



## **AGENDA – ANUSA STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 2 2023**

Wednesday, 13 March 2023 6:15pm, Zoom and Graneek Room

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

**Motion 6.1 - PARSA calls on the ANU to make learning more accessible and flexible for students**



Alt text: Stick figure cartoon showing figures sitting in a meeting room. The meeting is labelled “Meeting of senior decision makers to discuss accessibility” and a speech bubble from one of the figures in the meeting says “To sum up: no-one here sees any accessibility issues with building more meeting rooms like this one”. The full image reveals the meeting room can only be accessed via a flight of stairs and a wheelchair user is at the bottom of the stairs unable to access the meeting room.]

The ANU as an institution has long treated accessibility and flexibility as an afterthought, with students suffering as a result. Students with disabilities and health conditions, students who have caring responsibilities and students who need to work to support themselves financially all experience the consequences of inefficient bureaucratic processes that put the burden of requesting and justifying the need for adjustments on students. PARSA knows all too well the toll this has on too many postgraduate students who come to our [student assistance team](#) seeking support. With the Disability Royal Commission due to report in September this year, PARSA has established an Accessibility and Flexibility Working Group to lobby the ANU to finally take meaningful action to improve teaching and learning accessibility and flexibility.

Last year the National Union of Students, Australian Law Students' Association and Australian Medical Students' Association released a joint position statement and research report on Disability and Higher Education. The report draws attention to the systemic obstacles and

discrimination that students with disabilities regularly encounter in higher education, issues that are likely to be further highlighted when the Disability Royal Commission reports in September this year and that PARSA knows are issues at the ANU.

The NUS/ALSA/AMSA report could have provided an opportunity for ANU to reset the relationship with students with accessibility needs and begin taking serious action to address disability discrimination, improve the accessibility of the physical and virtual campus, increase the flexibility offered in academic programs and introduce strategies to stop the sexual assault of students with disabilities.

Regrettably, the university has not chosen this path. ANUSA and PARSA are yet to receive any invitations from the ANU to discuss the report's recommendations. Instead, according to an ANU spokesperson quoted in a recent [Woroni article](#), the ANU will "continue to progress its Disability Action Plan (DAP), which already addresses many of the points in the report".

PARSA challenges the accuracy of this claim. Broadly, it seems there are two tiers of action plans at ANU. On one tier there are action plans such as [Below Zero](#) and [Sexual Violence Prevention and Response](#) which receive consistent sponsorship from senior members of chancellery and input from all levels of the university; are fully resourced and funded; and regularly provide public status reports on their progress. These three conditions are necessary for an action plan to have a chance of driving meaningful change. On the other tier are action plans that do not have a chance of being successful because one or more of these baseline conditions have not been met.

It doesn't take a lot of fact checking to realise that these conditions for success do not apply to the Disability Action Plan.

- *Sponsorship from senior members of chancellery and input from all levels of the university:* The list of members of the [Disability Action and Inclusion Working Group](#) shows a lack of involvement from key stakeholders whose support is necessary to make meaningful improvements to accessibility in academic programs. In particular, the following people are not represented: the ANU Vice Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Pro Vice Chancellor (Teaching and Learning), Dean (HDR),

Dean of Students, Director Researcher Development Team, Director (University Experience) or Director Academic Skills. The Disability Action and Inclusion Working Group is supported by the [Work Environment Group](#) who are part of the Human Resources Division, while all other Working Groups under the IDEA portfolio ([Gender Equity Working Group](#) and [Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group](#)) are supported the Equity and Belonging Team who are part of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) portfolio.

- *Fully resourced and funded:* The Disability Action Plan includes many expensive action items, particularly those related to improving the physical accessibility of the ANU campuses. However there have been no announcements of funding to support these actions. PARSA representatives who have participated in the Disability Access and Inclusion Working Group have made many observations that suggest other areas of the Disability Action Plan are also under-funded and under-resourced.
- *Regular public updates:* There are no progress updates on the Disability Action and Inclusion Working Group page as there are for [Below Zero](#) and [Sexual Violence Prevention and Response](#). PARSA also could not find any discussion of the Disability Action Plan in the VC's updates, while it easily found updates from the Vice Chancellor on [Below Zero](#) and addressing [sexual assault and sexual harassment](#).

The Disability Access and Inclusion Working Group has not been set up in a way that would allow it to make meaningful progress against the majority of actions in the Disability Action Plan, let alone the recommendations in the NUS/ALSA/AMSA report. The structural issues associated with making progress on the education section of the Disability Action Plan can also be seen visually in the following flow chart, which shows the pathway that accessibility issues raised by ANUSA and PARSA disabilities officers within the Disability Action Plan structure would need to take before action can be taken by the relevant members of teaching staff. It is not surprising that few (if any) of the accessibility issues students have raised through this pathway have been relayed all the way to course convenors.

[Alt text: Flow chart showing the chain of 8 different committees/people needed to relay issues students raise within the Disability Action Plan Structure to course convenors and research supervisors. The flow chart begins with a box labelled "PARSA/ANUSA disabilities officer" links to "Disability Action Plan Education Provider of Choice Action Group" links to "Disability Accessibility and Inclusion Working Group" links to "IDEA Governance Committee". This is directly connect to "DVC (Academic)" which links to two chains. The first chain shows the

pathway for Higher Degree by Research: “Dean (HDR)” links to “College Associate Dean (HDR)” links to “School Associate Director (HDR)” links to “Research supervisor”. The second chain shows the pathway for coursework: PVC (Teaching and Learning)” links to “College Associate Dean (Education)” links to “School Associate Director (Education)” links to “Course convenor”.]

It seems that the ANU itself is aware of some of the issues. In December last year PARSA received an email saying that the action groups that sit under the Disability Access and Inclusion Working group were being disbanded and would be replaced by taskforces focusing on individual actions in the Disability Action Plan. According to the ANU, the taskforce structure will better enable the ANU to make progress against the actions in the Disability Action Plan.

## **Recommendations**

PARSA is concerned that switching from action groups to taskforces is no more than superficial restructuring and will not address the deeper obstacles preventing the Disability Action Plan from making meaningful progress. We recommend that the ANU takes the following actions as a minimum:

1. Transfer responsibility for supporting the Disability Action Plan and Disability Accessibility and Inclusion Working Group to the Equity and Belonging Team, for example by transferring the Disability Action Plan Implementation Officer to work for the Equity and Belonging Team.
2. Set up stronger connections between groups working on the education section of the Disability Action Plan and teaching and learning committees, for example by establishing an Accessibility and Flexibility Working Group as a sub-committee of the [Teaching and Learning Development Committee](#).
3. Ensure that all of the following key education decision makers are represented: Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Pro Vice Chancellor (Teaching and Learning), Dean (HDR), Dean of Students, College Associate Deans (Education and HDR), School Associate Directors (Education and HDR), Director of Research Training, Director (University Experience) and Director of Academic Skills, in addition to current representatives from Access and Inclusion, Student First and the Centre for Learning and Teaching.

4. Consult with students and teaching staff to prioritise teaching and learning accessibility and flexibility projects and ensure these initiatives are fully funded and resourced.
5. Commit to making regular, transparent and easily available updates to students on teaching and learning accessibility and flexibility initiatives.

Motion:

1. ANUSA accepts the PARSA Disability Officer's statement and endorses the recommendations
2. ANUSA will release a public statement supporting the PARSA statement "PARSA calls on the ANU to make learning more accessible and flexible for students"
3. ANUSA will work with PARSA to form a joint Accessibility and Flexibility Working Group to coordinate advocacy campaigns and future public statements.

Moved: Mira Robson

Seconded: Ben Yates

**Motion 6.2 ANUSA opposes the repression of socialist activists at Deakin**

Preamble

Over the past two weeks, socialists at Deakin University have been taking part in left wing activism. This has included:

- Petitioning to garner student support for NTEU members going through their enterprise agreement negotiations with the university management
- Handing out leaflets for International Women's Day, the upcoming NUS National Day of Action for the climate, and the protest against far right transphobe Posie Parker
- Putting up posters for these protests on bollards and pinboards
- Putting up posters and handing out leaflets for left wing political meetings, and holding these meetings, including the dangerous rise of far right misogynists like Andrew Tate
- Painting banners for International Women's Day

In response, DUSA (the Labor Right controlled student union) has been instructing security guards to take down these posters and harass student activists. DUSA has also been using



student money, paid through SSAF and membership fees, to print and put up right wing propaganda posters across the campus. These posters smear left wing political activity as 'harassment' and direct people to report student activists to the university's official disciplinary channels.

This is despite:

1. The existence of a free speech code written by the university safeguarding the right to all of these activities
2. The fact that a baseline right to freedom of speech exists across Australia
3. The fact that we do not live in the 1950s, and ex-Senator Joseph McCarthy died in 1957.

The right to free speech and ability to politically organise must be defended by the activist left and student unions. In a scenario where the right is on the rise across Australia and the world, attacks on these mean attacks on the ability of the left to organise and fight back. The specific victimisation of socialists paves the way for broader attacks on freedom of speech to be legitimised, and a culture of political censorship to become the norm.

Motion:

1. ANUSA supports and upholds the right of all students to set up stalls, put up posters, paint banners and hold meetings on campus, and opposes the idea that any of this constitutes harassment.
2. ANUSA condemns DUSA for directing security guards to shut down left wing activists and tear down left wing posters.
3. ANUSA opposes the right wing politically charged postering campaign by DUSA, and encourages DUSA to direct their staff to print and put up posters for left-wing activist campaigns, including the National Union of Student's climate protest, instead.

Moved: Nick Reich

Seconded: Isabella

## **Motion 6.3 The Greens will not save us**

### Preamble:

Since the last election, the Greens have been in the strongest parliamentary bargaining position they have ever been on a federal level. They hold the balance of power in the federal senate, effectively allowing them to block the passage of bad legislation.

Despite this, they have allowed the Labor party to pass toothless “climate” legislation that effectively entrenches the continued expansion of fossil fuel in this country, including last years “climate bill”. It looks increasingly like they will be willing to accept the safeguard mechanism legislation without major changes, as Greens leader Adam Bandt continues to emphasise his party’s willingness to compromise and unwillingness to block the bill.

The role that the Greens are playing is to legitimate the idea that what Labor has to offer is all that is possible. Under slogans like “don’t let the perfect be the enemy of the good”, they have lowered the horizons of everyone who voted for them or look to them as fighters for the climate.

Whilst Labor are main climate criminals driving the expansion of fossil fuels, climate activists must reject the focus on parliamentary manoeuvres and the capitulationist approach promoted by the Greens in favour of an ambitious, activist orientation.

