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## OGM 1 Minutes

Tuesday, 22 March 2016      Union Court

**Appendix A:** OGM1 Agenda, including reports and other reference material

### Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

Meeting opens: 1:14pm

Apologies received from: Eleanor Kay, Emma Henke, Lauren Brain

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### Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting

As this is the first general meeting of 2016, there are no previous minutes.

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### Item 3: Executive Reports

#### 3.1 President's report (B. Gill)

- Welcome to OGM1
- Congratulations to O-Week directors – Kat, Carys and Helena – for pulling off an amazing O-Week
- OrgSync contract expires in January 2017 – currently reviewing alternative tools moving forward
  - Currently looking to not renew the contract with OrgSync but watch this space
- Legal service update – February 2016 was busiest month ever for ANUSA legal service; engagement rising
- Engaged HR consultant to discuss payment for student representatives
- Library fines – down to \$6 thanks to work of ANUSA
  - Still issues with borrowing behaviour of some students
- ANUOK Launch – only took 12 months so great work by those involved
- CAP Reps have released survey re: CHL changes. Please be involved

**Motion:** that the President's report be accepted.

**Moved:** Em Roberts

**Seconded:** MacCallum

**Status:** Passed

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### 3.2 Vice President's report (C. O'Doherty)

- Report taken largely as read
- BKSS – all running well, crunching numbers over break to decide whether to continue running second hand bookstore
  - If you have feedback for ways to improve or if you think we should scrap it, please let me know
  - New website and change from OrgSync will shape how we proceed with bookshop
- Academic appeals taking up a lot of my time
  - Working on notification of probation – working to increase transparency
  - If you have an interest in this area, please speak to me
- Accommodation bursaries – looking to revamp bursary system to make it more equitable
  - Hasn't been updated in decades!
- Working with CASS Reps around university medal and calculation of GPA calculation
  - How we proceed will be based on feedback – let me know if you have any thoughts
- Mental Health Committee going slowly – unfortunately one of the chairs has had to resign
  - We will go through recruitment process again and advertise today
  - Counselling Centre resourcing campaign – waiting times at CC are hectic; calling on the uni to put more resources into this area as a priority
  - Thank you to Dan, Lauren, Cam and Madison (Gen Reps) for their work in this area
- Ethnocultural Committee up and running, election has taken place
- Q (Raqeeb): how confident are you that the bookstore will die / continue?
  - We really need to crunch numbers – income and expenditure – to determine profitability
  - Lots of revamping required, depends on platform we go through (WordPress at the moment)
  - Lots of factors, but I will be taking it to the SRC

**Motion:** that the Vice President's report be accepted.

**Moved:** Daniel

**Seconded:** Eben

**Status:** Passed

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### 3.3 Education Officer's report (J. Connolly)

- Report taken largely as read
- I would recommend first year camps be continued into 2017

- Worth considering whether we continue at Camp Longbeach or alternative venues
- National Day of Action – 13 April
  - NUS has called for an NDA; SRC has voted to disaccredit so we will change branding
  - No longer a NDA, not in coordination with NUS (personalised branding)
- Higher Education Update
  - Education Minister has flagged 20% cut to universities, potentially covered by an increase in student-paid tuition fees
  - Inversion of 60:40 ration of government subsidisation
  - SRC has voted to oppose these cuts to university funding
  - Government has scrapped student start-up scholarships and made them start-up loans (onto HECS debt)
- Politics in the Pub – working to host these before election expected on 2 July
- Indulgences: thanks to previous Ed Officers, particularly Peta Leigh who acted as interim Education Officer
- Q (Raqeeb): Are there any problems with the venue of Camp Longbeach?
  - It is a good venue, considerations needed in relation to convenience and cost
  - Facilities may not be up to scratch, but cost and convenience weigh in favour of hosting at Longbeach again
  - Not recommending we cease our relationship with Longbeach, but it would be prudent to explore other potential venues

**Motion:** that the Education Officer's report be accepted.

**Moved:** Kat

**Seconded:** Max

**Status:** Passed

[The Chair passes to Deputy Chair Cameron Allan to allow Sam to give his report. Cameron's nomination was not subject to dissent]

### 3.5 General Secretary's report (S. Duncan)

- Taken as read
- Highlighted that general meeting is being live streamed and a record uploaded to Woroni's YouTube account – let me know if there are any issues
- Electoral reform working group – get involved!
- Save the Arts campaign – sign our petition and come to our event next Thursday
  - Shout out to Kat Carrington, Gowrie Varma, Cameron Allan and Ria Pflaum for their work with the campaign to date.

**Motion:** that the General Secretary's report be accepted.

**Moved:** Marnie Mount

**Seconded:** Maddison

**Status:** Passed

[The Chair passes back Sam]

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### 3.3 Treasurer's report (S. Macdonald)

- Exploring alternative revenue streams and financial policies
  - SSAF income is about 90% - this isn't viable into the future, exposes us to a lot of risk
  - Looking at how other universities gain income
  - Maximising sponsorship opportunities and how to maximise our savings (highest possible interest return)
- Are our financial governance policies adequate?
  - Need to reflect current practice and protect ourselves
  - Cash management policy; writing off bad debt policy
- Q (Eben): What are you doing to look at alternative revenue streams
  - Other unis (Usyd, UMelb) have about 40% SSAF reliance
  - Also have stocks, property, etc.
- Q (Ben Creelman): what happens with budget items that are not spent, e.g. NUS accreditation
  - We can pass a motion to move money across line items (at general meetings and at SRC subject to some restrictions)
  - We can also roll over money from one line item to the same line item for the following year
- Q (James): can we buy art from SSAF?
  - No but we can receive donations
  - Looking at all options!

**Motion:** that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

**Moved:** James Waugh

**Seconded:** Waheed

**Status:** Passed

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### 3.5 Social Officer's report (H. Hu)

- Report taken largely as read
- O-Week a success based on feedback
  - Thanks to all involved
- I presented O-Week budget at SRC1 and still reconciling those numbers
  - No drastic changes
  - Budget to be presented as soon as possible once finalized
- Social Committee – ANUrovision collaboration between 5 C&S and ANUSA
  - Manpower and financial support if needed
  - If you want to join, please email me!

- GAC – regular meetings, next is tonight in the ANUSA Boardroom
  - You will receive an email shortly
  - Please turn up if you have a budget request being considered
- Events Guide to be presented at SRC3 along with GAC Handbook
- C&S Collaboration Project
  - Networking event each term b/w C&S executive, meet and greet and collaboration opportunity
  - Wide-scale collaboration opportunity each term – ANUrovision this term
- Sex and Consent Week (S&C)
  - Call for directors has gone out – please apply
  - If you would like to be involved in advisory committee
- Q (Raqeeb): what problems do you perceive with GAC and how do you propose to resolve them
  - We put out a survey and major concerns were efficiency and turnaround rate
  - GAC Policy concerns included event caps, delay in reimbursement
  - Review meeting with Sean, Campus Life Manager and Raqeeb
  - I am confident we can resolve all issues
- Q (Raqeeb): Supposed to be 1 Union nominated person on GAC – what is happening with that?
  - I tried to reach out in December but haven't heard back
  - Clarification: Sam reached out to the Union Chair, Deputy Chair and General Manager in February but is yet to hear back
- Q (James): have you tried wandering over and asking them?
  - That will be my next step.

**Motion:** that the Social Officer's report be accepted.

**Moved:** Amanda

**Seconded:** Supriya

**Status:** Passed

#### **Item 4: Discussion Items/Motions on Notice**

**Motion:** That the 2016 Budget be accepted.

**Moved:** Sean Macdonald

**Seconded:** Ben Gill

- Sean: In formulating this budget, we looked at what was done in 2015 and how much was spent
  - If we didn't expect costs to increase, that was rolled over plus CPI
  - We tried to make savings where possible
  - Including accounting for revenue (\$60K deduction in SSAF accounting for expected revenue)
  - 2016 expenses increasing by \$200K – due to new initiatives
    - Day on the Green
    - New staffing
    - Ethnocultural Committee

- Networking events
  - Expected profit of \$148K for the year
    - Subject to change – new initiative, events, etc.
    - SRC could direct us to spend money
    - May need to pass motions that line items move
  - Looking to secure financial future by increasing alternative revenue and focusing on banks interest, and sponsorship
- Ben (as seconder) waived his right to speak to the motion.

**Status:** Passed unanimously

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**Motion:** That the ANU Students' Association endorse the Fenner Residents' Committee's campaign against proposed student accommodation changes, calling on the University Council to reconsider removing off-campus residential hall and college options.

**Moved:** Raqeeb Bhuyan

**Seconded:** Albert Patajo

As Albert was not present, Eben Leifer seconded took up Albert's right to second the motion according to section 2.1.8 of the Standing Orders.

- Raqeeb: this motion seems like a waste of time – ANU seems to have made up its mind to move students on-campus
  - ANU making the most economical choice
  - Fenner residents are asking the university why this decision has been made
  - If our campaign is going to be unsuccessful, the least the uni can do is to try to understand our concerns around off-campus life and culture
  - Having access to off-campus environment gives us happy middle of living in residential accommodation while having access to Canberra community including employment options
  - Not sure ho successful the uni's plans are if they don't understand this point
  - It raises broader concerns around the consultation by the uni regarding Union Court redevelopment
  - Cost: regardless of what happens to Fenner, the cost of student accommodation will raise to \$256, could exclude people from accessing accommodation
- Eben (as seconder) waived his right to speak to the motion.
- Ben: I would like to clarify whether the FRC is against all proposed changes to student accommodation
  - Some changes have been received positively by some halls, e.g. UniLodge increase in ratio of SRs/students
  - Not all proposals have been rejected
  - I sympathise with Fenner residents, happy to take feedback to University Council

**Amendment:** That the ANU Students' Association endorse the Fenner Residents' Committee's campaign, calling on the University Council to reconsider removing off-campus residential hall and college options.

