

#### AGENDA - ANUSA STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 2 2024

Wednesday, 13 March 2024

6:15pm, Zoom and Marie Reay room 2.02

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

Meeting opens at 6:20pm

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

ANUSA would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people. ANUSA would like to acknowledge sovereignty was never ceded.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies received

To open, clarifying respectful behaviour and consequences for bad conduct

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

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Mover: Luke Harrison

Seconder: Skye Predavec

Phi: Clarify incomplete section

Minutes approved.

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

Moved en bloc with Department reports

Moved by: Phi

Seconder: Jade

#### 3.1 President's report (P.O'Neil) [Reference A]

Worked on budget and happy with overall budget despite shortfall from previous combined revenue of ANUSA and PARSA. Important that fair share of SSAF is emphasised. Work on extenuating circumstances and late withdrawal with Charlotte, there is a downslide in conditions in this area - and hopefully the review rolls them back. Making sure that students aren't punished for taking protest actions. Committees and representative support taking the rest of working time.

Question: Where is SSAF being re-allocated from ANUSA towards?

Answer: Slight increase in the provision of student services, ANU Sport - also need to prove necessity of funds from ANUSA's end.

Follow-up answer: Biggest budget lines - clubs, staff, BKSS - are largely unaffected by these changes; tweaks around the edges being made.

James: Students seem concerned about changes to food pantry - are there plans for ANUSA to adapt to demand?

Answer: Didn't get extra from ANU, hence the shift to needs-based. Possibly getting excess supply from residential halls and other sources on campus - and few other measures being taken.

#### 3.2 Vice President's report (C.Carnes) [Reference B]

Charlotte: I'm continuing working on a lot things from my last report, student bites is something I'm working on now in consultation with the BKSS staff, we're looking into some changes. We were approached by Drill Hall and want to help with a longer term project for disposal. BKSS budget is fine which will lead to smoother sailing, the couches have arrived and will be set up soon. Echoing Phi's extenuating circumstances work. I also ran class rep training- over 100 people came so great turnout

Question: Is there anything you suggest that helps student with academic appeals?

Charlotte: Student services and assistance team.

#### 3.3 Education Officer's report (L.Manning) [Reference C]

Take report mostly as read. Weekly Palestine rallies at Garema Place, Open Day protest, movie screening event on Sunday (held by anti-Zionist Jewish collectives) held by EWAG.

3.4 General Secretary's report (M.McDonald [Reference D]

Milli: I'll take my report as read. Ongoing meetings take most of my time, any motions please get them to me the Friday before. Ongoing governance review work. Working on signing on consultants and trying to find the right people for that.

#### 3.5 Treasurer's report (W.Burfoot) [Reference E]

Delivered report at SRC and OGM, shorter in comparison. Changes in expenditure report: BKSS consumables at ~\$15,000 (increase in demand, needs to be addressed), consultancy expense, O-Week less expensive (due to absence of party). Doing work on final budget.

Sarah: Birth control subsidy budget arrangements?

Answer: Not being taken over by ANUSA, but existing funding is supporting Departments.

Hayden: Why is the report in Comic Sans?

Will: It is amusing, hopefully gets more students to engage with the report - email any complaints over

Question: Arrangements around Night Cafe consultants?

Will: Last expense last year, just showing up in invoice

Follow-up: How were decisions made around that?

Will: Expense stopped last year due to a number of factors, refer to Woroni articles for more context.

Phi: Can confirm decision to stop funding was made in Oct last year

Fariba: Budget for parenting room?

Will: Changed ground on parenting room, consultation could have been better - the Parents & Carers room is still being looked at by ANUSA about how it can best be support. \$10,000 best place to start for the year.

Fariba: Is there an individual budget line?

Will: Yes, on the same line as the committee

Charlotte: Parents & Carers sits under their portfolio, but input was given into their decisions

Fariba: That is under ANUSA (and VP) to clarify?

Charlotte: Yes

3.6 Clubs Officer's report (S.Kang) [Reference F]

Seungbin: A more quiet few weeks since oweek. A lot of my work was around wrapping up oweek with invoices and debriefs with various groups. Plenty of good feedback I will be using for bush week. I'm transitioning into working more on clubs. I have been thinking a lot when it comes to clubs regulations, big things on the horizon like ATO changes and the discrimination act. So more meetings- A lot of background scoping work. I'll be bring all this work to the AGM so that should give you some kind of timeline. I'm also interested in

post-grad engagement. Thinking about the structure of events and furthering our relationship with post grad students.

3.7 Welfare Officer's report (S.Predavec) [Reference G]

Open Day protest emphasised - also spoke at a number of Palestine Solidarity Protests (EWAG involvement), Daley Road Bus Campaign (write letter), worked with Charlotte, tried to increase capabilities of getting free food despite shortage of money. Open Day protest on Sunday - talk to students and parents to let them know of the poor conditions at res halls, flyering will be done, and please come to the protest and help out.

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

4.1 Indigenous Department (F.Stevens) [Reference H]

Sent apologies, can email with any questions.

4.2 Women's Department (L.Johnson) [Reference I]

Lara: Last Friday was IWD, our turnout and events we had were great fun it was good to see students rising to the occasion and engaging. Our funding has changed slightly around the birth control subsidy. Working on making our budget more transparent. Our collective meetings are on Mondays, we're working on renaming our autonomous space, so if you want to be a part of that discussion come along. Dealing with safety concerns on campus.

Sarah: Are there any campaigning plans for this year?

Lara: Yes, we just made a conscious decision not to protest on IWD. We're working on making campaigns and protests more about personal choice than collective choice. We want people to be able to choose to do as they please on IWD. We're not shying away from activism; we just want to provide people with the choice to do otherwise.

Yerin: Why hasn't the women's department organised a protest for greater abortion access? Yerin named for going over time.

Lara: We had those conversations within our collective, and we chose that this wasn't our priority on IWD. We wanted to focus on a more interpersonal basis with members of our community.

Yerin: Why isn't the women's department protesting and being an activist on IWD? Yerin named for going over time/asking same question.

Lara: Activism will be ongoing throughout the year we just believe that was not what would be best suited for this specific day.

Yerin warned.

Anna: This was not a singular decision by Lara. It was a collaborative decision to reiterate.

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

Take report mostly as read, protest against RANZP due to transphobic speakers at conference - stay tuned if interested.

#### 4.4 International Students' Department (R. Agrwal) [Reference K]

Take my report as read. We have been having a lot of conversations with international students and the takeaway was that postgrads are feeling underrepresented throughout the community. We want to work on hosting events with multicultural societies and increasing overall engagement on campus

#### 4.5 Disabilities Department (F.Cooper, G.Wright) [Reference L]

Take mostly as read - highlight individual activism, ANU are ridiculously understaffed - problems with EAP processing, waiting times. Leanne Kelly said the middle of semester might be the length of waitlists. Advice to students is to CC the DSA in, admin's fault and happy to help - meeting coming up with accessibility to address this concerns. EAP should be implemented without documentation, and accessibility should accept that - accessibility has had problems. Let DSA know if there are any problems to take up to meeting. Problems with management, where further concerns will be raised. Crafternoon, study sessions, coffee, Week 8 non-autonomous information event about disabilities/addiction (more information to follow).

Sarah: Why are you spending more of your times on individual advocacy?

Answer: About changing policy towards individual students and working on systems like colleges - different from student assistance team. Students have had bad/traumatic experiences and DSA is trying to be sensitive - which often cannot be referred away and distanced from personal level.

Jem: DSA FB page hacked, what have you been doing to rectify this?

Answer: Exhausted avenues of recovery, will make a new page - meanwhile need to use group tied to old page. Fairly obvious that the page is hacked.

#### 4.6 Environment Department (W.Somerville) [Reference M]

Main thing to highlight is Palestine activism, marched through Canberra to MP office, held another protest at ANU against FM. Important at ANU to put public pressure on entities tied to what is going on.

James: Alleged on spending from the Collective on communist conferences - \$5000?

Answer: Yes there is funding towards conferences that work on activism - not the Welfare Officer or BKSS.

James: Organise anything for Clean Up Australia Day?

Answer: No, doesn't believe in 'individual' solutions like Clean Up Australia Day.

Sarah: Why are so many funds being used on misc expenses opposed to activism?

Answer: Budget is expanding, there is more money towards activism.

Jade: Why can't you do action to help the environment?

Answer: Activism on issues makes more of a difference.

Hayden: As Environment Officer, what are you doing for the environment? Environmental issues?

Wren: Snowball effect combating Labor Government

Charlotte: Comment to the room - go to a meeting if you want to change a Department/Collective.

Georgia: Short of overthrowing the Government, how can you improve the environment?

Wren: I do want to overthrow the government!

Keith: Why do we not protest the source, the companies?

Wren: Campaign against weapons companies, but protest against government.

4.7 Bla(c)k, Indigenous and People of Colour Department (S.Wania) [Reference N] Apologies sent.

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

6.1

#### Concerns about the 2023 NUS Natcon

Preamble (expressing my own views, not necessarily the SRC's):

To be clear, I don't think we should defund the NUS or even reduce its funding substantially. Our money is still substantially more likely to go towards advocating for good political causes there than it is if we retained the money and spent it on clubs, departments etc. I do firmly believe the best way to fix the NUS's problems is to engage with it rather than defund it.

I won't be addressing the political concerns I have with the NUS's newly-adopted policy positions either. While I have many, I address this motion only to things that all students, left or right, should be able to agree on. Many of these concerns were expressed or agreed to by members of both the NLS and SU factions at SRC 1.

This motion is not interested in apportioning blame to specific factions. The factions can choose to pass their own motions or waste our time debating why the things this motion documents took place - I of all people truly don't care. But however blame is to be doled out from a political perspective, it is presumably agreed to by all factions that these things should not have happened.

This motion is also not interested in respectability politics or trying to restrain student debates. It is concerned with facilitating those debates by making sure there is political argumentation instead of violence, and disabled students have places to go to the toilet in. This is not an anti-politics motion - it is a motion dedicated to expressing our concerns that misrule at the NUS stopped important political contestation from taking place at all.

#### Motion

The ANUSA President or their delegate will write to the NUS General Secretary conveying the following concerns (rephrased as they deem necessary).

- ANUSA is concerned that there were widely-reported incidents of violence at the 2023 Natcon. ANUSA is concerned that a motion, the title of which was reported to be "Bring back the Thunderdome," was passed. We should take violence in the student movement seriously and take every action to avoid it, not pass motions enabling it or making fun of it.
- ANUSA is concerned about reports that the NUS voted to allow office-bearers to non-transparently accept gifts. We think student positions should not be exploited for personal gain and gifts should either be accepted transparently or - preferably - not at all.
- ANUSA is concerned about reports of disability discrimination at the conference. In
  particular, the organizers of all NUS conferences and events are required by both law
  and basic morality to honour requests for reasonable accommodations such as
  wheelchair-accessible accommodation and toilets. We are deeply distressed that this
  was reported to have not occurred.
- ANUSA is concerned that the conference was not able to hear office-bearer reports
  due to the abrupt curtailment of the final day of the conference. We are not interested
  in apportioning blame for this, but we believe that students should be able to hold
  officeholders whose salaries they pay accountable by asking them questions and
  hearing about their activities.
- Again, we are disinterested in apportioning blame for this but we are distressed that an entire day of the conference did not go ahead due to loss of quorum. Factions and conference organisers should take every imaginable precaution to ensure this does not reoccur.