### Motion:

1. ANUSA recognises the Greens, while better on paper, have systematically played the role of legitimizing the Labor government’s climate vandalism and offering no real opposition.
2. ANUSA recommits to building left wing climate activism and rejecting the half measures on offer from Labor and the Greens

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Aveline

## **Item 6.4 No AUKUS, No Nuclear Proliferation, No War — Endorse 20 March Anti-AUKUS Rally**

The AUKUS pact will drag Australia into the United States’ geostrategic ambitions for domination in the Asia Pacific. It comes at the cost of hundreds of billions of dollars, at the same time that the government cries poor and keeps welfare payments criminally low.

Even the most hawkish analysts are commenting that the AUKUS pact will make it almost impossible for Australia to stay out of future military conflicts involving the United States. We should have no part in neo-imperial wars.

Instead of funding expensive killing machines, the hundreds of billions the government proposes to spend on submarines should instead be directed towards social security and welfare programs, free tertiary education, fully funded public schools and cessation of carbon emissions.

Moreover, the AUKUS pact sees Australia arguably contravene nuclear non-proliferation agreements. Nuclear submarines will be in Australian ports. We should have no part of this. Like New Zealand, Australia should be a Nuclear-free Zone. Nuclear waste threatens human and ecological wellbeing and brings the most deadly tools of war to our doorstep.

Shamefully, the ALP has continued in lockstep with the previous government on AUKUS. The Labor Party have shown themselves to be in every measure the same war-mongers that the Liberals are. This is no surprise. The AUKUS pact is good for the bosses of industry who will profit off building the machinery of war. The ALP is, once again, showing itself to be the party of the bosses.

Students have always stood against nuclear proliferation and war. At SRC 1, 2022, we voted to oppose AUKUS on campus, at SRC 2, 2022, we reiterated this opposition in the face of conservative backlash. Now we must reiterate again that we oppose AUKUS, on campus and in Australia, we oppose nuclear proliferation, we oppose war and we oppose the ALP war-mongers in government.

On Monday 20 March, there is a rally outside the ACT Courts against AUKUS and in solidarity with David McBride, who blew the whistle on war crimes in Afghanistan and now faces trial for this act.

### **Motion**

1. ANUSA condemns AUKUS, the acquisition of nuclear submarines, the proliferation of nuclear powered or equipped assets, and the strategic build-up in our region.
2. ANUSA condemns the Labor Party's continuation of the previous government's policy on the AUKUS agreement.
3. ANUSA reiterates its opposition to all AUKUS related activities on campus and calls on the University to be an actively anti-war institution.
4. ANUSA endorses the 20 March rally against AUKUS and in solidarity with David McBride and will promote it on the ANUSA Facebook page.

**Moved:** Ben Yates

**Seconded:** Luke Harrison

Friendly amendment

Amend 6.4.3 to state ANUSA reiterates its opposition to all AUKUS related activities on campus and calls on the University to end its existing participation in the Nuclear Science Academic Program and ruling out participation in any future defence and weapons development programs.

**Item 7: Other Business**

**Item 8: Meeting Close**

The next meeting of the Student Representative Council is scheduled to be on Wednesday, 19th April at 6:15pm at the Graneek Room.

Expected Close of Meeting: 8:00pm

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Reference A



# **President's Report**

Student Representative Council 1, 2023

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# Welcome and Shoutouts

Hi all, in the short few weeks since our last SRC, my attention has mostly been devoted to the final stages of the work to take on postgraduate services and representation. Phi and I facilitated a number of consultation sessions and published a consultation form. We are now at the point of being able to shortly publish proposed constitutional amendments. We are also in the final stages of the proposal on the services and financial side. Safe to say, I am excited for this chapter to finally close and get busy working with and for postgraduates rather than working to gain the right to do so.

ANUSA and the departments have assisted or delivered some great activist work over the past few weeks. The School Strike 4 Climate was impressive despite the short notice and relatively atrophied organising infrastructure of the School Strike movement since COVID. The International Womens' Day protest was superb. Congratulations to the Womens' Department and members of Socialist Alternative who organised it! The Disabilities Students' Associations' hybrid learning campaign continues at pace.

Our immediate attention now turns to the National Day of Action on Friday and the counter-protest to Kellie-Jay Keen/Posie Parker. On the latter, I have been organising another cohort of legal observers for this rally. I also had a great catch up with the ANU Law Reform and Social Justice team to discuss the broader protest rights project and am organising a forum/speaker event late this month.

There is also a rally at the ACT Courts at 8am Monday 20th March against AUKUS and in solidarity with David McBride, whistleblower on war crimes in Afghanistan. I look forward to attending.

Finally, the launch of the Housing Action Collective is a great step! This group will be the venue to organise against the housing and cost of living crisis and its particular manifestation in our residential halls.

# Activism & Advocacy

## **Lockout Fees**

The University announced a change in the lockout fees soon after our petition. To be clear, neither I, nor any other student to the best of my knowledge, was involved in the process of setting the new scheme, in the same way that no students appear to have been involved in the initial decision to increase the fees. The initial new fee structure was the first lockout being \$50 and subsequent lockouts being \$100. The new fee structure has the first two lockouts as free, the third and fourth being \$30 and the fifth onwards being \$100 each. The 'count' now resets each semester under the new system.

First, what do I think about this. To be very clear, this is not what we asked for. We wanted at least reversal of the fee and ultimately we interrogated why financial punishment is a tool the university should use at all. One of the hall Presidents made the point to me that it is wrong to call the lockout fee a 'fee', it is a fine. A fee is a cost for service. A fine is a punishment. The lockout fee/fine makes no pretence of reflecting the cost of service. On average residents are locked out two times in a year. This means most residents are not going to be charged. That is good. Moreover, the new procedure gives significantly more generous carve outs to heads of hall to not charge students. Again, that is a win and winds back the trend of undermining the role of heads of hall that is increasingly evident although it does still imply a burden of disclosure for residents with mitigating circumstances.

However, the key point has not been addressed. Students were cut out of the decision-making, not only at the initial change point but even when the system was redesigned. In fact, from what I can gather, no one except the most senior leadership of the residential division were consulted at any point. No SR consultation, no CC consultation, no Residential Wellbeing Coordinator/ARLM consultation, no Head of Hall/RLM consultation, no IHC consultation, no ANUSA consultation. As best as I can gather, there were also no efforts to consult University divisions such as Student Safety and Wellbeing or Access and Inclusion at the initial decision point. This begs

the question, who was involved in the decision. What has becoming increasingly clear as I have had discussions with people across the residential space about this is that this decision must have been bound up in the commercial arrangements of the halls. That is to say, this decision appears to be intimately connected with the PBSA agreements that sold off the halls.

So should we continue the campaign – yes! But a dedicated lockouts campaign doesn't make sense at this point. In the first instance, we should be dealing with the actual problem: privatised residential accommodation. This is exactly what the Housing Action Collective will do. We have clearly seen that the PBSA agreements deliver anti-student outcomes. We now need to be absolutely clear-eyed and say it is time for the university to terminate the agreements. On a more practical level, the change, limited as it was, sapped a lot of the momentum of the campaign. Many residential leaders are now mostly concerned with the issue from a consultation and decision-making end.

So in summary, getting 1000 signatures and media attention was good and I'm glad that we showed to students that we can force change. However from here, it is my view that the Housing Action Collective looking at lockout fees as part of a holistic analysis of the crisis in our residential communities rather than a dedicated lockout fee campaign is the way to go.

### **Parking**

I have heard a lot about how the new parking arrangement from Sem 2 for on-campus students is quite appalling. I understand the IHC has developed a proposal to ameliorate this and am happy at this stage to leave it in their hands.

### **Graduation Date Changes**

There is a proposal in the works to change the dates of graduations from December to February. This will not apply to people graduating this year, only people graduating end of 2024 and onwards. I have provided initial feedback from the Student Assistance Team and International Students' Department. Charlotte will be



representing ANUSA on the committee considering this proposal. If you have thoughts, please email Charlotte at [sa.clubsofficer@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.clubsofficer@anu.edu.au).

### **Disciplinary Processes**

I mentioned briefly at OGM that in light of the suspensions of Maddie Clarke and Deaglan Godwin at Sydney University, I have sought clarification from the University on whether something similar is possible here, in the general sense of disciplinary action for protest but also in the particular sense of the arduous confidentiality requirements.

### **Legal Observers and Protest Rights**

We should have a contingent of legal observers at the Posie Parker rally next week. This is fitting given how activists in other cities have observed that the police appeared to 'take the side' of the transphobes. It is also inherently a more confrontational form of protest and legal observers are an appropriate measure.

The ANU Law Reform and Social Justice team are equally animated by the attacks on protest rights around the country. We are working to build a student led project with both advocacy and activist streams. This partnership remains exciting!

## Committees

I had the first Academic Board of the year. I will particularly say that the University is taking a mature approach to ChatGPT and not jumping on bandwagons of banning it. This pleases me!

I was unwell for the last Student Safety and Wellbeing Steering Committee but Phoebe attended.

# Internal

## **Postgraduate Services and Representation**

We are almost there!

We are nearing the end of the process for ANUSA to become the postgraduate representative body. Consultations were done. We did the following:

- Open Zoom consultations x 2
- A consultation form
- Consultation with the Toad Hall Residents' Committee
- Consultation with the Graduate House community
- Consultation with staff members with key interactions with postgraduates.
- Consultation with the SRC

In addition to this, some people have taken me up on offers for one-on-one meetings.

Overall, there is unified purpose. Everyone is keen for ANUSA to be successful as the student union for postgraduates. We are nearing consensus on a model for representation. The process of due diligence for service delivery expansion is nearing completion and I anticipate being able to start recruitment shortly.

I would encourage SRC members to take an active interest in this process. It represents the most significant institutional transformation of the union in decades. Please reach out if you feel like you don't understand what is going on and would like to!

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

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

## **Casual Vacancy**

Hayden Mendoza, one of the CECC reps, has resigned. We have put out the form advertising for the vacancy. Grace, Harrison and I will appoint somebody as soon as possible.

## ANU Council

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

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

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

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

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

# Other

## **Stakeholder engagement**

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

- The Interhall Council of Presidents' Chair and many of the hall presidents individually
- Student Media
- Will Moisis, the postgraduate member on ANU Council
- A number of student club leaders
- ANU Sport
- The National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU)
- National Union of Students ACT Office-Bearers

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

## Timesheet

Since December 1 I have worked 620 hours. I have taken two half days of annual leave and one day of sick leave.