**Moved:** Ben Gill

**Seconded:** James Connolly  
**Status:** Passed unanimously

**Procedural Motion:** to suspend so much of standing orders as would prevent questions from the floor.

**Moved:** James Waugh  
**Status:** Passed

- As standing orders were suspending, no minutes were taken
- Standing orders resumed by the Chair shortly afterwards

**Primary Motion (as amended):** That the ANU Students' Association endorse the Fenner Residents' Committee's campaign, calling on the University Council to reconsider removing off-campus residential hall and college options.

**Moved:** Raqeeb Bhuyan  
**Seconded:** Eben Leifer

**Status:** Passed

**Abstentions noted:** Max Messenger, Supriya Benjamin, James Waugh, Amanda Ling

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#### **Item 5: Other Business**

- None
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#### **Item 6: Meeting Close**

The next General Meeting of the ANU Students' Association is scheduled to be on Tuesday, 3 May 2016 at 1pm, location to be confirmed.

Meeting Close: 1:59pm

## APPENDIX A



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### AGENDA – ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (OGM) 1 2016

Tuesday, 22 February 2016 1pm, Union Court

#### Item 1: Meeting Opens and Apologies

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country
- 1.2 Apologies

#### Item 2: Minutes from the Previous Meeting

#### Item 3: Executive Reports

- 3.1 President's report (B. Gill) [Reference A]
- 3.2 Vice President's report (C. O'Doherty) [Reference B]
- 3.3 Education Officer's report (J. Connolly) [Reference C]
- 3.5 General Secretary's report (S. Duncan) [Reference D]
- 3.3 Treasurer's report (S. Macdonald) [Reference E]
- 3.5 Social Officer's report (H. Hu) [Reference F]

#### Item 4: Discussion Items/Motions on Notice

- 4.1 Motion: "That the 2016 Budget be accepted."
- 4.2 Motion: "That the ANU Students' Association endorse the Fenner Residents' Committee's campaign against proposed student accommodation changes, calling on the University Council to reconsider removing off-campus residential hall and college options."

#### Item 5: Other Business

#### Item 6: Meeting Close

The next general meeting of the Association is scheduled to be on Tuesday, 3 May 2016, location to be confirmed.

Expected Close of Meeting: 2:30pm

Released: 17 March 2016 by Sam Duncan



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ben Gill

#### Executive Summary

1. Welcome to the New Academic Year
2. O-Week
3. OrgSync Contract Expiry
4. EAP Research Project
5. Strategic Student Engagement Initiatives
6. Legal Service Update
7. International Student Employment Discrimination Project
8. SSAF Outcome and Capital Works
9. Payment to Student Representatives
10. Library Fines
11. ANU OK
12. New @ ANU
13. Course Representative Policy
14. ANU Student Accommodation
15. School of Culture, History & Language

#### Further Information

##### 1. Welcome to the new Academic Year

Welcome to the New Academic Year and to the first Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) for 2016. The year ahead looks exciting and full of opportunities, though it will not be without its challenges. 2016 will see the Association start having to make some difficult and transformative decisions about our future, from financial sustainability, to how we run elections, to how we engage students in the online space (plus so much more). However, I am confident that our team is up to the challenge and I look forward to working with all representatives in ensuring that students are represented and that we continue to improve their experience here at ANU.

##### 2. O-Week

O-Week 2016 was a huge success. While it is never without its issues, I would like to thank Helena, Kat, Carys, Isaac and Kirsty for pulling off a fantastic week which engaged thousands of new and returning students. In addition, I would like to thank Clodagh for all her efforts towards the bar at Hypernova. Importantly, the Association has been commended by the University Executive and Facilities and Services for a well-run week, including Hypernova.

If you have any feedback please direct it to Helena ([sa.social@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.social@anu.edu.au)) or Katherine ([sa.communications@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.communications@anu.edu.au)).

##### 3. OrgSync Contract Expiry

ANUSA & PARSA currently use OrgSync (<http://www.orgsync.com/>) to manage affiliated Clubs & Societies. Our contract with OrgSync commenced January 2014 and is set to expire January

2017. The cost of the platform for the three years was ca. \$100,000 and was funded via top slice in the 2014 SSAF process.

With this in mind, the Association has begun looking at how we move forward. As you can imagine the key questions at this stage are:

- What are we looking for in an online community management tool? What does success look like?
- What has our experience been with OrgSync?
  - Did it do what it was intended to do? If not, why not? What were system limitations and what were cultural?
- What other tools/systems are available off the shelf?
- What are our key timelines to making decisions?
- What is the optimal time to undertake transition if not renewing OrgSync?

At this stage, Cat Martin (ANUSA/PARSA Campus Life Officer) has prepared a brief review of OrgSync based on their experience administering the platform throughout 2015. While a more detailed review is underway, the recommendation is that OrgSync is not the tool the Associations need and that we should investigate alternative options. See report here – [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B\\_Wcao0nE9e0Z2l0Yk9PYVdHbGc/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_Wcao0nE9e0Z2l0Yk9PYVdHbGc/view?usp=sharing)

Alternatives we have investigated to date include Membership Solutions (MSL) (<https://www.ukmsl.com/>), a platform developed and managed by a UK based company. MSL is a Warwick Students' Union spin-off company formed in 2005. MSL's membership management system was developed as a bespoke solution for Warwick SU to manage the needs of their diverse student community and all the associated clubs and societies.

Based on my experience within the Association and knowledge of the OrgSync implementation I do not consider us well placed to manage multi-year projects. As such, my recommendation is that the change management process from OrgSync to a different tool (should we agree to move away from OrgSync) needs to be completed by June/July with the aim of launching in Semester 2.

The added complexities of this project are closely linked with our need to upgrade our website as well as discussions regarding the potential of moving to online voting.

Other potential hurdles I can see with this project will be buy in from the ANU and whether the required areas (ITS, DSL etc.) have the bandwidth to assist us within our preferred timeline.

As this project progresses I will provide further updates via the SRC. Should you have any questions please email [sa.president@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.president@anu.edu.au).

#### **4. EAP Research Project**

ANUSA will be undertaking a collaborative student and staff research project assessing what we currently do well and where we can improve with respect to Education Access Plans (EAP's) at the ANU. This project will be led by Tom K and myself, with the aim of assess the perceptions of staff and students regarding the use of EAP's at ANU and identify whether any differences exist. It is hoped that this project will assist identify strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for improvement within the current EAP framework.

Further details are outlined in my CRC 1 report.

The first meeting of the steering committee will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> February and include:

- Tania Willis & Julie Harrison – Access & Inclusion
- Lynda Mathey – Registrar Student Life
- Wayne Morgan – Deputy Dean of Students/ Law
- Jochen Trumpf – CECS Associate Dean Education
- Johanna Rendle-Short – CASS Associate Dean Students
- Bronwen Whiting – CBE Associate Dean Education

For any questions please email [sa.president@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.president@anu.edu.au) or [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au).

## **5. Strategic Student Engagement Initiatives**

ANUSA represents all undergraduate students, though due to an array of reasons does not engage well with certain cohorts. As such, for 2016 I will placing strategic focus on the following groups of students:

1. Mature Age Students
2. Students with Children
3. Honours Students

A brief overview of activities are outlined below. For any questions or expressions of interest to help out please email [sa.president@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.president@anu.edu.au).

### Mature Age Students

To further engage mature age students ANUSA ran a meet and greet event during O-Week at the God's Café on 9th February 2016. The event was run in collaboration with Academic Skills and Learning Centre and PARSA and provided attendees the opportunity to join a mailing list, form social and support networks and hear about ANU services. It is hoped that from the mailing list it will be possible to form a mature age student working group which meets once per term. The purpose of this group will be to develop a greater understanding of how ANUSA and the ANU can support mature age students and provide opportunities to develop social and support networks.

### Students with Children

To further engage students with children, ANUSA in collaboration with PARSA ran a crèche service during O-Week to allow students with young children to attend their college induction sessions. While we recorded only a small number of students utilising this service, it is believed that a commitment of 1 to 2 years is required for this service to gain traction among the student community. At this stage we intend to provide a similar service in Semester 2, with the potential addition of reimbursing students to engage baby-sitters in their own homes while they attend the sessions rather than being required to bring children to campus.

In addition, ANUSA will be trialling a 'Parents and Carers Grant' program throughout 2016 which will provide full-time undergraduate students with dependent children a one off grant of \$250 or more to assist to alleviate situations which may become a barrier to completion of their program of study. This grant program will be reviewed at the end of 2016.

### Honours Students

To further engage honours students ANUSA launched a new program called 'Honours Roll' during O-Week at the God's Café on 8th February 2016.

This year long program is aimed at increasing engagement with and among honours students and will be run in collaboration with Academic Skills and Learning Centre. The basic idea is that ANUSA will host a free lunch once per term for honour students to attend a workshop hosted by ASLC, followed by an informal conversation group to allow students to share experiences, coach each other to address common issues and to allow for the development of social and support networks.

It is hoped that this program will assist ANUSA better advocate on honours students' behalf, prevent students seeking help at crisis point (i.e. a week before thesis submission) and empower them to share skills and support each to deal with some of the common problems as they arise through an honours year.

At this stage we have close to 100 students registered on the mailing list to partake in the program and hope to grow this as the year continues.

## **6. Legal Service Update 2015**

The legal service, which is jointly operated by ANUSA & PARSA, provides legal services to individual students and supports the legal needs of ANU student associations, clubs and societies. The service has run for around a decade, and for two and a half years since its re-establishment in mid-2013.