Mover: Sarah Strange Seconder: Phoenix O'Neill

Phi: This is focused on a genuine need for improvement in the conference. We should not be funding this safety risk, this kind of event would not fly in terms of student safety on campus. I hope we take this seriously.

Nick (speaking against): These problems aren't procedural - they're political. This is mainly Labor's fault- specifically labor right who engage in petty behaviour where they use this as a resume stacker rather than turning this to any useful campaigning. None of this will stop characters like Sheldon. I don't think this is a useful strategy to improve the NUS

Skye: I agree mostly with what Nick said - however, I will be voting up this motion still, I do doubt this will be implemented adequately but I still do think there are points that really can be realistically improved. If implemented I think this could really help, it is still worth sending even if it may fall on deaf ears.

Yerin: National Union of Students always shuts down debates over concerns about accessibility and violence - this letter is counterproductive. The purpose of the letter expressly contradicts what SALT stands for.

Phi: Can use the letter to emphasise that democratic debate cannot be stifled. The fact that there wasn't accessibility in bathrooms and thunderdome.

Nick: Political battles need to be waged, disagree with language of procedural issues with the NUS, political forces should be emphasised over these concerns

Harry: What steps should be taken then?

Nick: Need to form left wing blocs at National Conference rather then treat it like an NGO? Need to edge out other blocs on campus.

Will: I support a better NUS, I think this is an important and reasonable motion. There are many areas for improvement, particularly with accessibility. This is a good start and I would absolutely like to see the NUS reflect.

Seungbin: Speaking in favour as a third party who did not go to natcon

Motion carried.

#### Item 6.2:

#### Buying food entirely for ourselves should be neither at the table nor on the menu

#### Preamble

Ordinary students - to the extent they interacted with us at all - had three major complaints about the union last year (I am not blaming the union for these complaints - they were mostly though not entirely out of ANUSA's control)

- 1. Due to budgetary constraints, the union had to restrict financial grants by reducing their amount and tightening their eligibility.
- 2. The clubs system ran out of money midway through the year
- 3. Due to extreme pressure on the BKSS from hungry students, it regularly ran out of consumables such as milk, cereal etc.

These pressures may well repeat themselves - the SSAF allocation we received was less than we had optimistically anticipated and demand for food may go up if anything given the

university's shuttering of their food pantry. In this context I challenge anyone to seriously justify the ANUSA SRC spending 2000 dollars of student money buying pizzas for ourselves. Among many other more worthy expenditures, it could buy a very substantial amount of BKSS consumables - a line item that tends to operate on a shoestring.

To be clear, I respect the opinion of some within this union that we should get out of providing services and become a mostly political organisation. But if we are to provide services, we should be providing services to the needy rather than feeding ourselves. In any case, under the terms of this motion the executive can allocate this money to political action (EWAG, sending people to political conferences etc) should it so choose.

Although budgets must be passed at OGMs, the SRC has the authority to amend the budget by less than 1% of our monthly budget. This motion falls under that exception (the recently passed budget budgeted for 3.5-ish million dollars of expenditure, 3.5m/12= ~291,000, 291.000/100>2000)

#### **Motion**

The 2000 dollar 'meeting expenditure' line of the budget passed at OGM 1 shall be reallocated to other line items (except any expenditure that has been incurred buying food for this meeting itself). Nothing in this motion prohibits expenditures aimed at making our meetings technologically accessible - for example by buying a Meeting Owl or replacing it if it is broken.

Mover: Sarah Strange Seconder: Will Burfoot

Skye: Meetings across ANUSA often have food there to boost engagement and participation. We should be doing more to get better engagement and getting rid of food does not bring this progress.

Kiera: I want you to look me in the eye and vote up this motion. I personally enjoy the pide and it is a highlight of these meetings.

Jem: Cost-of-living crisis that student representatives aren't immune to. ANUSA is all encompassing, food at meetings support ANUSA's meetings. Representation, welfare, socialising are all support by food at meetings - and in fact, this is something we should be expanding including in EDC's and other meetings. Shortage of milk at BKSS only emphasises why we need to be spending more on food in these settings.

Sarah: Every dollar counts, and we need to evaluating where we allocate ANUSA's funds.

Motion fails

6.3 SRC Motion – Support Senior Residents – Start by Listening

Preamble:

Being a Senior Resident (SR) is not easy – from the pressure to feel responsible for a large group of students' wellbeing to the 4am wake-ups while on Duty, Senior Residents are on the front lines of Res Halls.

For background framing here, SRs are the backbone of Res Halls. SRs help with the well-being of the students on their floor, maintaining a close relationship with them and acting as the first port of call for these residents experiencing a crisis. SRs are also on Duty, every 10 days at my hall, and this requires often staying up late, sacrificing chances to study and often having your sleep interrupted many times a night. They deal with sick residents, have to de-escalate conflicts and act as a scolding force against those creating disruption, noise or causing annoyance. Adding to this, SRs are tasked with "building the culture" of halls, a vaguely defined term which usually means supporting residents to go to events but also for you to support the hall at events like Arts or Sports. Add on weekly SR meetings and clearing the whole building when the fire alarm goes off, and probably many day-to-day things that are just expected of them and it's pretty clear that SRs are crucial to the building. Without proper support to do all of these things, day in day out, week in week out, month in month out for almost 10 months – it's pretty clear that SRs begin to burn out, struggle and suffer.

Add to all of this the fact that SRs are contractually obliged to do a full-time uni load (unless they want a huge pay cut and only a small reduction in work) and often have to work other jobs as the scholarship payments only cover rent and not other living expenses. Note too that things like SR contracts are not designed for the average 20-ish-year-old college resident. They are vague and leave massive amounts of discretion to heads of residences to interpret and apply as they see fit, which often hurts SRs and is used to their detriment in many cases.

Naturally, SR experiences will vary from hall to hall and some will receive more supportive heads of residences than others – but this is part of the problem. Whether you're overworked and under-supported or whether your contract is used to exploit you shouldn't depend on which hall you're at. The residential team at ANU needs to have a way of getting SRs' feedback to help provide this crucial support to all SRs all across campus.

This motion is the first part of this feedback loop. I have created an SR survey that asks for the feedback of current SRs in their roles and for SRs of 2023 to reflect on their past experiences and what could have been better. Current SRs have a strong grip on their role now that we are half way through term 1 and 2023 SRs are likely passed the stage of resentment/burnout but have had time to reflect on their time as an SR. Changes are being constantly made to the role and to try to keep all responses relevant to the current situation, I have made the decision to limit it to SRs of last year and this year only.

The survey itself will ask questions about the level of support SRs feel they had/have in their roles, how much time they estimate that they were/are spending on the role each week, what aspects of the role were/are most taxing, and what situations they have been put into that they ought not to have been. Crucially, it will ask, how do you wish these concerns were addressed and how could these issues be solved? The survey can be done anonymously, or by just providing your hall, or under your name (with an option to follow up in more detail with me) and only I will be able to access these results and will de-identify all when collating common themes, trends, and suggestions. I will seek to take this to the residential team and seek to share both these concerns and these solutions to look to making SRs' lives better and allowing them to perform the crucial roles that are so important to Res Hall communities.

#### See the survey here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWBFL5IcrvfkcjM7eR5WYSFyLYIZYOr\_r1q4K2 M4U6Bzh-WQ/viewform

#### Motion:

- 1) ANUSA supports reforms to SRs' roles that provide them with more support in whatever form is asked for and needed to do their jobs as best as possible;
- ANUSA supports the consultative process with 2023 and 2024 SRs outlined in this
  motion's preamble and the collation of feedback from those with experience in the
  role
- 3) ANUSA supports attempts to implement the resulting feedback campus-wide and to seek ongoing feedback processes over time;
- 4) ANUSA SRC encourages members to promote the survey to their SR (if at a Res Hall) or to any 2023 or 2034 SRs they know, with the intention of the survey being passed to the rest of these SRs' teams to maximise responses.

Mover: Sam Gorrie

Seconder: Milli McDonald

Hayden: This is a great motion. My college has a great communications system but not every hall does. We need to support this and have a unified approach to holding res halls and colleges to account.

Carter: We should be talking about rent rates instead. Abolish SRs, lower rates instead.

Phoenix: As ANUSA, we should support SRs, though I agree with criticisms of res halls. Res halls used SR conditions to provide a rationale as to why they should lower SR scholarships. We need to be strategic about how we approach this and keep in mind what will benefit all students and all SRs. It's good to have the data but we need to be strategic about how we use it.

Nick – asking a question to Phoenix: who will the data be presented to?

Phoenix: Data will be used with the expressed intention of not compromising quality of SRs and res hall residents.

Sam: Presenting problems is not my concern, it's presenting solutions which can come with consultation.

Jaz: We need to supplement this motion with meaningful action.

Nick: We need to focus on lowering rents. Supporting SRs just means the university can continue funnelling students into exploitative roles. Abolish SR roles and lower rents so that regular students aren't burdened with the cost of res halls.

Speaker for: Consultation is key and hasn't been emphasised. This is a welcome change.

Harriet: I agree with the motion and for a plan to support SRs. Come to the protest against res hall rent hikes if you want to do something about lowering rents.

Sam: The motion is not meant to be piecemeal, it is meant to be expansive and strategic and benefit SRs instead of harm them.