# ANUSA Vice President SRC Two Report

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## 1. Introduction

Welcome to SRC Two 2023!

My name is Grace (she/her), and I am the ANUSA Vice President for 2023! ANUSA is the ANU student union, run by students and for all students.

It has been three weeks since the last SRC, so I have less updates than I did last time, but I am enjoying the start of a new semester and getting back into the groove of things.

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

If there are any questions or comments about this report, things I may have forgotten or any aspect of ANUSA, I would love to chat! I can be reached at [sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au)

## 2. Brian Kenyon Student Space

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

The BKSS offers:

- Free breakfast, coffee, tea and other snack items

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

## 1. Usage

Usage of the BKSS has been at an all-time high, especially in the mornings. I want to give a quick shoutout to the amazing BKSS staff who have done a wonderful job facilitating such high levels of engagement!

With high volumes of people comes high volumes of demand. This is, in many ways, a great problem to have. I have been, and will continue to be, focused on minimising and cutting costs wherever possible. This has meant finding more cost-effective alternative products, reducing the variety of products on offer, and avoiding excess purchases where possible. I note that the level of engagement is not the single factor affecting the functioning of the BKSS. The BKSS, like any provider of goods, is subject to mass inflation, the cost-of-living crisis, and supply chain issues. Those factors have also influenced my decision making in this space.

I think the BKSS is an important part of ANUSA and is arguably where the largest number of students get involved with their union. The space is political and politicising, and increasingly so. I strongly believe in its functions and ongoing existence. But in my vision for the BKSS, I do not believe that it should be a replacement for money, goods, services, and support that the university and ultimately the state should be providing. Even if we did not have such high usage and/or we had the money to do so, I do not think it is the goal or the burden of the BKSS nor ANUSA to mimic or assume state-like welfare provisions. But it is the role of ANUSA to fight for the state to provide these things. I also think that with such limited and precarious funding, there are other areas that ANUSA should prioritise spending in.

## 2. Upgrades

I have continued to work on the BKSS space. The major upgrade I have recently been working on, which is almost complete, is the installation of acoustic tiles.

Acoustic tiles work to absorb and dampen the sound in a room. This is something that is very much needed in the BKSS, where the volume and quantity of noise sources can make the BKSS inaccessible. These tiles are removable and reusable, so they will be functional for ANUSA for a long time to come.

Although not strictly an upgrade, I have also made purchases in the BKSS non-consumables line that should improve the functionality of the space and reduce costs over time. The most popular being new cereal dispensers that are cheaper and easier to use and clean.

### **3. Budget Prioritisation**

My overall plan for the BKSS budget-wise is two-fold:

Regarding the consumables budget line (food, drinks, menstrual products, cleaning supplies – anything usable or disposable), I am committed to cost-efficiency. The BKSS is a popular and important space, so this budget line is always going to be high, and especially so with such great engagement. However, I am avoiding crossing the line between a student union space and a service provider, and by doing so minimising the costs we incur.

Regarding the non-consumables budget line (furniture, kitchenware, storage etc.), there is overall much less that needs/will need to be purchased than was the case last year i.e., there are already chairs. This budget line is likely to remain very low. My spending priorities are on items that facilitate/enhance the usability of the space, and are durable e.g., storage, tools and organisation.

### **4. Student Bites**

Student Bites occurs every Friday during the semester. It is free groceries and items from OzHarvest. It is given out on the ANUSA balcony as a first-come, first-serve system. Student Bites is incredibly popular, as it was in 2022. I would like to thank the volunteers who make Student Bites happen and do such a wonderful job each week! It would not be possible without you. I want to especially shout out the Week 3 volunteers who helped out with a large delivery and even larger crowd in such a fast-paced and stressful period.

The inherent challenge of Student Bites is that the quantity, quality, and type of groceries delivered each week varies substantially. The extent to which Student Bites can be accessed and sufficient on any given week is unpredictable. Student Bites is also challenged by the amount and extent of demand OzHarvest is experiencing from organisations and people across Canberra. Again, this exemplifies the cost of living crisis and the need for students to fight for adequate provisions from the government.



## 5. **Future Plans**

My future plans for the BKSS/Parents' Room/foyer/balcony are as follows:

- Replanting the herb garden to be maintained and used by students
- Upgrading the aesthetics of the foyer to be less corporatized
- Improving the physical accessibility of the entire floor (having accessible doors installed etc.)
- Conducting an audit of ANUSA equipment and then using that to inform the purchase of different/more/better quality equipment. Primarily, this is regarding equipment that needed/useful for protests and other political activity. The recent School Strike 4 Climate and International Women's Day abortion rights protests have illuminated the need for this!

## 3. **Mutual Aid**

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

How does mutual aid work at ANUSA?

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

## 4. **Universal Lunch Hour**

Universal Lunch Hour is a free barbeque run on Fellows Oval during lunchtime. During O'Week, it was run every day. During the semester, it is run every Thursday lunchtime by a club or a society.

Excluding the cancellation of one ULH due to illness, ULH has run every week of this semester. It has been very successful and well-attended. I am a fan of ULH because it is an easy, popular and low-cost means for ANUSA to engage with and support our clubs and societies in their efforts to increase their awareness and engagement.

Affiliated clubs and societies can apply to run ULH via the new QPay system. At the time of writing, I have booked in a club or society for every week of this semester besides from Weeks 6, 11 and 12.

## **5. Committees**

### **1. Student First**

There are no substantial updates to report back to the SRC about.

### **2. Postgraduate Services and Support Program Control Group**

I am continuing to work alongside Ben, Phi, Katrina and our incredible ANUSA staff to create, deliberate and distribute proposals relating to the move to a single student union. My contribution has primarily been regarding the activities, services and support that ANUSA will offer to all students post July 1 2023.

I would like to note that on March 1 2023, there was a consultation open to all SRC representatives about the process and decision-making behind the assumption of postgraduate students. This was similar to a consultation that was held with SRC representatives in 2022, which I attended in my capacity as Welfare Officer.

I thought it was a very productive meeting. Broadly speaking, the 2023 representatives appear to have similar perspectives and were in agreement with the 2022 representatives. There was general support given by the representatives that attended for the current and future actions ANUSA is pursuing regarding postgraduate students.

### **3. Childcare Liaison Committee**

There are no substantial updates to report back to the SRC about.

#### **4. Teaching Learning and Development Committee**

I recently assumed the role of ANUSA representative on the Teaching Learning and Development Committee (TLDC).

As this is my first time reporting on TLDC, I am going to take this opportunity to briefly contextualise TLDC. Hopefully, this improves the clarity and transparency of future reporting!

TLDC is quite a large committee, comprised of representatives from the academic colleges, representatives from professional areas of the university (non-teaching staff, often non-student facing) that relate to teaching and learning at ANU, among others. It is also quite broad in its scope — it broadly deals with issues, policy and analysis of educational practice, quality and experience. TLDC advises the Academic Board and university executive on such matters and may also be given matters from these groups to discuss and report back on.

There has been one TLDC meeting, which I attended. The primary focus and topic of discussion was ChatGPT and the current and future impacts it will have on universities — which are overwhelmingly unknown and unpredictable. There were no decisions or major outcomes from this discussion, but there was general consensus that ChatGPT is likely to have significant impacts on teaching and learning at ANU, and that many of ANU's current policies, procedures and approaches may need to be updated or reconsidered. From my perspective, it did not seem like there was any major support among attendees for outright bans on ChatGPT or actions of that nature at this stage. In the meeting, I expressed how a lack of clarity on ANU's behalf, and the diverse approaches to ChatGPT that were relayed to students on an individual course-convenor level, is a significant concern among students. It was discussed in great detail during College Representative Council (CRC) One. For example, students may be receiving mixed messages or no messages about academic honesty related to ChatGPT use. I am sympathetic toward the university in the sense that ChatGPT is, and will continue to, develop in unforeseeable and unknowable ways, and at a rapid pace. But I do not and would not accept outcomes where students experience undue stress or negative consequences due to lacklustre policies or communication.

#### **5. Working Group on Recording of Teaching Activities**

This working group has met two times in total, and both of these meetings occurred between SRC One and Two. There seems to be strong support from some members of the working group

to change (often meaning to further restrict) the recording of teaching activities. This is both in regard to current, formalised policies and the informal practices more broadly.

The current recording of teaching policies policy is viewable here:

[https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP\\_013207](https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_013207)

Some of the major discussion points:

- What teaching activities are currently being recorded and why. A significant part of this issue is that both in formalised policies and informal practice, the definition of teaching activities and thus their categorisation is quite broad.
- What teaching activities should be recorded and why. This is linked to the above point. This discussion excludes lectures and any provisions under Education Access Plans (EAPS).
- Recording platforms and general discussions about recording technology. This is out of the scope of the group, but it is worth noting how Echo360 is not the sole or even the preferred recording method for some, and the implications of this for recording policies.
- There was mention of the benefits of recording teaching activities for students without EAPs, and for students with EAPs where the benefits were additional to their provisions. For example, an increasing number of students are employed, and working increasing hours/jobs.
- There has been discussion about whether or not recorded activities contribute to lower in-person attendance and course engagement. There has been discussion about the alternative explanations for lower in-person attendance and engagement in terms of demands upon students and student life i.e., work and pedagogically — looking at how teaching activities could be made more relevant/engaging/meaningful.

My strong support for the recording of teaching activities has not changed since SRC One. I do want the recording of teaching activities to be clearer, more consistent and of higher quality. To that extent, the current policy should be revised. I am opposed to any changes that suggest or impose reductions, limitations or lowered accessibility of any kind in relation to this matter. In my opinion, there is a broad and fundamental disjoint between what ANU students clearly want from their education (flexibility) and the university management's vision of a strictly on-campus education, with students that have the means and desire to participate in that. This working group is one exemplar of this disjoint playing out in real time.

## **6. Class Representative Training**

I am conducting Class Representative training this Friday (Week 4, 17/04). It will be held from 6pm-7pm in the Law Link lecture theatre, with a Zoom option available. Class Representative training is open to all Class Representatives to attend. There is a Facebook event on the ANUSA page and a Facebook group for Semester 1 representatives that I would highly encourage everyone to join. You can also always check out this page on the ANUSA website for information, resources and contact details: <https://anusa.com.au/advocacy/classreps/>

This training is run every semester and the purpose of the training is to disseminate information about the role, establish what communication channels, escalatory pathways and support mechanisms are available, and to connect the Class Representatives with each other, the ANUSA College Representatives, and ANUSA more broadly.

Would love to see you all there!

Please email me at [sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.vicepres@anu.edu.au) with any questions about this training, being a Class Representative or any issues or support I can give regarding your classes.

