



# RMIT UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION: FOURTH QUARTER REPORT

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**RUSU**  
RMIT UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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DOVE

As we come to the end of another year, it's a good time to reflect on 2016 and the amazing things RUSU was able to achieve. It has been a big year for the student union, and RMIT more widely, especially as we get nearer to the exciting opening of the NAS precinct. We can't wait to move into our new space and offer students an even better experience at university. We're incredibly proud of the work we have done in 2016 and we'd like to point out a few of our biggest accomplishments.

Our student rights team has worked tirelessly to help overhaul special consideration policy in a way that makes it more equitable and fair. While this is an ongoing project, the team has put in an incredible amount of work. The team has also made recommendations for improving the assessment of group work (a vexing issue for many students), as well as campaigned for the abolition of hurdle assignments that have an academic value of 50% or more.

We have campaigned for healthier foods on campus, opened several snooze lounges, and seen the implementation of a fairer timetabling systems. Along the way, we've served more than 50,000 breakfasts, given student rights help to more than 1000 students, and helped more than 240 volunteers achieve accredited training.

We're looking forward to 2017, and working with the University to make sure students are always front and centre at RMIT.

**Abena Dove**  
President  
RMIT University Student Union

# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



*City Chill 'n' Grill, Alumni Courtyard*

## CHILL 'N' GRILL

Chill 'n' Grill is as popular as ever and with the continued support for the events from the student body this really is RUSU's flagship event. Battling the elements in the final week the Compass team brought Stress Less Week to all four campuses for the first time. Carlton VE & HE students were delighted to be included this semester receiving donuts and awesome 'keep cool' cool bags alongside their free lunch at Tradies 'n' Chill. Brunswick and Bundoora events were a huge success again. Students at the last city Chill 'n' Grill were provided with beautiful and relaxing acoustic music courtesy of Moylen and Anthony Patterson, a petting zoo, donuts and free massages.

RUSU showed that we appreciate the hard work of our volunteers in week twelve by bringing in outside catering for the city Chill & Grill event. This allowed the volunteers to really enjoy themselves with their friends and get into the spirit of an event that simply would not happen without them. RUSU really cannot thank our volunteers enough for their hard work in 2016, you guys are awesome!

## 90S END OF EXAMS PARTY

What a way to finish off the year! RUSU welcomed students to forget the exam blues and party at the Key Club to some 90s tunes.





Global Mobility Rooftop Party

## GLOBAL MOBILITY ROOFTOP PARTY

Semester two of 2016 saw the creation of a new event in week thirteen, The Global Mobility Farewell Party. As RMIT Global Mobility students support RUSU events and membership in such large numbers, it was decided to give them one last chance to let their hair down with a free rooftop party overlooking the beautiful Melbourne skyline and the City campus. One such exchange student was DJ Maja Nordfeld from Sweden, who provided us with her tasteful and eclectic selections throughout the evening. The party was a sell-out with 200 students taking the opportunity to party with RUSU one last time before leaving RMIT.

## TACO TUESDAY

RUSU held a Pop Up Mexican themed free lunch event in Alumni courtyard serving Taco's to around 800 hungry students.

## STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

The end of semester two saw the RUSU Activities Department run a comprehensive feedback survey, not just focusing on events but also on RUSU membership and taking suggestions from students as to what they want to see from RUSU in 2017. The number of responses was excellent with over 500 students completing the survey and being entered into a prize draw. Ten lucky winners were then selected, each of which winning a \$100 Coles/Myer voucher just in time for the holidays. The data which has been collected will be extremely useful in 2017, not just to show where RUSU is performing well, but specifically to help us engage and provide more for RMIT students.



**JUST OVER 5,000 RMIT STUDENTS JOINED RUSU AS FINANCIAL MEMBERS DURING 2016**

# VOLUNTEERS

The fourth quarter sees volunteers round off their program involvement as we acknowledge their contributions to the work of RUSU. Luna Park was the venue for our recognition event. A record number of volunteers reached 100 hours of service this year, having participated in a number of departments.

We are very happy to have reported 194 instances of LEAD accreditation to RMIT for 2016. Our volunteers contributed 5,955 volunteer hours in 2016.

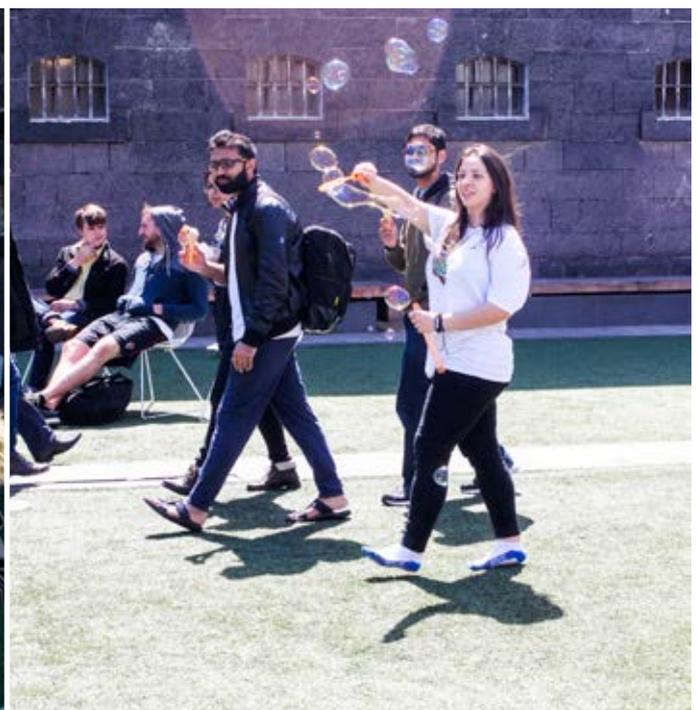


Training					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
Program Induction	121	58	48	0	227
Responsible Service of Alcohol	60	32	20	0	112
Safe Food Handler	60	29	16	0	105

