



SECOND QUARTER REPORT

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RMIT UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



President's Report



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This quarter's report showcases the results of many months of planning and preparation. With the academic year of 2013 in full swing, RUSU's many departments and collectives have come alive all across the campuses.

Re-Orientation Week saw students at every campus engage with our student clubs and learn of opportunities outside the classrooms. Thousands of students got involved and we sent off the week with one of our ever-popular evening parties, attended by hundreds of RMIT students.

Our student collectives continue to flourish, with the Environment Collective coming in to its stride this quarter - over 150 interested students have signed up so far. Regular meetings of students have been occurring, including trips to our 'pop up patch' at Federation Square and planning for future projects and events. In addition, this quarter saw the Environment Department launch its healthy-eating cookbook, 'Beyond Mi Goreng', and its popularity has sparked calls for a second edition. Watch this space.

This quarter has seen our Student Rights Department focus upon the University's proposed 'Fitness For Study' policies. We continue to express our concerns to the University that issues of mental health and student conduct need to be dealt with in a holistic and supportive manner, rather than with the proposed invasive, punitive measures. After much consultation, the University is now re-drafting these policies and we will continue to work together over the coming months to develop the best possible outcome for students.

Some attention has also been on how issues of academic progress are handled at RMIT, with a focus on the College of Business. Investigations discovered potential for compliance issues, as well as a generally poor standard of communication and dealing with students. The College has acknowledged our concerns and we are working together to examine and improve current practices.

As you read this report you'll see our operations are going from strength to strength: our clubs are well established and active, our volunteer program is in high demand, our membership numbers continue to grow, and our weekly events and major projects are running like clockwork. Everything is on track for a sterling year.

For students looking to get involved, your first stop should be signing up to RUSU for just \$10 at www.su.rmit.edu.au/signup. From there I encourage you to attend an event on your campus, join a student club, or become a volunteer and make new friends at RMIT. Whatever your interests, we've got something to make your time at RMIT the best that it can be, so get involved!

Activities and Events

Activities

The second quarter of each year is notable as it features the most number of months with only 30 days (April and June). Aside from that, it is also the time when first year students find their feet in the scholarly pursuits, and when students in their final years start yearning wistfully for a time when they can don the mortarboard and join the long queues for jobs thereafter.

For RUSU, the second quarter emerged as one of the busiest periods in the year, with our new initiative Re-Orientation Week becoming one of the Union's major marquee events.

Standout Events

Re-Orientation Week

In 2013, RUSU was successful in securing a SSAF grant to run additional orientation activities, under the banner of Re-Orientation Week. This calendar of events provides both commencing and returning students the opportunity to create friendships, acquaint themselves with services, and familiarise themselves with the social spaces of the University at a time largely free of the hustle and bustle of the peak orientation period.

The week consisted of four events. A roadshow at both the Brunswick and Bundoora campuses, a day-time 'street party' at the City campus followed by a social event in the evening.

Re-Orientation Week Roadshow

Tuesday 9th of April @ Brunswick campus

Wednesday 10th of April @ Bundoora campus

These days saw an average of 5 RUSU affiliated clubs attend, with various food options and beverages (beer, cider and soft drinks) provided free of charge to students. Entertainment was provided by student DJs, and innovative RUSU branded giveaways (sunglasses and trucker hats) were distributed.

Re-Orientation Week Street Party (Swanston St Campus)

Thursday 11th of April @ City Campus

This day was the largest of the three day-time activities, and saw over 30 RUSU affiliated clubs attend as well as representatives from Student Services. Like the other days, a variety of food options were provided free of charge to students, not to mention beer, cider and soft drinks.

Entertainment was provided by student bands, with a large stage erected at the northern end of Bowen Street.

Re-Orientation Night

Thursday 11th of April @ Platform One Nightclub

Re-Orientation Night served as a closing ceremony of sorts to the week's festivities.

Tickets were distributed free of charge, with an attendance of around 800. Celebrations went long into the night, with management of Platform One pleased at how well behaved attendees were.

DJ Comp

On 10 May, RUSU participated in the ACCA National Campus DJ Competition.

Regional Heats were held at the VU Bar, Victoria University. The heat saw RMIT students competing against students from NMIT and Victoria University for a place in the State final. In a great result, 1st, 2nd and 3rd places all went to competitors from RMIT. First prize was awarded to DJ Lazar, who in addition to qualifying for the state final also won a gift voucher from the School of Synthesis.

The state final of the DJ competition was held on 23 May at Brutale in Chinatown, and featured student DJs from across metropolitan Melbourne.

End of Semester Party – Superheroes vs Villains

The bi-annual End of Exam party was held on the Thursday of the final week of exams for Semester One at the Platform One nightclub.

This party was held jointly with the Victorian University Student Union. RUSU made a concerted effort to showcase student DJs from both RMIT and Victoria University, giving them valuable industry experience and exposure. The positive reception they received is due in no small part to the mentoring efforts of RUSU Activities Representative Anthony Azar, who spent many days helping them refine their skills in the lead-up to this event.

Attendance was around 800, with a \$10 ticket price. Special thanks go to Abena Dove from Victoria University, Chris Leonards from Platform One and Nick McClennan from Lab22 for their contributions to the success of this night.

Market Days

RUSU has continued with the practice of holding fortnightly market days on Bowen Street to coincide with the Wednesday Chill n' Grills. Four merchants attend each week and contribute to a vibrant sense of community amongst the student body.

RUSU Membership

The 2013 RUSU Membership package costs \$10, and entitles members to free beer/cider at the weekly Chill n' Grill, access to exclusive members-only giveaways and cheaper or priority access to RUSU events.

591 students became RUSU financial members during this quarter, bringing total member ship to 2836 students.

Volunteers

The second quarter of 2013 has seen the formal adoption of the Volunteer Program policies and procedures. In accordance with the National Standards for Involving Volunteers, a suite of policies and procedures have been developed and distributed amongst volunteers to inform them of the framework in which they volunteer. These include:

- » Volunteer Management Policy
- » OHS for Volunteers
- » Volunteer Recruitment
- » Volunteer Induction
- » Volunteer Grievances & Dispute Resolution
- » Privacy
- » Training & Professional Development

The Student Engagement Officer hosted a visit with her counterpart from the University of Canberra Student Association. Rachel Wallis was introduced to many of our volunteers and taken on a 'tour' of the programs that involve volunteers. Rachel also looked at our processes for recruitment, induction and reporting.

Youth Mental Health First Aid, Responsible Service of Alcohol and Food Handler Level 1 training were also held during this quarter, doubling the number of volunteers trained in these areas.

A number of volunteers were also inducted during April and May, making our number of fully inducted and trained volunteers sufficient to support out services.

On the 28th of June volunteers were invited to join together at an appreciation dinner. This was the opportunity for staff to thank the volunteers who support their departments with a meal and a reminder of how much they are appreciated. It was great to see so many volunteers from all service areas join in.

At the end of the second quarter, RUSU volunteers had contributed approximately 1662 working hours to RUSU services. There have been 1862 volunteer hours so far this year.