## **7. Your Rights at Work Week**

I am leading the organisation and facilitation of a week that focuses on work and workplaces.

The official title of the week is TBD. However, pending booking confirmations and people's availabilities, I am planning to run this week in Week 8 of Semester One.

The activities I am planning are:

- Panel discussion/debate on how unions in Australia have changed (generally for the worse) so much in recent history and how we go to where we are today. Then, looking ahead, how we might rebuild the union movement to have more people join their union, make unions more relevant, move them politically left and increase their desire and power to push against bosses and force them to give in to worker demands.

This is an ANUSA-wide project. I would love to hear about any ideas for the week and extend my desire to collaborate with anyone who is interested in helping out!

## **8. Night Cafe**

Alongside Katrina, Ben and the ANUSA staff team, I am working toward the opening of an ANUSA night café. This is very exciting for many reasons! One reason that is specific to ANUSA is that it offers ANUSA an alternative source of financing. Student unions Australia-wide living in a state of precarity and are under constant threat because most, if not all,

of a student union's funding is given to it by their university. This is because universities are empowered to distribute students' money in the form of the student services fee (SSAF). If and how much a student union will receive in funding is always up in the air, which is political and logistical nightmare and existential threat for student unions. Another challenge of relying on SSAF is that under government legislation and university policy, there are criterion and restrictions on what SSAF funding can be spent on. This does dictate student union activity, and can be particularly impeding and difficult in certain contexts. A well-planned, managed and loved night café, or operation of any kind, offers ANUSA another means of income that cannot be influenced by SSAF funding certainty, amount or restrictions or the university or the government more broadly. Increased financial freedom and independence makes ANUSA a much harder bug for university management to try to squash (sorry about the metaphor).

## **9. SRC Representative Support**

I spent a significant number of hours each week supporting Department Officers, General and College Representatives, as well as the ANUSA Executive. This encompasses all sorts of issues, queries and types of support.

A more public form of this support that I offered between SRC One and Two is an open meeting about EAPs — specifically recent challenges, politics and ANUSA advocacy. This meeting was held on the request of SRC representatives who were planning to or currently working in relation to EAPs and/or were encountering EAPs in their everyday ANUSA roles.

I am also working with the DSA (Maddi and Mira) on ANUSA physical accessibility issues.

## **10. Incident Response**

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

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

## **11. Timesheet**

Between 20/02/23 and 13/03/23, I have worked approximately 129 hours. This equates to an average of 43 hours per week. In this time, I took one day of sick leave. Between 01/01/22 and 13/03/23, I have worked approximately 565.5 hours and taken two days of leave (one day of personal leave, one day of sick leave).

## **12. Sparkle of the SRC**

The sparkle of SRC Two is undoubtedly Harrison, our wonderful CECC representative! Harrison does a fabulous job at everything he does — representing CECC students, getting involved in ANUSA more broadly, and even helping out with minute taking at ANUSA meetings. He works so hard and does so with a smile on his face! He is such a kind, considerate and friendly person and I am grateful to work with him.

Reference C

## **Executive Summary**

1. Upcoming Events
2. EAG Meetings
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  - b. Anti-Nuclear WG
3. ANU contingent to NTEU USyd Staff Strikes
4. SS4C support w/ EC
5. Counter Course Guide
6. Other activities
7. Total Hours

## **SRC 2 Intro**

Hey all! SRC 2 already and the semester is well underway. With so many campaigns going on across ANUSA and the student body it's amazing to see the major shift in ANUSA's approach over the last few years. Historically as an organisation, ANUSA's approach was to attempt to solve issues at the university behind closed doors in meetings with uni management, gaining limited reforms on some things without being able to win what has really been needed at those times, e.g. at the outset of COVID 2021, CRS/CRN was negotiated by ANUSA, but this behind closed door strategy of talking with uni management didn't win larger things like having a week off as a snap teaching break to adjust to the covid crisis, and it certainly didn't prevent hundreds of staff or courses being cut at that time.

An orientation to activism and campaigning publicly with ordinary students at the heart of those campaigns, is the attitude the student union needs to have in order to become a fighting union, with a strong basis of support and thus, strong in the face of future cuts. We have a lot of work to do to get to the level of organising and bottom-up student engagement that means we can combat the major issues, but things are really heating up with multiple protests to attend in Canberra every week so far! An exciting start to the



year for sure! Lots has been happening and keen to see you all at upcoming events, especially the USyd staff strikes.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Next Education Action Group (EAG) Meeting, 1pm Wk 5 06/03/23
- "Say no to war" anti-AUKUS protest 8am Monday March 20th at ACT Law Courts (on uni ave). The rally is a combined effort by Alliance Against Political Prosecutions, Medical Association for Prevention of War & Independent and Peaceful Australia Network
- Anti-Nuclear WG starting wk 5! Follow ANUSA EAG page or ANU Enviro Collective in order to stay updated and attend.

### **EAG Meetings**

EAG meetings in Semester 1 will continue to be held at 1pm on Mondays every odd teaching week.

In week 3, the meeting was postponed in solidarity with the protest for permanent visas for all, a refugee action rally at parliament house, running at the same time as the usual EAG meeting.

The two working groups that the EAG is running this semester are:

Continuing the **No cuts at ANU WG**, first WG meeting was 27/02/23, monday 13/03 was a public holiday so our usual even week WG meeting was postponed.

- So far in this WG EAG attendees are re-reading university change plan documents in terms of the financial decisions and cuts the ANU has made to each college of the university, SOAD, postgrad, research and the broad academic activities of the university as a whole.
- Breaking down the courses that are/aren't running on programs and courses to get an idea of the reality of course offerings.

The **Anti-Nuclear WG**

- The Anti-nuclear WG is starting up in Wk 5 along with the Enviro Collective as a joint collective WG. Day/date (in a fortnightly cycle) to be decided using both collective pages.
- This working group has been formed in resistance to the ANU's involvement in beginning up the nuclear industry in Australia, drumming the beats of war, as seen this week across Sky News headlines and in comments from US Generals predicting war with China over Taiwan in 2025. Only this week Anthony Albanese with in India discussing military relationships of the Quad (US, Japan, India, Aus), continuing to firm up Australia's Imperialist military ties. This working group will unfortunately, only become more relevant as more is announced. Australia has confirmed that future projections of nuclear related spending would be up to \$370 billion. To contextualise that, \$6 billion would bail out the higher education sector from the turmoil of covid, \$5 billion would sure up funding for public highschoools. It's clear where the governments interests lie, and we need to get organised in response to the looming threat of war.

# The Aukus submarine deal is forecast to cost up to **\$368bn** over the next three decades



## ANU contingent to NTEU USyd Staff Strikes

- Being a part of history last week in the fact that the USyd staff's current industrial action is the longest running industrial action at a university in Australia, at 20 months of enterprise bargaining:  
<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/this-is-the-hill-we-will-die-on-sydney-uni-academics-go-on-strike-20230308-p5cqjy.html>
- 6 ANUSA members/students travelled up to Sydney to learn from and support the amazing USyd staff strikes and the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU), the EAG subsidising travel fare incl. bus train petrol up to the cost of purchasing a murrays bus ticket. For most ANU students who travelled along, it was the first ever strike they have attended.



- We learnt a lot about how to strike, on zoom, in-person to scab classes that were undermining the staff strike by continuing to run and on the picket lines at the entrances to the university to prevent students from entering the campus. USyd was a ghost town in the best way.

- Relevant to the ANU context our academic and professional staff have entered their Enterprise Bargaining period, which means that it is currently legal for them to strike under industrial relations law, in order to pressure uni management into taking on their demands. Staff will only strike if they know that students are supportive of their demands, so by attending USyd, we show we support staff conditions everywhere!

- **The NTEU at ANU:**

Internally in ANU NTEU branch there are talks about research and teaching roles being split here at ANU, as they now are at UNSW, meaning that students won't get to learn directly from the researchers in our fields, and academic staff will be forced to sacrifice their own research time to teach only. As one of many demands, at USyd they've been hard on fighting for a time allocation for all staff of 40:40:20 meaning 40% of time spent on research, 40% on teaching and 20% on administrative workloads, this is what we need here at ANU too! And we need to fight alongside the staff who support that idea here and show that students want to be taught by the world leading researchers who are here. What better way to understand the issues faced by staff in the university sector than to attend the next USyd staff strike (this time 48hrs instead of 24hrs) on March 29th and 30th!!!

Yes you heard right, again the EAG will be subsidising and organising a contingent to the next USyd NTEU strike round on March 29th and 30th!!! Staunch industrial action is few and far between under current neoliberal capitalism and I encourage all those who are interested in defending quality tertiary education and having good teaching conditions for staff, to take the opportunity to attend, despite the wk 6 busy period. Some billeting for accom may be organised too! Subsidy will available from the EAG again for travel.



## **Canberra School Strike for Climate**

The School Strike for Climate National Day of Action was on Friday March 3rd, where the Canberra SS4C highschool students organised the rally to march from speeches in glebe park to branches of the department of climate change, energy, water and the environment, in order to critique Labor's carbon offset farce.

This rally was so necessary and timely, due to the Labor government attempting to implement the 'safeguards mechanism' by 31 March, a policy which enables companies to purchase the permission to start new coal and gas projects, the projections for the planned new coal and gas projects meaning that future emissions from Australia will be three times the amount of current yearly emissions, which is the exact opposite of what the planet needs in order to slow down warming. 75% of all carbon offsets don't actually reduce emissions, recent four corners report going into detail of the lie that most offsets are.

This rally was directed and effective at showing up the contradictions of the Labor government, and was a small example of exercising the right to protest at the department of climate change which is doing nothing about climate change and is instead signing away our future. The protest was good practice for the further action that will be required if we are to win a climate livable future and it was great to organise with the very politically sharp and motivated high schoolers who are part of school strike.

Working with current Enviro Officer Rex, was a great experience and glad to have taken part. ANUSA provided most equipment including PA System, megaphones, marquees, sound mixer, first aid kits and electricity generator, as well as a few marshals.

I spent a lot of my hours that week in the lead up to this protest, flyering and organising across schools in the ACT. How is this related to Education you might ask, well there's no high quality uni education on a dead planet is there, so it's all part of the deal.

## **Counter Course Guide**

- Continuing to hand out counter course guides through the BKSS and around the uni. Keen to place the remainder of guides in spots around the uni. After O-week there are around 600-800 copies left of the initial 4000, prettyyyyyy goood!