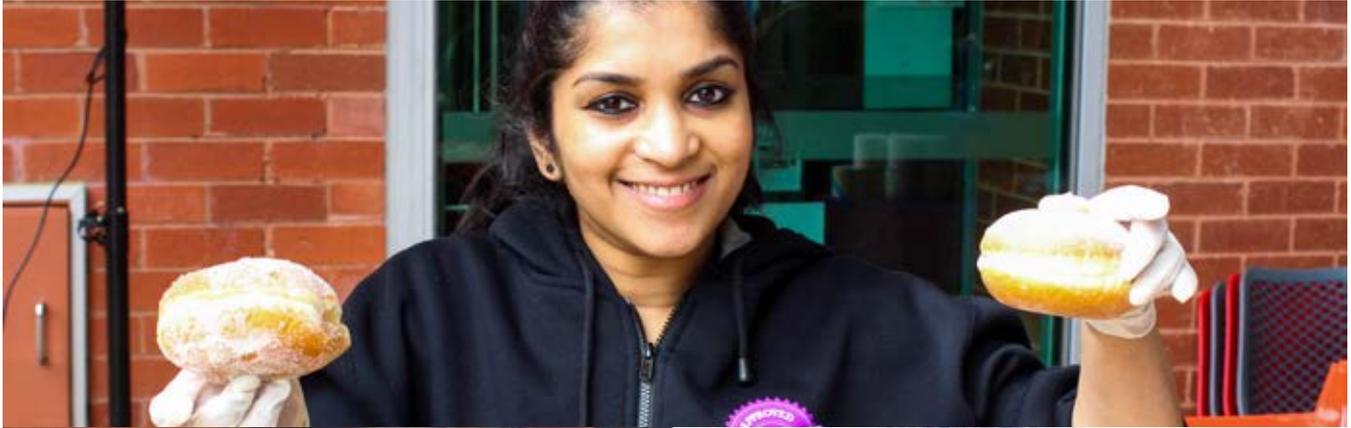
Volunteer hours worked City Campus					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
Activities & Events	506	499	802	205	2012
Realfoods	390	582	834	318	2124
Administration	202	193	185	125	705
Compass	93	98	104	38	333
Healthy Breakfasts	43	44.5	55	13	155
English Language Workshops	35	9	38	0	82
Student Rights	25	69	96	50	240

Volunteer hours worked: Bundoora Campus					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
Activities & Events	61	12	20	7	100
Realfoods	55	44	60	45	204

## Stress Less Week Volunteers



# ACROSS THE CAMPUSES



*Left: Stress Less Week, Bundoora*

## CITY

The City campus saw continued engagement with students. Student Rights issues became the main focus towards the end of the year with students wanting assistance lodging Appeals Against Assessment, seeking assistance with At Risk and Show Cause hearings where schools facilitated such as well as general issues that face students at various times of the year including special consideration and Equitable Assessment Arrangements. The Healthy Breakfast program wrapped up for the year after feeding many thousands of hungry students, while to Compass Drop-in centre continued to provide support to students experiencing a range of personal issues.

RUSU administration volunteers and student casuals assisted RUSU with staffing the information counter in Building 5.

## BUNDOORA (EAST & WEST)

The fourth quarter of 2016 was a time of continued student participation at the Bundoora Events. The weekly welfare breakfasts and Chill n' Grill continues to be popular amongst students, with students lining up for food in the rainy weather and sunshine alike. The Stress Less team came to Bundoora in October and brought with them a petting zoo and lots of delicious doughnuts and ice cream. They worked alongside

Chill 'n' Grill and students enjoyed free massages, face painting, balloon benders, and merchandise from Compass in addition to receiving important advice and tips on keeping calm during the exam season.

The weekly welfare breakfasts continues to be popular, with the food disappearing within 20 minutes of being served. Students are keen to start their day with healthy fresh fruit cups and muffins and it has also been a great opportunity for the Bundoora Student Rights Officer to engage with the students and talk about the Student Rights service. Students have found this to be very useful, as many on-the-spot appointments have been made.

We wrapped up the semester with an exclusive Walert House end of year party where RUSU collaborated with Walert House and put on an enjoyable evening of good food, music and lawn games. The food line-up included chicken wings, build-your-own-burgers and sausages.

As the end of the year approached, RUSU wound up with events, and was successful in campaigning for increased library hours at Bundoora. Students highly appreciated the new timings during SWOT-VAC. The Bundoora campus RUSU offices officially closed for the year at the end of November.



Above: 90's End Of Exam Party, Below: New Brunswick RUSU Office

## BRUNSWICK

RUSU settled into our new offices at Brunswick. Being in such a high profile location made us more accessible to students especially during the busy end of year period. As always the free lunch and breakfast events at Brunswick were well received by students.

## CARLTON

With the release of final results in November, the Carlton office saw a marked increase in the number of student rights enquiries over the fourth quarter. During this period RUSU has helped hundreds of students facing issues such as appeals against assessment, show causes, and special consideration. We held dozens of group sessions throughout December in the building 57 training room, while this space was also used for club events, volunteer training, and our ever-popular yoga classes. As vocational education students have classes deeper into the year than higher-ed students, we decided to run the Healthy Breakfast program for a further few weeks on the Carlton campus. This was greatly appreciated by many VE students.



# RUSU DEPARTMENTS

During the fourth quarter, RUSU welcomed the 2017 Student Union Council (who officially started their term on the 1st November) and farewelled the 2016 Student Union Council. This quarter was subsequently focused on inducting the new student representatives from each department (including a handover by the previous student representatives), planning new and continuing departmental activities and events and campaigns for the incoming year.



From top: Queer Department, Whine and Wine, Screenshots from Women's Department Facebook video.

## QUEER DEPARTMENT

Throughout the beginning of October, the Queer Department continued to run our weekly workshops, one of which included a guest speaker coming into the lounge to discuss asexuality, a largely under-represented orientation.

The Queer Department also continued to run 'Whine and Wine' on Thursdays at Hares and Hyenas, which has been a great opportunity to talk with the students in the department and discuss any ideas or issues they've encountered. The department also hosted an end of year celebration at Strike Bowling QV on Tuesday the 13th of December. Approximately 15 people attended and enjoyed a game of bowling and karaoke.