In the period from mid-2013 until October 2015 the service was staffed by one part-time lawyer. Since October 2015 the legal service has been staffed by two part-time lawyers. This has been the most significant development in 2015 and immediately resulted in a more than 50% increase in case load in both November and December.

In 2015 452 legal matters were created. This is an estimated 23% increase on 2014 (368 matters). In November and December, the first complete months in which two lawyers were working, new legal matters increased by more than 50% in each month. Currently, postgraduate students represent 60% of the individual case load. Work for student associations represents 38% of the total case load, with ANUSA being the most significant organisational user. International students represent 62% of the case load, reflecting the additional exposure to legal issues that international students face, including in terms of maintaining their residency status.

The full report may be accessed here –

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B\\_Wcao0nE9e0Q3JPYW8zUnZwN28/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_Wcao0nE9e0Q3JPYW8zUnZwN28/view?usp=sharing)

## **7. International Student Employment Project**

With the addition of the junior lawyer to the legal service ANUSA now has capacity to undertake more advocacy projects in the legal space and international student exploitation in the employment market will be the focus for 2016.

The objective of this coordinated project is to influence the employment practices in the ACT labour market and among international students to improve the current issues with respect to employment discrimination. A draft outline has been prepared by the ANUSA legal service which intends to identify the key issues faced by international students with respect to

employment discrimination, raising the key initiatives that the project will undertake in order to improve or rectify the situation.

As a first step it is proposed to bring together interested stakeholders to establish a steering committee to work on this issue in the coming year, including ISD, PARSA and ANU Careers.

See draft project outline with feedback from CISA President, Nina Khairina – [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B\\_Wcao0nE9e0VVIZQnV5VllaS2c/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_Wcao0nE9e0VVIZQnV5VllaS2c/view?usp=sharing)

### Project Background

The ANUSA/PARSA legal service assisted 214 international students over the last 12 months. Many are engaged in the workforce as casual or part-time workers. The clients who sought our help are representative of a wider issue about international students and their right to work. In particular, ANUSA has assisted 23 international students with specific employment exploitation issues over the last two years. From conversations with these students, this represents a small percentage of affected students with clients having described that other international students are also suffering from exploitation in their workplace. The types of businesses where exploitation occurs most often are franchisees, small businesses like restaurants, and subcontractors like cleaning companies. As such, in our opinion there exists a deep-rooted environmental and cultural issue with respect to the rights of international students and migrant workers.

### **8. 2016 SSAF Outcome and Capital Works**

ANUSA has been allocated a sum of \$1,773,922 of which \$605,623 counts for shared services and programs ran in collaboration with PARSA, ANUSM and University Divisions in the 2016 SSAF Allocation process. This represents an increase of \$92,850 or 5.5% increase from 2015.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sean and Clodagh for all their work in putting together such a successful bid and in particular their efforts in the negotiation meetings with the ANU and other Student Associations. Additionally, I would like to thank our Finance Officer Brendan for all his assistance in the preparation of the bid.

The 2016 Funding Submission can be accessed here - <http://www.anusa.com.au/your-anusa/financial-reports/>.

Moving forward, the next task is the allocation of the Capital Works funding pool which will occur in late March to mid-April. In 2016, this pool was topped up to \$900,000 (from \$400,000). The discussion regarding capital works still appears to around whether we should be funding small projects achievable within a year or larger scale projects which would require funding over multiple years.

At this stage I am currently working with F&S to put together the following proposals:

- Minor refurbishment of ANU Health Centre (primarily accessible door)
- Science Precinct Outdoor Teaching & Learning Spaces
- Additional water bubblers in the Baldessin/Hedley Bull areas of campus

If you have any questions please email [sa.president@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.president@anu.edu.au).

## **9. Payment to Student Representatives**

Following on from discussions in 2015 regarding payment to Office Bearers, ANUSA and PARSA have engaged a HR Consultant to seek clarity regarding the workplace relations of elected representatives. The following terms of reference are being used to guide this work.

“PARSA and ANUSA are separately seeking to clarify what the relationship of office bearers be to the associations. The review will make recommendations on what this relationship should be, including the manner of remunerating office bearers. The review will take into consideration current arrangements, including remuneration, duties and hours of work.

The review will also make recommendations what legal and policy documentation should be developed concerning office bearers.

Issues to explore will include

- Given current financial and other arrangements for executives and representatives (including duties and hours of work) should any or all of them be treated/formally engaged as employees of the Association?
- What changes should be made to current arrangements given policy and legal requirements (including review of current human resource policies/documentation)?”

For further information please refer to my SRC 1 report or email me at [sa.president@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.president@anu.edu.au).

## **10. Library Fines**

Following feedback from the university community, ANU Libraries have decided to reduce the controversial library fine increase to \$6 a day instead of \$30. ANUSA, along with PARSA have been crucial in these negotiations and we're proud to have been able to secure a more equitable solution for students. It is important to note this is a massive success for student advocacy and represents the surprisingly large amount of work which went into making this happen. This being said, this will be an area of ongoing focus as the threat of increased fines has not entirely disappeared as there are still concerning problem behaviours from some students. I will be convening meetings with interested students over the next few months to discuss how we as a community may go about addressing them.

## **11. ANU OK**

ANU OK launched in O-Week 2016 and represents a collaborative venture by ANUSA, PARSA, ANU Security and DSL. At the time of writing, we have close to 1,300 downloads with the expectation of doubling this by Semester 2.

Currently the App is being managed by a steering committee comprised of myself, Alyssa Shaw (PARSA Womens Officer), Stephen Milnes (DSL), Joanne Fitzpatrick (F&S) and Gordon Leslie and John Sullivan (ANU Security).

As we move into the next stage of the project I am interested in including additional students to the committee to assist with specific tasks (i.e. marketing, promotion, consulting about development of new features etc.) and would ask any interested representatives or students to email me at [sa.president@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.president@anu.edu.au).

Download ANU OK here:

AppStore: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/anuok/id1069902027?ls=1&mt=8>

Google Play:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cutcom.apparmor.anu&hl=en>

For any questions please email [anuok@anu.edu.au](mailto:anuok@anu.edu.au).

## **12. New @ ANU**

New @ ANU is a new initiative from ANUSA and is a peer-to-peer Facebook Group designed to help new and commencing students transition into university life. The group is monitored by a team of current ANU students, who are happy to share their experiences and help out where they can.

The group launched on 4th January 2016 and at the time of writing has in excess of 1,700 students (~90%+ commencing), which represents a substantial percentage of the incoming cohort. As the group continues it appears to be still performing a useful function assisting new students with questions and issues that arise within the first few weeks. However, the interesting aspect is that they are now answering each other's questions rather than relying on later year students.

Thanks to those of you who have been active in this space and given up your time over summer to answer the myriad of questions posted. While we will be reviewing this group more formally over the coming weeks, anecdotally it has been a huge success with awareness of ANUSA the highest among the commencing cohorts than it has ever been.

For an overview of preliminary analytics for the group refer to the Grytics report here -

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B\\_Wcao0nE9e0OTRBQ082d0E0WDA/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_Wcao0nE9e0OTRBQ082d0E0WDA/view?usp=sharing)

## **13. Course Representative Policy**

A key project for 2016 will be pursuing the development of a more formalised structure towards course representatives within the University. While some academic areas have systems in place, it is unclear whether this is common practice across the ANU. Further information is outlined in my CRC 1 report.

## **14. ANU Student Accommodation**

As you would be aware the ANU announced on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March a suite of proposals regarding student accommodation. For an overview of the proposals see the ANU website (<http://www.anu.edu.au/news/all-news/update-from-the-vc-student-accommodation>) along with Woroni's recent article (<http://www.woroni.com.au/news/accomleasing/>).

While many if not all students agree with the long term aim of improving the existing student accommodation and expanding the number of beds on campus, some students (particular Bruce and Fenner) have strong concerns about how this will play out for their particular communities. As such, I've been working with the Interhall Council (IHC) closely over the last week and will continue to do so into the foreseeable future to ensure students opinions (both positive and negative) and concerns are represented at the various levels of decision making within the University.



Should you have any questions regarding the proposals please contact me at [sa.president@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.president@anu.edu.au).

## 15. ANUSA SAU Stats Jan-Feb 2016

To note preliminary statistics from the ANUSA Student Assistance Unit between January and February 2016. A comparison between 2015 and 2016 is aimed to be presented at the upcoming OGM (or at the latest SRC 3).

### Core Statistics

<b>Core stats (Jan-Feb)</b>	
Student visits	190
Evening meal vouchers issued	65
Lunch meal vouchers issued	90
Grocery vouchers issued	10
<b>Total emergency grant money issued</b>	<b>\$2,900</b>

<b>Main issues</b>	
Academic	13%
Accommodation	9%
Centrelink	10%
Financial difficulties	37%
Mental health	2%
Meals	29%
Other	2%

<b>Workshops</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
Money Hacks	120
Becoming a local	60-70

### Demographics

<b>Gender identity</b>	
Female	46%
Male	52%
Not listed above	2%

<b>Main college of study</b>	
Sciences	21%
COL	17%
CECS	12%
CBE	21%
CASS	23%
CAP	5%

<b>Contact method</b>	
Email	20%
In person	73%
Phone	6%

<b>Year of study</b>	
5th	3%
4th	18%
3rd	27%
2nd	12%
1st	40%



<b>Top inbound referral points</b>	
ANUSA	23%
Online	15%
Word of mouth	44%

<b>Age range</b>	
Under 25	83%
25 and above	17%

<b>Accommodation</b>	
ANU accommodation	23%
Family home	5%
Homeless	6%
Other	3%
Private dwelling	14%
Share house/ lodger	29%
Unilodge	20%

<b>Enrolment type</b>	
Domestic	73%
International	27%

## **16. School of Culture, History & Language**

The School of Culture, History and Language (CHL) within CAP has currently been under review over the last 18 months. The review highlighted the global research strength of CHL, though highlighted a range of issues which need to be addressed. Over the summer period, the NTEU as well a group of concerned HDR students invited myself, Cat and Harriet (ANUSA CAP Representatives) to a forum to discuss potential issues within the school from the review, notably a high percentage of rumoured staff cuts.