### **Other activities**

- Spoke at Women's Dept and Equal Love Canb's International Women's Day Rally on 08/03, giving a speech with Maya who is a deputy women's officer.
- Keeping in touch with students at SOAD regarding open forums and news about degree structure.
- Replied to Media questions from Woroni.

### **Total Hours**

So far to the date of Tuesday 14/03 I've worked 412.5 hours in the role.

## **Environment Collective Department Officer Report #2**

**Rex Michelson**

### **Executive Summary**

- **Meeting 1**
- **School Strike**
- **PPI Talk**

### ***Meeting #1***

The first meeting was successful. I noted quite a few individuals in attendance for the first time. We engaged in a good conversation regarding carbon credits. We discussed how it was broadly a process of greenwashing. Moreover, that carbon credits and biodiversity and carbon offsets broadly are a fundamentally flawed blunt tool toward solving the climate crisis. We followed this discussion with organising talk of the NDA and SS4C upcoming protests. Individuals within the collective have the opportunity to assist in both. We followed this by discussing the ANU's ongoing engagement with nuclear research, specifically that of nuclear submarines. We discussed the negative ramifications of this and subsequently decided on the formation of a working group to resolve this potentially in conjunction with the education action group. Lastly we discussed co-convenor elections which will occur next week.

### ***School Strike 4 Climate Protest***

Our work has been primarily focused on this protest. We provided the equipment used for it (including the large job of ferrying it over). We helped in the general organisation, just two weeks there were many aspects of the organising that had not occurred (run sheet, speakers etc). We also organised an ANU contingent to walk over to the protest.

Overall the day went very well. We saw good attendance including from different environmental organisations around Canberra. Through our speeches and our decision to march to the department of climate change we were able to convey strong and clear demands. We opposed the Governments 'climate active' program (carbon offsets) and the opening of new coal and gas mines.

Through the protest we were able to march through the city blocking the streets and receive some media coverage. This is the action in being a national movement building coalitions that the EC should strive to engage in this year. So ultimately I believe this was very successful.

One takeaway from this organising was how intensive the organisation was. Going forward I think it is pertinent to organise in a collaborative manner.

### ***PPI discussion***

I had the opportunity to participate in this panel discussion regarding climate activism in Australia and Indonesia. It was productive to be able to articulate and discuss climate issues and protest in Australia and learn about these issues in a broader context. I believe it may be productive for the EC to engage more in these types of events as a means of outreach and political education.

Reference D

## **General Secretary**

SRC1 report - Phoenix O'Neill

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  - b. Election reform
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3. Representatives
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4. Interpretations
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7. General ANUSA executive
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### **Meetings**

The Facebook events for all semester 1 meetings are now out - apologies that took me so long! As usual, a lot of my time since SRC2 has gone to organising meetings, particularly OGM and this meeting. It takes a lot of time to compile the agenda, message people about motions and mitigate potential edits, etc.

### **Governance Reform**

#### **Governance and Election Reform Working Group**

We had one GERWG on Friday the 24th of February. The second one was cancelled but due to demand I am currently planning on holding a few more sometime this term - once the date and times have been finalised they will be published on Facebook and Slack.

I worked on a motion at the OGM to accept the GERWG's findings on election spending caps.



[Here](#) is a summary of what was discussed at the first meeting.

## Election Reform

I am currently working on proposed motions for campaign zone reforms. As per the GERWG, I am currently planning on proposing that all forms of 'passive campaigning', such as wearing t-shirts or putting up posters, be available on all areas of campus. The main contention is where 'active campaigning', mainly approaching people to speak, should and shouldn't be allowed - the most contentious of which being Kambri. I have been working on attempting to find what kind of policy may be acceptable to all groups, though it seems like it will come to a vote at the AGM.

## Constitution Reform

I proposed a few small constitutional amendments at the OGM, most of which passed yay!

I'm currently working on obtaining legal advice for future constitutional changes regarding conflicts of interest. There are contradictory statements regarding conflicts of interest in the Constitution that I am working on fixing.

I will bring some of the Constitution reform that was rescinded to the AGM (thank you to the student that pointed out that I was amending the wrong definition for teaching days!!)

## Representation reform

I've been working with Ben on consulting students on representative structures to integrate postgrads into ANUSA. I created the google form that has been shared on Schmidtposting, attended two hour-long open consults, had a meeting with the SRC, met with a student leader at Toad Hall and had a consultation session at Graduate House. We're receiving really positive feedback from the postgraduate community and I'm extremely keen to continue working on our representative structure going forward.

## SEEF

I have been working with Katrina and Charlotte on planning for when ANUSA takes over providing the Student Extracurricular Enrichment Fund (SEEF) that PARSA currently funds. We are keen to make it a quicker and easier system for all involved. I've done some light work on the governance for this group, but much of the work will take place at the end of March/early April.

## Representatives

### Resignation

I have received one resignation from Hayden Mendoza, making a vacancy in the position of CECC representative. Ben will be handling the process of filling the vacancy from here.

### Interpretations

I am working on one interpretation at the moment to clear up the inconsistency on conflict of interest in the Constitution until it is fixed at the AGM.

### Training

I have now undertaken an all day Accidental Counsellor training and a half day Vicarious Trauma training.

### Activist Work

I've assisted with some set up/pack down for protests since SRC1.

### Housing

I've been working really hard with Kai on organising a housing campaign. We've created the Housing Action Collective through a motion at OGM1, and put forward a motion opposing the HAFF at SRC1. We've been advertising the group wherever we can. I've also created a poster with key facts about residential halls that links to the Housing Collective. By the time of this SRC we will have already had one HAC meeting and the next one will be on Friday at 3pm at the ANUSA boardroom. We're in the process of organising actions for the Collective, reaching out to student media and other groups who may be interested, and growing the collective. This is also taking up a fair amount of hours. Keep an eye on this space by joining the facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1387620725373467/>

### General ANUSA executive

As usual, some of my hours go towards minuting executive meetings, helping our admin team with Clubs governance queries, and other general executive activity.

# Timesheet

I have worked 230.25 hours since December 1.

## Project register

I would just like to note that with meetings during teaching periods, I anticipate much of my project work to take place over breaks (with some of course during teaching periods as well).

Project	Content	Update
Election Regulation Reform	Reforming parts of ANUSA's election regulations, with a particular focus on exclusion zones and spending caps.	See the section on election reform
Meeting safety and accessibility	Increasing the safety and accessibility of ANUSA meetings.	No updates.
Code of Conduct rewrite	Making a new Code of Conduct for conduct at ANUSA meetings, as well as looking into ones for club spaces with Charlotte and student spaces with Grace.	No updates.
Buddy system reform & representative support	I will be working with Grace King (Vice President) on making an alternative system to the buddy system for representative support.	No updates.
Policy register reform	Create different registers for ANUSA's political stances, policy requirements, and staff related policy.	No updates.
Representative governance reform	Create a representative structure for ANUSA that guarantees representation of postgraduate students	See the section on Representation reform.
Housing Action Collective	Organising the Collective to facilitate action for housing reform	See the Housing section.

Reference E

## **Treasurer Report SRC 2**

**Katrina Ha**

### **Executive Summary**

1. **Expenditure Report**
2. **SSAF**
3. **Financial Accessibility**
4. **ANUSA Audit**
5. **2023 Budgets**
6. **O-week/The Party**
7. **Vending Machine Updates**
8. **Timesheet**

#### **1. Expenditure Report**

Please find the attached ANUSA's profit and loss statement starting from 1<sup>st</sup> December. This statement shows a summary of ANUSA expenditure as of 12<sup>th</sup> March. There is nothing much different from the SRC 1 report, but now the report reflects the invoice of SSAF first instalment, even though we have not received the amount yet. If you have any questions about these line items or about the statement in general, feel free to ask.

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### **Profit & Loss**

**The Australian National University Students' Association Incorporated**

1 December 2022 to 12 March 2023

12 Mar 23

**Income**

SSAF Allocation \$746,823.60

**Total Income** \$746,823.60

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**Gross Profit** \$746,823.60

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**Less Operating Expenses**

Accounting/Bookkeeping - Xero \$482.72

Auditing \$27.27

Bus expenses	\$530.21
Departments & Collectives	\$58,181.82
Education Committee	\$2,450.00
Fees & Subscriptions	\$29,320.07
Leadership and Professional Development	\$10,240.46
Meeting Expenses	\$34.91
Parenting Room	\$1,394.68
Printer	\$309.15
Stationery/General Supplies/Postage	\$1,083.68
Student Engagement	\$649.57
Utilities	\$921.78

**Bank Fees**

Bank Fees with GST	\$98.39
Bank Fees without GST	\$257.16
<b>Total Bank Fees</b>	<b>\$355.55</b>

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**BKSS**

BKSS - Asset purchases	\$125.45
BKSS Food/Consumables	\$11,153.15
BKSS Non-food	\$1,814.91
<b>Total BKSS</b>	<b>\$13,093.51</b>

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**Clubs Council and Clubs Grants**

Club Funding	\$5,733.83
<b>Total Clubs Council and Clubs Grants</b>	<b>\$5,733.83</b>

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**Consultancy**

Legal Expenses	\$3,661.33
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<b>Total Consultancy</b>	<b>\$3,661.33</b>
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**Equipment**

Equipment Expense	\$240.00
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<b>Total Equipment</b>	<b>\$240.00</b>
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**Marketing & Communications**

Marketing & Communications - Diary	\$4,690.00
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Marketing & Communications - Software Subs	\$199.00
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<b>Total Marketing &amp; Communications</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
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**Other Employee Expenses**

Other Employee Expense \$7,489.32

Staff Amenities \$875.06

**Total Other Employee Expenses \$8,364.38**

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**O-Week**

O-Week Events \$83,721.27

O-Week Food purchases \$71.51

O-Week Merchandise \$5,327.18

**Total O-Week \$89,119.96**

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**Salary and Wages**

Department - Stipends	\$34,903.96
Department - Superannuation	\$3,664.94
Salaries and Wages	\$231,288.27
Salaries and Wages - ANUSA Exec	\$53,977.12
Salaries and Wages - BKSS	\$8,065.30
Salaries and Wages - Event Coordinators	\$13,107.84
Superannuation Expense	\$38,015.60
Superannuation Expense - ANUSA Exec	\$5,667.51
Superannuation Expense - BKSS	\$887.17
Superannuation Expense - Event Coordinators	\$1,438.24
<b>Total Salary and Wages</b>	<b>\$391,015.95</b>

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**Student Assistance Team Grants**

Student Assistance Team Grants	\$17,987.27
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<b>Total Student Assistance Team Grants</b>	<b>\$17,987.27</b>
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**Student Assistance Team Purchases**

SAT Purchases - Student Meals & Others	\$3,804.64
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<b>Total Student Assistance Team Purchases</b>	<b>\$3,804.64</b>
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<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$643,891.74</b>
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<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>\$102,931.86</b>
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**Non-operating Income**

Interest Income	\$3,919.76
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Miscellaneous (Sundry) Income	\$652.25
O-Week Income	\$45,599.98
Ticket/Event Sales - O Week	\$22,034.10
<b>Total Non-operating Income</b>	<b>\$72,206.09</b>

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**Non-operating Expenses**

**Non SSAF**

Events Non-SSAF	\$5,009.27
<b>Total Non SSAF</b>	<b>\$5,009.27</b>

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<b>Total Non-operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,009.27</b>
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## **2. SSAF**

This section remains the same as OGM 1 report.