To continue ensuring that students of the Queer Collective remain informed of other upcoming events, the Queer Officers continued to put posters up in the Queer Lounges regarding LGBTQ events, sports groups and other social groups. The department has also purchased an eclectic range of fantastic LGBTQ books for the Queer Lounges across the campuses to replenish the bookshelves.

## WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Throughout the fourth quarter, the Women's Officer wrote, filmed and edited a video focused on encouraging students not to be a silent bystander if they witness sexual harassment. The video was prompted by statistics published in the Talk About It Survey and was influenced by the session on the Hunting Ground at this year's NUS Educational Conference. The video was published on the Women's Department Facebook page on the 31st October.

## SUSTAINABILITY

The Sustainability Department hosted the Sustainability Collective End of Year Gathering on the 17th October with a free barbecue at O'Grady Place followed by drinks at the Curtin Hotel.

The new Sustainability Officer also spent November and December attending the SUC induction, an extensive handover by the previous Sustainability Officer, planning departmental activities and events and campaigns for the incoming year.

## POSTGRADUATE

In November, the new Postgraduate officer, Jeremy Davies, took over the department. In this initial month the department has focussed on laying the foundations for a reinvigorated RMIT Postgraduate Association (RPA), started the planning stage for

2017's events, and sent delegates to the national Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA) conference.

The grounding and preparation for RPA's activities in 2017 began in the fourth quarter with 2016 events being reviewed and evaluated to assess what worked and what could be made better. The Postgraduate Department has also looked into getting RPA/Postgrad labelled merchandise to distribute to postgraduate students to increase the RPA's brand, brand recognition, and encourage student engagement.

RPA also sent two delegates to CAPA's annual council meeting. This conference is incredibly important as RUSU's representatives represented RMIT's postgraduate students on both internal CAPA issues and on the general national postgraduate policy issues that CAPA deals with. RUSU's delegates gave a campus feedback presentation to all the delegates on the floor at CAPA conference, voted on CAPA constitutional amendments, and participated in the office-bearer elections.

## INTERNATIONAL

Throughout the fourth quarter, the International Officer continued to support international students experiencing assessment related issues by listening to them and referring them onto RUSU's Student Rights service.

## EDUCATION AND WELFARE DEPARTMENTS

The Education Officer continued to work with the RUSU President, Campaigns Officer and Student Rights Officers as well as other University stakeholders in regards to developing Group Work recommendations and principles throughout the fourth quarter.

The Group Work Working Group met four times throughout the fourth quarter and included staff representatives from each of the Colleges, Study Learning Centre, Academic Registrar's Group, Office of Education and VE. As a result of this working group, an advisory document was sent to the DVC-E, in November.

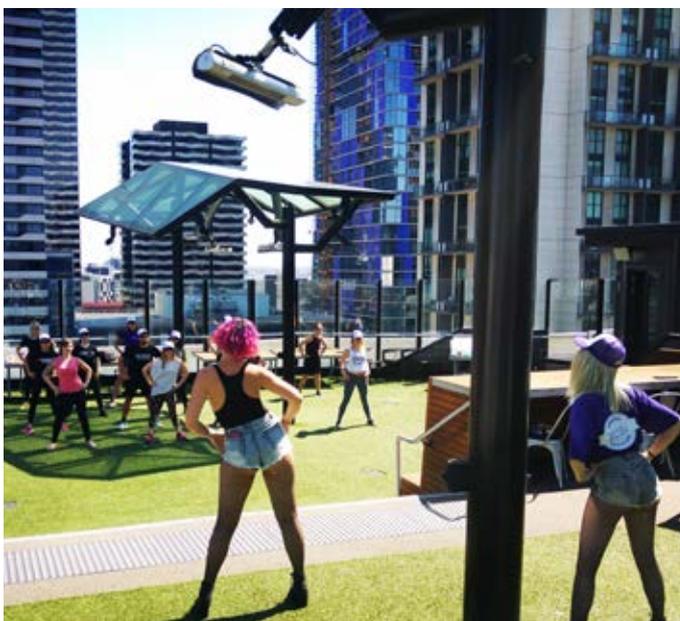
At the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Welfare Department successfully ran its 5 Weeks of Wellness event, BeyDance, on the Building 80 rooftop. The weather was perfect for this event and everyone had a really good time shaking it to Beyoncé's 'Survivor'.

The Welfare Officer also assisted the Compass Coordinator in running Stress Less Week across the RMIT campuses from Monday 10th October - Thursday 13th October. Stress Less week included a portable petting zoo, massages and face painting as well as doughnuts, ice-cream, play dough and bath bombs so that students can really de-stress both at University and at home before, during and after the busy exam period.

## REALFOODS

The Realfoods cafe enjoyed a very successful year in both our City and Bundoora locations. Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to our City location in Building 8 after trading there for a period of 16 months. We really enjoyed our time in the Building 8 space but we are very excited to begin working on plans for the new Realfoods location in the New Academic Street precinct. We are hopeful that this will be ready to open for Semester 2, 2017. The Realfoods management team would like to take a moment to thank our awesome volunteers for their stellar efforts throughout 2016. There is no way that Realfoods could do what it does without them. To show our appreciation, the Realfoods crew enjoyed a fantastic end of year break-up party during which everyone had a great time. We have so much to look forward to in the coming year and we just can't wait to get stuck into it!

*Left: BeyDance, Building 80 Rooftop. Right: Realfoods at NAS Almost Done Street Party*



# CLUBS & SOCIETIES

## RUSU CLUB GRANTS

In 2016, RUSU Clubs & Societies accessed just over \$130,000 in Clubs Grants funding, a 30% increase from 2015 reflecting the growth in club membership and club activity.