Almost 2000 volunteer hours worked in Semester One!



RECRUITMENT	APR-JUNE	YTD
Students registering interest to volunteer	170	350
TRAINING (COMPLETIONS)	APR-JUNE	YTD
Volunteers inducted	37	110
Volunteers trained in Food Handling Level 1	17	50
Volunteers training in RSA	13	33
Volunteers registered for Youth Mental Health First Aid	11	21



RAA BBQ

Across the Campuses

City

The RUSU Information Counter in Building 8 continues to be an important 'go to' information point for students and also visitors to RMIT, with approximately 100 queries a day during this quarter. Our Student Liaison Officer has trained our 10 RUSU Front Office volunteers who staff the office during the peak period each day.

Wednesdays @ Chill 'N' Grill

10,000 free lunches served at Chill & Grill!

Chill'N'Grill is held weekly during semester in Bowen Street, with a special Alumni Court event once a month. Chill'N'Grill continued to be RUSU's major regular event, feeding 1000-1,200 students in 2 hours with sausages, veggie burgers, fried onions, bread and salad.

Between 10-15 of our trained RUSU Events volunteers assist our Activities staff from 10am-3pm every Wednesday to set up, run the event and do the pack up and post event cleaning.

RUSU hires student DJ's and bands on a weekly basis to perform at Chill'N'Grill. At the very last Chill'N'Grill in semester 1, RUSU collaborated with RMIT music industry students as a trial for Semester 2. As a result of the success of this event RUSU has teamed up with the RMIT music industry course and will now be providing student coordinated gigs, with student bands performing weekly at Chill'N'Grill.

Bundoora

Starving Students Day: Every Thursday

3200 Bundoora students have enjoyed food as part of the Starving Students weekly event this quarter. RUSU continued to cook barbecues out at Bundoora, until May, when soup and a roll was seen as a healthier and warmer option. Two trained RUSU branded volunteers have been assisting deliver these events.

Kitchen in Building 204

750+ free RUSU Bld 204 Coffee breaks each week!

The free tea and coffee service provided by RUSU within the kitchen in building 204 has been expanded. Students can now make coffee, hot chocolate, black tea, green tea and chai tea. Or they can settle for plain hot water. Between 150 to 200 hot drinks are made each day within the kitchenette.

Building 204 Information Counter

The information counter was busy this quarter, particularly in assisting the rising number of student rights issues being presented by students, which may be as a result of additional advertising on campus and at RUSU events. The Bundoora Student Liaison Officer negotiated student discounts for local businesses, including the Mill Park Savers, Capz and Russell Athletic.

Free Breakfast

200 students a week attend the RUSU free breakfasts!

800 students attended the free RUSU healthy breakfasts (fresh fruit, muesli and yoghurt) provided for the last four weeks of semester. The breakfasts were held in Building 204, and this created a nice atmosphere in the building, as students came in to get their food and socialise in groups within the building as they ate breakfast.

Bundoora East Rejuvenation Working Group

The Bundoora East Rejuvenation Working Party continued to meet this quarter, making plans to transform building 254 into a focal point of student activity. While this project has been informally given the green light the approval process has stalled at Property Services end.

Brunswick

Free Lunch Tuesdays @ Brunswick

RUSU provided free lunch to 400 students each week during this quarter, with BBQ's including veggie options during April and the Winter Warmers Soup program in May and early June. The free healthy hot soup is gluten free and vegan to suit all dietary needs and is served with a fresh bread roll.

Brunswick Lockers

After years of campaigning and negotiations RUSU has finally received formal approval to install student lockers at Brunswick. These lockers will be installed next quarter and will be administered by RUSU.

Makers Market Training

RUSU teamed up with RMIT Link to run a Makers Market information session/ training, for Brunswick RMIT students. This is in preparation for the Markers Market joint initiative in Semester 2.

TAFE (aka Carlton)

TAFE Brunch Hour (11:30am every Thursday)

This free brunch outside the Carlton library continues to grow strong with approximately 200 students enjoying a wide selection of baked goods, condiments, salad ingredients and fruit each week during this quarter.



RUSU DEPARTMENTS

April 8–11 Collectives at RUSU Re O Week

These events were very important opportunities for RUSU Collectives to raise awareness among new students. The Enviro Department for example promoted the Furniture Cage, Realfoods Café and the Collective Pop up Patch initiative. Organic chocolates were free giveaways to students and 72 new sign ups made. The Womyn's Collective distributed membership packs, with information about the Collective, a badge, key ring torch, pads, tampons and condoms.

Environment

Enviro Conferences: Power Shift/ Students of Sustainability

The Enviro Department have been busy this Quarter planning attendance for the Students of Sustainability Conference 2013 and the Power Shift Youth Climate Summit 2013 to be held in July. These are annual events that the Environment Department strives to send keen and active Collective members to each year. The SOS was held in Tasmania, Launceston this year. Organised by students, it is a conference arranged for a diverse group of people to talk, discuss and take action related to the environment.

The Power Shift Youth Climate Summit is run by the Australian Youth Climate Coalition was held over the mid-year break. This conference provides a great opportunity for students passionate about climate change to make the connections with other students, activists, scientists, politicians and community leaders.

"I think it's absolutely great that the Student Union is very active in terms of Sustainability and Environment and the fact that they think it's a responsibility to send students to the PowerShift and educate them is amazing."

Nikhil Mungilwar, Student

Enviro Collective Meetings

The Enviro Collective has 72 Facebook Likes and involves an active group of RMIT students. The Enviro Collective walk down to Fed Square's Pop Up Patch urban gardening initiative fortnightly on Thursdays to plant out their little veggie patch, plan Collective events and campaigns, and discuss issues.

The collective involves an increasing number of students highly involved in gardening and interested in organic, vegan food and health choices.

Enviro-Pop Up Patch

Located on Birrarung Marr, the Pop Up Patch is an awareness raising campaign project that allows students to gain hands on experience growing their own food, while learning about

alternative food production and the environmental impacts of personal food choices. Staff members are on hand to give advice and assistance. The Environment Department has been attempting for a number of years to secure a veggie garden on campus which has proved difficult and the Enviro Dept were forced to find another option to educate and raise awareness around growing food and permaculture. This program offers the Environment Department a way to overcome this barrier and provide the Collective with a fun, educational and productive meet up space for 2013.

Enviro Furniture Recycling Campaign

The RMIT Furniture Collective is dedicated to collecting discarded RMIT University Furniture and redistributing it FREE to students. It is open every Wednesday afternoon during semester. The ongoing volunteer program involvement in the furniture cage proved to be successful this quarter with assistance from the new RUSU Student Engagement Officer.

"I love volunteering at RUSU, especially at the Furniture Cage. It is very nice of them (RUSU) to provide free furniture for students"

Appu, RUSU Volunteer

When students visiting the Cage were asked for their feedback, we learnt that the Cage has proved very useful for students—especially students new to Melbourne—as it can be difficult furnishing their homes and study spaces in the first few months of their stay and support like the Furniture Cage is always appreciated.

"Furniture cage = best idea ever!"