Some additional SSAF decisions regarding the extension postgraduate services are currently ongoing. Currently, the most certain thing is that we are getting \$746,823.60 for our first instalment and we are waiting for the transfer. There will be many changes as there are ongoing negotiations, so if it is confirmed, I'll include new decisions for the next report or so.

## **3. ANUSA Audit**

This section remains the same as OGM 1 report.

ANUSA sent all the required documents to the external auditor and now wait for the audited financial report from them. We might get back before the end of march, and after that we will pass it in the AGM.

## **4. Clubs Training Slides**

I'm working on the clubs finance training slides to help Charlotte. As we are in the progress of transiting to Qpay, the new slides will include those changes and some other changes

## **5. Timesheet**

From 1/12/2022 to 11/03/2023, I've worked 201.25 hours. This excludes ANUSA Christmas shutdown. I have taken 4 days of sick leave and 3 days of annual leave. For the detailed breakdown, please email me at [sa.treasurer@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.treasurer@anu.edu.au).



## Reference F

### CLUBS OFFICER REPORT

1. Introduction
2. O-Week
3. Clubs training
4. Clubs Committee
5. Clubs Consultation
6. Timesheet

#### 1. Introduction

Hi! I'm Charlotte Carnes (she/they) and I'm your 2023 Clubs Officer. This year I intend to focus a lot on the intricacies of the clubs system and solidifying the newer aspects. In particular, making good governance a standard and implementing policy to increase structural support for clubs and their members is at the forefront of my goals for the year.

Most of my time since SRC 1 has been occupied by finalising the O-Week budget to report on it, consultation with clubs on finance and governance matters, as well as clubs training.

I'm working on a way to re-shift the burden for clubs administration (i.e. questions from clubs on simpler matters) as a quick turnaround is crucial to the smooth operation of clubs and I as a part-time exec member don't always have capacity for this, especially with the dissolution of the CCE. If you have any questions as a clubs exec member, sa.admin@anu.edu.au is the first point of contact.

#### 2. O-Week budget and feedback

I thought I'd be able to report on budget at this SRC for O-Week and The Party but that's not the case unfortunately due to a few more outstanding invoices. I'm working closely with Katrina, our Treasurer, to ensure that this is completed by SRC 3.

We didn't receive heaps of feedback in the O-Week feedback form but what we did receive was incredibly useful. I'll share these average ratings to some of the questions provided on the form:

- Were you happy with the diversity of events run in O-Week? The average response was 4.5 out of 5.
- Were you generally happy with how events were run? The average response was 4 out of 5.
- A general rating of how much you enjoyed O-Week. The average response was 3.75 out of 5.

The events that were consistently rated as the best events aside from Market Day were the DIY events and Thrift Market. This only affirms what I wrote in my SRC 1 report where I said that it's necessary to scale back the kinds of events we run to the reliable basics. A lot of feedback around the DIY events concerned the materials running out halfway through the event, this is usually due to a budget constriction but hopefully, the future of O-Week will look different and more money will be able to go to those events and less to running larger-scale events.

One thing that was mentioned a couple of times in the form responses but I've also considered is how to make it known that ANUSA runs Market Day not ANU. ANU largely takes credit for this event which is solely organised by the Clubs Officer and the Community Life Officer. This is part of a broader question of how to rebrand O-Week but was something I wanted to highlight.

### 3. Clubs training

In line with the feedback from last year's clubs training, instead of hosting in-person or even online training sessions, I'll be hosting zoom Q&A sessions online in week 6 where club execs can ask questions about the training if they have any. Otherwise the slides are quite comprehensive. There is a wattle site for clubs training now so clubs can go back and refer to the slides whenever they need. I'm investigating how to make quizzes for these slides but the technicality of it has delayed training, unfortunately. Here's the link, should you need it: <https://wattlecourses.anu.edu.au/course/view.php?id=38420>

### 4. Clubs committee

I put out a form for expression of interest to become an Ordinary Committee Member of the Clubs Committee. That'll close at the end of the week and I will have appointed these members by Tuesday week 5. I intend to hold the first meeting early in week 6.

I've spent a lot of time thinking about what I'd like Clubs Committee to look like after the dissolution of Clubs Council last year. I see it as a space where I can take in feedback about the system and improve it from there as well as getting feedback on potential regulation changes. That's only what I intend to get out of the Committee as the chair. In terms of how clubs should benefit from the Committee, I'd like to appoint as many members as possible so that there can be a precedent for future years to reinvigorate clubs interest in their own matters. I see the Committee not only as a space where I can reshape the system but also as a space where clubs can collaborate openly and freely. I ran on the idea that ANU social life, outside of reshalls and departments at least, is best left to clubs. These are micro-communities that continue to build and have done so immensely since lockdown. Of course, clubs flourish independently in their own capacities, however, I believe the Clubs Committee can become a space where different club members find common ground and expand in their events and communities. On a more political level, I think talking to club members about what's going on in the university and what ANUSA's actively doing is a means to further mobilise students. I don't entirely know what this looks like but I'm excited to see it unfold.

### 5. Clubs Consultation

As mentioned, a lot of my hours have gone to meeting with clubs and helping them navigate the system and their constitutions or discussing what could be improved about it. This has been useful for drafting new regulations that I've been slowly working on since December. I'll be starting consultation on SEEF specifically next week with the clubs that utilise SEEF grants most to inform the guidelines reform that will come with ANUSA operating the grant in June.

### 6. Timesheet



Since December 1st 2022 I've work 394.25 hours. I have not taken any leave. If you have questions about how I utilise my hours I encourage you to email me at [sa.clubsofficer@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.clubsofficer@anu.edu.au)

# Welfare Officer's Report

## SRC 2 - 15/03/2023

Kai Dreyfus-Ballesi

Hi folks! I am Kai (he/him), your 2023 Welfare Officer. Thank you for taking the time to read my report. This year I am focusing on five key projects. You can read about these projects below, and any activities since my last report.

### Affordable Accommodation

Canberra rents are the highest in the country, and tariffs at ANU's privatised halls are increasing year on year. This is a campaign for decisive action on affordable student housing in Canberra.

Completed:

- Convened the first ANU Housing Action Collective meeting.
- Presented at the ACT Budget Community Sector Roundtable on the need for affordable student housing. I also advocated for Skye Predavec's Daley Road bus campaign and an increase in public transport spending.
- I have continued meeting with territory and federal politicians to collect more information about the current housing policy landscape.
- Meeting: Rebecca Vassarotti, ACT Greens Minister for Homelessness. In the meeting, she:
  - Suggested investigating whether the ANU has obligations to provide affordable accommodation for students.
  - Suggested looking into the ANU residences that were covered under the National Rent Affordability Scheme, and what their status is now that the scheme has ended.

- Provided the contacts of several community housing groups who might be interested in collaborating.
- Offered to provide some operational support for the campaign.
- Recommended making an ACT budget submission. According to her, election policy is often drawn from community submissions.
- Highlighted that the Australian Greens are launching a campaign for a national rent freeze.
- Meeting: Fiona Scott, David Pocock's Office. Fiona said their office would be happy to provide support with media and communications if we are interested.
- Meeting: Joel Dignam, Better Renting. Joel is interested in holding some renter's rights workshops for ANU students. We are planning to hold the first one early in term two. The workshop will cover new rental reforms and tie into the Housing Action Collective's campaign.

In progress:

- Preparing for the Housing Action Collective's first action. Details are confidential and will be provided verbally.
- Creating a proposal for a new affordable student accommodation or student housing cooperative.
- Organising the Student Housing Forum to be held on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

Next steps:

- Creating an ANUSA Welfare Committee.
- Creating a meeting calendar for the ANU Housing Action Collective.
- Coordinating future actions of the Housing Action Collective.

## ANU Mental Health programs

ANU Cares is a new ANU mental health program run by the Research School of Psychology. I was engaged as part of the initial consultation process to present on student mental health needs.

Completed

- Met with staff members from ANU Counselling and ANU CaRES teams to discuss how student feedback can be better integrated into ANU Counselling's services.

## New Food Programs

This year, my aim is to establish two new food programs at ANUSA: the ANUSA Food Rescue Program and Heartier Meals at the BKSS. These programs aim to provide cheap or free food to students, while reducing food waste on campus and in Canberra more broadly.

### Completed

- Initial meeting with the ANU Food Co-op about the possibility of bringing their meals onto campus in one form or another.
- Consulted with an employee at Three Mills Bakery about rescuing their food waste.

### In progress

- Continuing discussions with the Food Co-op about how we can collaborate with them to provide cheap meals to students, and what models are available to us.

### Not commenced

- Improving the Student Bites workflow – students who arrive early are sometimes queuing for over two hours.
- Consulting with local grocers about an ANUSA food-rescue program.
- Creating a proposal for the procurement of an ANUSA van to transport rescued produce.
- Creating a proposal and budget for regular meals at the BKSS.

## ANUSA Visibility and Outreach

This project aims to increase levels student engagement with ANUSA and provide sustainable mechanisms for involving students in the activities of our union.

### Not commenced

- Reaching out to lecturers of large courses to include information about ANUSA in their slides.
- Creating a long-term ANUSA communications strategy.
- Increasing ANUSA presence on campus. This includes utilising standees, posters, and the external walls of the Di Riddell building.

# Better ANUSA Meetings

Phoenix, the General Secretary, and I are working to make ANUSA meetings more visible and accessible for ordinary students, as well as a safer space for elected representatives.

In progress

- Acquiring an audio-visual solution to allow for hybrid ANUSA meetings.
- Consulting with the DSA about a funding model for

Quote for AV equipment

Below is the proposed cost for the AV equipment. The number of expansion microphones may be increased as needed, up to a total of 5.