## RUSU CLUBS ACTIVITY

### Affiliation

As at the end of 2016, RUSU has 100 fully affiliated student clubs and societies. The distribution of clubs across our different categories breakdown is as follows:

Spiritual Clubs	10
Social Clubs	19
Political Clubs	4
Cultural Clubs	22
Academic Clubs	45

### Brand New Clubs

RUSU is working with students to affiliate the following new clubs in Semester 1, 2017:

- » RMIT Arabic Culture Society
- » RMIT Food Sciences Network
- » RMIT 3D Printing Club
- » RMIT Biotechnology and Life Sciences Association
- » Universities Allied For Essential Medicine – RMIT Chapter
- » RMIT Afghan Society

### Lapsed Clubs Seeking Re-affiliation

- » RMIT Food & Fun Club

## CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The following RUSU Clubs work tirelessly each year to plan, fundraise towards and deliver their graduate exhibitions:

- » RMIT Master of Fine Arts Graduating Club
- » RMIT Expanded Studio Practice Club
- » RMIT Ceramics Student Association
- » RMIT Basement Club (Sculpture)
- » RMIT Open Bite (Print Image Practice)
- » RMIT Bachelor of Arts Photography Club
- » Gold & Silversmithing (Undergrads)
- » RMIT Postgraduate Gold & Silversmithing Association
- » RMIT Interior Decoration & Design TAFE

Through their auctions, cake stalls, product sales, personal contributions, sponsors and RUSU club grants, our Clubs raise tens of thousands of dollars. This ensures graduating members of these cohorts can professionally showcase their work and celebrate their achievements. This is a tremendous effort from the already busy students and RUSU commends them and looks forward to supporting them in 2017.

RUSU would also like to congratulate Julia De Rossie, a Bachelor of Business (Entrepreneurship) student and founding President of the RMIT Motorcycle, for her incredible effort organising the club's Starlight Foundation Charity Ride. The event concluded with a BBQ at RMIT Alumni Square and raised over \$3,500 for the Starlight Foundation. Although the Charity Ride was held mid-September, we are including this recognition in the final quarter as the event photos weren't available until October. Julia and her team demonstrated a high level of initiative and professionalism, working with Victoria Police and the University to manage the logistics and risk as well as gaining a substantial number of high profile event sponsors. As part of the fundraising effort, Julia even had her head shaved – that's dedication to the cause!

For additional photos and video, please visit the Club's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/RMITMOTORCYCLECLUB](http://www.facebook.com/RMITMOTORCYCLECLUB)

*Motorcycle Club Charity Ride*





RMIT Catholics Annual Retreat

## 4TH QUARTER CLUB ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### Club Activities this Quarter

RMIT Civil Engineering Students Association (CESA)  
Industry Night @ RMIT Storey Hall Auditorium

RMIT Civil Engineering Students Association (CESA) &  
Environmental Engineering Student Association (EESA)  
Boat Cruise @ Harbour Esplanade Docklands

RMIT Environmental Engineering Student Association (EESA)  
Farewell Party & Games @ RMIT Alumni Courtyard

RMIT Business Information Systems Student Association  
(BISSA) SWOTVAC Study Sessions @ RMIT Building 80

RMIT Planning & Environment RMIT Student Society  
(PERMITSS) Christmas Picnic in the Park with the Victorian  
Young Planners @ Edinburgh Gardens, Fitzroy

RMIT Planning & Environment RMIT Student Society  
(PERMITSS) End Of Year Social @ Workshop Bar, City

RMIT Information Security Collective (RISC) End of Year  
Function @ RMIT Building 80 Rooftop

RMIT Electric Racing & RMIT Racing (Petrol) competed in the  
2016 FSAE Competitions @ Calder Park Raceway, Calder

RMIT International Studies Association (ISA) Charity Night @  
Queensberry Hotel, Carlton

RMIT International Studies Association (ISA) Picnic @  
Carlton Gardens

RMIT International Studies Association (ISA) End of Year Party  
@ La Di Da Nightclub, City

RMIT Medical Radiation Student Association MRSA Toga Boat  
Cruise @ Victoria Pier, Docklands

RMIT Business Student Association (BSA) End of Exams Party  
@ RMIT Alumni Courtyard

RMIT Computer Science/ IT(CSIT) End of Year Social @  
Workshop Bar, City

RMIT Geospatial Science Students Association (GSSA) End of  
Year Social @ Lounge, City

RMIT Business Association (BSA) Flashback Friday End of  
Exams Party (EOX) @ RMIT Alumni Courtyard

RMIT Business Information Systems Student Association  
(BISSA) Swotvac Studying Sessions @ RMIT Building 80

RMIT Management and International Business Student  
Association (MIBSA) Speed Networking @ Oxford Scholar  
Hotel, City

RMIT Law Students Society End of Year Cocktail Gala @  
The Waterside Hotel, City

RMIT Master of Business Administration Student Association  
Student Association (MBA SA) Graduation farewell drinks @  
Mr Mason Restaurant & Wine Bar, City

RMIT Master of Business Administration Student Association  
(MBA) Student Association 'Maximising your LinkedIn profile'  
@ RMIT Building 30

**Club Activities this Quarter (Continued)**

RMIT Students Association for Sustainable Systems (SASSE) Garden Frolic @ Carlton Gardens

RMIT Urban Planning Society (RUPS) 'RUPS Wants to Get to Know You!' Event @ The Curtin Hotel, City

Student Landscape Architecture Body (SLAB) 'LA Meet Up' event @ Carlton Gardens

Student Landscape Architecture Body (SLAB) Final Semester Drinks @ The Curtin Hotel, City

Student Interior Design Association (SIDA) RMIT 123 ID Exhibition @ RMIT Building 8

RMIT French Club 'The Heart Breaker' Movie Night @ RMIT Building 80

RMIT French Club Treasure Hunt @ Federation Square, City

RMIT French Club End of French Exam Celebration @ RMIT Building 80

RMIT Thai Club First Party@ RUSU Multipurpose Room Building 57

RMIT Singapore Students Association (SSA) Information session with Contact Singapore @ RMIT Building 8

RMIT Singapore Students Association (SSA) End of Semester Dinner @ Killiney Kopitiam Restaurant, Carlton