Cat, Harriet and I had a meeting with the Dean of CAP, Professor Veronica Taylor and the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic, Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington on the 17<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the review and next steps. In the meeting it was noted that a change management proposal would be released during the week starting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and will be out for consultation for a two week period.

To facilitate student consultation and feedback Cat & Harriet hosted a CHL Forum for undergraduate students on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March which was attended by more than 40 students and staff. This provided a valuable opportunity for students to voice their concerns with the change management proposal and within CAP more broadly.

Following this forum, Cat & Harriet are compiling a submission representing undergraduate opinions as part of the formal consultation process and are currently considering next steps.  
Thanks

### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Clodagh O'Doherty

#### Executive Summary

1. Brian Kenyon Student Space (BKSS)
2. Academic Appeals
3. Accommodation Bursaries
4. University committees
5. Mental Health Committee
6. Ethnocultural Committee
7. Friday Night Party Bar
8. National Union of Students (NUS) National Conference

#### Further Information

##### 1. Brian Kenyon Student Space

The BKSS will have most of my attention in the coming months.

##### Staff

The recruitment process for BKSS managers in 2016 was incredibly competitive with over 100 applicants. The interviewing process was arduous, but it has left us with a phenomenal team consisting of Divya Kaliyaperumal, Emma Murdoch, Jeremy Hoskins, Jock Webb, Max Henshaw and Tess Klu.

The team underwent a full week of training and have been working incredibly hard over the last few weeks. They were indispensable to the association during O Week. I have made the rostering system more flexible to allow for more staff where there are events, etc. so that the equipment hiring process runs more smoothly for all stakeholders.

The BKSS is a very dynamic, but often chaotic space, so I would like to congratulate the team on their amazing efforts so far.

##### Skill sharing and events

The staff are in the process of setting up a series of skill sharing sessions including basic bike repairs, cooking classes, gardening basics, etc. I'm hoping to run a social event in the space before the end of this teaching period (similar to the successful mulled wine event that was run last year).

##### Equipment Hire

Over the break, I'm hoping to have our sound equipment inventory serviced and updated. We have quite a number of damaged items. Others have been broken/lost over the years and need to be replaced. This has been budgeted for. If anyone has any suggestions regarding equipment we should purchase, please contact me at [sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au)

##### Bookshop

Eleanor and I are in the process of investigating whether or not the second-hand bookshop is still an asset to the association. We are of the opinion that it is not a worthwhile ANUSA service in its present form. In its prime days, the bookshop brought in over \$20,000 to the association annually. However, due to increase competition in the sector, the shutting down of the physical bookshop in favour of a purely online one, inadequate resourcing and archaic recording systems, the bookshop's popularity and productivity has decreased in recent years.

We will be investigating this more closely after the semester 1 "rush" in close consultation with Brendan and the BKSS staff.

### Free Breakfast Program

The breakfast program has become extremely popular, so we have increased our food order to try and deal with the demand. I'll be looking at how this might affect the budget, and how we can deal with the demand long term in coming weeks.

I have started brainstorming ideas with the BKSS managers of how we can "jazz up" the free breakfast program at little cost. We would like to make offerings such as yogurt and fruit more consistent, but would also like to look into more exciting offerings such as Bircher museli and pancakes. We have the scope to do this as we are compliant with Food Safety regulations- however, need to closely look at the effect this will have on the BKSS food budget and staffing needs.

### Student Bites

Student Bites will continue to operate its services out of the BKSS every Monday. The Environment Collective has kindly offered their time to assist in the supervision of the food distribution.

## **2. Academic Appeals**

Since December I've been working on a number of academic appeals. They can largely be broken up into 3 groups- disputing grades, show cause, and failed applications to graduate. Since the start of semester, my work here has moved to concerns about assessment, teaching quality, and course accessibility issues.

These processes can be quite time consuming and are obviously very stressful for the student involved. I've worked closely with Paula Newitt, Dean of Students, on a number of those cases and she was fantastic. I had more successful appeals than failed ones- which was good to see.

I've noticed a number of recurring issues while dealing with this disputes.

1. Changes to course requirements: The change in course structure has made graduation applications complicated. A lot of courses changed their requirements for 2015. People who have made basic transfers (e.g. have started with a double degree, but then dropped out of one of the degrees in order to graduate) have been told that because they have "transferred" they need to abide by the 2015 requirements and therefore cannot graduate when they thought. Often this is an easy fix, but has caused a lot of unnecessary stress.
2. Teaching Quality: There have been a number of complaints that have centred around teaching quality in the College of Business and Economics. I'd like to investigate this more closely at some stage in the year as I am under the impression they receive more complaints of this nature than other academic colleges.

3. Special Consideration Ambiguity: There are clear inconsistencies between colleges in granting special considerations. This makes expectation-setting difficult for students but I am aware that the university is presently looking into this. I will be watching this closely.
4. Notice of Academic Probation: I will be working with the Division of Student Administration in an attempt to improve the notification process for probation and show cause. Presently, they only notify students through one email and one letter in the mail. Especially regarding show cause, taking into consideration that these notifications are made during major break periods, I don't believe this is sufficient. In addition, the current email notifying students that they are on academic probation does not actually use the term probation- which makes the process very vague for students.

### **3. Accommodation Bursaries**

The accommodation bursary allocation process has been really problematic in recent years, mainly with concerns over proper consultation between those that sit on the panel and the transparency of the decision making process. Carolyn, one of our student assistance officers, sits on the panel as the ANUSA representative and has been pivotal in pushing for change in this process. Her and Ben have worked on this project through 2015, but Tania, Wayne (PARSA Student Assistance Officer) and I will be working on it this year.

Tania Willis, Wayne and I had a meeting in December to discuss concerns raised by Ben, Carolyn, and other members of the panel. From that meeting, the process has been slightly changed to involve greater consultation and better distributed decision making powers for those on the panel to address some of our issues in the interim. During the year, I will be looking at more holistic reform to the accommodation bursary system at ANU along with Tania. This is shaping up to bring much needed change to the bursary system to make it more meaningful for students, and reaching students that were previously excluded or inadequately catered for in the application process. This project is a priority for both Tania and I in 2016.

### **4. University committees**

Attended my first series of meetings in week 4. The PhB program standards is still very much being discussed at the Education Standards and Equity Committee (ESQC). This discussion also ties in with one about how we treat all undergraduate research degrees (e.g. B Science (Advanced) (Honours)). There is also likely to be a discussion about the academic awards structure in light of proposed changes to the University Medal.

Ongoing feedback would be much appreciated. All of these changes need to pass through a few levels before being ratified at Academic Board (which Ben sits on), giving us time for discussion.

### **5. Mental Health Committee**

I will be overseeing the ANUSA Mental Health Committee for 2016. In December, we went through the recruitment process for co-chairs and appointed Tara Peramatukorn and Aji Sana.

Aji and Tara would like to focus on residences this year- looking at how they each advocate and respond to mental health issues.

#### Counselling Centre Resourcing Campaign

It's a well-known fact at ANU that the counselling centre is under resourced. I feel that ANUSA should be advocating more heavily on this issue. I will be working on a campaign with Tara, Aji and the Mental Health Committee to try and push the university to allocate more funds to this area as a matter of priority for our students.

I've met with Carolyn Farrer a few weeks ago to discuss the ways in which they are under-resourced and what sort of change they want us to push for. The main problem facing the Centre at the moment is a lack of resourcing- leading to understaffing, excessive waiting times for students and staff fatigue. We discussed some interesting ideas to help with reducing waiting times for students, including hiring youth workers to increase the number of drop-in sessions on offer each day.

The Mental Health Committee will be lobbying the university this year to rectify the under-resourcing of the Centre as a priority.

#### Working with Batyr

I've met with Batyr to discuss ways that we can work together in the coming year. Their main priority is decreasing the stigma surrounding mental health. I think an important discussion needs to be had about the role of the ANUSA mental health committee to avoid double-up in the sector. I'll be communicating closely with Doug from Batyr throughout the year.

### **6. Ethnocultural Committee**

Kat Reed and Aditi Razdan have been elected as co chairs for the ethnocultural committee in 2016. Prior to their election, I had been asked by organising members to observe their budget and operational needs. Since the group is a committee, as opposed to a department, they need an executive to sign off their expenditure. Kat and Aditi have agreed that I will remain the overseeing executive member, however, I have made it clear that they may change their decision at any time if they do not feel I am properly meeting or representing their needs.

I do not intend to strictly oversee their operations, but rather provide them with guidance where requested. All expenditure will go through the Commbiz approval process so I am not concerned with poor financial practice. So far, I have been approving costs before they have been spent and we will work to formalise this process in coming weeks.

In coming months the committee will be looking at their ability to transition from a committee to an autonomous ANUSA department.

### **7. Friday Night Party Bar**

I organised the bar for Hypernova with mixed success. The main motivation for running it was to explore ways that ANUSA could generate income- especially if we faced a situation where SSAF no longer existed. In the past, the bar had been entirely outsourced which limits the profit-making opportunities for ANUSA.

We made a very minor profit on the night, but I think with a number of significant changes the bar could bring in a massive income for ANUSA. Some of these changes include: outsourcing

and increasing staff, increasing the size of the bar, better allocating volunteers for setup and pack down and slightly increasing drink prices.