Device	Quantity	Price per unit	Total
<a href="#">Yamaha YVC-1000 USB Speakerphone</a>	1	\$2389.00	\$2389.00
<a href="#">Yamaha YVC-1000 Expansion Microphone</a>	3	\$539.00	\$1617.00
			\$4006.00

An unforeseen benefit is that the Yamaha YVC-1000 Speakerphone can be used as an audio interface to connect hand-held microphones to external speakers.

## Interested?

If you are interested in getting involved in any of the above, please get in contact! You can reach me at [sa.welfareofficer@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.welfareofficer@anu.edu.au).

In addition to the above, I am looking for students who have experienced housing stress and would be willing to share their experiences for the affordable accommodation proposal. If you would be interested in this or know someone who might, please contact me.

Reference H

**ANUSA INDIGENOUS DEPARTMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**  
**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2**  
Aleisha Knack

**Executive Summary**

1. Events
2. Campaigns
3. Budget

**Report**

Events:

Our department meeting in week 3 was a massive success with a high turnout and was a great way for new and returning students to catch up for a yarn after the first few weeks of classes. After the meeting, we led a walking party to the Carol Bell School lecture Auntie Mary gave on Indigenous Diplomacy. The event also saw the announcement of the Ambassador for First Nations People in Australia by Senator Penny Wong.

Starting this week, we will have fortnightly cook-ups and Tjabal, where students can come into the centre to some homemade food cooked in the Tjabal kitchen and good yarns with each other. Tomorrow we will also be doing Banner painting, where students are invited to help us paint a new banner for the Indigenous Department. We have also booked a table at Badger and Co after the event so that students can stay longer if they wish. The Department has also been helping ANU sports facilitate the upcoming Intervasty game between ANU and UC, which will act as trials for the upcoming Indigenous Nationals.

We will also be holding a brunch in week 5. These social events are significant for us because moving from community or being one of if not the only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander at your hall can be very lonely. So having these events allows our collective to be brought together through food and check in on each other.

Blak Books will also be starting next term again so stay tuned for advertising regarding that. Lastly, Dhani Gilbert, a proud Wiradjuri woman, will lead a group of us for a stroll at Mulligan's flat on the 25th of March for an exciting night tour.

Campaigns

The upcoming referendum has put our Department in a complex space on whether we take a side and risk isolating students in our collective or stay neutral and continue to face criticism for not taking a side. So the Department will be releasing a statement on our social media to clarify why we believe it is best to stay neutral, as it is our Department's priority to support Indigenous students. We can best do this by staying neutral and diverting our attention to the wellbeing of students.

I am currently organizing an event for Term 2 that will see a large gathering where students will be invited to come to have a yarn and some food and learn about the history, current dialogue and future impacts of this reference. We are hoping this event will be pretty significant as it will be the first of many events where we work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff to ensure students at ANU make an informed vote at the referendum. This first event will include a guest speaker, musical performances, BBQ and informal yarns where students on campus can be better educated on the Voice referendum. The event will take place on the front lawn of Burgmann and will be largely advertised to students on campus. From this, Asmi wood and other academics have expressed that they would be willing to hold yarning circles on the lawns outside Tjabal. Again we express that our main aim from these events will be to ensure students are heading into the referendum well-informed.

Budget

INCOME					
Item	Amount				
Opening Balance					
ANUSA Baseline Funding	\$10,000.00				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>				
Item	Allocated	Expended Amount	Remaining	Updated	Comment
O Week	\$513.50	\$513.50	\$0.00	22/02/2023	Printing \$25.50, Badger&Co \$488.00
Bush Week	\$250.00				
Meetings	\$600.00				



Coffee Catch Ups / Brunch	\$850.00				
Exam Packs	\$400.00				
Tjabal End of Year Dinner	\$500.00				
Merch	\$500.00				
Magazine (term/semester)	\$200.00				
Events	\$2,000.00				
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artist/creator	\$100.00				
Website/Canva	\$150.00				
Koorioke	\$500.00				
Miscellaneous	\$200				
Campaign	\$100.00				
NAIDOC	\$400.00				
Indigenous Nationals	\$2,500.00				
Total	\$9,763.50				

Reference I



ANUSA 2023 SRC 2 Women's Officer Report

Phoebe Denham

13 March 2023

[sa.womens@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.womens@anu.edu.au)

### **Upcoming events**

- Thursday week 4 (16 March), 4pm, Rapunzel Room, Feminist Consciousness Raising
- Friday week 5 (24 March), 6pm, BKSS, Paint & Sip

### **Birth Control Subsidy**

The Birth Control Subsidy will be continuing in 2023, with some changes to how it is accessed. More information to follow imminently!

### **Campaigns**

The International Women's Day rally went well and there was a great turnout. Shoutout to Carter and Yerin for their work organising it, and to Beatrice and Maya who gave a great speech <3. It was also awesome having Observer and Woroni there covering the event.

Next Thursday, 23 March is the protest against Kellie-Jay Keen's 'Let Women Speak' event.

<https://fb.me/e/2DaMi4hf5>

### **Collective Meetings**

Collective Meetings have been travelling well, and we are having an extended meeting on 20 March to allow us time to discuss the name of the Department and the Rapunzel Room. All members are invited to come along to Collective Meetings, and we always love to see new faces <3.

<https://fb.me/e/2nHv7bRDq>

### **ANU Meetings**

Since SRC1, I have attended the Equity & Belonging Student Forum (with the other Department Officers), the Student Safety and Wellbeing Steering Group (with IHC Chair and Ben ordinarily).

### **Other**

I have attended Vicarious Trauma and Accidental Counsellor Trainings through ANUSA.

## **Elections**

On 6 March we held our Committee elections, and elected Anna Denishenksy to be our Secretary, and Lucia Bardetta to be our Social Media Officer. Congrats to them both! Treasurer and Web and Design Officer remain open, and we will hold elections for these positions at our next Collective Meeting on 20 March. Please reach out if you are interested!

## **Income and expenditure / Money things**

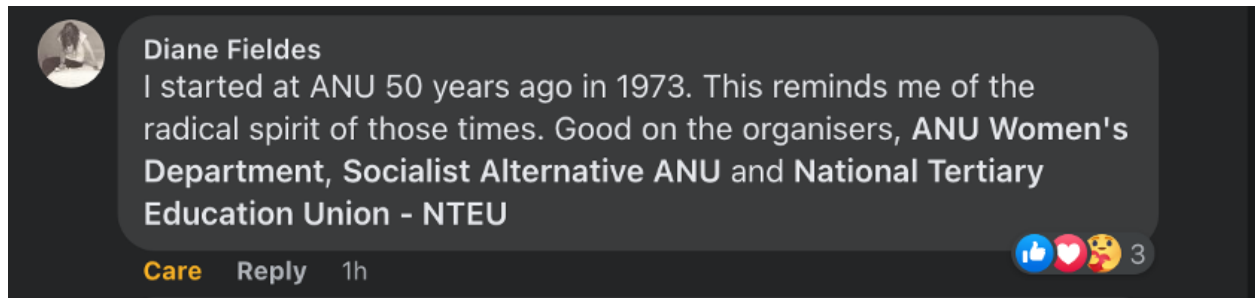
### **Women's Department**

### **Income and Expenditure Report**

### **For the period from 01/12/2022 to 13/03/2023**

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	
ANUSA Funding		10,000.00
Merchandise Sales		382
Interest Income		12.59
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>10,394.59</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Social Events		82.42
Collective Meetings		91.04
O-Week		95.26
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>268.72</b>

## Cute pics



Facebook comment regarding the IWD rally.

Diane Fieldes comments, I started at ANU 50 years ago in 1973. This reminds me of the radical spirit of those times. Good on the organisers, ANU Women's Department, Socialist Alternative ANU and National Tertiary Education Union – NTEU.



Beatrice and Maya speaking at the IWD rally.

Reference J

## SRC 2 Queer\* Officer's Report

*Jehan Jayawickrama, 11/03/2023*

### Department Activities

**Queer\* House** - During the Week 1 collective meeting, it was decided that the collective wanted to move the Queer\* Department space back to the old Queer\* House (14 Liversidge Street), so I've been working on organising that.

**Committee Elections** - At our meeting held in Week 2 for committee elections, we elected a new Treasurer, Publicity Officer, and Social Officer.

**Events** - Our new social officer has been organising a lot more events - currently planning a board games night on the 17th, as well as a movie night later on and a week 6 collaboration with the BIPOC department. We also want to make it clear to the Queer\* collective that while the social officer is organising regular events, we really want collective members to both come to us with suggestions for events and also come to us with events or projects they want to run so that we can support them using our resources.

**Kellie-Jay Keen protest** - The Kellie-Jay Keen protest is at 12PM on Thursday 23rd of March at the Parliament Lawns and I strongly encourage anyone who can come to join us there. We will be running a sign making event (likely the day before the protest), a walkover to the protest, and a chill out/recovery session afterwards in collaboration with the Women's Department.

### Income and Expenditure

*\*since 16/02/2023*

**Income:** \$0.00

**Expenditure:** \$119.57

**Current balance:** \$9,785.42

### Full Transaction History

Date	Amount	Merchant	Description	Bank Balance
21/02/2023	-\$46.61	Domino's Pizza	Domino's Pizza (Collective Meeting)	\$9,858.38
28/02/2023	-\$40.53	Domino's Pizza	Domino's Pizza (Collective Meeting)	\$9,817.85
07/03/2023	-\$32.43	Domino's Pizza	Domino's Pizza (Collective Meeting)	\$9,785.42

Reference K

## ANUSA International Officer Report - SRC 2

### **Events**

We have several upcoming events in the next few weeks. We will be starting coffee catch ups and hope to make them a recurring event over this year at different spots. We also have an upcoming collab with the Board Games Society and we have begun planning the International Students' Cocktail Evening, which is one of our flagship events for the year.

### **General Representative Recruitment**

We have finished our recruitment process for gen reps and now have a full committee. We have 6 gen reps divided across our portfolios.

### **OGM and Website Launch**

We will be holding our first OGM of the year at the end of week 5. We will also be launching our website after the OGM.

### Upcoming plans

- Education portfolio to meet with ANU Careers
- Planning for International Students' Cocktail Evening
- Working on new constitution

Reference L

Disabilities Officer Report

SRC 2, Semester 1, 2023

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

Disabilities Co-Officers

*ANU Disabilities Student Association*

Prepared 10/3/23

## Contents

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

## 1. Executive Summary

The DSA has been working extensively on running and furthering our campaign, individual student advocacy, and building our community through social events.