RMIT Taiwan Club National Taiwanese Day celebration @ Marche Board Game Café, City

RMIT United Society of Hellenes with La Trobe University Greek Society (LUGS) and Melbourne University Greek Association (MUGA) End of Exams party @ La Di Da Night Club, City

RMIT United Society of Hellenes with the National Union of Greek Australian Students 'NUGAS CUP' @ Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, Albert Park

RMIT United Society of Hellenes Karaoke Night @ Ta Leme NUGAS Radio Show on 3XY (1422 AM)

RMIT University Malaysian Association (RUMA) 'Pancakes with RUMA' event @ Pancake Parlour, City

RMIT University Malaysian Association (RUMA) with Melbourne University Malaysian Association (MoMU) Movie Night @ RMIT Building 80

RMIT Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) 'Midsummer Night's Dream' State Dinner @ The Pavilion Fitzroy Gardens

International Vietnamese Students at RMIT (VISAR) Volunteer Reward Camping Trip @ Gembrook

AIESEC RMIT Exchange Raffle Event

CAINZ RMIT with CAINZ University of Melbourne End of Year celebration @ The Woolshed

Greening RMIT Local Food Cycle Tour

Greening RMIT End of Year Drinks @ Workshop Bar, City

Greening RMIT Information session 'Zero Waste Lifestyles' @ RMIT Alumni Courtyard

RMIT Asian Association (RAA) PJ Party @ Precinct Nightclub, City

RMIT Beer Brewers and Connoisseurs Club (BBC) End of Year Party South Yarra

RMIT Beer Brewers and Connoisseurs Club (BBC) Pizza and Pot Event @ Colonial Brewing Co, Port Melbourne

RMIT Chess Club Weekly Meetings @ RMIT Building 57

Engineers Without Borders RMIT (EWB) End of Year BBQ @ RMIT Building 57

RMIT Entrepreneurship Association (REA) "Connect" weekly networking events @ The Oxford Scholar, City

RMIT Oxfam documentary screening 'The Act of Killing', RMIT Building 80

RMIT Science Fiction and Gaming Association (SFGA) Movie Night 'Dr Strange', @ Hotys Cinema, City

RMIT Socialist Alternative "The Politics of George Orwell" Discussion Session @ RMIT Building 80

Catholics @ RMIT Annual Retreat @ Apollo Bay

Catholics @ RMIT Exam Mass @ RMIT University Chaplaincy Centre

### Club Activities this Quarter (Continued)

RMIT Christian Union Annual Dinner @ Arrow on Swanston Ballroom, Carlton

RMIT Christian Union Annual Mission Trip @ Healesville

RMIT Islamic Society (RMITIS) Sister's Lecture 'Backbiting & Slander with Sr. Aminah' @ RMIT Building 57

RMIT Islamic Society (RMITIS) 2016 Volunteers Appreciation Event @ RUSU Multifunction Room Building 57

RMIT Multicultural Student Fellowship Christmas Carols @ The Alfred Hospital, Prahran

RMIT Overseas Christian Fellowship RMIT SWOTVAC study sessions @ RMIT Building 8

RMIT Overseas Christian Fellowship RMIT Coffee and Live Music Night @ RMIT Building 8

RMIT Overseas Christian Fellowship prayer and worship nights @ Verve Apartments, City

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS & SUPPORT TO RUSU CLUBS

- » Ongoing input into the redevelopment of RUSU's new UniOne-based web page
- » Initiated RUSU action to work with the University to ensure a compassionate response to any requests for special consideration/deferred exams, etc. by RMIT Thai students as a result of the impact of the death of King Bhumibol Adulyadej
- » Ongoing work with the University around the Clubs Lockers Project
- » RUSU Clubs' Staff attended 2nd Victorian Clubs Officers Network Meeting (hosted by University of Melbourne University Student Union)
- » Ongoing cooperative efforts with RMIT Orientation towards planning the 2017 O Program and processes
- » Submission prepared for 2017 RUSU Secretariat Clubs Funding considerations

*Clockwise from top left: Electric Team, Singapore Association End of Year Dinner, RMIT Christian Union Annual Healesville Mission, VISAR Camping Trip.*



# STUDENT MEDIA



*Catalyst Issues from 2016*

## CATALYST

The Catalyst team wrapped up another successful year of engaging student media and oversaw the transition to a new-look editorial team in November. We are incredibly proud of the work we have done during 2016, and feel that the magazine is well placed to build on these successes. Catalyst is looking forward to once again supplying RMIT students with the best news and content through print, digital, podcasts, and video.

## RMITV

The number of reviewers writing for RMITV's review site, In Review, which launched in March this year, has doubled in the past three months and now sits at 64. We plan to expand the number and quality of writers further. In 2017, we will be looking at inviting drama and music writers; cinema studies students; professional writing and editing students to join.

## INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

### Jess Dunn (Current RMIT Student):

- » Production Assistant/Runner for Power Couples, MTV, ActiveTV, Casual
- » Runner for MasterChef Australia, Endemol Shine, Casual
- » Audio Director for AFL Multicultural Round, AFL House, Casual
- » Sound Recordist for Industry Leaders, Annex Media, Casual

### Lauren Midler (RMIT Alumni)

- » Broadcast Operations Assistant for the Australian Open, Tennis Australia, Full Time
- » Production Assistant for Are You the One?, MTV, Full Time
- » Runner for Married at First Sight, Endemol Shine, Casual
- » Sound Assistant for The Block, Nine Network, Full Time

### Rob Baselier (RMIT Alumni)

- » Studio Operator for Racing.com Live Market Updates and Junior Editor, CrownBet, Casual

## RMITV TRAINING

As the implementation of a new Training Program continues to unroll, regular workshops have been conducted to further enhance our volunteers' skill-set and experience. RMITV's recent training workshops include:

### Documentary/News Package Workshop

Documentaries, features and news reports are an essential content of broadcast media. On November 7th, Majid Khan ran a workshop to familiarise the attendees about the basic rules and steps in making of documentary, feature or news report. Majid Khan secured his Masters in Documentary from the University of Bedfordshire (UK) and is currently doing his PhD at RMIT in Documentary as a creative practice. Majid's depth of knowledge was incredibly valuable and all those who attended were highly engaged.