While the university was very happy with how it operated and with the observation of RSA, it did not give us the return I was hoping for. Overall, it was an interesting experiment but it was a lot of work and thus would need to make us more money to justify the level of effort put into it. The figures are available as part of Helena's report and I am in the process of making a comprehensive handover document for next year's team.

## **8. National Union of Students (NUS) National Conference**

### National Conference

I attended the NUS NatCon 7-11 December 2015 as an observer. The main purpose of my attendance was to observe the extent to which the recommendations made by the 2015 ANUSA SRC were implemented. These recommendations were pivotal in the 2015 ANUSA SRC vote to reaccredit to the NUS for the 2015 academic year. These recommendations were accepted at a NUS National Executive meeting on those terms.

My report will give more detail as to my experience and thoughts regarding the NUS NatCon, but in short, I do not believe that the recommendations were adequately implemented.

### Meeting with members of the NUS National Executive

Ben and I have met with a number of members of the NUS National Executive during and since O Week. The discussions centred around our plans for the year ahead and ways in which we could work together. Overall, it was a positive discussion.

At the time of submitting this report, the debate about reaccreditation had not yet been had, and our ongoing relationship will be somewhat contingent on the outcome of this discussion. In lieu of the debate, I mentioned that I would like them to provide us with federal policy analysis. I think this analysis is important for us to inform students on issues that affect them in the federal sphere, but unfortunately ANUSA does not have the resources to do this ourselves. We are also making moves to improve the communication between our two organisations this year and I am optimistic that this will happen.

### EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

James Connolly

#### Executive Summary

1. First Year Camps – Budget & College Sponsorship, Ticket Sales, Recommendations.
2. National Day of Action or alt. branding for April 13<sup>th</sup>.
3. Education Committee
4. Higher Education Update
5. Politics in the Pub
6. Indulgences

#### Further Information

##### 1. First Year Camps (FYC)

No major incidents occurred on any of the three camps. The College Representatives and Mentors should be congratulated on their work in the facilitation of the information sessions and activities on the camp. Overall, the camps went well.

Budget & College Sponsorship:

The Executive is liaising with College Representatives and the Academic Colleges regarding sponsorship for FYCs. This is still an ongoing matter and I hope that at the next OGM I will be able to inform students of the exact figures when this process becomes finalised.

Ticket Sales:

- CECS/Science: 62 tickets sold
- CBE/COL: 98 tickets sold
- CAP/CASS: 58 tickets sold

Recommendations:

- I will recommend the continuation of FYCs for 2017 albeit with potential changes.
- I will recommend to the 2017 Education Officer the consideration of other venues for the FYCs. Camp Longbeach may be the best option insofar as cost and convenience is concerned but it is important to explore alternative options. I was disappointed at times with the quality of facilities.

##### 2. National Day of Action

In conjunction with the Education Committee, I am working on a stunt to take place on April 13<sup>th</sup> when the National Union of Students (NUS) called a National Day of Action (NDA).

A rally is not feasible because April 13<sup>th</sup> is during the Teacher's Break and hence there won't be significant mobilisation of students rendering the exercise a waste of resources. My view is that the stunt can be tailored to ANU specific concerns and works with the timing.

Brief Overview:

- Turn Union Court for the day into something akin to an abandoned wasteland e.g. tumbleweeds, cobwebs etc.
- Have large messaging indicating that cuts to universities (incl. CHL) rendered university entirely inaccessible to students.
- Film Union Court and create a vine to be posted on social media.

The branding of the event is contingent on the outcome of the debate on re-accreditation.

### **3. Education Committee**

As per my constitutional obligations I called a meeting of the ANUSA Education Committee for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March in the ANUSA Boardroom from 12.30pm-2pm for the purpose of discussing plans for the Federal Election, the stunt on April 13<sup>th</sup> and an appropriate response to proposed changes to university funding.

### **4. Higher Education Update**

1. The government pays an average of 60% of student's tuition fees. The Federal government in the budget is expected to propose a 20% cut in funding to universities. This results in an inversion of the 60-40 split for students meaning substantially higher university fees for students.
2. The government has replaced Student Start Up Scholarships with Student Start Up Loans. This has the effect of putting the cost of those loans on HECS.

### **5. Politics in the Pub**

I have had preliminary meetings with committee members from political clubs on campus with a view to having their assistance in the organisation of Politics in the Pub events that are student welfare/higher education related. Ideally this will involve education spokespeople from across the political spectrum.

### **6. Indulgences**

I appreciate that there has been rapid changeover with the role of Education Officer in recent months. However my transition into the role has been largely smooth and for that I am grateful to Laura Wey, Jock Webb, Laura Campbell and Peta Leigh.

In particular the ANU Students' Association owes a debt of gratitude to Peta Leigh for her contribution to the Association whilst in the position of Interim Education Officer. Her organisation of the FYCs, initial engagement with the NUS and assistance with handover has greatly assisted me in the development of my own projects and for that I personally am grateful.



### GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sam Duncan

#### Executive Summary

1. Livestreaming and interactive Twitter feed – trial at SRC2, OGM1
2. Electoral Reform Working Group – update on progress and timeline
3. Save the Arts campaign – get involved

#### 1. Livestreaming and interactive Twitter feed

I am committed to improving the way ANUSA communicates with the student body. As part of this, I am pleased to report that Woroni is currently livestreaming this OGM in a bid to improve ANUSA's visibility and transparency and change the way we communicate with students. Thank you to Waheed and the team at Woroni for assisting with this project.

I also note we are trialling an interactive Twitter feed during OGM1, whereby students can tweet a question to @anustudents and someone at the meeting may ask that question on their behalf. I encourage all representatives to check the Twitter feed throughout the meeting and raise any questions as they see fit. The aim here is obviously to encourage greater participation with and access to the Association.

If you have any concerns with the livestreaming of meetings, or with the interactive Twitter feed, please let me know. I am happy to discuss suspending the livestream for confidential or sensitive matters, or scrap the project if people believe it is compromising discussion and debate. To date, I have received one comment raising preliminary concerns but no formal requests to alter or end the trial.

#### 2. Electoral Reform Working Group

The Electoral Reform Working Group has met twice weekly since SRC1 and discussion has been enormously productive. I am pleased to report that around 17 people have engaged with the group so far, either in person, or by emailing or calling me to raise concerns and make suggestions. I have spoken with students from across the university, including leaders from various campus political groups and clubs and societies with a particular interest in ANUSA elections.

The big issues currently being considered by the group are:

- Whether to trial a 'hybrid' online election, whereby there are no paper ballots (i.e. all voting is done online) but campaigning in Union Court is permitted one, two or three days during election week with tablets set up in the Union Building for students to vote after meeting the candidates in person
- Which online content host can provide a suitable platform for hosting our online election, noting the requirement to have different different ballots for different students
- How to ensure all ballots are secure (one vote per student) and secret (decoupled from student IDs)
- How to design a dispute system, e.g. with a team of 5 elected probity officers who receive complaints and make a recommendation to the Returning Officer, who has final say

- Whether to introduce an opt-out system for students who don't want to engage with campaigners (e.g. lanyard system)
- Whether to permit or prohibit 'umbrella tickets' under which multiple gen rep tickets may be formed
- How to ensure all students receive adequate information about elections, positions and campaign guidelines (i.e. by requiring incumbent ANUSA reps to hold information forums and share their insights into the role and the Association before calls for nomination close)

Over the coming weeks, I will be redrafting the Election Regulations to accommodate the reform proposals and preparing a statement of reasons outlining why the working group has recommended each reform.

If you are interested in being involved, or would like to raise any concerns, please be in touch: [sa.gensec@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.gensec@anu.edu.au).

As highlighted at SRC1, my timeline for electoral reform is as follows:

1. The working group should meet during Term 1 and reach a decision on proposed amendments by the end of Week 7.
2. These proposed changes will be put to student consultation over the mid-semester break, and into Week 8. I will actively seek feedback over this period.
3. The SRC will have a chance to comment in Week 8, and the CRC will discuss in Week 9. I will take all feedback on board and finalise the proposed changes accordingly.
4. I anticipate the proposed changes will be put to a vote at OGM2 on 4 May (Week 10).

I note that all provisions governing ANUSA elections are contained in the Election Regulations, which may be amended by 2/3 majority vote at a General Meeting pursuant to section 8(4)(c) Constitution.

### **3. Save the Arts campaign**

It is widely understood that the Union Court redevelopment will require the demolition of the ANU Arts Centre. In light of this, the Save the Arts campaign calls on the University Council to replace the ANU Arts Centre with an equivalent Theatre and rehearsal space as part of the redevelopment.

I am working with Gowrie Varma, Kat Carrington and other members of the ANU arts community to organise a lobbying effort in the lead up to the University Council meeting on 1 April where this issue will be discussed.

We believe the arts carry enormous cultural importance and benefits for mental health and personal and professional growth. We are asking the university to recognise its responsibility to ANU students and the broader Canberra community and pledge support for the arts.

We are in the process of reaching out to current ANU students, alumni and the Canberra community for statements of support. Please be in touch if you would like to learn more or contribute a statement of why you support the arts.

I am pleased that the SRC voted unanimously to endorse the campaign. This is an important symbolic step that shows students are unified against the university's attack on the arts.