#### Motion carries

#### 6.4 Clubs affiliation

Motion:

The SRC ratifies the Clubs Officers' decisions on the following club affiliation requests:

Approved	Rejected
ANU Singapore Students' Association ANU Actuarial Society ANU Psychology Society Australian National University Auslan Club ANU Brunch Society Shakespeare Society ANU International Bible Fellowship Asian Students in Australia Association ANU Croation Cultural Society ANU International Law Society "ANU Regional, Rural and Remote Students Society" "Australian National University Engineering Students Association" "ANU College of Asia and the Pacific	
"ANU College of Asia and the Pacific Students' Society"	

ANU German Society

Artifex ANU

ANU Undergraduate Research Society

Knit and Flix ANU

ANU Hope on Campus

ANU Chocolate Appreciation Society

The Housing Collective

Fenner School Society

ANU Fifty50

National University Theatre Society

ANU Musical Theatre Collective

ANU Bible Fellowship

ANU Classics Students Society

Australian National University Indonesian

Student's Association

ANU Navigators Society

**ANU Music Society** 

**ANU Classics Society** 

ANU Women\* In STEM Society

Malaysian Students' Organisation at ANU

Robogals Canberra

Australasian Union of Jewish Students

(AJSS)

ANU International Relations Society

Korea Australia Alliance

ANU Cambodian Students Society

ANU Vietnamese Students' Association

ANU Astronomy Society

Indian Students Association - ANU

ANU Computer Science Students'

Association

ANU Anime and Gaming Society

ANU Mathematics Society

Australia-China Youth Association @ ANU

ANU Refugee Action Campaign

ANU Labor Left

ANU Filipino Association

ANU Rural Medical Society

**ANU Chess Society** 

ANU Self Care Society

The Australian National University Socialist

Alternative Club

ANU Intrepid Landcare

ANU Fighting Games Club

ANU Bangladesh Student Association

ANU Agricultural Society

Solidarity Students ANU

ANU Choral Society (SCUNA)

ANU R3 Society

Vinnies On Campus

**Rocketry Appreciation Society** 

The ANU Korean Student Society

ANU Improv Society

ANU Democracy Society

ANU Association for Defence and Security

Studies

ANU Chemistry Society

Effective Altruism ANU

ANU Consulting Society

ANU Formula Sport

ANU Earth and Marine Science Society

ANU Volunteering Society

ANU Za Kabuki

**ABACUS ANU** 

ANU Physics Society

Overseas Christian Fellowship

Italian Cultural Society

ANU Taiwanese Student Association

**ANU Music Society** 

ANU AFEC Students' Society

ANU Muslim Students' Association

**Christian Students Uniting** 

EKTA ANU - South Asian Students Society

FMAA (ANU)

ANU Greens

UN Youth ACT

ANU Hong Kong Students Association

ANU Taylor Swift Society

Artist Initiative at ANU

ANU Dining Society

National Security Social Society

ANU FOCUS

**UN Youth Volunteer Society** 

ANU CPA Club

ANU Chinese Traditional Culture Club

ANU Health Students Society

ANU Slavic Society

ANU Labor Club

ANU Arts Revue

The Australian National University Comedy

Society

Australian National University

Entrepreneurship Club

ANU Esports

TABOO ANU

ANUFC- ANU French Collective ANU

Biology Society Australian National

University Sri Lankan Students' Association

ANU Board Games Society	
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Moved: Seungbin Kang Seconded: Luke Harrison

Motion carries.

#### 6.5 ANU divest from weapons companies. Kick Northrop Grumman off campus!

#### Preamble:

As of November 2023 ANU has just shy of \$500,000 invested in weapons manufacturers according to documents obtained through a freedom of information request. This is a travesty that our student union should oppose. \$52,000 is invested in Northrop Grumman, a company that produces the fuselage and Distributed Aperture System for the F-35 fighter jets the US sold to Israel. Not only that, Northrop Grumman boasts that the Apache Attack Helicopters that have been sold to Israel are equipped with its Longbow Fire Control Radar. \$257,000 is invested in Lockheed Martin, who produce the F-35 jets. Israel has acquired 36 F-35s from the US that it uses in its carpet bombing of Gaza. \$171,000 is invested in BAE systems, a company that has sold weapons to Saudi Arabia which were subsequently used in the war on Yemen.

The particularly odious aspect of ANU's ties with Northrop Grumman is that ANU offers both a scholarship and internship with the company. ANU should not be funnelling students into an industry that profits from death and destruction, especially into companies that are complicit in Israel's genocide of the Palestinians in Gaza.

These scholarships and investments demonstrate that our Vice-Chancellor and University Council want higher education to serve the interests of the military and big business. The integration of weapons companies and universities is not an aberration: ANU is one of two universities that is crucial in creating the human capital for the implementation of AUKUS.

ANU is profiting from the genocide in Gaza so long as it holds investments in Northrop Grumman and Lockheed Martin. We need ANUSA to campaign for divestment from all weapons companies as part of the fight for a free Palestine.

#### Motion:

ANUSA demands that ANU divest from all weapons companies.

- ANUSA demands that ANU end all scholarships and internships with weapons companies.
- ANUSA will share the No Northrop Grumman at ANU megaphone petition on its social media and encourage students to sign on.
- ANUSA endorses the 'ANU Stop Profiting off Genocide' rally on Thursday the 21st of March and will promote it on social media and through the ANUSA Newsletter

Mover: Wren Sommerville Seconder: Luke Harrison

Skye: This is a great campaign that we can use to effect change on campus.

The motion carried.

## 6.6 This SRC is Anti-AUKUS

Next Monday, the 18th, IPAN is hosting an anti-AUKUS rally at parliament house. As part of our work against Imperialism and militarism, the SRC should be fully behind anti-AUKUS activism. It was incredible to see last year that the vast majority of representatives on this body, including everyone in the two largest tickets, were elected on a clear anti-AUKUS platform.

AUKUS represents a clear military escalation in the Asia-Pacific, and an in spirit, if not in fact, violation of Australia's obligations to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. Just like ANUSA has done in the past, we must stand against Nuclear weapons, militarism and war at every opportunity. Especially in the context of the United States' and Australia's lockstep pro-Israel position despite the horrific crimes we can all see happening in Gaza, it is incredibly important that AUKUS comes to an immediate end.

## **Motion**

- The ANUSA SRC re-clarifies the Union's position as fully behind Anti-AUKUS activism and against the AUKUS treaty
- ANUSA endorses the anti-AUKUS rally on the 18th and will share it on social media stories
- ANUSA encourages its members to attend the rally

Mover: Skye Predavec Seconder: Luke Harrison

Yerin: This motion falls within the broader context of one of the longest anti-war movements.

Will: Members of the SRC went to Natcon in personal capacity. In fact, not in policy platforms or debates, particularly by me, was AUKUS mentioned. Welcome this being the hill to die on - focused on issues being relevant to students. The implication that we were elected on a lie is stupid because we were elected because students want a change at this union.

Sam: Increasing militarisation affects us all, investing in AUKUS does affect students and we should prioritise students over machines.

Harrison: In the Stand Up Woroni article, the policies were 'anti-war'. What does this refer to?

Sarah: NLS and Solidarity involved in SSAW, this is what is being referred to.

James: STEM students are underrepresented in this conversation. I cannot work my job and take on the amount of classes I am supposed to attend. As the only person in the room who ran on a pro-AUKUS ticket, I am proud to oppose this motion.

Phi: Engineering majors cut because of AUKUS degrees, education is being militarised. This has a real impact on our education.

Hayden: Looked at Woroni article about Stand Up: the word 'war' only used twice – in Woroni's analysis of the ticket, not in our actual policies. On that point, we should be focusing on things that actually affect students like cost of living. As an arts student I am not affected by this motion.

Carter: The drive to war – 'the armageddon' – affects students. Students do not have a choice in their studies – they have to support AUKUS in studying nuclear physics or nuclear engineering. We should affirm that ANUSA is anti-AUKUS.

Jaz: I criticise AUKUS for the US not paying us to house their subs. My college benefits from AUKUS so I will be voting this up.

Lea: Introduction of war-focused, conditional majors. This affects students negatively. Influence of tech companies is making things worse.

Sarah: We should not be considering the feelings of STEM students whose scholarships are cut. We need to think about the feelings of people affected by war and investment in it.

Skye: It's undemocratic, and lying to students, to run on an anti-AUKUS campaign in the ANUSA elections and then reverse this position and vote in the opposite direction immediately after the election.

The motion carries.

Item 7: Other Business

Item 8: Date of next meeting and close

#### Reference A

## President's Report

SRC2 - 13 March 2024
Phoenix O'Neill
sa.president@anu.edu.au

## Activism and advocacy

## Extenuating Circumstances Applications (ECA) and Late Withdrawals

Charlotte and I have been working on advocacy with our Student Assistance team on ECAs and Late Withdrawals. Last year, the policy for deferred exams and special considerations were changed to all be considered under the new ECA policy. This policy has caused a significant amount of issues for several students. In particular, the fact that there is now only one opportunity to defer an exam rather than two has created a lot of unfairness for students. We have successfully advocated for this policy to be changed in the future, but we are still working out advocacy for students who are currently impacted. This has then influenced the Late Withdrawal process as it has an increase of students applying for it after they couldn't get a second deferred exam, and has fairly high standards for acceptance that have been tightened this semester. If any of this has impacted you, our student assistance team has been helping students with their applications and appeals, and you can reach them here: <a href="mailto:sa.assistance@anu.edu.au">sa.assistance@anu.edu.au</a>

## School of Art and Design (SOAD) library closure

In the lead up to the SOAD library closing, students mass borrowed books to protest the closure. ANUSA stored many of these books for students when they expressed not having a location to store them. Unfortunately all discussion on the library's closure and potential of its reopening have stalled. In the meantime, students have been hit with heavy fines for the borrowed books. I have been talking to the students organising the protest and to ANU Libraries to ensure that all appeals of fines result in them being waived and that the books are returned so that this can happen. Thanks so much to Luke (Education Officer) for all of your extremely hard work on this matter and to them and Harrison (Undergraduate Coursework Officer) and student Sian Hardy for their hard work in returning the books!

#### **Palestine**

Continuing from SRC1, I have been working on supporting advocacy and activism for Palestine. I have been meeting with any student or member of the ANU community who reaches out and wants to engage with ANUSA in good faith on the issue. This has included a lot of conversations with staff, students, and my legal team. ANUSA has promoted many of the upcoming rallies and I have been doing work on that and behind the scenes work making sure that the rallies are safe. I spoke at the Student Strike for Palestine and stand by what I said - students have always fought against injustice, and we should be continuing that fight today for Palestine.

## Committees

## Higher Degree by Research Committe (HDRC)

TW: Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment (SASH)

This committee discusses Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students (who are typically PhD students). There were interesting discussions about new data analysing the HDR cohort at ANU, a report on 'Caring for Carers', and a working group update from the HDR sexual assault and sexual harassment committee. Unfortunately I had to be on zoom as I was unwell so some parts of the meeting were hard to catch but overall the meeting was informative.

#### Student Forum

This committee meets to discuss strategies for Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility with a wider student consultation group. It updated its ToR to include postgraduate reps, discussed IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility) governance and strategies and got updates on those, and the Reconciliation Action Plan. Again I attended this meeting on zoom.

## Internal

### Representative support

I've also been doing some work on supporting representatives, particularly for ANUSA's newer positions. I've been meeting with each of the incoming executive members and department officers to begin our terms.

### SSAF and budgeting work

We have signed a three-year SSAF agreement! This agreement is for 55% of SSAF alongside some top-ups from the underspend pool. I will say that we were negotiating for a significantly higher percentage than this and there is a continuing trend of SSAF for student organisations being cut. Just because ANUSA is a single student union does not mean that we can function on a significantly lower SSAF percentage than ANUSA+PARSA. We are prioritising student-facing budget lines as we work out the budgeting plans. This has taken a significant amount of my time and I have been working with Will on it.