Anton, RMIT Student

RUSU Realfoods

Realfoods was open every week until the end of semester 1 classes, with the support of a large team of student volunteers. Realfoods volunteers received training in Food Safety during semester 1 as well as building skills, confidence and knowledge on the job in the café.

The 'Build Your Own Salad' bar continued to be popular this quarter as did the healthy organic vegetarian pizzas. Realfoods is proud that it still works to encourage customers to try a healthy, tasty, affordable alternative at RMIT and that we provide an opportunity for RMIT students to volunteer and learn more about healthy and sustainable food choices.

RUSU Realfoods continues to promote healthy and ethical eating habits through their interactions with customers and volunteers, the healthy food the cafe serves and through promotional activities such as the Realfoods Facebook page.



Enviro Stall



Pop Up Patch



RUSU Queer

End of Semester Queer Party: May 31 2013

50-70 students attended the Canadian College Theme Party, which featured Beer pong, food and drink, new and returning members. It was a great way to wrap up the semester and say goodbye to some members of the collective that graduate or go on exchange.

Queer Excursions

The Queer department runs regular, small, partly subsidized, off campus excursions for Collective members including trips to karaoke, Bounce, and ice-skating. 10-15 students attended each event.

May 16 TREV IDAHO Ball

The Tertiary Recreation Entertainment Victoria Intersarsity IDAHO Ball was a formal-themed celebration held on Thursday, May 16 to usher in the International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia. RMIT Queer Officers, collective members and staff were instrumental in planning and delivering this event which saw around 200 students from universities and TAFEs across Victoria treated to drinks, canapés and great tunes courtesy of DJs Larrie, Leather Locklear and Jennifer Loveless.

Queer Collective: Monday Meetings

The Queer Collective gets together each Monday in the City Queer lounge to welcome new members; Plan campaigns (such as our IDAHO campaign); Plan conferences like Queer Collaborations (QC); Plan events (such as our End of Semester Party, Karaoke Field trips, Ice Skating, a trip to Bounce, etc.) The Queer Collective has 356 Facebook Group members.

Wednesday Workshops

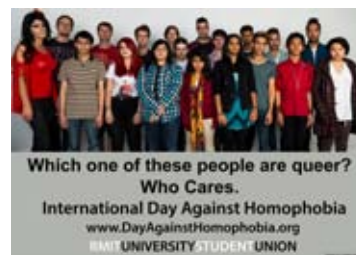
The Queer Collective organises informative workshops weekly for about 20 students. The Quarter has included workshop presented by The VIC AIDS Council on Sexual Trichotomy, Stereotypes and homophobia, Communication and relationships, Sexual Health, Gender Diversity and HIV Stigma and discrimination.

Fridays Wine and Whine

This weekly event attracts upwards of 20 students and provides a safe, relaxed platform for Collective members to discuss issues and raise concerns with the group.

IDAHO Campaign

May 17, International Day Against Homophobia. The Queer Collective used a poster and social media campaign to raise awareness of homophobia in the RMIT community. Collective



members volunteered to pose for a group photo with the caption: "Which one of these people are queer?" questioning stereotypes and the relevance of one's sexuality. Posters are still hung all around the university.

RUSU International

International Lunches

The International lunches continued weekly this quarter. This event is for International students who may not have strong social networks at RMIT to make new friends over a free lunch provided by RUSU.

RUSU English Language Workshops

The final class for this semester's program was April 23. Students were taken on a walking tour of Melbourne laneways and heritage sites. Each student was asked to research one site and present the information to the group. This was followed by a celebration lunch in Degraes St.

RUSU Postgraduate



In the last quarter the Student Rights Officer (HRO) has worked closely with the Education Officer and Campaigns and Collectives Support Officer to organise a RUSU Forum specifically for HDR Students. This was the first of its kind offered by RUSU and is part of an ongoing project to increase the engagement with HDR students.

The Higher Degree by Research Forum was held on 24th April and included the following speakers:

Dr Judy Maxwell, Senior Educator, Academic Portfolio RMIT

Prof. Brian Corbitt, Professor Mentor RMIT, Winner Supervision Award 2013.

Meghan Hopper, Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA) President 2013.

Fiona Nolan, Senior Coordinator School of Graduate Research, Frances Ormand Winner.

Dr Sarah Jameson, RMIT PhD graduate.

Helen Cook, Student Rights Officer (HRO).

50 people attended the forum. RUSU gave away 'RUSU loves Research' goody bags and students socialised and networked over dinner and a glass of wine.

With the success of this event the HRD Student Rights Officer is working with students on 2 information sessions for Semester 2.

A HDR Association has been established within RUSU and the HDR Student Rights officer is working with the association on creating greater bonds between HDR students and RUSU.

RUSU Womyns

April 29- May 3 2013 Blue Stocking Week

The Womyn's Collective has seen increased engagement this year and Blue Stocking Week was celebrated in the Womyn's Rooms of each campus over cupcakes and cuppas. The Collectives and Campaigns Support officer gave a talk about the continuing relevance of this event, as womyn continue to be underrepresented in many Higher Education programs and career streams.

Womyn's Collective Meetings

The Womyn's Collective is very active in 2013, with 112 registered members.

Break Up Games City-May 23, Bundoora- May 30.

The city event consisted of snacks and drinks for students to gather and discuss goings on at uni, upcoming NOWSA, and also de-stress with upcoming exams. The event was enjoyed by all. The Bundoora event had a mixture of snacks and drinks out for the day for students to snack on whilst studying or taking a break, socialise and relax with upcoming exams. This was also popular and proved to be an effective way to engage the Bundoora female students.

Afternoon Teas City- April 22, Bundoora- April 29.

Over 25 students attended each event, with great discussions on the department, Blue Stocking Week, upcoming NOWSA conference, and feedback on events. Gluten free vegan cupcakes/cakes were supplied as an afternoon snack to suit the theme and were very popular.

Soup Lunches May 13 City and Bundoora,

As we are getting into the colder part of the year the Womyn's Collective will continue with soup lunches to compliment the collective meetings.

Film and Literature Discussion Group

One of our Volunteer Womyn's Room Conveners Thakshila has instigated this regular womyn's discussion group and it is gaining in popularity, starting with a small group of 5, increasing to 10 and growing in number throughout this quarter.

Don't Be That Guy campaign

The Womyn's Department has launched the international "Sexual Assault Voices of Calgary Don't Be That Guy" campaign. This poster campaign raises awareness of sexual assault by attacking misconceptions related to consent and reinforces that any form of sexual activity without consent is against the law. The Don't Be That Guy campaign surrounds alcohol facilitated sexual assault against womyn, as they are most at risk (but certainly not the only gender at risk) of becoming a victim of this crime.

The Womyn's Department are proud to endorse this campaign by displaying the posters around RMIT and at our RUSU events to show how important it is to be aware, be safe, and to not be that guy.

RUSU Welfare and Education

Healthy Eating Campaign

RUSU continued with our sustainable food choices and student nutrition program during Re-Orientation week. The first edition of our student cooking guide Beyond Mi Goreng was snapped up in record time, with students at the Bundoora campus requesting a second print run after the first ran out! For swot vac and exam time, RUSU provided free water and fruit to students studying in the library, while promoting the subsidised fruit, vegetable and egg boxes provided by Organic Empire. Students commented on the RUSU Facebook page "what a fantastic initiative" and "smoothies galore!"