### Channel 7 Studio Tour

On the 25th of November, Channel 7 icon, John Deeks, conducted a tour of the network's facilities. The tour explored the technical areas, news room, studios, production facilities and control rooms. This provided a fantastic opportunity to ask industry employment questions and gain a unique insight to the behind the scenes workings of one of the world's most sophisticated broadcast facilities. All attendees loved the experience, with much of the praise centred around John Deek's engagement, enthusiasm and witty sense of humour!

### Autocue Workshop

Autocue is the computerised prompting system used by presenters when reading scripts. The role of the Autocue Operator is to follow the script carefully and to ensure that no



Screenshots from RMITV's 'In Pit Lane' and 'Formula SAE'

matter the pace of the presenter, to make sure that they keep up with them. A deceptively simple task, operating an autocue requires a degree of skill to ensure a show runs smoothly. On November 28, skilled operator, Ralph Labour, was able to successfully guide a group of attendees through the basic and intermediate skills required as part of the role.

#### Scouts Victoria Tour of The Leak

On December 9, a small group from Scouts Victoria were given a special tour of the RMITV Studios. The young scouts were very fascinated by the studio's setup and greatly enjoyed sitting in as part of the studio audience for the season finale of The Leak.

## RMITV CONTENT

### CURRENT PROGRAMMING

#### The Leak

The Leak broadcast a final season for the year which continued to push boundaries and try new things. While there were hurdles in the content department to get over ultimately the season was a success for the members who gained valuable training through volunteering.

#### In Pit Lane

IPL completed its final season for the year marking a very successful 20th year of broadcasting. 2017 looks to be even more successful as IPL continues to grow its online presence and produce more high quality content.

#### Formula SAE

In mid December RMITV, with support from the RMIT University and In Pit Lane, broadcast the student engineering competition, Formula SAE. The broadcast was a huge success. We had numerous RMITV members volunteering throughout the four

days to make the broadcast happen, which was watched and engaged with from all over the world!

#### The Assenders

Through the shortening of the broadcasted episodes of The Leak, we were able to fit The Assenders into the C31 TV broadcast schedule. Broadcasting after The Leak on Friday nights. This also allowed us to produce more online content for the Leak in anticipation for its eventual move online.

### UPCOMING SHOWS

#### GAMMA

GAMMA is a documentary series on young successful migrants who have moved to Australia and have made it their permanent home. GAMMA is currently moving through pre-production of their pilot episode! This is incredibly exciting due to the cultural significance of the project.

#### The Leak

The Leak will be returning in 2017 with a new direction for their content. The Leak will be looking to expand into including volunteers from more diverse areas of the university.

### IN DEVELOPMENT

#### Learning with Difficulties

RMITV's first ever animated series. Learning with Difficulties tells the story of Willy who, in seven days, will suffer from the biggest mental breakdown ever recorded in medical history. He just doesn't know it yet. Utilising new motion capture technology we plan to streamline our production pipeline to ensure we can produce episodes as fast as possible. Currently going through pre-production and character design. Production is slated to begin in 2017.

## NEW RMITV EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

RMITV is in the process of purchasing a number of extremely exciting new equipment. On the tail of our Q3 purchase of the Sony FS5 cinema camera, these will greatly bolster RMITV's capability to cater for higher end productions, allowing for extremely dynamic, stable shooting with our new DJI Ronin gimbal package, cinematic image characteristics and focus with the Samyang cine prime lenses, and refined, flexible audio capture with the Zoom F8 recorder.

This puts RMITV in perhaps the best position it has ever been in in terms of production capabilities, and with our new RMITV Presents flagship, which encourages the pitching of ambitious shows, 2017 promises to be an exciting and innovative year!

## CURRENT RMITV EQUIPMENT UTILISATION

Again, equipment was well used in Q4, with around 5-7 hires every week, reaching as many as 11 in one week, November was a busy month! Popular items include cameras, audio recorders and microphones, with the Sony RX10 mk2s purchased at the start of the year continuing to be the most hired item at RMITV.

## RMITV EVENTS

RMITV held their Christmas party on December 16 at the Clyde Hotel on Cardigan Street. The feedback from the night was incredibly positive, and was a wonderful way to thank our members for the hard work that they put towards to RMITV for the year of 2016.

Plans are currently underway for RMITV's 30th Anniversary Gala which will be held in mid 2017 at Storey Hall. We hope to have some fund raising for the event, such as another sausage sizzle and trivia night – both activities which have been successful in the past. Moving in to 2017 we hope to increase community events within RMITV such as monthly pub nights so members have a chance to catch up with other members that they may not have worked with on a show.

# SOCIAL MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Facebook

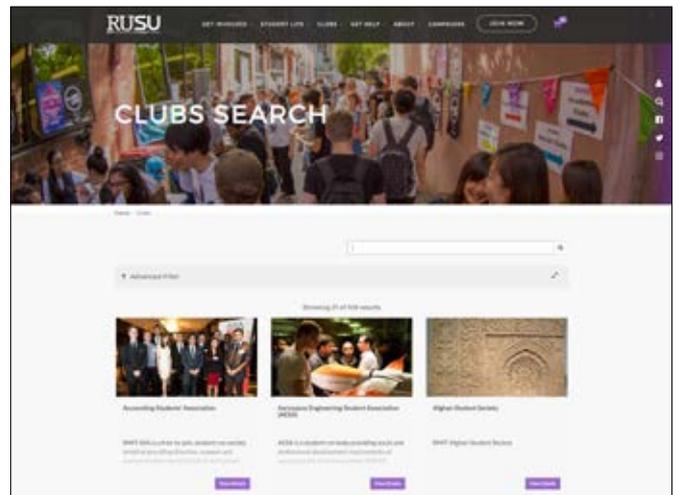
17,623 Likes (Up 3,526 likes from this time last year).