#### Casual vacancies

Charlotte and I have been working on filling casual vacancies. The form closed at 9am on Tuesday 12 March. We have luckily had a variety of appointable reps for all empty roles except for CHM PGCW rep, which we will be looking to advertise more with that college. We are in the process of narrowing down reps and talking to the relevant reps who work alongside the other vacancies and they will be filled by the end of the week.

#### Governance review

I have been working with Milli on getting the early stages of the Governance Review ready. We are finalising the consulting group that we will be working with at the moment and will hopefully be able to proceed with it in the coming weeks!

#### General executive work

I have been supporting exec members in their roles, some of which has required a lot of work. The two in particular to shoutout are O-Week (again, a massive congratulations to Seungbin) which consumed many of my hours, particularly in packing residential hall packs, and setup of the BKSS/dealing with the library books borrowed by SOAD students.

### Legal, WHS and staff matters

The President has oversight of all legal, WHS and staff matters that may arise. These are usually confidential but take up a portion of my time.

We are currently renegotiating the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement. This is anticipated to continue this week and takes up a lot of time as President.

### **ANU Council**

ANU Council has not met since SRC1.

## Other

## Interhall Council (IHC)

I met with the Interhall Council (IHC). This is a committee of the Presidents of all Residential Halls. I've been talking with the Chair, Mirah, a lot over the summer and it was great to meet all of the Presidents. We discussed how ANUSA can have an effective relationship working with the residential halls and the aftermath of the Counter Course Guide. This meeting was quite productive and I am keen to continue ANUSA's relationship with them.

## **ANU Hiring**

ANU is currently hiring several new positions and as President I have been involved in the panels and stakeholder meetings for student-related work. I have sat on one since SRC1 and three since my term commenced.

## Meeting with UC SRC President

I had a zoom call with the UC SRC President to discuss our unions, trade information about our structures and relationships with the university, and discuss potential to work together going forward.

## **Timesheet**

As of this report, I have worked 437 hours from December 1. This averages to about 39 hours per week (excluding any leave and Christmas shutdown). I have taken one week of leave and 7.5 days of sick leave.

#### Reference B

#### SRC 2

### Vice President's Report Charlotte Carnes

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#### 1. Introduction

My name is Charlotte (she/they) and I'm your Vice President for 2024. The Vice President's role is a little difficult to pin down as it changes year to year and is based on a division of duties between the President and the Vice President which is rooted in strengths, capacity, and interests. I mostly manage internal affairs, academic advocacy, and of course the BKSS!

My focus this year is majorly on the academic sphere. I wrote a number of policies around the subject in the election that I intend to see through. We deserve the education we were promised, we deserve the education we want - and are paying obscene costs for - and we need to be demanding that in the age of profiteering universities.

It's only been 3 weeks since the last SRC so I don't have as much to report on currently as I did at SRC 1. Much of my work has also been continuing things I reported on in the first meeting so there will not be elaboration on those tasks.

#### 2. BKSS

The Brian Kenyon Student Space otherwise known as the BKSS is a free space for students by students. It's open weekdays 8am - 8pm and is a place to study, relax, eat, and socialise. The BKSS offers a range of things including: free breakfast from 8.30 - 10.30 every day, free condoms, pads, and tampons, a place to heat up your food or make a cup of tea or coffee, chargers that can be borrowed, information about ANUSA and its services, events and upcoming campaigns... and much more!

#### a. Student Bites

Student Bites is a free grocery food programme run by ANUSA, built on the principle of mutual aid. The programme seeks to materially support students during the ongoing cost of living crisis and build systems of community care to fill gaps left by the university's services. In partnership with OzHarvest Canberra, Student Bites collects quality excess food from supermarkets and delivers it free of charge to ANU Students from ANUSA's Brian Kenyon Student Space.

The inherent challenge to Student Bites is seen in its quantity and quality of groceries. It comes at a different time every week which we only find out about 20 minutes before the drop and delivers very different groceries week in week out. The extent to which Student Bites can be sufficient and accessible each week is incredibly unpredictable. This makes it difficult for students to rely on Student Bites and go about their Friday normally, however, this is out of our control. The problem with Student Bites is mostly exemplary of the cost of living crisis, especially since ANU has restricted access to the pantry to students who can prove they are experiencing food insecurity.

I spent time discussing the necessary changes that BKSS staff saw fit and the ways they felt it could be generally improved. One of those ways was refining the volunteer process. Previously, we had a group chat that people could just be added to if they asked to volunteer which resulted in a lot of miscommunication and dis-coordination. I released a google form for volunteering before the last SRC and selected 6 official volunteers. I've heard nothing but good things about the new volunteers at this point which I'm delighted by. I am also working on ways to make the distribution of the groceries provided more equitable.

#### b. Mutual aid

The Welfare Officer, Skye, and I were approached by some staff members at Drill Hall Gallery about the amount of discarded items there are at the end of the year after people have moved out of the reshalls. Anyone who's lived at a reshall knows this problem acutely and has bore witness to the individual skips each hall is given use to. They gave us some contacts in the ANU to use and suggested some ways we could incorporate this into our pre-existing mutual aid shelf. While we haven't made much progress on this so I can't speak to it too much, this is an ongoing project I anticipate and hope will take up some time this year. It would involve collaborating with reshalls and potentially Below Zero.

#### c. Budget prioritisation

A lot of people asked me about certain things related to the BKSS budget at SRC 1. There are two aspects to the BKSS budget: consumables (food, drink, menstrual products, cleaning supplies - anything consumable or disposable) and non-consumables (cap-ex, furniture, kitchenware, storage, etc.). Regarding the consumables, I am most committed to cost-efficiency. The BKSS is a popular and necessary space so the budget will always be high when the engagement exceeds it. I am committed however to maintaining it as a union space, meaning a space that renders other ANUSA services more accessible as opposed to innovating it as a provided service. However, now that ANU has reduced access to the community pantry, many students rely more on the BKSS than they did previously.

Regarding the non-consumables, there are forecasted costs on the table such as a new fridge – if you've been in the space beyond week 1 you'll have noticed the main fridges don't work anymore. There are a number of things in the space that are starting to wear down and will likely need to be replaced throughout the year so I anticipate this budget line being used in its entirety.

If you have any questions pertaining to the BKSS budget and how we use it, don't hesitate to ask! I think about it all the time and spend at least 30 minutes talking to our admin team about it every day.

#### d. Future plans

The couches finally arrived! My future plans for the space are mostly around the balcony and tidying it up, putting the outdoor tables and chairs together, and painting the pillars. I'm also looking into conducting an audit of the BKSS. If you have any ideas on how the balcony, foyer, or BKSS spaces could be better let me know.

#### 3. Academic

#### a. ECA

For an explanation of the problems and context surround Extenuating Circumstances Application (ECAs), see my SRC 1 report. I have continued working on this with our Student Assistance Team and Phoenix. We met with the Deputy Registrar, ASQO, Exams and Graduations Officer, and the Director of University Experience a few weeks ago and voiced our concerns, some of which were shared by university staff, others were not. Ultimately, our Student Assistance Team see students face to face and physically bear witness to the problems in which this process is resulting. The teams that

provide outcomes to ECAs do not see these distressed students, only their applications so there is a level of disconnect which has been frustrating. There is a follow-up meeting on this matter next week. It was also discussed briefly at Academic Board.

#### b. Undergrad curriculum

Just after SRC 1 I met with Chris Browne who works on curriculum and pedagogy, about the undergraduate curriculum framework and implementation of graduate attributes. We mostly discussed a plan for student consultation involving college reps and the College Education Committees. A plan and timeline for the implementation of the graduate attributes has been set and is currently being discussed at the college level. This was discussed at EDC 1.

#### 4. Class Representative Training

Last Friday, 8th March, I ran ANUSA's semesterly Class Representative Training which was open to all class reps both undergrad and postgrad. The purpose of this training is to disseminate information about communication channels, escalatory pathways and available support mechanisms. It also serves to connect class reps with each other, to College Reps and to ANUSA.

The training was a great success with a combined in-person and online attendance of over 100. So far I have also received more than 15 emails inquiring about certain matters arising in classes by class reps who attended.

Prior to the training session, I spent a lot of time updating resources made for class reps and communicating with the college ADEs to ensure the event got as much traction as possible. You can check out this page on the ANUSA website for information, resources and contact details: <a href="https://anusa.com.au/advocacy/classreps/">https://anusa.com.au/advocacy/classreps/</a>.

If you have any questions about class reps, academic policy surrounding courses and the classroom, or difficulties with a convenor feel free to email me at <a href="mailto:sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au">sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au</a>.

#### 5. Committees

#### a. Academic Board

I am the undergraduate student member on Academic Board this year which is the peak body for academic matters at ANU and sits just below Council. The University Accords will be discussed at Academic Board 2.

#### 6. Miscellaneous

#### a. Training

As alluded to in my report, I'm continuing my work on organising training for exec members and department officers. Currently, I'm working on organising accidental counsellor training and am still

doing work to organise AICD training for SSAF recipient boards that are student led or have student members. If you wish to know more detail on this, refer to my SRC 1 report.

#### b. Rep support

Much of my time is filled with miscellaneous tasks delegated by other exec members or department officers. I assisted Phoenix with the college representative casual vacancies for example and have helped a few gen reps with their projects.

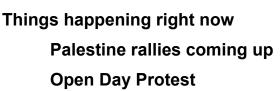
#### 7. Timesheet

Since December 1st, as of Monday 11th March, I have worked 411.5 hours. I have taken 2 days of personal leave and 1 day of sick leave. If you have any questions about how I use my hours or about the work I do more broadly, don't hesitate to reach out to <a href="mailto:sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au">sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au</a>.

## Reference C Education Officer Report - SRC 2

## Introduction Report

Education and Welfare Action Group
Organising around Palestine
The University Accord
Learning and Teaching Committee
Rad Ed Week





#### Introduction

Hi everyone! My name is Luke Harrison (they/them) and I'm your Education Officer for 2024! I'm originally from the beautiful regional city of Wagga Wagga on Wiradjuri Country in western NSW. I came to ANU in 2020 and study a Bachelor of International Relations and a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Political Science.

I first got involved in activism and organising in 2021 and became a general representative on ANUSA for 2022. Since then I've been organising around many issues including trans rights, climate change, against war, and more. In particular, I've been involved with education organising in 2022 and 2023 when I was Deputy Education Officer.

My report tends to follow the following structure: I introduce myself, I update the SRC on the work I've done, and I comment/update on events and things going on presently.

I have worked 219.5 hours since my term began on December 1, 2023.

#### Report

#### **Education and Welfare Action Group**

We had our second EWAG meeting of the semester on Monday 04/03 where we talked about logistical details about the upcoming Open Day protest (like promotion and speakers), how to do more Palestine organising on campus, and the Rad Ed Week Committee. EWAG meetings are every fortnight at 4pm, in the ANUSA boardroom.