I note I am in discussions with the Executive about how ANUSA might support the campaign, including by providing funding and promoting the campaign through our networks. I will update the Council on my progress at SRC2.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Sean Macdonald

### Executive Summary

1. Year-To-Date Profit and Loss Information
2. Sponsorship
3. Debit Card Policy
4. Writing Off Bad Debt Policy
5. BKSS Bookstore
6. Term Deposit
7. Uber

### Further Information

#### 1. Year-To-Date Profit and Loss Information

1 December 2015 – 14 March 2016	
<b>Income</b>	
Bookshop Commission	\$903
Sponsorship - ANU	\$11,000
Sponsorship - External	\$37,864
BKSS Sales	\$446
SSAF Allocation	\$829,569
Ticket/Event Sales	\$136,100
Interest	\$2,534
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,018,416</b>
<b>Less Cost of Sales</b>	
BKSS Food/Consumables	\$2,576
Bookstore	\$311
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>\$2,887</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$1,015,529</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>	
Accounting/Bookkeeping	\$120
Administration Expenses	\$360
Bank Fees with GST	\$716
Bank Fees without GST	\$189
Bus expenses	\$1,331
Cleaning	\$1,422
Departments & Collectives	\$30,000

Faculty camps	\$50,540
Fees & Subscriptions	\$2,355
Grants and Affiliations Committee	\$6,228
Interest Expense	\$0.21
Leadership and Professional Development	\$200
Legal Expenses	\$3,260
Marketing & Communications	\$5,299
Meeting Expenses	\$580
Misc Committees (Mental Health, Safety on Campus)	\$810
NUS	\$165
Other Employee Expense	\$10,930
O-Week	\$206,539
Printer	\$499
Recruitment	\$4,427
Repairs and Maintenance	\$785
Salaries and Wages	\$164,068
Staff Development	\$4,732
Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	\$670
Student Assistance Unit Grants	\$7,443
Student Assistance Unit Purchases	\$3,163
Student Engagement	\$1,491
Student Reimbursement - Training Programs	\$159
Superannuation Expense	\$23,440
Training	\$99
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$532,020</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$483,509</b>

Please note we have received 100% of GAC funding and 40% of our SSAF funding. This is why the net profit is currently so large.

## 2. Sponsorship

We have so far received \$37 864 in external sponsorship. This is a great start as in 2015 the Association received \$43 000 in external sponsorship for the whole year. The Murray's deal for 2016 has been confirmed and ANU Students will be getting the best market price available for bus trips between Sydney to Canberra. This means if Greyhounds has a \$25 ticket, Murrays will also have a \$25 ticket. ANUSA has also set up a sponsorship deal with Uber where new ANU users receive a \$20 free ride. This deal runs out on the 31 March and then we will discuss a more long-term deal.

## 3. Debit Card Policy

The Association now has three debit cards (President, Vice President and Treasurer). A draft policy is currently being reviewed by Brendan and Michael (finance officer and lawyer) and the policy has been drafted around the debit card provisions in the Constitution and also to ensure chances of fraud are minimised.

Once the policy is complete and in force, the policy will be placed on the ANUSA Website and the debit cards will be ready to be used.

#### **4. Writing off bad debt policy**

Occasionally the Association is required to write off debts at the end of the year (30 November), which we have not received and it is unlikely that we will receive. There is currently no policy outlining the process we use, in consultation from Brendan I am drafting this policy and ensuring it complies with the accounting standards we are subject to.

#### **5. BKSS Bookstore**

The Bookstore used to bring in about \$20 000 in profit and also was a great service to students – both in giving them the opportunity to purchase cheaper books and also giving them money if they sold their books. Although still profitable the bookstore is currently run through the ANUSA website and is quiet slow and there are also organisational issues with running the bookstore through the BKSS.

Interstate University Associations are running successful Bookstores and I am looking at how they do so and how we can address the problems the ANUSA Bookstore faces currently.

#### **6. Term Deposit**

We have recently opened a four-month term deposit with an interest rate of 2.84% and deposited \$1.4million. This funding consisted of a large portion of the 40% SSAF we received on the 1 February 2016, the SSAF surplus from previous years and the Associations independent savings. The interest from this 120 day term deposit will be just under \$40 000 which is a great result as in 2015 the Association received \$17 000 interest for the whole year.

Discussions have recently begun around the best way to generate independent revenue and how to ensure the financial stability of the Association in the future. Until we decide what to do with the savings we plan to open 4-month term deposits and ensure we receive better interest.

#### **7. Uber**

We currently have a deal in place with Uber where ANU students get a free \$20 ride when they sign up to a new Uber account. This deal runs out on the 31 March and then I will evaluate how successful the deal was and if it is worthwhile continuing. I am also looking at getting a discount code for ANU students already signed up to Uber and also looking at potentially getting codes for when students are in an emergency and then they would be able to get a free Uber. This cost would potentially be covered by ANUSA and there are obviously a lot of things to consider before this would be up and running.

### SOCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Helena Hu

#### Executive Summary

1. O-Week Summary.
2. Social Committee: first meeting, up and running.
3. GAC: committee is formed, affiliations processed, policy reviewed. Dates set, handbook to be presented at SRC 3.
4. Events Guide: in process, to be presented at SRC 3.
5. C&S Collaboration: T1 event is launched. Networking event date to be set.
6. S&C Week: Preliminary meeting, basic parameters have been set. Application for Directors to open after Mid-Sem break.

#### Further Details

##### 1. O-Week

O-Week was on 8 – 12 February, and was overall a success. There are a large number of people without whom this week could not have happened, who deserve to be recognised and commended.

I cannot begin to express my gratitude for the O-Week Directors Kat Carrington and Carys Atkinson, both of whom made legendary efforts in the months leading up to the Week, as well as during the week itself. Friday Night Party Director Isaac Dugdale pulled off one of the most astounding parties ANUSA has ever seen—thank you everyone for the best team I could ever have wanted. Kirsty Dale, Logistics Officer, also did an incredible job coordinating volunteers and grocery purchases throughout the week.

##### (i) Events turnout and feedback

Overall, we had quite a positive student turnout and engagement at the events that were run during O-Week. For some events (Life on Moose, Friday Night Party, Amazing Race) the turnout vastly exceeded our expectations, however we were able to cater to the student interest with the support of volunteers and staff. Other events had more or less the amount of interest and turnout that we expected. All numbers were recorded or noted to the best of our ability during the week, and will be included in the handover document along with some suggestions in amending events or strategies based on this year's numbers.

I have held handover meetings and received handover documents from most of the O-Week team: it has unfortunately been difficult to schedule meetings with everyone in attendance due to conflicting schedules. Once I receive all documents I will be compiling a master handover document, to be ready by the end of the mid-semester break. In the meantime, myself and other exec/staff members will be attending debrief meetings with major stakeholders with whom we worked in the planning of O-Week to discuss this year's circumstances and possible

improvements for next year. These stakeholders include: departments, ANU Security, Facilities and Services, Access Canberra (ORS), and external contractors.

I welcome any and all feedback regarding all aspects of O-Week, such that we can improve our events for Bush Week, the rest of the year, and next year. Please send all feedback through to [sa.social@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.social@anu.edu.au).

## **(ii) Budget**

At the moment, we are still reconciling numbers from the O-Week expenditure and income. I am not comfortable presenting numbers in which we are not certain, but I would be happy to talk about this further in the meeting.

## **(iii) Volunteer system**

One thing that worked really well this year was the new volunteer management system. We halved the number of volunteers registered, created five teams each with a Volunteer Coordinator in charge. This facilitated volunteer engagement, accountability, mobility, and efficiency. I'd like to commend the phenomenal efforts of our Volunteer Coordinators: Eleanor Kay, Maddison Perkins, Cam Allan, Max Messenger, and Maryanne Irhia.

## **2. Social Committee**

This year, we'd like to redefine and re-integrate the Social Committee. I see the role of Social Committee as integral to running any ANUSA events including during Bush Week and awareness weeks, as well as facilitating the Clubs and Societies Collaboration events which I hope to introduce this year. The goal is to develop the Committee into a permanent group of volunteers with organisational and event execution expertise, who will be involved in all aspects of the campus social environment.

We had our first meeting on Thursday 10 March—there was an amazing turnout, thank you to everyone who showed up! We mainly discussed the purpose of the Committee, rules, and expected activity this year. If you missed the meeting no worries, you haven't missed much! You are very welcome to join, please email [sa.social@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.social@anu.edu.au) or fill out the form by Googling "ANUSA Social Committee". We will be having regular fortnightly meetings.

The first event the Committee will be helping out at will be ANUrovision. If any Clubs and Societies are short of manpower, or have any proposals for inter-Club collaboration events, please email me!

## **3. GAC**

As there were no nominations or elections at the last OGM of 2015, there was no active GAC until after SRC 1, where a full committee was elected. I apologise for the delay in processing affiliation and budget requests at the beginning of the year: we have since processed all affiliation requests and have begun processing budget requests. Many affiliation requests were denied or re-opened due to Clubs or Societies not complying by the requirements including having a valid constitution, 3 trustees, an ABN number etc. We will continue to work with Clubs to clear up any confusion and explain the process, and ultimately clear all affiliation requests in a timely manner.



GAC dates: GAC meetings will be held this year on Mondays 12-1:30pm, and Tuesdays 5-6:30pm, during all teaching weeks. All Clubs and Societies are welcome to drop in to the meetings for advice, answers, or to watch the Committee process requests. All meetings will be advertised with a specified location at least 2 business days beforehand.

Review: This year, we planned a thorough review of the existing GAC policies. Surveys about the current policies were sent out on 19 February to all Clubs and Societies through OrgSync—the survey was also distributed on the ANUSA website and Facebook page, and in various Facebook groups.

We received a number of responses, and from there invited all interested members of the community to participate in the review meetings. We met on 11 March, in attendance were Sean (Treasurer) Cat Martin (Campus Life Officer), and Raqeeb Bhuyan. We came to the following conclusions about the GAC policy:

1. That the \$4000 cap on single event funding should remain.
2. That Clubs and Societies can choose to affiliate with ANUSA without a bank account and/or ABN, but in doing so will not be eligible for monetary grants. They will be allowed to access room hire and printing privileges.
3. Clubs and Societies will be required to submit a proof of advertising with each payment request, which clearly shows that this event was widely advertised at least a week before the event occurred. This will allow us to better scrutinise the fulfilment of 3.2.7 (e) of the Constitution.