Facebook still serves as our number one social media engagement tool, and our presence on the platform continues to grow stronger than ever with our likes, engagement and reach all increasing over 2016. Facebook serves as a platform for event advertising for both RUSU events and for Clubs & Societies. It has also been a great way for students to message directly regarding queries about events or support, with a 100% response rate and a 12-hour response time.

Post-event photo galleries also continue to be a major drawcard for students on the Facebook platform. Our most popular gallery this quarter was the End Of Exams Party, with students encouraged to tag themselves and their friends.

### Website

The upgrade and build to the brand new website continues. It won't be just a new look, but a whole new system, with new functions for booking events, joining clubs and quickly finding the support you need. We are looking forward to launching the new website early 2017.



### Newsletter

RUSU's newsletter continues to be popular, with more than 5000 subscribers to date, and a readership engagement rate of around 45%, which is far higher than the industry average. We are looking forward to continuing the engagement with the newsletter and giving it a new look in 2017.

### Other Social Media

RUSU's presence on other social media, including Instagram and Twitter continues to steadily grow. The introduction of Snapchat has been particularly popular among students.

## PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

The RUSU Media Department produces a wide variety of publicity materials for RUSU departments, events and clubs. To ensure their suitability over a broad range of printed and digital media, publicity materials are always made in a range of formats. Finishing up the year included:

### Stress Less Week

A jammed packed week of stress relief across all campuses required a friendly, recognisable and bold promotional material. A range of three cute posters were produced promoting the free petting zoo, massages, face painting and more.

### Taco Tuesday

It's not a Tuesday without tacos! A spur of the moment taco day meant a quick turnaround of bright fun taco madness inspired promotional material.

### 90s End of Exams Party

What a way to finish off the year! We welcomed students to forget the exam blues and party at the Key Club to some 90s tunes and featuring a few famous 90s faces. The promotional material tapped into the 90s nostalgia featuring pop culture icons of the era.



# REPRESENTATION & ADVOCACY



*Stress Less Week – Alumni Courtyard, City Campus*

## COMPASS

Compass had a very engaging final quarter for 2016, engaging two new sections of RMIT in campaigns and initiatives, forming new relationships which will make for an exciting 2017.

Compass supported a range of students during this quarter who faced similar hardships and crisis as students in previous quarters - housing, mental health, special consideration and access to sustainable food. Compass said goodbye for 2016 to their volunteers with many expressing their want to return in 2017 to volunteer.

Compass has also been preparing for their move into the new NAS space and into their new locations at both Brunswick and Bundoora for 2017. 2017 will be an exciting time for Compass.

### COMPASS INITIATIVES AND CAMPAIGNS:

#### Stress Less Week

Compass volunteers and staff hosted a very successful Stress Less Week campaign across the City, Brunswick, Bundoora and Carlton campuses. This was the first time that Compass hosted

stress less week for the VE students, focusing on the concept of ‘chilling’, giving out cooler bags and ice cream with messages of self care and stress management.

Stress Less Week was focused on self-care, providing students with a range of tools and information to equip themselves to look after themselves during the exam period and regenerate over the summer break.

#### RMIT Training Partnership

Compass and Campaigns worked with RMIT Training staff to provide newly arrived International Students with programs during their five week course with RMIT Training. This partnership was highly successful, seeing more than 1000 students engaged with the range of activities and giveaways provided by RUSU. Compass and Campaigns are working with RMIT Training to continue this relationship into the new year with the focus of engaging students as they transition into tertiary and vocational education. The activities provided by RUSU were Free Yoga, Free Beyonce Dance Lessons, Free Fruit Friday with smoothie bikes and Free Art Therapy Sessions.



Above: Abena Dove and Ella Caulfield,  
Below: Student Council Induction, Queenscliff



## REPRESENTATION

### Election of RUSU President

In accordance with the RUSU Constitution the Student Union Council elects the President and Media Officer from its elected members. The SUC elections were held on 3 October.

- » Abena Dove was elected as SUC President.
- » Ella Caulfield was elected as Communications Officer.

This meeting also elected SUC members to a range of RUSU internal committees such as Staffing Committee, Classification Committee, Finance Committee and the Occupational Health & Safety Committee. Participation in these committees enables student representatives to build their skills and experience in organising and managing an organisation, and reflects RUSU's commitment to being a student controlled organisation.

## APPEAL COMMITTEES REPS

RUSU has supported students on the following RMIT hearings;

- » 5 student representatives sat on 14 University Appeals Committee hearings.
- » 5 student representatives sat on 12 Student Conduct Board hearings.
- » 1 student representative sat on 1 College Appeals Committee hearing.
- » 5 student representatives sat on 25 GUSS show cause hearing panels.

## 2017 STUDENT UNION COUNCIL INDUCTION

The 2017 Student Union Council attended six days of intensive induction sessions on campus (14th November - 15th November) and off-campus (17th November - 21st November) at Queenscliff.

The induction training for the new student representatives included topics such as:

- » Meeting the legal requirements of RUSU as board (SUC) members including Workplace Behaviour Laws (bullying and sexual harassment)
- » RUSU in Context: the departments, roles and responsibilities of student representatives, role of RUSU staff, services, activities and events of RUSU past and present
- » Planning and organising events at RMIT
- » Finance Made Easy - reading a department budget, P&L reports, RUSU funding and SSAF requirements
- » Writing motions and reports (including quarterly reports)
- » Essential office and organisational skills
- » Strategic planning and goal setting for 2017 (including organisational priorities, student engagement and membership targets)
- » Calendar and event planning for Semester 1, 2017

At the conclusion of induction the Council members developed a calendar of events for 2017 and identified RUSU's campaign priorities and strategic direction for 2017.

## RUSU VIETNAM TRIP

The outgoing RUSU President; Ariel Zohar, incoming President; Abena Dove, incoming General Secretary; Emily Hansen and Education Officer, Alan Padgham participated in a visit to RMIT University Vietnam campuses in November. The RUSU delegation visited both the Hanoi and Saigon campuses, and attended graduation ceremonies in both cities. There was a lot of information exchange between the RUSU contingent and members of the RMIT Vietnam Student Council, including discussions about the way student clubs are governed in Australia, and also how RUSU inducts new student representatives. RUSU members also explained the RMIT policy changes that would affect Vietnam-based students. The trip was an extremely rewarding experience, and both student councils were left enriched by the visit.