Welfare free Breakfast- Brunswick and Bundoora

Welfare breakfasts on the Brunswick and Bundoora campuses commenced May 13. These events highlight issues with student nutrition and poverty in conjunction with RUSU's Healthy Eating campaign. Students often tell us that they come to Uni without having eaten breakfast. RUSU provides fruit, yoghurt and muesli.



WOMYN'S DEPT. ACTIVITIES

Clubs and Societies

\$42,234 of RUSU Clubs Grants accessed this year!

RUSU CLUBS ACTIVITY

There are 72 Clubs & Societies Affiliated to RUSU at mid-year across the following club types:

RUSU Academic Clubs	32
RUSU Cultural Clubs	15
RUSU Special Interest Clubs	10
RMIT Spiritual Clubs	10
RUSU Political Clubs	5
TOTAL	72

The complete list of RUSU affiliated clubs can be found at www.su.rmit.edu.au/clubs/.

RUSU Political clubs are not funded through SSAF funds.

REGULAR RUSU CLUB EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- » Thursday lunchtime bible study - RMIT Student Life University Group- City Campus Cafeteria
- » Semester 1 Weekly RMIT Japan Club conversation class – on campus
- » Friday Meetings- Melbourne City - RMIT Overseas Christian Fellowship
- » Saturday weekly meetings & films– RMIT Games Manga & Anime Society (GMAS) – RUSU Meeting Room
- » Thursday weekly meetings at Oxford Hotel – RMIT Secular Society
- » Tuesday night training – RMIT Association of Debaters (RAD)
- » Thursday afternoon catch ups - RMIT Social Work Alliance Project (RMIT SWAP)
- » Weekly City Soup Van volunteering - RMIT SWAP
- » Wednesday & Fridays– SFGA weekly events – City Campus Cafeteria
- » Regular Tuesday night dinner & meeting in the RMIT Spiritual Centre – RMIT Christian Union
- » Thursdays film nights at Trades Hall – RMIT Socialist Alternative

RUSU CLUB EVENTS & ACTIVITIES IN APRIL 2013

- » Fridays in April & May - Understanding Buddhism Lecture Series – RMIT Buddhist Society- RUSU Meeting Room
- » RMIT Association of Debaters (RAD) Social – Korean Night- Dae Jang Korean BBQ Restaurant City

- » RMIT Association of Debaters (RAD) - competed in the Gold Coast Easters National Campus Debating Competition
- » RMIT Christian Union Brunch – University Function Room
- » RMIT Civil Engineering Student Association (CESA) Semester 1 Pub Crawl - Melb City
- » RMIT Environmental Engineers SA (EESA) Camp at Peppin Point Holiday Park, Lake Eildon
- » RMIT EESA Bounce Inc Night- Bounce, Malvern
- » RMIT Greens lunch – RUSU Meeting Room
- » RMIT ALP Club attended Construction Workers Rally – City
- » RMIT Engineers Without Borders (RMIT EWB) Trivia Night – Imperial Hotel
- » RMIT Socialist Alternative attended a film by Aamer Rahman: The Truth Hurts (Fear of a Brown Planet)- at Melbourne Town Hall
- » RMIT University Malaysian Association (RUMA) Casual Dinner at Chillipadi Restaurant, City
- » RMIT Singaporean Students Association (RMIT SSA) Mid Semester Picnic & Scavenger Hunt- Flagstaff Gardens
- » RMIT Christian Union (RMIT CU) U Kick Off Camp – Upper Plenty Conference Centre
- » RMIT Buddhist Society & Melb Uni Buddhist Society co-hosted the Training Series “ Exploring Ways to Understand Your Mind & Develop Your Wisdom” – RMIT Spiritual Centre
- » RMIT Asian Association (RAA) BBQ – Alumni Courtyard
- » RMIT Japan Club Film screening in the RUSU meeting Room
- » RMIT Iranian Club trip to Persian Fair Abbotsford Convent
- » RMIT Indonesian Students Association (RMIT PPIA) Martabak event – Kedai Satay Restaurant

RUSU CLUB EVENTS & ACTIVITIES IN MAY 2013

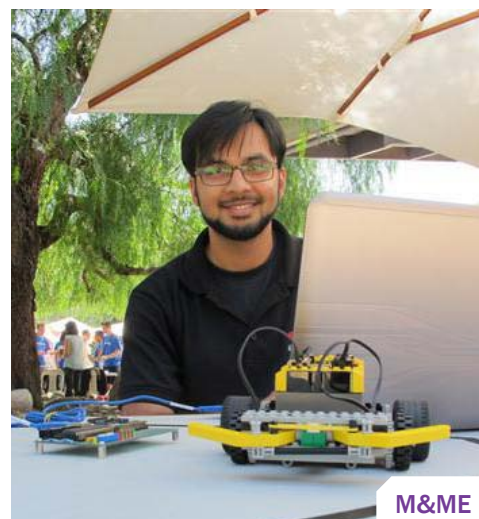
- » RMIT Unites Society of Hellenes (RUSH) Sweets Day- Bowen St
- » RMIT Landscape Architecture Association (RMIT SLAB) - Launch of <http://rmitlab.wordpress.com/> - online resource for RMIT Landscape Architecture students
- » RMIT G4R (RMIT Korean Christian Club) dinner- private residence
- » RMIT Planet Uni – One Night Roadshow teaser event - Bowen St
- » RMIT Student Life University Group Ladies Lunch at Melbourne Central
- » RMIT Christian Union Prayer Night – Spiritual Centre



AIESEC



RMIT India Club at Holi



M&ME



Darwin visits RMIT



Journalism Club

- » RMIT Greens Enrol to Vote Stall - City Campus Cafeteria
- » Oxfam RMIT stall at Changemakers Market - Bowen St
- » RMIT ALP Club BBQ- Bowen St
- » RMIT Students For Palestine Club participation in Al Nakba Commemoration, Melbourne City
- » RMIT Students For Palestine Club Film night " 5 Broken Cameras" - Kaleide Theatre
- » RMIT Secular Society Film Night screening of "Jesus Camp" in the RUSU meeting Room
- » RMIT Engineers Without Borders (RMIT EWB BBQ - Fig Tree Courtyard
- » RMIT Association of Debaters (RAD) night out at Debaters of Swinburne Comedy debate (Swinburne Uni)
- » AIESEC Passport Expo - Bowen St
- » RMIT University Malaysian Association (RUMA) participation in Malaysian Sukaneka - A combined campus game tournament for Campus Malaysian Clubs from RMIT, Melb Uni, Monash & VU, Princes Park Parkville
- » RMIT Singaporean Students Association (RMIT SSA - Movie Night, City
- » RMIT Sports Chiropractic Association Foot Strapping Workshop - Bundoora campus
- » RMIT Islamic Society- Islamic Awareness Week - on campus
- » RMIT Japan Club - club day out to the Japan Festival in Box Hill
- » RMIT Association of Engineering Students Association free lunch-- O Grady Place
- » RMIT Chinese Medicine Farewell Dinner for 5th years students- Dragon Boat Restaurant
- » RMIT Civil Engineering Student Association (CESA) Boat Cruise - Yarra River/The Bay
- » RMIT Environmental Engineers SA (EESA) Resume Info Night - Building 14
- » RMIT Environmental Engineers SA (EESA) Pub Crawl - City
- » RMIT International Studies Association (RMIT ISA) Pizza & Drinks night at Asian Beer Café
- » RMIT Music Industry Club (RMIT MIC) - lunchtime performances, Bowen Street
- » RMIT Journalism Students Society launch and sign up event- Bowen Street
- » RMIT Journalism Students Society Pub Crawl- Melbourne City
- » RMIT Masters of Business Student Association (RMIT MBA SA) Bowling night - City
- » RMIT Unites Society of Hellenes (RUSH) members attended National Union of Greek Students Association (NUGAS) annual boat cruise