#### **Organising Around Palestine**

In my capacity as Education Officer, I've been doing a lot of work supporting Palestine activism on campus. In particular I helped build for the Students Strike for Palestine on the 29th of Feb (in which I spoke out the front of BAE Systems headquarters about the connection between BAE, the IDF, and the Australian Government) which was a resounding success and helped marshal at the rally against Penny Wong when she came to visit campus. I'm looking to do more to support Palestine through EWAG events and such, so definitely get in contact if that's something you'd be keen on.

#### The University Accord

As we all well know, the University Accord Final Report dropped on the 25th of February. I had a few different groups and people request comments on my opinion on the Report so I spent a bit of time reading through the report and offering my opinions. In my opinion, the report is so bland and pathetic. Someone described it as purely just vibes and I agree with that sentiment a lot. The report offers nothing tangible for students and is purely crumbs. We need a higher education sector that is free (which the government could do if it would stop buying nuclear submarines, investing billions in weapons companies, stop giving handouts to the wealthy, and stop subsiding fossil fuel companies), and serious measures to tackle to the cost of living crisis we're in.

#### **Learning and Teaching Committee**

In my capacity as Education Officer, I sit on the Learning and Teaching Committee (LTC) as the undergraduate student representative. We had our first LTC meeting of the year on 29/02/2024. At the meeting a variety of topics were discussed, including pathways forward for handling AI (TEQSA is sending an information request about how the ANU is handling AI) which will see greater support for students and staff by providing integrity guides, and assessment renewal frameworks. We also discussed implementing content warnings in classrooms across the board. Also, there's going to be an out-of-session meeting to look at reviewing SELT Reviews so if you have any feelings or suggestions about SELT Reviews please email me at sa.education@anu.edu.au!

#### Rad Ed Week

This is something I discussed in my last SRC Report, but I am looking to get a committee of people together to help organise Rad Ed Week (hoping to have it the first half of Sem 2). The way to get involved is to fill out this form: <a href="https://forms.gle/Q5ba2GrzJAKz7eCR8">https://forms.gle/Q5ba2GrzJAKz7eCR8</a>, I will select a bunch of people to form the committee, and then we'll start meeting regularly to organise Rad Ed Week!

#### **Things Happening Right Now**

#### **Palestine Rallies Coming Up**

As usual, I'll use this part of my report to highlight upcoming rallies for Palestine. As of writing this report, the only protest I can see is the weekly rallies in Garema Place at 1 pm on Saturdays. Again, it's so crucial that we're all showing up to these rallies, bringing people along to the rallies as well, and showing up for Palestine. If you want to come to the rallies but have no one to go with, you can always message me and we can go together.

#### **Open Day Protest**

THIS SATURDAY (16th March) is the Open Day Protest!!!! As part of the EWAG campaign targeting the cost of living on campus (which is ridiculously high and increasing above inflation every year due to a private investment firm having bought on-campus accommodation). It's so crucial we're disrupting Open Day, a day in which the ANU tends to market itself to prospective students (who are just viewed as money-makers for the ANU), and really put pressure on the ANU. It would be great to see as many students, and in particular SRC members, at this protest. If you're wanting to get involved, feel free to message myself or Skye. And the action begins at 9am and goes until 1pm.

#### Reference D

Reference D

General Secretary Report – SRC 2 2024

Milli McDonald

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#### Introduction

Hi everyone! My name is Milli McDonald, (she/her), and I am excited to be the ANUSA General Secretary for 2024.

My role is made up of all things constitution and governance. This year presents a huge opportunity to reform the governance of ANUSA for the better and to help it better deliver for students. Happy to chat to anyone who is interested!

#### Meetings / SRC

Much of my time over the last fortnight has been in preparation for SRC 2 and OGM 1.

This includes working with people on motions, receiving apologies, etc. Been sick, sorry if I didn't respond to texts x

#### **Governance Review**

The executive has in-principle approved consultants NFP success for the Governance review. Once the contract has been signed, I will begin convening governance working groups.

The terms of reference for the review are to be seen here:

The review shall consider:

- 1. ANUSA's governing documents, including its constitution and regulations;
- 2. ANUSA's representative and governance structures and practices;
- 3. The above areas with particular attention to ANUSA's recent transition to representation of postgraduate students;
- 4. Opportunities for improvement and reform of ANUSA's governance, mindful of ANUSA's nature as an independent, student-led organisation.

The reviewer shall provide the following deliverables:

- Consultation sessions with internal ANUSA/student stakeholders to understand internal perspectives on matters within the scope of the review. Consultations shall include consultation with:
  - 1. Current and, if appropriate, former representatives;
  - 2. ANUSA staff;
  - 3. As appropriate, students beyond the SRC.
- 2. Consultation sessions with key ANU stakeholders for the purpose of understanding key ANU expectations of ANUSA including compliance with ANU legislation and other relevant obligations and expectations. These stakeholders shall include:
  - 1. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic Portfolio;
  - 2. The Corporate Governance and Risk Office
  - 3. The University Legal Office
- 3. A set of high-level recommendations for reform of ANUSA's governance to be provided to ANUSA that align with best governance practice for a democratic, student-led student union delivering representation, advocacy, community-building and support. The ANU shall receive a copy of these recommendations.
- 4. Support and advice to an internal ANUSA, student-led implementation and democratic decision-making process, that aligns with the Student Organisation Constitutional Amendments Protocol.

#### **ANUSA** executive

I have been working with the ANUSA executive on various issues in running the organisation.

#### **Timesheet**

Since Dec 1, I have done 176.5 hours of work, and taken .5 of a day's sick leave.

#### Reference E

## Treasurer report

Hi everyone xx, we are now in week 4 of term and this is my third report that I am writing so I apologize that it might be a bit scant of information but I do 14 hours a week so there are only so many new things to share! But alas let us continue.

#### Department funding

As I have previously mentioned, the department funding system was rejigged to reduce administrative burden and to allow for longer term planning. Overall I think this has been a success so far, because departments don't have to bid for the shared funding pool and instead can have access up to \$15,000 straight away it means some of the lower spending departments have been able to set their sights a bit higher and hopefully have a really good year because of it. If anyone would like a detailed breakdown in how much departments have received then please let me know xx. In other good news I have confirmed the Birth Control Subsidy and Gender Affirming gear program will be fully funded by ANUSA.

#### Expenditure report

Yippee another Profit and Loss Statement! I will highlight a few areas of interest for those interested  $\boldsymbol{x}$ 

BKSS Consumables: Already at \$15,269, up from \$12,924 at the same time last year.

Consultancy: This \$6,930 is the last payment for the consultants for the night cafe.

O-week events: \$49,063 compared to \$85,718.48 from last year, the majority of this difference is because we didn't have an O-week party this year, this also means that we didn't receive nearly as much ticket income which you can see in the "Ticket/Event Sales - O Week".

#### **Profit and Loss**

# The Australian National University Students' Association Incorporated For the period 1 December 2023 to 12 March 2024

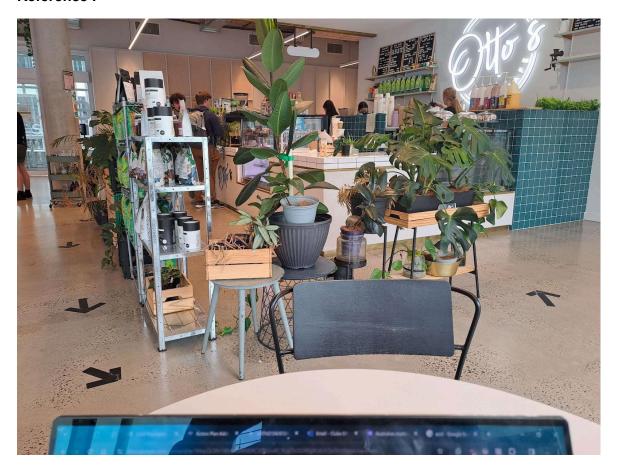
	Account	1 Dec 2023-12 Mar 2024	1 Dec 2022-12 Mar 2023
SSAF Income			
	SSAF Allocation	0.00	746,823.60
Total SSAF Income		0.00	746,823.60
SSAF Expens	es		
	Accounting/Bookkeeping - Xero	559.08	482.72
	Auditing	27.27	27.27
	Bank Fees with GST	140.28	98.39
	Bank Fees without GST	437.90	257.16
	BKSS Food/Consumables	15,269.46	12,924.58
	BKSS Non-food	0.00	2,869.15
	Motor Vehicle expenses	3,407.03	2,156.06
	Club Funding	10,825.30	11,452.72
	Clubs Council Grants Committee	215.44	0.00
	College Representatives	38.16	0.00
	Consultancy	6,930.00	0.00
	Departments & Collectives	35,057.15	60,000.00
	Education Committee	5,165.68	4,113.69
	Equipment Expense	144.52	240.00
	Fees & Subscriptions	31,533.13	34,089.34

Friday Night Party Expenses	0.00	490.91
Leadership and Professional Development	6,228.97	15,624.01
Legal Expenses & Consultancy	3,286.18	3,843.33
Marketing & Communications - Advertising	149.99	21.62
Marketing & Communications - Diary	0.00	4,690.00
Marketing & Communications - Merchandise	(30,187.05)	0.00
Marketing & Communications - Printing	(3,892.85)	9,734.00
Marketing & Communications - Software Subs	(2.80)	199.00
Meeting Expenses	109.09	268.10
NUS	0.00	41,600.00
Other Employee Expense	5,167.01	8,406.74
O-Week Events	49,063.48	85,718.48
O-Week Food purchases	0.00	71.51
O-Week Merchandise	0.00	5,327.18
Parenting Room	0.00	1,431.27
Printer	385.70	309.15
Department - Honoraria	(100.00)	0.00
Department - Stipends	35,372.00	34,903.96
Department - Superannuation	3,890.98	3,664.94
Salaries and Wages	349,997.68	230,847.16
Salaries and Wages - ANUSA	55,443.14	53,977.12

	Salaries and Wages - BKSS	10,199.34	8,065.30
	Salaries and Wages - Event Coordinators	13,832.52	13,548.9
	Superannuation Expense	57,155.14	38,015.60
	Superannuation Expense - ANUSA Exec & Officers	11,282.45	5,667.5
	Superannuation Expense - BKSS	1,832.36	887.17
	Superannuation Expense - Event Coordinators	1,675.22	1,438.24
	SAT Purchases - Grocery Vouchers	0.00	6,575.00
	SAT Purchases - Student Meals & Others	10,861.81	1,247.6
	Student Assistance Team Grants	19,442.18	19,438.18
	Staff Amenities	164.97	44.6
	Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	709.88	934.30
	Student Engagement	382.06	7,882.9
	Utilities	0.00	921.7
	Workers Compensation Insurance	0.00	8,278.00
Total SSAF Expenses		712,199.85	742,784.8
	SSAF Surplus/ Deficits	(712,199.85)	4,038.7
Other Incom	e		
	Bus hire revenue	0.00	454.5
	Interest Income	326.80	3,919.76
	Miscellaneous (Sundry) Income	0.00	491.33

	Net Profit	(693,892.23)	74,115.52
Total Other Expenses		16,586.97	5,009.27
	Shut Up and Write program	169.09	0.00
	SEEF Grants	4,126.86	0.00
	Birth Control Subsidy	3,922.20	0.00
	Social Profolio	181.82	0.00
	Other Student Grants	8,187.00	0.00
	Total Non SSAF Expenses	0.00	5,009.27
	Events Non-SSAF	0.00	5,009.27
	Non SSAF Expenses		
Other Expen	ses		
Total Other Income		34,894.59	75,086.05
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	Ticket/Event Sales - O Week	842.79	29,923.16
	O-Week Income	32,875.00	39,645.00
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	Other Grant Funding	850.00	0.0

### Reference F



# Clubs Officer's Report

Student Representative Council 2, 2024 13th March 2024

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### Introduction

Hiya! I'm Seungbin, and I'm the ANUSA Clubs Officer for 2024. My role is responsible for all things social - such as planning O-Week, Bush Week, and administering the Clubs and Societies programme among many things. I'm particularly interested in building a more vibrant social scene on campus, through strong ANUSA organising and expanding our social programme, better supporting and empowering our clubs and societies. Most importantly however will be my work in making this vibrant social scene a sustainable and futureproof practice, and reimagining the ways in which we organise communities and better contribute to the overall ANUSA patchwork.