All other GAC policy (unless contradictory to the above amendments) will remain. We are working to collate a handbook in time to be presented for endorsement at SRC 3.

#### **4. Events guide**

The Events Guide is an initiative that I have been working on with Departments and many other ANUSA reps for the past few months. The aim of the Events Guide project is to produce a guide to organising any event on campus. It will include information on meeting Functions on Campus requirements, writing RAMPs, and most importantly, how to make your event accessible for all members of the student body. The Departments have been working on drafts of 'accessible event guidelines' most applicable to their collective.

The Department Officers have been working to produce an accessibility document, I have been and will continue to be in contact with them to ensure the smooth delivery of this document.

The Events Guide is intended to be referenced alongside the GAC Handbook, which will include information on affiliation, funding, and tips for securing external funding e.g. sponsorship. Both will be presented at SRC 3.

#### **5. Clubs and Societies Collaboration**

The Clubs and Societies Collaboration Project is something we're introducing to the Social Portfolio this year. While all Clubs and Societies are overseen by ANUSA, there is little inter-Club communication or collaboration. As we would like to foster independent Club growth, I believe it would be extremely beneficial to Clubs and Societies to exchange ideas, combine financial and man-power to create bigger and better events, and cater to a wider and more diverse audience within the ANU Community.

The C&S Collaboration project will include two parts: a luncheon will be held once a term to which all executive/committee members of all Clubs and Societies will be invited, at which there will be facilitated and free-flowing discussion of ideas, tips for Club/event management, and general networking. The date for the Term 1 event has not yet been finalised, but will be advertised through OrgSync and on Facebook so please keep an eye out.

We will also aim to have one inter-Club and Societies collaboration event per term. This event will need to be organised by at least 3 clubs. ANUSA will be able to offer advice and assistance in the planning/approval process through consultation with me, extra volunteers from the Social Committee, as well as potential financial support subject to the approval of the Social Officer and the rest of the ANUSA executive.

The ANU Rock Music Society has done a really great job in the organisation of this event— there are now 4 more societies on board: ANU Korean Pop Culture Society, The Maker Club, Dance Club, and the Street Performance Academy at ANU. The event has been rescheduled for April 1, and most arrangements have been locked in. Please check out the Facebook event if you'd like to register to perform, or if you'd like to participate in the event in any way.

All event ideas or proposals please direct them to [sa.social@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.social@anu.edu.au). Even if your event idea is currently only for your Club or Society, please let me know and I can help facilitate discussions with potential collaborators.

## **6. S&C Week**

There was a preliminary meeting held on 15 March, to which all Exec, Department Officers, PARSA Women's Officer was invited. In attendance were Clodagh (Vice President), myself, Linnea (Women's), Tom (Disabilities), Jade (Queer), Alyssa (PARSA Women's), and Codie Bell as an active member of the Women's Department. We came to a few conclusions:

1. Sex and Consent Week will be held on Week 3 of Semester 2.
2. We will be recruiting directors to organise Sex and Consent Week.
3. There will be an advisory committee which will be included and consulted in all steps of the organisational process:
  - a. Advertising for directors (expected outcomes, aim of the week)
  - b. Recruitment
  - c. Planning
  - d. Execution
4. The Advisory Committee will include the following permanent members:
  - a. 1 Exec member
  - b. 1 representative from each Department
  - c. 1 representative from IHC
  - d. 1 representative from PARSA
  - e. All meetings will be open and advertised to all members of the community.
5. The focus/aim of the week will be first and foremost education. It will also be focused on discussing pleasure, and how pleasure relates to consent. We will also aim for it to be a fun week!
6. The week will have a range of diverse events catering to the interests/needs of minorities/marginalised groups. This will be delivered in the format of a mix of autonomous events, and safe/open events.
7. There will be a safe space policy in place all week.

We are aiming to produce applications forms, expected outcomes, and a description of the week by 25 March. We will be putting out calls for applications for the roles of director directly after the Mid-Semester Break, and hope to have recruited directors by the beginning of Week 10. The directors will be required to submit a rough program to the advisory committee for discussion and review by Week 12.

Please note: the above is all subject to change as not all department officers could make the meeting. All officers will be actively involved and consulted in the rest of the process.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS / MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Motion 1:** That the 2016 Budget be accepted.

Moved: Sean Macdonald  
Seconded: Ben Gill

**Motion 2:** That the ANU Students' Association endorse the Fenner Residents' Committee's campaign against proposed student accommodation changes, calling on the University Council to reconsider removing off-campus residential hall and college options.

Moved: Raqeeb Bhuyan  
Seconded: Albert Patajo

[See Appendix B for supporting statements]

## Appendix B

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Statements supporting the motion were received from the following people and are set out below:

1. Thomas McKernan
2. Vincent Nguyen
3. Erin McMullen
4. Matthew Morton
5. Bing Chu
6. Lachlan Buke
7. Albert Patajo
8. Sean Ding (FRC President)

### 1. Statement by Thomas McKernan

To Whom It May Concern:

Fenner is a college grounded in reality. It is a mature community representative of real life and not of the fabricated cloistered environments presented by some of the most prestigious real estate Daley Road has to offer. Fenner, located off campus, embodies the values to which university life can only ever hope to instill in its students in their transition to adult hood. Multiculturalism, individual respect, diversity and inclusive awareness are all corner stones of identity shared by each resident of these two towers. Living outside of university promotes and reinforces these aspects of our collective identity. I can say this, with support of my knowledge, having lived myself in what some regard as the university's most privileged college. The university's decision to interfere in the very nature of what I consider the ANU's most realistic college is a detrimental mistake.

In this decision you are stripping the college of its uniqueness, its identity. As a new resident to this hall, I have garnered an appreciation of this identity and culture and can assure you it is unparalleled in its function to any other residence. Having had now met countless faces from the hall, the overwhelming positivity that I've encountered is unmatched to any experience that I've had at my previous residence, Burgmann College. The diversity, inclusivity and welcoming attitude of the hall, reinforced by its location and affordable price, is unfortunately something one would be hard-pressed to find at my former residence.

Moving Fenner onto Daley Road in some attempt to replicate the elitist culture of other existing establishments in this university will be at cost, not only to current residents, but for residents well into the future. Residents whom cannot afford the prestigious real estate, residents whom choose not to conform to the attitudes perpetuated by more selective colleges.

I implore you to please consider the above in the making of your final decision.

Yours Sincerely,

Thomas McKernan

### 2. Statement by Vincent Nguyen

Fenner Hall, my Second Home

From the perspective of an exchange student

Fenner Hall might never be the same. This place where I built relationships with incredible people, where I used to play around and laugh, where I felt accepted and included, might be no more. I refuse. I refuse that Fenner Hall which I proudly called my second home will be moved into the new student accommodation block, SA-5. It is not only the residence that will be different, but also the entire Fenner culture might be destroyed. Although I do not live at Fenner Hall anymore, my best souvenirs from my exchange come from that place. As an exchange student, having an affordable and comfortable accommodation is a top priority. Fenner Hall is unique, and it definitely helped me to make the best out of my exchange. It provided me with the essential tools to help me integrate into this new environment. I was very lucky to be part of the Fenner family. I do not think my stay in Canberra will be as great without Fenner Hall.

Many exchange students before coming to Canberra think that the distance between the residence and ANU is an issue. However, I do not think that it is a problem, but rather an advantage. Shuttle buses pass regularly and ANU security also provides after-hour services. Instead, this detachment reinforces Fenner's unique culture, which I think what makes Fenner so great.

As an exchange student, it is extremely costly to come and study in Canberra. The accommodation expenses have a major impact on my decision to come study at ANU and I cannot afford a weekly expense of \$260 for accommodation. Are Fenner residents less involved on campus? I do not think so. I met so many Fenner residents who are actively engaged at ANU. Myself I was involved in AIESEC ANU, a large student organization involved on campus.

Finally, Fenner Hall means a lot to me and I am very concerned about its future. I hope Fenner Hall will be renovated and its culture will be preserved for future exchange students. I love Fenner Hall so much that it was the last place I wanted to visit before going back to Canada. Two days before leaving the country, I came back to Fenner after a three-weeks road trip in Australia to say goodbye to my Fenner friends, to appreciate the little moments that I had in this residence, and to take a last glance to this wonderful accommodation that I hope I can still call my second home.

Vincent Nguyen, Fenner resident

### **3. Statement by Erin McMullen**

This year, 2016, marks my fourth year out of high school. My fourth year attending ANU. And my fourth year as a resident of Fenner Hall. And I know, that at the end of this year when I graduate, I can safely say that they have been the best four years of my life.

If I went back in time today and sat down with my 17 year old self, undoubtedly in the library working on her major works and studying for half yearly exams, she wouldn't recognise me. She would have no idea how she could possibly become the confident, proud, and strong woman before her. And that transformation? From quiet, self-loathing, depressed mouse, to the woman I am proud to be today has occurred, in large part, because of my time living at Fenner Hall.

When I applied for ANU accommodation four years ago, I chose Fenner. It was one of three halls I visited on the open day that year and it was the only hall where I felt comfortable. I didn't feel comfortable being taken around B&G and I definitely didn't feel comfortable in the cold, clinical halls of Unilodge. I feel comfortable at Fenner because when I walked into the foyer that day (I believe my father and I were the first visitors) I was greeted by about 20 enthusiastic people in maroon shirts. Sammi took me around the hall and everywhere we went he pointed out a resident

he knew and introduced me to them and told me stories about what the hall was like. When I walked around Fenner that day, I didn't just see a university dorm filled with students all sleepy on a Saturday morning. I saw people studying together, I saw people laughing as they cooked breakfast together, every resident we passed said hello to Sammi. I saw a home and a community – a family.