- » RMIT Indonesian Students Association (RMIT PPIA) participation in Intervarsity Futsal Championships
- » RMIT Iranian Students Association presented the Australian Premiere of the film - "American Coup" - Kaleide Theatre
- » AIESEC Cultural Day - Bowen St

RUSU CLUB EVENTS & ACTIVITIES IN JUNE 2013

- » RMIT Planet Uni team in the Planet Uni Basketball challenge - Monash Uni
- » RMIT Singaporean Students Association (RMIT SSA end of Semester BBQ- Flagstaff Gardens
- » RMIT ALP CLub launched club blog - <http://www.alpclub.org.au>
- » RMIT Asian Association (RAA) End of Exams party Love Machine, Prahran
- » RMIT University Malaysian Association (RUMA) annual Ski Trip
- » RMIT Civil Engineering Student Association (CESA) end of Semester BBQ - Fig Tree
- » RMIT Japan Club trip to the Royal Melbourne Zoo
- » RMIT International Studies Association (RMIT ISA) bowling & laser tag event - Strike Bowling, City

OTHER SUPPORT TO CLUBS:

- » Certified training provided on campus in both Certificate in Food Safety Handling and Responsible Service of Alcohol
- » Coordination of 37 RUSU Club participants in Re Orientation Week
- » Distribution of City of Melbourne International Students and Youth Projects quarterly newsletter to RUSU Cultural Clubs and other international student founded clubs
- » Development and publication of Function Checklist and RUSU Clubs Promotion Guide in Resources section of RUSU Clubs web page
- » Over 2000 pages of Clubs promotional material printed
- » Liaison between RMIT Association of Debaters (RAD), RMIT Property Services and RMIT Security to organise the Inaugural "RUM" (RMIT University Mini) Debating Tournament scheduled for August in the SAB - 8 teams expected to compete
- » Support to RMIT Iranian Society to coordinate permission required from Australian Film Classification Board and liaise with Kaleide Theatre Management to enable Australian premier screening of Iranian documentary " American Coup"

Student Media

Catalyst

www.rmitcatalyst.com.

Our second issue for the year came out in early April, with plenty of positive feedback. The feature story looked at the changes to RMIT's internship policy, and it was very popular with Media and Communications students the changes directly affected.

In May, with the assistance of RUSU, the Catalyst editorial team had the opportunity to attend and report from the 2013 Federal Budget lock-up in Canberra. We were the only student publication in the country to do so. As young journalists this was an invaluable experience, and we thank the Student Union for the opportunity.

While we were reporting from Canberra, we arranged a team of students to cover the massive rally against higher education cuts. They also edited and published the copy we filed from Canberra, and we think this hints at the kind of newsroom feel Catalyst can build on.

We've also expanded the Catalyst team significantly, appointing two new section editors (David Heslin, Culture & Reviews; Catherine Hall, Creative Writing) as well as an advertising manager (Rebecca Aiezza). We feel this is an important structural change and one that should be continued in future. It means we are a more flexible, and more specialised, unit.

Issue three came out in May, with many people commenting on the cover art by student Moshe Uhrig.

We've spent June organising the fourth issue, which we've dedicated to the Federal election. We'd had so much great, informative content and we're really looking forward to sharing it with everyone.

At the moment we're sorting through a stack of applications for our full-time blogging positions, and we're proud to say the magazine is engaging with (we think) more students than ever before.

Catalyst publishes 5,000 copies of each edition which are distributed across all campuses.

VSRC Publications: The VSRC, RUSU's sister organisation in RMIT Vietnam have published 2 editions of their new student magazine Blitz, inspired by RUSU's Catalyst publication, as well as a Vietnam edition of the Orientation Guide Book. These high quality publications are a fantastic achievement for the VSRC and indicate the importance of continued interaction between the two student organisations. They have been very well received by RMIT Vietnam students who are now actively involved in the continued publication of Blitz, making it a truly peer to peer publication.

RMITV

New Student Community Television Board

RMITV welcomes a new Board of Directors, consisting of current students and alumni of RMIT University, who were voted in on the 23rd of May at our Annual General Meeting. The goals of the coming year are to improve upon our policies and expanding our RMITV network reach.

RMITV Training

We are excited to announce that Peter Howard is the new Training Manager (volunteer honorarium role) at RMITV. Peter is responsible for organising and conducting training workshops and industry tours.

Whilst studying the Diploma of Screen and Media at RMIT University, he furthered his training and experience as an RMITV member through programs such as; 'Newline', 'Studio A', 'Tough Times Never Last', and 'Live On Bowen'. Since completion of his diploma he has free lanced for many companies and worked as a Graphic Designer and Graphics Operator for Channel 10.

As Training Manager Peter will use his industry experiences to organise effective training workshops which will further RMITV members' progression in the Film and Television industry.

Experience Media Day

RMITV was honoured to be invited to participate in Media Experience Day organised by the School of Media on the 2nd of June, 2013. Faustina "Fuzzy" Agolley (The Voice, Video Hits), Jonathan Brown (Education and Training Manager, SYN), and Peter Macinkovic (Secretary from RMITV Board of Directors) presented a question and answer session to around 70 high school students involved in the event.

This was the perfect opportunity to encourage potential RMIT University students to see the benefits of studying at RMIT and the additional opportunities the university's internal media production house provides. RMITV provides the chance to gain real televised and other production footage for future media and communication employees.

RMITV Productions

31 Questions: After successfully airing around Australia and New Zealand Season Two of this studio-based quiz show starts airing on television in Melbourne on Saturday the 27th of July, then Perth, and Sydney. In mid-August it will air in New Zealand!

Random Aussies: Three guys traveling round Australia, following around random fellow Aussies for a day. Providing many Post Production opportunities with mentorship by the Producer, who is an RMIT University Alumni. This show is the most successful Channel 31 Wednesday night show!

Tough Times Never Last: This popular interview show wrapped up its eighth successful season. With an industry employed Producer, this is one of the most sought after media production training grounds for students. The show centres on interviews with people with stories of personal struggle, professional failure, and criminal mistakes - inspiring viewers to improve their lives.