If you are interested in any of my work, please do reach out to me at <u>sa.clubsofficer@anu.edu.au!</u> Would be keen for a chat c:

### O-Week

While O-Week is formally over, I have been spending some time tying up final loose ends for the week. This includes assisting with handover, follow-up meetings, wrapping up with stakeholders, and finalising invoices. Unfortunately I haven't had the time to product a detailed financial report for O-Week, something which I will commit to completing by the next SRC.

Other than that, I have been reflecting a lot on O-Week and thinking about changes that can be made in future iterations of social weeks that ANUSA organises. A feedback from was sent out to students and I'm very pleased with the constructive feedback received and the well praise for the week.

Going ahead in the short-term, I am currently starting work on devising a timeline for Bush Week. I strive for Bush Week planning to begin earlier, starting with an early recruitment and onboarding of Coordinators.

### Clubs

Wrapping up O-Week means much more time to work on clubs. During my term, I plan to introduce major Clubs Regulations changes. I've been spending a lot of time jotting down scenarios and brainstorming regulatory changes. One such example is within merchandise granting, and ideas surrounding prospective/retrospective grants. In the upcoming Clubs Committee next week, I plean to further brainstorm issues with the wider clubs community and hopefully in doing so be able to solve as many issues from a governance perspective.

One of such avenues is a Clubs Code of Conduct, and a way for us to minimise any harm that may happen within club spaces. I'm doing a wide review of resources from other University club programmes, but also here at home with ANU Sport and their non-student policies. This might be of particular benefit considering further legislative changes in the ACT Discrimination Act capturing club spaces.

I've also submitted a list of clubs to be ratified in a later motion from the SRC. I am pleased to see so many clubs reaffiliate, and wish to continue building on the positive relationship ANUSA has with our affiliated clubs.

I've also continued my work in developing resources for clubs to assist them throughout the year. Clubs Training concluded (with an additional online component created for those who were unable to attend an in-person option) and is necessary for completion in order to access ANUSA grants. Particularly I've been getting more queries re: ATO changes, something which I am working closely with Patrick (ANUSA Clubs and SEEF Administrative Officer) to ensure clubs can feel best supported throughout the process. I am also currently in works of developing a wider training schedule for clubs, offering them various skill-up options such as Special Events Training, Wellbeing Training, and Conflict Resolution training.

One resource avenue I've explored and implemented is an ANUSA Clubs Facebook group. Currently, there are 81 members inside the group with heaps of familiar faces from various clubs leadership. I aspire to use this platform a lot more as one of our many official platforms for communicating with clubs, in doing so diversifying our many platforms and better bridging the gap with clubs.

Clubs walk-in hours have also begun at Ottos! We're down at Ottos every Monday from 10am-11.30am, and were very pleased to have met many clubs and quickly assisted them with any issues they have. I sincerely enjoy meeting these clubs and hearinign their thoughts and concerns, but also any potential solutions they may have that we can look into. As a person who has the experience of previously running a club, I cannot stress how important it is for ANUSA to bridge their connection with clubs and become a much more friendlier and approachable body that clubs can reach out to not only during times of struggle.

For the next SRC, I am not expecting major things to report seeing that lots of my work at the moment is behind the scene, scoping out and defining issues, researching and consulting a wider clubs review. I hope that we will be able to implement most of the regulatory changes by the ANUSA AGM before semester 2, so that I will have half a year for clubs to understand any changes but also for me to troubleshoot any issues.

All in all, I'm glad that there is heaps of movement in the clubs space and I will continue using the momentum from O-Week and our work with clubs then to bridge the gap between ANUSA and clubs, create and create a much more safer and supportive environment for clubs to thrive in.

### Social

On social I've decided to place a large emphasis on postgraduate engagement and postgraduate organising, something which I am really pleased that there is lots of movement on. I've had the pleasure of meeting Diana (ANUSA HDR Officer), Rishik (ANUSA PG CW Officer), Beth (Queer\* Department PG Officer), and Erin (ANUSA CLO) to discuss the posgraduate organising agenda. During this meeting we identified various issues but also recommendations to better organise for postgraduates.

On my side of the the table, I will be looking into ways to make postgraduate organising a much more sustainable endeavor. The ANUSA Representatives should not exist to be dominantly an events organising role, and neither should the Clubs Officer exist to organise Postgraduate events. What can be done however is creating a system in which events can be organised by staff members but with strategic vision input from Represenatives. Currently, I am working this model of organising so that we are able to present a substantial vision for Postgraduate engagement and be able to execute it alongside our ANUSA staff members. We will be generally approaching this with an approach of cooperation, and this means with our ANUSA Departments but also with external organisations both as means to target demographics but also as a means of financial support. We are also continuing to face the ramifications of a poor PARSA handover that leaves us with minimal resources to work off, and therefore continuing to define the scope of our work and researching into projects that we can work on.

Lastly, I will be looking into the overall ANUSA social calendar and ways in which we can commericalise parts of ANUSA's social programme. One reason why it has been difficult to organise in the past is not only due to a lack of capacity but also the lack of financial meals to sustainably organise said social calendar. Therefore I am looking into ways that we can commericalise this social programme (assuring the burden of commercialisation won't be on our students) so that we can offer a rigorous high-quality frequent programme that continues to engage with students.

### Misc

Continuing on my thoughts from the previous SRC, I've continued to think about redefining (or refining) the role of the Clubs Officer in the border ANUSA patchwork. Something I've realised recently is how the Officer's discretion in funding is similar to acts such as the Reserve Bank increasing interest rates, and signaling to clubs where strateigically spending should take place. In that regard, I will be prioritising the use of event-related grants much more than grants such as merchandising grants. This relates to thinking about SSAF and what sort of student service does clubs officer, and how we can strategically strive for the best per dollar use of SSAF as an organisation. Heaps of think about.

### **Timesheet**

From December 1st to the 18th of February, I've worked 411 hours. A large portion of my hours have been dedicated to organising O-Week. I have been working an average of 10 hours for the past 3 weeks since SRC 1, working on reduced approved hours.

### Contact

If any of my work sounds like your type of jam, or you would like to look deeper into my work, please reach out to me at <a href="mailto:sa.clubsofficer@anu.edu.au">sa.clubsofficer@anu.edu.au</a>. Would love to have a chat! A lot of my work is super collaborative, so I always appreciate having people to bounce ideas off of and just chat!

#### Reference G

# **Welfare Officer Report**

I'm Skye (she/her), and I'm your Welfare Officer for 2024. I'm in this role because I really care about students, and that's what I want to bring to this year in Welfare, taking care of our health, wellbeing and our material conditions. We have a real opportunity to build some great campaigns on Housing, Transport and Workers' Rights, and I also want to stretch ANUSA's capabilities to directly take care of student welfare to the maximum, especially by expanding programs like



Student Bites. If you're interested in working on any of that, if you have any questions or ideas about the Welfare Portfolio, please don't hesitate to reach out to me on <a href="mailto:sa.welfareofficer@anu.edu.au">sa.welfareofficer@anu.edu.au</a>.

At the time of writing this report I have worked 223 hours.

In this report:

- 1. Open Day Protest
- 2. Palestine Solidarity
- 3. A bus for Daley Rd

### 1. Open Day Protest

On Saturday the 16th of March is ANU Open Day. In the face of skyrocketing rents on campus and an overall cost of living crisis we cannot allow the ANU to recruit wide-eyed new students without disruption. We must tell these students about the reality of life on campus, about the biting costs of rents that rise above inflation every year, and why they need to understand the full picture before coming here. In that spirit we're trying to do a few things this Saturday: flyering outside residential halls, a stall on university avenue, and a speakout protest for ANU to lower the costs of rent on campus.



A lot of work has gone into making this happen, and it's been the most significant part of my hours since 0 week. <u>Please come along if you're available at 12pm on Saturday, link to the fb event here</u>

And if you're interested at all in helping out, please please reach out to me or fill out this form: <a href="https://forms.gle/wUe7Xz4mR6hsZEmz7">https://forms.gle/wUe7Xz4mR6hsZEmz7</a>

### 2. Palestine Solidarity

In the time since the last SRC I've been very proud to speak at two Palestine rallies in my capacity as welfare officers. It is the responsibility of a student union to stand with oppressed peoples around the world, and in a time when our university and our government are doing between nothing and worse than nothing for the Palestinian people, we have a responsibility to stand up for them.

EWAG has been engaged in promotional activities for Palestinian activism, as well as coordinating work for Israeli Apartheid Month (the entire month of March). Please come along to these events, and keep coming to the weekly Palestine rallies on Saturday.





### 3. A Bus for Daley Rd?

That's right, everyone's favourite bus girl is back for more. It's not the main focus of my campaigning right now, and I think its better for EWAG to focus on other issues at present, but I really want some progress on a Daley Rd bus this year, so we're preparing an open letter which we can hopefully get a bunch of different relevant organisations to sign on to calling on Transport Canberra to bring it back. This is a pretty new development, so not a huge amount of info about what's happening with it, but there should be by the next SRC.

If you know any organisations, businesses or other stakeholders which would benefit from a Daley Rd bus who would be interested in signing an open letter, please reach out and we can see what we can do!

If you have any questions or comments about anything in this report please don't hesitate to reach out to me here: <a href="mailto:sa.welfareofficer@anu.edu.au">sa.welfareofficer@anu.edu.au</a>.