And since I have moved here I know I have chosen correctly. I chose Fenner for its culture, I chose Fenner because it was not on campus, something I have come to realise plays the largest role in creating Fenner's unique "you do you" attitude and community. I wanted the independence of not living on a university campus; I wanted to be able to separate my time at uni and my time at home. I need to be able to relax and unwind away from the hubbub of campus. Fenner has given me that. It's off campus location is essential to creating a close-knit, independent, and relaxed community that allows everybody to do their own thing and still maintain a sense of camaraderie.

I have grown as a person since coming to Fenner. I have met incredible people and I have become a part of a family that I know I can turn to in times of need. I feel comfortable in my skin here; I am confident about who I am because the friends that I have made here at Fenner have allowed me to see myself in a better light, they have accepted me for who I am, faults and all. Living at Fenner, being in this open and loving community, helped give me the confidence to come out of the metaphorical closet and embrace every part of who I am, including the queer\* part of me I didn't want to acknowledge.

Fenner did that.

I want to say more, I want to say so much. I want to talk about affordability and everything else that is just as important (if not more so) than this; but this community, the culture of this building is so important to me. It's one I know cannot be replicated if this building/location is no longer Fenner's home. Fenner won't exist anymore, not in the way it does today. And I want the Fenner I love to still exist. I need it to exist for the next person like me who comes along and needs to be saved from themselves. It breaks my heart to think that somebody may miss the experience I have had because the university only sees dollar signs when they look at us, when they look at our home and our family. We are more than statistics and money, we are people who need a home and a family.

We will, we will not be moved.

- Erin McMullen

#### **4. Statement by Matthew Morton**

To whom it may concern,

As an ex-resident of Fenner I am deeply concerned about the future of the tight-knit Fenner Hall community due to the changes, to the residences, that have been proposed. It is understandable that for one that hasn't lived there, there would be no idea just how deep this sense of community runs. There's an unquantifiable quality that ties the people of Fenner together, and not just the residents, it ties the community to Pricilla and the cleaning staff, to Bruce our maintenance hero, to Ray and Kathy that drive the bus.

I do, however, believe the quality that ties us all so closely together is the distance we have from the other colleges. It allows Fenner to become its own family, and while you may disagree that this insular off campus community is the future, off campus residences for living are ridiculously important. For me personally, struggling with manifestations of both severe

depression and anxiety that occurred in my first year, it was the Fenner community that saved me and without them I doubt I would be writing you this letter. It was the distance from university that allowed me to put a mental block between home and university, allowing me to function in times of severe mental stress, as it has so many others that call Fenner Hall home. It was the reasonably cheap price of Fenner allowed me, a young male from a low socio-economic background, to move and study at A.N.U. As such when I hear that there are changes to the location and the pricing structure of Fenner, I worry for those that were in the same position as I. Where are these people supposed to live if they are to study at A.N.U.? With needs to help their mental health and the financial constraints meaning residences that charge \$250 a week are completely out of the question these people will struggle to see A.N.U. as a viable option for tertiary education.

It's testament to the Fenner Community that I still use the term "us". Fenner stays with you not only for the time you are at university, but for your life. Fenner was a community that allowed me to grow and become independent, to mature in its off campus setting and enhance my university experience.

I urge you to reconsider the changes to the current structure,  
Matthew Morton

### **5. Statement by Bing Chu**

I lived in Unilodge for around a year and a half then decided to move to Fenner. My life became healthier and more organised after moving to Fenner Hall. I would give the credit to the Fenner shuttle bus as well as the distance between FH and the main campus. I walk to campus almost daily, but before moving to Fenner I never take the jogging schedule. Fenner also provides a great community life. In comparison to rent an apartment outside, FH makes my uni life vivid and happy by being a very supportive environment. Because of its unique distance from campus, I can stay at my place rather than attending too much social events. To catch the security bus at night also makes me work with efficiency during day time. It's a good to have more on campus accommodation offered, since there's absolutely needs from students. However, I think ANU should keep Fenner as a choice for people who do prefer to live a bit away from main campus but still want to live in a student community.

Bing Chu  
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### **6. Statement by Lachlan Buke**

This year has been a wonderfully fresh start for me!

Having started out, I have fast become active in many activities and events around Fenner, and I have felt alive in ways I never have before. From large scale things like being in the band to little things like making shakes with some friends at 3 in the morning are just things that have really encouraged me to 'live' a little. Could I have done this at any other hall? Well, I was at Bruce last year and many activities are offered and there are many wild things that can be done there. What I know to be different is that the community is one of culturally and socially vibrant members who know who they are, not in contrast to other halls next door, but in one independent, introspective and solitary one. Geography you see is not just reflective of the pin you put in a map to find it – but of what you see, feel and hear around you. I see Fenner, hear Fenner and feel Fenner. This is what makes a home. I leave and return to it. And when I do I return to the vibrant community of people who look inward to define its culture. This is what is different about Fenner.



I love so many things about this place I'm really looking forward to this year and as many more I can get!

The words of the Aussie masterpiece *The Castle* ring through my head as I write this. 'You can acquire a building or even a house, but you can't acquire a home'... well, at least on just terms.

## **7. Statement by Albert Patajo**

Dear Fenner,

I have a secret.

In a Hall of 516 residents, all from various cities and towns around Australia, and the world, I'm one of the few who comes from Canberra. 'Home' for me is a 15 minute drive down Belconnen Way.

I'm a 'townie' that lives at Fenner. And I'm fortunate enough to have been on a scholarship which pays for my rent. And had this not been the case, I wouldn't be able to afford to live at Fenner, my parents can't pay for me to live at college, and until I turned 22, I wasn't eligible for Centrelink.

I'm fighting for Fenner because these two buildings, and the people contained within it gave me the opportunity to experience something amazing; this community. A community of amazing and talented people. A community of people who created an environment where people can succeed in all aspects of university life with a support network.

This community forges student leaders. Last year, we elected a Fenner resident or alumni to each academic College's ANUSA representative. We elected an alumni to the ANUSA Executive. We had a Fenner resident run as an Independent and got elected with the most first preferences because Fenner supported them. We're represented at every level of student leadership, including Postgraduate students and International Students. These are not just coincidences, its because of the leadership structures within Fenner that encourages this development.

This community embraces support. ManChats, FemChats and QueerChats were established in 2015 to provide an avenue and safe space for residents to discuss issues and experiences they value. No other college has such discussion groups. We've had discussions from Raising Hope Education Foundation, Beryl Women and Trans Australia. This community embraces diversity.

This community is passionate. We care about these two towers that grace Northbourne enough to start a civil war. We make videos and laugh at ourselves because we live this place more than anything. But after we have our fun, we make peace because what unites us is the same thing that divides us – the passion for our home.

This community builds relationships. Our Northbourne location means we've developed relationships with local businesses. Fenner is often found at Burger Hero, or Frugii or any number of cafes located in Braddon. We rely on them as much as they rely on us. Through these relationships, residents have secured employment, and we keep their employment secured through our business.

This community produces academics. The first thing you see in the foyer is our University Medallist Board. Students at Fenner score one point higher on average than any other college. We have Academic Dinner where students interact with university academics. We have alumni lecturing at the ANU. This community is brilliantly intelligent.

These two towers will always be home for me. They represent something more than just a bed. They're a residential experience that is unrivalled to anywhere on Daley Road, or even Australia. These experiences come from the fact that these two towers on Northbourne are removed from campus. They exist because we've created a home away from the hustle of university life. And taking Fenner away from this home will no doubt change the experience of living here. I'm going to fight for Fenner because future residents deserve to have the same experience I've had. These two towers are and always will be home.

Plus, Fenner got me a girlfriend. Why wouldn't I fight to keep it?

Albert

## **8. Statement by Sean Ding (FRC President)**

### Summary

Since the media release last week (Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016), the Fenner Resident's Committee has been working with its residents to determine the key issues that affect us as a whole, as well as develop a strategy to achieve the best possible outcome.

Through the two Vice-Chancellor's forums and two internal meetings, as well as online surveys and written feedback, the two key areas we've identified, as well as our two main lines of questioning for the upcoming meeting with the Vice-Chancellor and the Executive (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March), are the cost of accommodation, and the integral value of the off-campus living experience.

The following is a brief breakdown of these two key issues.

#### 1. Cost of accommodation

With the proposed weekly rent at upwards of \$260/week, the overwhelming majority of Fenner's residents (and future Fenner residents) will not be able to afford to come to live away from home and come to the ANU, given that a significant percentage of Fenner's residents are from middle to low-socioeconomic backgrounds. Many of our residents support themselves through working part-time jobs, or government assistance.

The proposed demolition of Fenner Hall would eliminate over 500 low-cost beds, thereby making access to accommodation and by extension, an education, available only to those who have the income and affluence to do so.

#### 2. The integral value of the off campus living experience

Living in a location off Daley Road and off campus, allows residents to mentally and emotionally remove themselves from the university at the end of a day, thereby creating a clear division between a work and home environment that positively influences the health and wellbeing of our residents. Moreover, being situated in Braddon and the surrounding Canberra community, separates us from the 'bubble' of the university campus and Daley Road, and allows our

residents to become more resilient, and better prepared for life beyond university. We are a college that is deeply connected to its surrounding communities – from local businesses, to ex-residents who live right across the street – the people can leave Fenner Hall, but Fenner Hall never leaves you.

This is a critical aspect of living off campus that the university has failed to acknowledge when marketing and advertising for Fenner Hall. For years we have been treated as a last-resort option, simply because of our off campus location, and no effort has ever been made by the university to correct this misconception.

These are the key issues, but of course there are many more, and I look forward to sharing our ideas and concerns with you in the near future. Fenner Hall will fight for its place on Northbourne Avenue, and it is our hope that you support us in that fight.