In Pit Lane: At 18 years, this is Australia's longest running prime-time motorsport journalism series! This show provides a rare chance to gain live-to-air television experience. The next season is looking at training a student Associate Producer. Another successful season of this live studio-based news show wrapped up.

Flagship Production - Live on Bowen: This studio-based variety show is mid-season, providing approximately 60 students and alumni with live-to-air industry experience. This show airs with the invaluable support from RUSU and SSAF funding. A Bowen-Best is coming up, with a Third Season planned for late 2013. Student crew members were chuffed with guests of this season including: Peter Hitchener, Claire Hooper, Catriona Rowntree and successful RMIT University Alumni Graeme Simsion.

Equipment Acquisitions

As the lines of the between television and film production blur RMITV has set out to buy a Black Magic 4k interchangeable lens camera. The Black Magic camera is capable of taking the lenses used by Canon DSLRs which will help give RMITV productions that crisp cinema feel to our productions with lots of Bokeh. Unlike standard DSLR cameras, the Black Magic is designed for filming not photography giving students who work on our shows experience with industry standard equipment.

Archival Footage

Over the last 25 years RMITV has been the launch-pad for some great careers in the media. Rove, Peter Heillier, Tommy Little, Hamish & Andy, and Dave Thornton have all been presenters on our shows. Our alumni include producers, editors, camera operators, and directors who are now successful in the industry. RMITV stores the beginnings of these careers on footage dating back to the 80s on perishing tapes.

With the help of RUSU and RMITV volunteers we have now begun the process of digitizing the 1000 tapes that we have onto our new 20 TB server. We hope that by digitizing the tapes, we can reuse the footage as evidence that RMITV is the ideal place for students to gain experience in the industry. We also aim to preserve the countless hours of work RMITV members have put into our shows over the years.

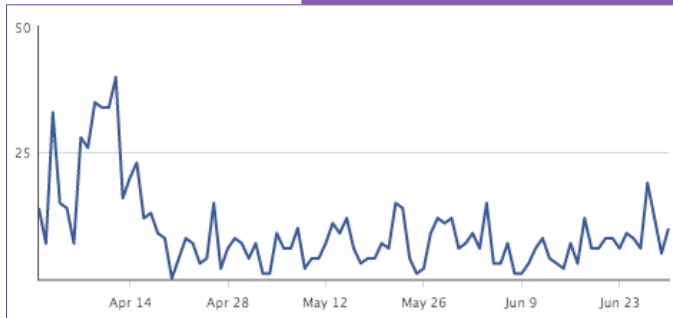
Social Media & Publications

Facebook - 6,100 Facebook Likes

RUSU's Facebook interaction with students remains strong with an increase of around 500 'likes' this quarter. We continue to advertise events and announcements to students across all media platforms cohesively, with a particular emphasis on our Facebook page, which sees a consistent two-way interaction with students.

Circulation of photos from our events continues to be the biggest attraction to students, with hundreds of photos shared from the two large events of the quarter, the Re-Orientation Night Party and the End of Exams party. As these photos are branded with the RUSU logo, our brand recognition noticeably grows during these periods. RUSU's Facebook has served many varying purposes this quarter, from promoting events and offers, to supplying students with information on exams and information on accessing student rights.

Facebook "likes" this quarter



TWITTER

The number of our followers continues to grow, up from 1268 to 1400 this quarter. Major threads over the past quarter included Re-O Week promotions, announcements of free food and giveaways, and information regarding offers such as free yoga & furniture cage freebies. Twitter was also a successful platform for disseminating information regarding the Emerson Cuts, with public meeting announcements and venue info shared via the platform. Like Facebook, this site is also positive for RUSU's continued engagement amongst students, with real time responses to questions and concerns.

WEBSITE

RUSU's site continues to be a great platform for delivering news, updates and information about RUSU events and activities. Uploading custom images and logos to club pages has added interest and variety to the site, and a standard template for homepage banner information panels has been created to provide a consistent appearance to announcements and news.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

The RUSU Media Department produces a wide variety of publicity materials for RUSU departments, events and clubs. Highlights this quarter include:

Re-Orientation

RUSU's Re-Orientation Week featured daytime activities across the three RMIT campuses and culminated in a night-time event at Platform One in the CBD. We promoted these events with a suite of themed posters and online media, brought together with incidental illustrations, a palette based on our identity purple and contemporary type stylings. Also produced for the evening event were a number of motion graphics, welcoming students and displaying DJ names during the show.

Higher Degree by Research

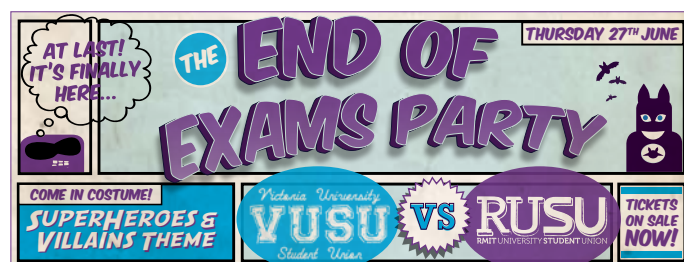
Posters, stickers, online media and certificates were produced for a one-day forum in late April. In addition to this event, a new logo was produced for the Higher Degree by Research Association.

Real Foods

To promote Real Foods' new week day specials, posters advertising the burger and falafel specials were created.

End of Exams & End of Semester events

With the theme of "Heroes VS Villains", it was easy to devise a comic book motif for RUSU and VUSU's combined End of Exam Party. Alongside the standard A3 posters and online media, RUSU utilised an A0 poster, displayed prominently in the Building 8 foyer, to publicise the event. Posters and promotional materials were also developed for end of semester events for the Queer and Womyn's departments.



Representation & advocacy

Compass

There were 83 student drop ins this quarter which is a significant increase on the same time last year. Work has begun on a new database for collecting information about the issues that students present with which will make reporting much more detailed and simplified.

- » Orientation week was a success with Compass promoting welfare services on Campus at each orientation day.
- » Two weekly free Yoga classes started up again in the city campus and are being well attended again.
- » The Compass Project Officer assisted the RMIT Disability Liaison Unit in their interview process to recruit a new staff member.
- » 20 newly recruited Compass volunteers were provided with the Youth Mental Health First Aid training over two full days. This training will enable the new volunteers to start their shifts in semester two and is also an internationally accredited course that students can use in their careers.
- » Three weekly English Language Workshops were up and running with great success this quarter- students attending are not only improving their English language skills but they are also making meaningful friendships and connections to University services.
- » The Compass Project Officer attended the Crime Stoppers Victoria and City of Melbourne launch of "Say Something" sexual assault campaign.
- » Stress Less Week went down well again with thousands of students over all metropolitan campuses receiving free water, fruit, stationary, mini massages as well as all important stress less tips and welfare information.
- » 12 student volunteers staffed the drop in space this quarter, and all did enough hours to be LEAD accredited, as well as gaining substantial practical experience.

