoing visible resistance to AUKUS especially in the context of escalating tensions we can build consciousness through our activism. This was followed by another protest as part of the National Day of Action although the collective was not directly involved in the planning, further protest is important in continuing momentum in this activism.

Expenditure

- \$1128.79 ED Con Conference Grant
- \$87.38 Port Kembla Protest Travel Grant

The allocation to ED Con relates to the National Union of Students Education Conference. Due to it occurring in Perth travel costs were high. Students who went had the opportunity to speak to climate justice and the introduction of AUKUS into higher education.

Port Kembla relates to the protest that occurred in opposition to AUKUS. The ANUSA bus used the funds relating to fuel costs.

Planned Expenditure

Our last meeting entailed a discussion of planned expenditure for the rest of the year. We still have much of our budget to spend so action items were created to spend these funds. We agreed to fund art supplies, new megaphones, merchandise, logo change and a banner. This is in conjunction with the opportunity to spend on grants as we have already done throughout the year.

Reference N



ANU BIPOC^[1] DEPARTMENT OFFICER REPORT

PARIA NAJAFZADEH (SHE/HER)

Student Representative Council 6
12 September 2023 6:15 PM

OUTLINE:

- I. PROJECTS
2. SOCIAL EVENTS
3. ADVOCACY WORK
4. STATEMENT ON COLLABORATIONS
5. ANTI-RACISM TASKFORCE
6. ADMINISTRATION
7. 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

Since my last report we ran our annual ball in collaboration with the Indigenous Department. We continue to run our smaller social events like Chai 'n' Chats and Autonomous Alternatives. Please keep an eye out on our Instagram and Facebook for more information on these events.

3. ADVOCACY WORK

The editing work on the documentary is underway now that we have finished the interviews. We have also started receiving submissions for our 'Being BIPOC' Zine and that project is fully underway right now.

Lastly, we have three 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. Our themes for the rest of semester are being queer (collaboration with the Queer Department), food (potluck event!), and lastly, 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.

6. 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

It has been a long time since my last SRC report and so I condensed the finances – please let me know if you would like a more expansive/detailed finance report

EXPENDITURE

Purpose	Item Description	Amount (-\$)
BALL	Venue costs, food, DJs, performances, photobooth, visual tech hire, wristbands, flowers	7,488.33

BALL	Alcohol costs (not paid for via SSAF: covered by ticket and merch sales)	4,500
SAFE SPACE	Books, furniture, decorations, kitchen supplies, TV	6425.75
BUSH WEEK	Coffee, BlochHaus entrance fee, emergency uber, food, pizza	601.5
MERCH	T-Shirts, postcards, stickers, artist design	1746.54
ADMIN	Google storage	9.96
FUSION FEST	DJ payments, food	568.34
ADVOCACY	Food for BIPOC talks, documentary equipment	37.18
SOCIAL	Fabric ink	11
TOTAL		20,805.26

INCOME

Purpose	Item Description	Amount (+\$)
MERCH	Merch sales	416.25
BALL	Ticket sales	3077
FUSION FEST	Ticket sales	720
SAFE SPACE	Funding from ANUSA	8,500
ADVOCACY	Ticket sales to be donated to Syria-Turkey earthquake	97
TOTAL		12,810.25

VII. 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 all the baddies who came by the safe space to help set up the furniture! Many hands make light work <3

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

Parents & Carers SRC Report

- Group sign-page: as of today, there are currently 37 students in the Parents & Carers group. The sign-up page was created via Google forms and released earlier in the semester via the ANUSA Facebook page. Has also been distributed in the form of flyers in the Parents Rooms. One frequently occurring issue I have come across with this is that some students have provided either non-ANU emails (even though the sign-up form clearly indicates to please use ANU emails only), or are students who are not in the ANU Outlook system (e.g. if you search up their name to write them an email, it's not in the system). I believe this is because there are some students who are not currently enrolled but have still attempted to sign up to the group.
- Social events: The sign-up form also has a section where students can provide feedback, ideas or suggestions for what they want to see happening for the group during the semester. I've had multiple suggestions for movie/cinema trips during school holidays, as well as casual get-togethers. At the moment, it is a matter of trial-and-error in seeing what works for the group, and what needs improving. I've taken note of the following points from the most recent event:

The P&C Study Group + Colouring-In Competition was held on Friday, 15th September. I created a Google form with a range of colouring books for students to choose for themselves and their kids to work on during the session. These books were pre-ordered by myself, however, there was a lot of difficulty in making sure that all orders would be delivered before the event date (some ended up arriving late, but thankfully students were willing to come to ANUSA office to pick these up). I've had a lot of positive responses from students after the event, saying that they really enjoyed the range of colouring books available (plus the fact that they got to take them home), and the fact that it was a competition with prizes.

Having a form and letting students pick their own colouring books was in theory a great idea, but this resulted in some parents submitting their choices late, which ultimately resulted in other orders being placed late as well and delaying the delivery times. This also resulted in some books becoming out-of-stock because of unexpected popularity with the students. For next time, I intend to change this whole process by simply pre-ordering a range of colouring books and letting student pick theirs on the day following a "what's there, is there" strategy. This

will ensure less issues are encountered, such as parents/kids changing their minds with what they originally picked, and books becoming out-of-stock.

This event was originally intended to be a study group for the parents whilst the kids were kept busy with colouring. I've noticed that this didn't work at all as parents were busy supervising their children for the duration of the session and the room got very loud and busy at times. The parents were also really interested in socialising with each other, which was fabulous to see, but this shows that attempting to have a study event with kids needs a lot more development.

- Parents have also mentioned to me in-person at the last event as a friendly suggestion that having social lunches during after-school hours would be really helpful as a way of assisting parents with meal prep for their kids. This way, they can take their kids to campus straight from school and have lunch at ANUSA with other kids and parents, which skips the stress of working out what to eat with their kids on their own. I'm planning to hold one of these social lunches later next week, but I am currently experiencing a bit of trouble with finding a potential café-restaurant that offers catering options for larger group numbers. My preference is for something located on Kambri so that it could deliver the food straight up to ANUSA office and I would set it up in the boardroom, so I am currently in the stages of communicating with potential restaurants who would be able to do this.
- Students have also been encouraged to voice their concerns in the sign-up page or contact me directly via email. I've noticed that group engagement and responsiveness has improved later into the semester. The main issues currently experienced by students are access to funding for childcare/holiday programs, as well as not having the option to bring their child/ren with them to uni when attending lectures/tutorials. I'm aware that resolving the funding option would need a lot of collaboration and discussion within ANU, as well as finding out whether on-campus classes could be made more child-friendly.
- Having regular on-campus child-minding options could be a possibility as a short-term solution, however this obviously cannot be managed by the Parents & Carers Officer alone. We would need either volunteers or preferably students employed on a regular basis to run child-minding activity sessions throughout the day whilst parents are studying or attending classes on campus. The following question would then need to be addressed:
 - a) The location of the child-minding event (would need to be a permanent or booked room)

- b) How many people we would need to supervise and engage with small children independent of their parents (noting that some children may have special needs such as ADHD or may simply be unwilling to remain alone without their parents in an unfamiliar setting, so we would need to make sure students working in this type of setting are able to deal with hyperactive children, etc.)
- c) Whether we would have a regular open-hours timetable (e.g. Mon-Fri 9-5) or remain open only when we know there will be parents coming to campus who are going to bring their children to the event. If the latter, I expect it will not be easy to confirm and align with everyone's timetables, so regular opening hours are probably the ideal option.
- Again, considering the scope of this idea, this would be something to keep in mind for the beginning of next year, as it would be too much to try and set up in the last weeks of semester.