### **In Solidarity,** Skye Predavec Welfare Officer

#### Reference H

#### ANUSA INDIGENOUS DEPARTMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

#### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2

#### **Faith Stevens**

### **Executive Summary**

- 1. All Events and Upcoming Activities
- 2. RAP Committee
- 3. Expenditure

### 1. Events

The Indigenous department have been holding fortnightly coffee catch ups since the first one in O-Week. We have had a good turnout at this reoccurring event and it has been good for our students to connect and learn about our department as well as find out about other resources and networks on campus such as the Tjabal Higher Education Centre.

As part of our mission to engage with students in our community, we had a Welcome event at Messina where we had 15 students come along, with half of the students being first years or new to our events.

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, our department held its first department meeting and over just last week, we held our second department meeting. Our department is looking to hold a lot more events this year to help our students engage not only within the department but with other departments through collaborations.

We are planning on holding more events and collaborations. We are currently working with the BIPOC department and the International Students Department to try organise a collaboration. We have been talking about possibly holding social events as well as educational events to help

educate students about Indigenous Australia so when we have our collaborations, our communities are more knowledgeable and safe when addressing the topic.

### 2. RAP Committee

The first RAP committee meeting occurred in Week 2. There's not much to address in that, they are currently discussing a name change as it does not full stand for what the working group does or aims to achieve, in saying this it is still dedicated to the Reconciliation Action Plan. The committee did discuss the Accord recently released.

### 3. Expenditure

### **Indigenous Department**

### **Income and Expenditure Report**

### For the period from 1/12/2023 to 08/03/2024

Income	\$
ANUSA Funding	\$15,000
Roll Over from last year	\$2,445.08
Interest Revenue – Savings Account	\$7.26
Total Income	\$17,452.34

Expenses	
O-Week T-Shirt Printing – BIPOC Collab	\$82.50
O-Week Stickers and Postcards – Market Day	\$265.86
Wellbeing Picnic – Invasion Day	\$143.01
Miscellaneous – Debit Card Fee	\$6.00
Coffee Catch Ups – Event 1	\$137.00
Department Meeting 1 Food	\$53.27
Messina Welcome Event	\$93.90
Coffee Catch Ups – Event 2	\$103.50
Department Meeting 2 Food	\$79.20
Total Expense	\$964.24
Surplus/ (Deficit) of the year	\$16,488.10

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### **WOMEN'S OFFICER REPORT**

Lara Johnson 13th of March 2024

#### Introduction

Hello!! It has been a busy week with International Women's Day. We have been hosting lots of events alongside our weekly events such as FCR and bookclub. Hope to see everyone around and that everyone enjoyed the public holiday!!

### Support

As we move into a busier time in the semester there can be increased stress levels for students. It is important to know that there are lots of support resources and services both through the ANU, ANUSA and the broader Canberra community and if you need help accessing these, I'm always more than happy to help and can be contacted at sa.womens@anu.edu.au

# ANU Committees - Student Safety and Wellbeing Steering Group: (CW: Brief mention of Sexual Violence):

I attended the second Student Safety and Wellbeing Steering Group meeting of the year. In the meeting there were discussions around new streams, initiatives and the general direction of the committee for the next year. Following the meeting the Australian National University Sexual Violence Prevention Strategy review was released.

The review pointed to areas of improvement specifically around intersectionality, residential halls and rebuilding institutional trust. I found university management's response to the report interesting and am looking forward to further meetings where we can see how the university will materially implement the recommendations.

#### Birth Control Subsidy

Following the OGM, the birth control subsidy has officially become an ANUSA line item, which will create more stability for the innovative going into the future - I'd like to thank Will for all his help in ensuring the subsidy continues. The birth control subsidy will continue to subsidise any form of birth control, insertion costs and other gendered medical expenses. If you have any questions regarding a specific cost, please email me at sa.womens@anu.edu.au

#### Rapunzel Room

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

If you would like access to the Rapunzel Room - please contact me at <a href="mailto:sa.womens@anu.edu.au">sa.womens@anu.edu.au</a> or you can find the google form on our linktree in our Instagram bio.

### International Women's Day (week)

We had some great events in the lead up to International Women's Day. Phoebe ran a brilliant FCR on budgeting and finance which was very interesting. Our book club topic for the week was gender and genre which provoked some very fun conversations. We ran a mural making event in collaboration with the BIPOC department, which was very fun!

The mural making event was a highlight for the week. We began our drawing on university avenue around 6pm and had lots of students stop and read and complemented our drawings and messages. It was really great to see the Women's Department's messages front and centre on university avenue.

On International Women's Day we actively chose not to run an event but instead encouraged self-care and learning. With an increased focus on issues facing women, gender diverse, non-binary and trans students, it is important to take time to look after yourself and if you need any extra support, please reach out.

### **Upcoming Events**

### **Collective Meetings**

The Women's Department Collective Meetings are held at 6pm on Mondays at the ANUSA boardroom. We have snacks and over the next few weeks we will be having lots of conversations around late night exams, the changes to the parking around BnG, Wright and Bruce and the name of the Rapunzel Room (our autonomous space).

### FCR + Book Club

Feminist Consciousness Raising is on every Tuesday at 5pm. Anna, one of our Deputy Officers runs FCR each week, we are looking for facilitators to lead our conversations. If you have a topic that you think would suit FCR, please reach out to Anna, via <a href="mailto:anu.womens.dept@gmail.com">anu.womens.dept@gmail.com</a>. This week one of our deputy officer's Shalena, is running FCR on the topic of gender and social media. We also have a 'bring your own book' book club this Thursday.

Source of Income	Amount	Total
Ticketed Events	\$144.92	\$144.92
Merch	\$510	\$510
	Total Income	\$654.92

Expenditure	Amount
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Food for Department Events	\$236.29
Badger Invoice	\$409
Coffee at Tilley's	\$58.35
Total Expenditure	\$703.65

#### Reference J

### SRC 2 Queer\* Officer's Report

Georgia Gorrie, 08/03/2024

### **Department Activities**

**Admin** – All committee positions have now been fulfilled and inducted. Postgrad officer is currently figuring out how to best fill the role via consultation, treasurer has been made a trustee, publicity officer has created a new visual theme for the social medias, and restarted the tiktok. All positions settling in well and fulfilling their roles to the best of their capacity.

**Finance** – Draft budget finalised after Treasurer position was filled, with contribution from the Treasurer, Officer and a Deputy Officer. Draft budget approved unanimously at collective meeting (Week 3 Tuesday). Budget sent to ANUSA Treasurer for approval.

**Events** – Turnout has been mixed for all semester events run so far, but all events have been successful, and some have attracted up to 20 people. Looking to maybe alter the events calendar to cater to postgrad-specific events.

**Activism –** Doing a postering bee next Monday to design messages to stick up around Open Day. Currently in talks with some external stakeholders to figure out a plan to tackle the transphobic speakers at the RANZCP conference in May (will be talking on detransition and gender affirming care regret, but all their previous work has been on the inefficacy of the current gender affirming care model – they argue for more restrictive processes). Endeavour to put all Palestine protest actions on our story, and support other Departments' political activities

**Zine –** The theme for the 2024 Zine has been decided – Queer Joy/Rage. Will be advertised and opened for submissions within the next two weeks.

**Other –** The Officer and one of the Deputies (Julia) attended a small event to talk about the state of play of the Queer\* community at ANU, with the officer delivering a 10 minute speech on the matter. Event in preparation for the Out for Australia panel on career pathways for queer people, which brings in several queer mentors to talk to queer students about being queer in the workplace. After the event, networked with UC and ACU queer clubs, and discussed the prospect of future collaboration.

### Income and Expenditure

Income: \$136.50

Expenditure: \$1,027.50 Current balance: \$2,458.21

Date	Amount	Merchant	Statement description	Bank balance
16/02/202 4	-\$110.50	Rex Espresso	Event funding	\$3,238.71
16/02/202 4	-\$89.31	Woolworths	Food for O-Week	\$3,149.40
16/02/202 4	-\$21.80	Coles	Food for O-Week	\$3,127.60
17/02/202 4	+\$5.00	K A Jakab-Van-Dooren	Merch purchase	\$3,132.60
17/02/202 4	+\$63.75	Square	Merch purchase	\$3,196.35
19/02/202 4	-\$115.50	The Food Co-Op	Event funding	\$3,080.85
20/02/202	-\$70.48	Dominos	Collective Meeting Pizza	\$3,010.37
20/02/202	-\$200.71	The Food Co-Op	Event Funding	\$2,809.66
22/02/202 4	+\$57.75	Chiamaka Oba	BIPOC Event Collab	\$2,867.41
26/02/202 4	-\$18.77	Coles	Event Funding	\$2,848.64

27/02/202 4	-\$26.50	Coffee Lab	Event Funding	\$2,822.14
29/02/202 4	-\$59.00	Rex Espresso	Event Funding	\$2,763.14
04/03/202 4	-\$55.00	Coffee Lab	Event Funding	\$2,708.14
05/03/202 4	-\$43.05	Dominos	Collective Meeting Pizza	\$2,665.09
05/03/202 4	+\$10.00	K R Laffan	Merch Purchase	\$2,675.09
06/03/202 4	-\$21.65	Coles	Event Funding	\$2,653.44
07/03/202 4	-\$195.23	Jayawickrama	Reimbursement for Event	\$2,458.21

### Reference K

See report here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1e57YxxHFomgkHckbXPERPAFuJ5K9OZMu/view?usp=sharing

Reference L
Disabilities Officer Report
SRC 1, Semester 2, 2024

Florence Cooper (she/her) and Griffin Wright (they/them)

**Disabilities Co-Officers** 

ANU Disabilities Student Association

Prepared 08/03/24

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# 1. Executive Summary

We have a lot of exciting plans for 2024! We are looking forward to working with our wonderful new committee to make a difference for disabled students at ANU!

# 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, other university staff members, and others in order to address the individual concerns of students. We have been spending a lot of time assisting students in navigating Accessibility, acquiring Education Access Plans, and requesting accommodations. The details of these interactions will remain unspecified for reasons of confidentiality.

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.

Additionally, we have attended meetings with various university staff members to advocate for increased accessibility on campus, including digital accessibility, mental health and access to the ANU Medical Centre.

# 3. Media & Community

### **Spoon Space access**

The Spoon Space will remain accessible for those with card access 7am-7pm weekdays. Those collective members with 2023 access will have to reapply for 2024 access.