Representation

RUSU Annual General Meetings

The RMIT Student Union held a series of four Annual General Meetings (AGMs) across all campuses from 21-23 May 2013. The AGMs were widely publicised on all campuses and on the website, and held in accordance with the SUC Constitution and Regulations. 532 students attended the AGMs.

An 'RMIT University Student Union Snapshot: January–December 2012' booklet was produced and distributed at each AGM, and the RUSU President and General Secretary delivered speeches on the activities of the Student Union, with a particular focus on events and issues affecting the campus that the AGM was being held on.

Student Voice

RUSU elected student representatives provided a student voice on a range of RMIT Committees during this quarter. These included but were not limited to:

- » Academic Board
- » Policy and Programs Committee
- » Student Experience Advisory Committee
- » SSAF Steering Committee
- » RMIT Sustainability Committee
- » First Year Experience Committee
- » Monthly Catch Up Meetings with the Dean of Students

Appeal Committees Reps

RUSU has supported students on the following RMIT hearings:

- » 4 Student representatives on 20 UAC hearings
- » 5 Student representatives on 8 Discipline hearings

Student Rights Information Training has been developed and provided to students who have volunteered to be student panel members at university hearings.

RUSU Internal Meetings

Elected student representatives have been supported and resourced to manage RUSU as a student controlled organisation, including:

- » 4 Student Union Council Meetings
- » 8 Secretariat meetings
- » Student representatives gaining governance experience on internal Student Union Committees, such as Staffing Committee and Classifications Committee.
- » Elected Student councillors supported to act work as governors and managers.

Conferences

RUSU President James Michelmores was supported by RMIT University to attend the National Student Leadership Forum (On Faith & Values) in Canberra.

Campaigns

Fitness for Study

On April 18th RUSU met with RMIT in consultation regarding the revision of the Student Discipline policies. RUSU raised a number of specific concerns about the drafts including a new 'Fitness for Study' procedure. RUSU met again with RMIT on May 20th to further discuss this section and were alarmed by the lack of procedural safeguards in place, and what seemed to be the underlying intent of the procedure. RUSU have expressed a recommendation that the procedure be removed, as it has the potential to be used to victimise and discriminate against mentally ill students, and may reinforce stigma around mental illness. An article about the campaign was published in the Age on June 24th. A public poll of 2012 people accompanying the article asking whether RMIT should be able to psychologically assess students resulted in an overwhelming 'no' vote. This campaign is ongoing.

Link to the Age article re Fitness for Study campaign and the online poll <http://www.theage.com.au/national/tertiary-education/rmit-students-slam-invasive-mental-health-test-20130624-2osy1.html>

RMIT Business School Policy Compliance Campaign

RUSU President James Micheltore raised concerns regarding compliance with RMIT Academic Progress policy by the College of Business on May 13. Issues raised have been causing concern for the RUSU Advocacy team for some time and negatively impacting on already distressed students. RUSU's detailed submission pointed to potential ESOS compliance issues, generic intervention strategies for At Risk students, delays in responding to Show Cause submissions and serious errors in Academic Progress administration. We look forward to working with the College to rectify these problems.

Meeting with Rob Hulls

RUSU met with Rob Hulls, former Attorney General of Victoria and current Director of the Centre for Innovative Justice at RMIT, to discuss the Centre and other issues such as alternative dispute resolution.



PR Society Welcome

STUDENT RIGHTS CASES:

1 APRIL–30 JUNE 2013

Problems created during the last quarter	Number
Admin Issue	13
Admission Issue	2
Agent Gave Incorrect or Misleading Advice	7
Appeal Against Assessment	14
At Risk/Academic Progress	13
Bullying	4
Complaint	26
Course Issue	8
Disability	27
Discipline Issue	19
Enrolment Issue	12
Exclusion	8
Fees Issue	12
Graduation Issue	2
Group Work Issue	1
Leave of Absence	14
Mental Health Issue	7
Ombusman Complaint	3
Online Enrolment Issue	2
Payment Plan	1
Placement Issue	6
Plagiarism	24
Problem with Course Advice	7
Problem with Exam	2
Refund/Remission of Debt	5
RPL	7
Sexual Harassment	6
Special Consideration	65
Supervision Issue	2
HDR–At Risk Issue	9
TOTAL	328

STUDENT RIGHTS CASES: 1 APRIL–30 JUNE 2013

Problems outcomes during the last quarter	Number
Academic Misconduct (Discipline Board): Student Penalised	1
Academic Misconduct (Discipline Board): Case Dismissed	4
Academic Misconduct Reprimand	2
Advice for Letter Given	47
Appeal Against RPL: Appeal Upheld	1
Appeal Against Special Consideration: Successful	7
Appeal Against Special Consideration: Unsuccessful	3
Assessment Change Revoked	1
At Risk advice given	11
CAC Appeal Against Assessment: Appeal Dismissed	1
CAC Appeal Against Assessment: Appeal Upheld	3
Contacted Academic Administration: Issue Resolved	5
Contacted Course Coordinator	10
Contacted Head of School: Issue Resolved	8
Contacted lecturer/tutor: Issue Resolved	1
Debt Issue Resolved	12
Debt Remains	1
Discipline Board: Outcome in Favour of Student	4
Discipline Board: Student Penalised	1
Exam Timetable Amended	1
Exclusion Withdrawn – by school	4
Informal Review of Assessment Resolution	1
Late Enrolment Achieved	1
Leave of Absence	15
Ombudsman Complaint	5
Other Referrals (CASA, Housing, Legal, Compass)	4
Plagiarism Meeting Case: Dismissed Against Student	1
Plagiarism Meeting Case: Upheld against student	2
Recognition of Prior Learning Achieved	1
Referral Given: Counselling Service	17
Referral given: DLU	11
Referral Given: Legal Service	9

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Problems outcomes during the last quarter	Number
Referral Given: SLC	2
Referral given: Compass	7
School Level Complaint Made: Outcome Successful	5
Show Cause Letter approved by SPC	3
Show Cause Letter rejected by SPC	4
Special Consideration Granted	46
Student Transferred to New Program	1
UAC Appeal Against Exclusion: Dismissed	2
UAC Appeal Against Exclusion: Upheld	5
University Level Complaint Made: Outcome Successful	4
University Level Complaint Made: Outcome Successful	1
Visa issue advice/Referral Provided	3
TOTAL	277

Problems created during the last quarter	328
Problem outcomes during the last quarter	277

The Student Rights Team (SRT) is here to assist you.



We are happy to provide advice, support and advocacy to students about almost any academic related issues.

Remember that this is just a short list of reasons why you might need SRO's assistance: there are many more things that we can help with.

ISSUES YOU MAY BE FACING

Special Consideration » if you were affected by serious illness, loss or bereavement and hardship or trauma which prevented you from submitting assessment or may impact your performance, you can apply for special consideration. If possible, make sure you apply within 2 working days of the due date of the assessment. Speak to the Student Rights Officer (SRO) for assistance, especially with late or complex applications and appeals.

Plagiarism » if you are accused of plagiarism by your School, it is important to discuss this with a SRO. SRO's can accompany students to hearings. You can also appeal a plagiarism hearing if you feel you were unfairly treated.