## 2. Advocacy & Campaigning

### Issue based Advocacy & Student Support

Students who contact the Officer with individual issues of ableism and discrimination can receive assistance. We have been in contact with various parties, including conveners, A&I, and other university staff members, and others in order to address the individual concerns of students, including over the non-teaching period. The details of these interactions will remain unspecified for reasons of confidentiality.

A lot of our student advocacy has been around the new Access and Inclusion system, which has been presenting a lot of problems. We are working on getting in touch with A&I on this.

We have also received a high volume of EAP non-compliance complaints.

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

## **Deputy Campaign Update**

Update from our deputy, Alan:

“Not much in the res halls yet, ANU are still in the process of getting the working group started. I have spoken with Felicity, the Deputy Director of Residential Services and Operations, and we are planning to publish an accessibility information booklet for all Halls with ANU/ UniLoge. Personally, I think she is extremely keen to make res halls more accessible and it would seem she's happy to try out couple of ideas. She seems open minded about changes around the halls”

## **Keep ANU Hybrid Campaign**

Our petition has taken off and we are already close to hitting our desired number of signatures. We are currently strategising about our next steps to potentially escalate, and what further action we will take from here. Please keep singing the petition if you haven't already!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeie3R5stVCM7DPIbs1Rcyf5knxdgkG5VL3P7vYhja27Zq5mw/viewform>

## **Election Reform Work**

The DSA sat on the Election Reform Working Group and provided our statement on the proposed changes to campaigning zones. We have since met with Phi to discuss our plan going forward, with the discussion planned for the next AGM. Our written statement on the proposed changes to campaigning zones is available on request.

## **DISABILITY & HIGHER EDUCATION in Australia Report**

Due to our capacity being at maximum over the last few months, the DSA has unfortunately had to make the decision to step back from organising and plan the national campaign that is happening in respond to the report. We still endorse the project, and encourage ANU students to sign the national petition and support the movement.

## **ANUSA x PARSA Disability Collaboration**



We have been working fairly closely with Ruth Mills, the PARSA disabilities officer, on some projects including an accessibility audit of L2 of the Di Riddell building (you can read more about it here

<https://parsa.anu.edu.au/news/article/6027/PARSA-AND-ANUSA-NEED-YOUR-HELP-TO-MAKE-CAMPUS-ACCESSIBLE-TO-ANYONE-AND-EVERYONE/> ) and including organising an upcoming inaccessibility tour of campus. If your experience of campus is inaccessible, and you'd be comfortable sharing that with university management during a facilitated tour, we'd love to have you share your experience so we can capture a broader range of accessibility issues. Please email [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au) or [parsa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:parsa.disabilities@anu.edu.au) to let us know you're interested.

### Meeting with WWDACT and potential zine collaboration

We met with Kat Reed, CEO of Women with a Disability ACT ( <https://www.wwdact.org.au/> ) to discuss historic collaboration and overlap between our two organisations, and discuss what kind of supports WWDACT can provide us. A result of that meeting was the idea of doing a zine collaboration (similar to the "this is what I look like" zine that the DSA produced in 2019) between the DSA and the wider Canberra disability community through WWDACT. The idea has been well received by the collective and we are looking for a project lead/director before we commit to proceeding, probably closer to the middle of the year given existing workloads for both DSA and WWDACT.

If you identify as disabled and would be interested in getting involved in this project, either as a contributor, on the working group or as the project lead, please don't hesitate to reach out to [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au) to let us know. It's super helpful while we're still gauging initial interest.

## 3. Media & Community

### Social Strategy Update and Recurring Events

Running events in order to increase student engagement has been very successful so far. Casual coffee and ADHD/ASD coffee have been particularly popular with good mix of regulars and newcomers. Craft sessions, study sessions and our collective meetings have all had decent turn out too. Keep an eye out for one off events as they are organised and advertised throughout the semester!

## The Spoons Space

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

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSer0wMrnhQwxmAnbjZHp6wzjK8XOeEpDVmvVHRV0iCLyN5hw/viewform>

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

Currently, hail remediation works are happening in Copland building until June 2023 (timeline could change if delayed significantly by bad weather). There is still access to the spoon space through both the main Copland courtyard and the corner, though it may be trickier to find due to scaffolding. There will be additional noise, additional dust in the air and increase of foot traffic with tradespeople. As we are on the ground floor, even when power is out for work on higher floors, we should still have power for door access, spoon space etc. If you have any questions or concerns, or wish to report an issue to do with hail remediation, please contact us at [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au) and we can help or direct your enquiry on to facilities and services.

## 4. Administration

### Office Hours!

Office hours have resumed, and are run both in-person and online via zoom. You can come to find out more about the DSA, discuss an issue you are having regarding accessibility, or seek information and advice on navigating the disability policies and structures in place at the ANU, like EAPs and medical withdrawal. The current office hours for this semester are Maddi on Wednesdays 12-1.30pm, and Mira on Fridays 1.30-3pm. We can be available for appointments outside those times too, please get in contact via [sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.disabilities@anu.edu.au) to make an appointment.

### Elections

We ran an election for secretary and deputy, and elected a secretary. At the time we received no nominations for deputy, so we are reopening nominations for the position. Nominations will

remain open until the start of the collective meeting in Week 4. More information about these can be found on our Facebook page.

## Financial

### Timesheet

During the period between the last SRC and the writing of this report, the co-officers worked a total of **84hrs 15min**. Most of this time was spent in meetings, planning for upcoming campaigns and doing individual advocacy and emails. A full breakdown of how our time was spent is available upon request.

Since our re-election on December 1st, the officers have worked **239 hours 9 minutes**. See the table for an ongoing tally from each SRC period.

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

## **Environment Collective Department Officer Report #2**

**Rex Michelson**

### **Executive Summary**

- **Meeting 1**
- **School Strike**
- **PPI Talk**

### ***Meeting #1***

The first meeting was successful. I noted quite a few individuals in attendance for the first time. We engaged in a good conversation regarding carbon credits. We discussed how it was broadly a process of greenwashing. Moreover, that carbon credits and biodiversity and carbon offsets broadly are a fundamentally flawed blunt tool toward solving the climate crisis. We followed this discussion with organising talk of the NDA and SS4C upcoming protests. Individuals within the collective have the opportunity to assist in both. We followed this by discussing the ANU's ongoing engagement with nuclear research, specifically that of nuclear submarines. We discussed the negative ramifications of this and subsequently decided on the formation of a working group to resolve this potentially in conjunction with the education action group. Lastly we discussed co-convenor elections which will occur next week.

### ***School Strike 4 Climate Protest***

Our work has been primarily focused on this protest. We provided the equipment used for it (including the large job of ferrying it over). We helped in the general organisation, just two weeks there were many aspects of the organising that had not occurred (run sheet, speakers etc). We also organised an ANU contingent to walk over to the protest.

Overall the day went very well. We saw good attendance including from different environmental organisations around Canberra. Through our speeches and our decision to march to the department of climate change we were able to convey strong and clear demands. We opposed the Governments 'climate active' program (carbon offsets) and the opening of new coal and gas mines.

Through the protest we were able to march through the city blocking the streets and receive some media coverage. This is the action in being a national movement building coalitions that the EC should strive to engage in this year. So ultimately I believe this was very successful.

One takeaway from this organising was how intensive the organisation was. Going forward I think it is pertinent to organise in a collaborative manner.

### ***PPI discussion***

I had the opportunity to participate in this panel discussion regarding climate activism in Australia and Indonesia. It was productive to be able to articulate and discuss climate issues and

protest in Australia and learn about these issues in a broader context. I believe it may be productive for the EC to engage more in these types of events as a means of outreach and political education.

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

**PARIA NAJAFZADEH (SHE/HER)**

Student Representative Council 2

15 March 2023 6:15 PM

### OUTLINE:

- I. PROJECTS
2. SOCIAL EVENTS
3. ADVOCACY WORK
4. COLLABORATIONS
5. ANTI-RACISM TASKFORCE
6. ADMINISTRATION
7. BIPOC BADDIE OF THE MONTH

#### 1. PROJECTS

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

#### 2. SOCIAL EVENTS

Tisha Shah, our amazing social officer, has organised an amazing social calendar for this semester with a broad range of events. There is something for everyone from Chai 'n' Chats to movie nights through our Autonomous Alternatives, and even some sporty events. This Thursday we are running a movie night and will be watching Gaza Mon Amour, a Palestinian rom-com. In week 5 we are running an event with the ANU Dance Club where you can learn K-pop and Bollywood dances.

Next term we will run some bigger social events including a Party as well as a big collab event with other Departments which is in the works. BIPOC students should come to our collective meetings (Wednesdays 5-6pm) for more frequent updates as well as an opportunity to share their thoughts. We also have a Social Committee who work on our bigger events if anyone wants to get involved in the Department.

### 3. **ADVOCACY WORK**

#### DOCUMENTARY

We have created a separate committee for the documentary and work is underway. Message our Facebook to join the committee or come along to collective meetings for more information.

#### CAMPAIGNS

Abreshmi, our advocacy officer, has developed many cool ideas for the year. Our campaign work will be separated into internal and external. Our internal theme is 'healing' and will involve events such as circle discussions to provide a safe space for BIPOC students to talk about their experiences within their identities. Our external theme will be covered by a zine produced by the department, providing an avenue for students to share their art as well as their thoughts regarding BIPOC advocacy.

### IV. **COLLABORATIONS**

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

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

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of February the Anti-Racism Taskforce had its first meeting. During the meeting I pushed the Taskforce to consider the recommendations listed in both the 2021 and 2022 Racism Reports. I am feeling optimistic about the Taskforce, with a key focus of the meeting being discussing the lack of BIPOC counsellors on campus and a disclosure tool for students who have been subjected to racism. The next meeting is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March.

### 6. **ADMINISTRATION**

#### OFFICE HOURS

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

#### ELECTION

We have opened nominations for the First Year Representative position on our executive. If you are a first year BIPOC student keen on getting involved have a look on our social medias for more information.

## FINANCES

### EXPENDITURE

Purpose	Item Description	Amount
ADMIN	Google Storage Subscription	2.49
CHAI & CHATS	Milligram drink orders	124.65
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-\$127.14</b>

## TIMESHEET

From 22/02/2023-13/03/2023 I have worked 19.50 hours. You can email me at [sa.bipoc@anu.edu.au](mailto:sa.bipoc@anu.edu.au) for a more detailed breakdown of my hours :)

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

Following the trend of other reports shouting out the work of an executive or collective member, I will be shouting out my BIPOC Baddie of the month. A BIPOC Baddie is someone who serves. I will provide no extra explanation. This month's baddie is Tisha Shah, our Social Officer. Thank you Tisha for being so on top of everything and dealing with my crazy.

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