If you want Spoons Space access and do not yet have it, please fill in the form here: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkHwwEA4TgBQMO7wEkAq6QPyF9swquFQd4QwdJjk3zmtFcUQ/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkHwwEA4TgBQMO7wEkAq6QPyF9swquFQd4QwdJjk3zmtFcUQ/viewform</a>

### Social Strategy Update and Recurring Events

Information about our recurring events, including casual coffee, craft sessions, study sessions, book club and collective meetings, is up on our autonomous ANU DSA Social and Alumni Facebook group, our Instagram page or our Discord. Links to these groups can be found in the following linktree:

https://linktr.ee/ANUDisabilities?utm\_source=qr\_code&fbclid=lwAR3K7s3JEWIXW\_Yj OXEaZtPatQZ4HFPmnAYtqlGlwKmnSDy4Jt9XRPJG7f0

## 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 current office hours for this semester are Griffin on Mondays 2:30-4pm, and Florrie on Thursdays 1-2:30pm in the Spoon Space. These may be subject to change once our event calendar is confirmed. 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 report from 16/02/24 to 5/03/2024

### Money in

Item	Amount
Income	\$3.70

### **Money Out**

Item	Amount
Casual Coffee	\$195.00
Foods (Costco, Dominos)	\$307.34
Merchandise (Bluegum Clothing)	\$1632.40

Total Out: \$2134.74

### **Timesheet**

During the period between 1 December and the writing of this report, the co-officers worked a total of 104hrs and 30mins. Most of this time was spent in individual advocacy and emails, meetings with university management and collective activities. A full breakdown of how our time was spent is available upon request.

#### Reference M

### **Environment Officer Report**

- 1. Palestine Activism
  - 1. Student Strike for Palestine
  - 2. Snap Rally Against Penny Wong
- 2. No Northrop Grumman Campaign
- 3. Peace Walkers Against AUKUS
- 4. Income and Expenditure
- 5. Time Sheet

#### 1. Palestine Activism

#### 1. National Student Strike for Palestine

The student strike for Palestine on the 29th of February was a roaring success. Roughly 200 students came out to stand for an end to the current war and siege on Gaza, for a free Palestine and importantly against our government and university's complicity in this genocide. We marched to Alicia Paynes office in the city and occupied an intersection on London Circuit outside, to demonstrate that students oppose the role that Labor has played in the course of this genocidal war and particularly their recent move to defund UNWRA (one of the only aid organisations still operational in Gaza).

This was one of the largest rallies that we've had on campus in recent years and the largest rally we've ever had for Palestine on campus. It's an incredibly positive achievement, which has had the effect of drawing new students into Palestine activism. The fact that the rally called out ANU's links with with weapons companies complicit in this genocide will help in the generation of public pressure to break these ties.

Nationally the student strike was a success too with thousands of uni students and highschoolers coming out in Melbourne and hundreds in every other major city in Australia - including Hobart and Wollongong!

I alongside other members of the collective spent hours leafleting, postering, making social media content and doing lecture announcements. We also helped organise the Palestine flag drop that happened the day before helping to generate a bit of a buzz about the strike on campus. I couldn't be prouder of the effort that we put in to contribute to making this strike the success it was.

### 2. Snap Rally Against Penny Wong

In the days leading up to the student strike for Palestine members of Students for Palestine heard that Penny Wong would be giving an introduction to a lecture of the Malaysian Prime Minister at ANU in the Cultural centre the following week. Penny Wong in her role as foreign minister is directly responsible for Australia defunding UNRWA, contributing to the mass starvation of Gazans. And has played an appalling role in refusing to condemn and call out Israel's genocide since the beginning. So, Students for Palestine decided to call a snap protest against her and to demand that Australia start funding UNRWA again. Given that she is an active contributor to the genocide in Gaza she should not know a a moment of peace without being reminded of it, and certainly not while visiting our campus.

Despite only having a week to promote the rally it was another success drawing out a little over a hundred students to call out Penny Wong's complicity in genocide. It was a rowdy and highly energetic protest that greeted the parade of officials as they came down university avenue and then marched to outside the cultural centre where we stayed chanting loudly and angrily for over an hour and a half until Penny Wong was forced to sneak out a back entrance - too cowardly to face up to the protesters calling out her actions.

I alongside other members of the environment collective helped promote the protest, and provided materials and helped to paint the massive banner that greeted Penny Wong when she arrived.

### 2. No Northrop Grumman Campaign

The campaign has been ramping up with the success of Palestine activism on campus. Members of the collective have spent time in the past couple of weeks talking to students on University Avenue letting students know about ANU's ties with weapons companies and getting people to sign our petition. We've started putting up posters informing students about ANU's ties with Northrop Grumman and linking the petition and we've put out a graphic as well.

We've been working closely with Students for Palestine and we collectively did a little stunt at the careers fair last week where we set up a pretend stall for Northrop Grumman and filmed a reel satirically explaining ANU's links with Northrop Grumman and other weapons companies. The reel has gotten close to 6000 views and hundreds of shares, and it's been a great way of making students aware of ANU's egregious ties with weapons companies.

There are exciting plans for the campaign that the Environment Collective and Students for Palestine will be working on over the next few weeks including a rally on Thursday the 21st of March at 1 pm which is focused on calling out ANU's complicity in the Genocide in Gaza through its links with weapons companies - <a href="https://fb.me/e/4a63sBRoY">https://fb.me/e/4a63sBRoY</a> I encourage everyone to attend and help promote it.

### 3. Peace Walkers Against AUKUS

Beyond Uranium Canberra is organising a walk between Port Kembla and Canberra to voice opposition to the AUKUS alliance and the nuclear submarine deal starting on the 17th of March at 2pm. The Environment Collective has helped promote the event on our social media. - https://fb.me/e/1Ji5f9rTv

### 4. Expenditure since last SRC

Outgoing	Budget Line	Notes
\$115.5	Campaign Expenses	Banner painting materials (bulk calico, and replenishing some paint)

#### 5. Time Sheet

I've worked 94 hours this year since I started recording in mid Jan



### ANU BIPOC¹ DEPARTMENT OFFICER REPORT

### **SELENA WANIA (SHE/HER)**

Student Representative Council 1 Wed, 13th March 2024 6:15 PM

#### **OUTLINE:**

- I. SOCIAL PORTFOLIO
- II. ADVOCACY PORTFOLIO
- III. FINANCE
- IV. ADMINISTRATION

#### I. SOCIAL PORTFOLIO

The Social Committee sign ups are now open if you are interested in joining here.

### WD Collab - IWD Chalk Mural

We're always happy to collaborate with the Women's Department and this time was no different. We drew up many powerful sayings on Uni Ave last Thursday including "no one is free until we are all free", " I <3 women", "sisters not cisters" and many more.

#### II. ADVOCACY PORTFOLIO

The Advocacy Committee sign ups are now open if you are interested in joining <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **BIPOC Base**

As of now, 94 students have access to BIPOC Base. You can find the 24/7 access form <u>here</u>.

From the last meeting we have a few completed maintenance tasks: soap dispensers in toilets have been fixed, sanitary bins have been placed, heating and cooling for the room is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> BIPOC is an abbreviation for Bla(c)k, Indigenous, People of Colour

confirmed to be working with exceptions to the panel heater. A daily cleaning schedule is in place from 6AM - 7AM. I have also received keys for our storage room to safely lock.

Mutual aid like pads, tampons and condoms are yet to be placed in the

If you would like to see anything in BIPOC Base or have general feedback please fill out this form here.

### **Racism Reports**

### **2023 Documentary**

Documentary is still a work in progress and is looking to be a large project. Currently all footage needs to be cut, edited and compiled together. There is no fixed deadline to this but a good aim should be the end of Semester 1.

### 2024 Racism Report

As much of my focus has been on closing out the 2023 documentary, conversations have only just begun on this year's Racism Report. I've been in touch with the University of Melbourne's past UMSU BIPOC Rep as I would like to produce a report similar to theirs.

#### **BIPOC Talks**

BIPOC Talks are fortnightly consciousness raising circles autonomous to BIPOC students for a chance to come together and discuss their BIPOC identity and how it intersects with other identities and lived experiences. Our first BIPOC Talks on Tuesday Week 3, went quite successfully and we hope people will return for the next. They will take place in Week 5, Week 7, Week 9, and Week 11.

### **Palestinian Advocacy**

We have successfully booked Sideway as our venue for our Palestine Fundraiser for the 26th March. There is lots more planning to come as we decide on DJs, a charity, art, and visuals. If you are a BIPOC DJ and artist who would like to be involved please reach out at <a href="mailto:sa.bipoc@anu.edu.au">sa.bipoc@anu.edu.au</a>.

We have also booked in Marie Reay Superfloor for an educational panel type event in Week 8. We are looking to have a diverse panellist - if you know of someone who would be interested please reach out at <a href="mailto:sa.bipoc@anu.edu.au">sa.bipoc@anu.edu.au</a>

We'll be doing weekly walkovers to the Palestine rallies at Garema Place more consistently. The first one we did for the year proved to be successful and useful since many were either not aware that these rallies take place or didn't know how to get there.

We are also looking to do a series of events for Israeli Apartheid Month. Our first event is Chai & Chats where we usually buy everyone coffee, however this time we will be asking for a dollar donation or however much you can give to fundraise. We have decided to fundraise towards a GoFundMe page for a Palestinian family to evacuate safely from Gaza, found

<u>here</u>. In addition, we will soon organise a Palestine Movie Night, Palestine chalk mural, and letter writing.

### BIPOC Zine 2024 - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

In light of International Day of Anti-Racism we decided to create a Zine. We are looking for contributors to submit writing and artwork that relates to the prompts that follow the overarching theme of racism and anti-racism. You can sign up <a href="here">here</a>. Submissions close next Friday 15th March midnight!

### **Informal Report Against Ursula Hall**

I have launched an informal report against Ursula Hall in my capacity as BIPOC Officer. At this stage I have been asked by the Dean of Students to email over 'suggestions' more likely to look like recommendations.

#### III. FINANCE

BIPOC Department - Income and Expenditure Report		
For the periods 17/02/2024 - 8/03/2024		4 - 8/03/2024
Income		\$
-		-
-		-
Expend	liture	\$
Social		
BIPOC x Qu	eer Lunch	\$57.75
O-week		
Badger Mixer		\$180.00
DJ Workshop - Shadreck		\$150.00
DJ Workshop - Manaav		\$150.00
Total		\$537.75
Surplus/	Deficit	-\$537.75

### IV. ADMINISTRATION

### **Elections**

We have successfully passed constitutional motions for election positions. Positions for First Year Rep, Post-Grad Rep, and BASC Rep are now open for nominations. Nominations will close and elections will commence next week Wednesday 5PM at our collective meeting. You can nominate for positions <a href="https://example.com/here/beta-based-appendix-b

### Office hours

My office hours are Wednesdays 3PM - 4PM at BIPOC Base (BIPOC Department Safe Space) or via Zoom. Please contact me to set up a Zoom link.

### **Timesheet**

From 17/02/2024 - 08/03/2024 I have worked more than 61 hours and 30 minutes. You can email me at <a href="mailto:sa.bipoc@anu.edu.au">sa.bipoc@anu.edu.au</a> for a more detailed breakdown of my hours.