"At risk" » if you received an email indicating that you are at risk because you have demonstrated unsatisfactory academic performance for the first time, you should seek the advice of a SRO.

"Show Cause" » this involves having made continued unsatisfactory progress for a second semester or teaching period in the same program. You will be required to lodge a show cause submission as to why you should not be excluded from the program; you should seek the help of an SRO immediately because of strict deadline.

Appeal against Exclusion » if your "show cause" application is unsuccessful you will be put up for exclusion, it is important to seek the advice of a SRO if you want to appeal so you know your grounds of appeal and the evidence that is required.

Appeal against Assessment » if you feel that your assessment was marked unfairly, or especially if you have evidence that RMIT has not followed the University's policies on assessment, you can appeal your grade. You should seek the help of a SRO if you want to appeal so you know your grounds of appeal. Strict timelines apply for appeals.

Placement » if you are having problems with placement allocation, it is important to discuss this with a SRO.

SRT Flyer

RUSU Governance, Administration and Services

RUSU Governance, Administration and services

RUSU's operations are supported by the Governance, Administration and Finance staff. Some key projects during this period include:

- » Windows 7 Roll Out and installation of new RUSU computers
- » Computer Decommissioning Process and preparation of old computers for distribution to students through the furniture cage.
- » Restructuring the I:/ drive RUSU shared files
- » OH&S tasks including an audit of the Realfoods Café to comply with OH&S regulations.
- » Testing and Tagging of RUSU equipment.
- » Reporting on SSAF Funded projects
- » 2013 RUSU Deed Agreement negotiations. The 2013 Deed Agreement was finally signed in May

Finance overview

RUSU SSAF Funding 2013

RUSU Funding from RMIT for 2013 is made up of the following:

- » \$1,766,664 (Base grant) and
- » \$673,000 (SSAF Committee Grants)
- » 2013 TOTAL GRANT \$2,439,664
- » 2013 GRANT RECEIVED TO DATE \$1,219,823

In order to meet legislative requirements the RUSU financial reports match expenses with "allowable items". Please note that Table 1 below is based on SSAF Allowable items and expenditure of SSAF funds (both Base grant and SSAF Committee project funds) on these areas.

This table does not include activities and services funded by non SSAF expenditure.

RUSU also receives some funding from other grants. While some of the activities funded through these grants (e.g. Furniture Collective, Bike Project) are reported on in the narrative section of this quarterly report due to the overlap with other representative, advocacy, administrative, governance and publicity functions of the Student Union, expenditure on these projects is not included in the expenditure reported below as it is not SSAF funded.

Table 2 reports on the specific grants approved by the SSAF Committee.

RUSU is committed to continuous improvement of our financial systems to ensure we both work within our budget provisions as agreed through our funding agreement and to satisfactorily achieve our annual audit of statutory accounts by a registered company auditor under the Corporations Act.



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TABLE 1: RUSU SSAF Grant expenditure on Allowable Items 1 Jan -30 June 2013

Allowable Item	Item Description	YTD Expense (SSAF Funded)
Giving students information to help them in their orientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O'Book operations, honorariums, publication (online and print) and distribution • Orientation specific events • Re-Orientation Events 	\$27,306
Caring for children of students	—	\$0
Providing legal services to students	—	\$0
Promoting the health or welfare of students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All activities and events from advocacy and welfare collectives: Queer, Womyn's, Post-Graduate, Environment, Welfare, Education • Campaigns, events, honorariums, programs, marketing • All Compass Centre, programs and staff 	\$100,480
Helping students secure accommodation	—	\$0
Helping students with their financial affairs	—	\$0
Helping meet the specific needs of overseas students relating to their welfare, accommodation and employment	All activities and events from International student department	\$7,166
Helping students obtain employment or advice on careers	—	\$0
Helping students obtain insurance against personal accidents	—	\$0
Helping students develop skills for study, by means other than undertaking courses of study in which they are enrolled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction programs/Student Representative Professional Development • Volunteer Program + program staffing • Student Engagement Officer • Student Union Council Elections • Secretariat Honorariums • All of SUC campaigns 	\$79,072
Helping students obtain insurance against personal accidents	—	\$0
Supporting the production and dissemination to students of media whose content is provided by students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMITV operations, honorariums, special projects, productions, training, website • RMIT Flagship Program • Catalyst magazine operations, student honorariums, publication (online and print) • Communications/Graphic Designer Staff 	\$110,503
Providing food or drink to students on a campus of the higher education provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus specific events and marketing • Activities and Events collective including administration, student honorariums, marketing and staff support • RUSU Realfoods 	\$55,639

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TABLE 1: RUSU SSAF Grant expenditure on Allowable Items 1 Jan -30 June (cont.)

Allowable Item	Item Description	YTD Expense (SSAF Funded)
Supporting a sporting or other recreational activity by students	Major events and intervarsity recreational activities and competitions	\$85,964
Supporting an artistic activity by students	—	\$0
Supporting debating by students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants paid to debating club are included with clubs reporting. 	\$0
Supporting the administration of a club most of whose members are students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration, grants, equipment and support to student run clubs and societies Clubs and Societies Staff and other support 	\$96,285
Advising on matters arising under the higher education provider's rules (however described)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration and Support staff members: Administration, Governance and Finance 5 x Information counter staff and operations 	\$292,980
Advocating students' interests in matters arising under the higher education provider's rules (however described)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Rights Officers Student Advocacy materials, campaigns, research and training for staff and student representatives on committees 	\$259,458
	YTD SSAF Expenditure	\$1,114,853
	YTD SSAF Grants Received	\$1,219,823
	Underspend	\$104,970

TABLE 2: 2013 SSAF Committee Grant Reports 1 Jan–30 June 2013

Project Title	Grant Amount	YTD Expense	Comments
RUSU 2013 staffing continuations	\$330,000	\$143,408	Covers Student Rights Officers (1.8FTE), Clubs & Societies Officer Bundoora/Brunswick (0.8FTE), Student Engagement Officer (0.8FTE)
12a) Rejuvenate the student lounge at Bundoora East	\$50,000	\$99	RUSU has our plans ready to go and will use the \$50,000. Waiting for Property Services Sign Off.
6b) Compass welfare information and referral drop in space	\$100,000	\$43,863	Budget on target.
6c) Neighbourhood Volunteer Program	\$14,000	–	Being rolled out Semester 2, 2013
15c) RUSU Volunteer Training Program and Orientation Camps	\$50,000	\$8,963	Volunteer camp to be held August 2013 with planning volunteer lead 2014 Orientation activities a camp outcome. Semester 2 volunteer training program planned. Budget on target.
18b) Orientation Handbooks	\$50,000	\$2,009	For 2012/2013 O'book launch. 2013/2014 O'book expenses will start to occur August/September 2014
18c) Re-orientation events	\$40,000	\$25,297	Semester 2 Re-O week events planned.
14a) RMITV Flagship Show - Live on Bowen	\$39,000	\$11,627	Most costs in July –Nov 2013 when season 1 and 2 shows primarily in production.
TOTAL	\$673,000	\$235,266	