## NUS CONFERENCE

The 2016 NUS National Conference was held from December 12 to 16 at the Deakin University Waurin Ponds campus, with RUSU sending a group of 14 members including seven NUS delegates. Two RUSU representatives - James Kerr-Nelson and Alan Padgham - were elected to national roles during the conference. Members wrote and discussed a range of policy throughout the conference, with access to cheaper textbooks a main issue of concern. There was also discussion of the need for greater government assistance for university students. The NUS National Conference is a great way for our student representatives to connect with other student activists from around the country, and unite around common goals for the year ahead.

## RMIT GRADUATION

Outgoing president Ariel Zohar, and incumbent Abena Dove, were both thrilled to be invited to the RMIT graduation ceremony

at Melbourne's Etihad Stadium on December 14. They both very much enjoyed the performance by Australian musical icon and season one Australian Idol runner-up Shannon Noll, as well as the presence of the RMIT alumni that had gone on to become Olympians. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate RMIT's most recent achievements while also acknowledging the University's fine history as a college for working people.

## STUDENT VOICE

RUSU elected student representatives provided a student voice on a range of RMIT Committees during this quarter, including Academic Board and the Student Experience Advisory Committee.

## RUSU/RMIT MEETINGS

RUSU leaders including the President and General Secretary have held numerous meetings with RMIT University this quarter including with the Vice Chancellor, Martin Bean.

## 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, Finance Standing Committee and OH&S Committee.

Elected student councillors supported to act work as governors and managers.

*RUSU Vietnam Trip*



# 2017 RUSU TOP 15 PRIORITIES

Following the Induction Camp, the RUSU President, Abena Dove, met with the Vice Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and Vice-President to discuss RUSU's priorities for 2017. These priorities were then presented to the RMIT Council on the 6th December.

RUSU's priorities for 2017 have been divided into two overarching themes:

## **A engaging student experience that supports cultural and social diversity, capacity building and connections for life.**

- 1 More Mental Health Friendly Campus
- 2 Student life skills and competencies
- 3 More internship opportunities for students
- 4 Safe and accessible Women's and Queer Lounges
- 5 Independent RUSU legal service
- 6 More bookable social spaces for students on campus
- 7 Variety of international vending machines on campus

## **Supporting accessibility, equity and diversity through inclusive learning platforms, fairer assessment and simpler university systems.**

- 8 DLU and Accessibility Improvements
- 9 Improved Academic Progress Policy
- 10 Review of university policy and process relating to sexual harassment and assault
- 11 Improved teaching standards regarding student assessment
- 12 Recorded lectures for VE
- 13 Public transport equity
- 14 Increased student accessibility to study spaces
- 15 University communication and improved feedback mechanisms

## **RUSU also identified four key projects to work on with Property Services, including:**

- » RUSU space in Bundoora Bld 202 in 2017
- » Improved on campus amenities and facilities
- » RUSU games room
- » Improved outer campuses activity spaces

# STUDENT RIGHTS

## STUDENT RIGHTS STATISTICS

ISSUES	
<b>HDR Issues</b>	
HDR Appeal final mark	1
HDR At Risk Issue	2
Supervisor Issue	1
<b>Discipline (University Level)</b>	
Academic (Plagiarism) Misconduct	4
General Misconduct	2
<b>Complaint</b>	
RMIT Ombuds	1
School Level	20
University Level	4
Victoria Ombudsman	1
<b>Discipline (School Level)</b>	
Academic (Plagiarism) Misconduct	31
General Misconduct	2
<b>Uncategorised</b>	
Admin Issue	12
Admission Issue	2
Appeal Against Assessment	49
Assessment Issues (Other)	29
At Risk	7
Attended Group Sessions	4
Bullying	8
Disability	22
Enrolment Issue	20
Equitable Assessment Arrangements (EAA)	3
Exclusion	11
Fees Issue	20
Leave of Absence (LOA)	3
Mental Health Issues	14

Other Issues	18
Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)	1
Remission of Debt	6
Show Cause	49
Special Consideration	59
Supplementary Exam Request (Pass By Compensation)	4

OUTCOMES	
<b>Appeal Against Exclusion University Appeals Committee</b>	
Appeal Dismissed	3
Appeal Upheld	5
Exclusion Withdrawn by School before the hearing	11
<b>Fee Remission</b>	
Fee Remission Approved	8
<b>Special Consideration Granted</b>	
Alternative Assessment	5
Deferred Exam	3
Extension of time	5
Late withdrawal without Academic Penalty	7
Special Consideration Not Granted	4
Supplementary Exam	1
<b>Referral - External</b>	
External	2
<b>Appeal Against Special Consideration University Appeal Committee</b>	
Special Consideration Granted without a hearing	2
<b>Complaint Outcome</b>	
Alternative Resolution Reached	5
School level Complaint Dismissed	4
School Level complaint Resolved	2
University Level Complaint Dismissed	1
University Level Complaint Resolved	5

Referral - Internal	
Compass	1
Counselling Service	21
Disability Liaison Unit	9
International Student Services	1
Student Well Being	5
Study and Learning Centre	2
Contacted School Issue Resolved	
Contacted Academic Administrator	3
Contacted Course Coordinator	9
Contacted Head of School	2
Contacted Lecturer / Tutor	2
Contact Program Manager	13
Other	
Advice given - Student able to proceed with the case themselves	123
Attended group session	27
Other Outcomes	42
Student doesn't want to pursue with the case	15
Discipline/Plagiarism Meeting Case School Level	
Student asked to resubmit the assessment	9
Student Reprimanded	7
Student was given a fail for all or any part of any assessment	4
Leave of Absence (LOA)	
LOA Granted	2
Discipline Board Hearing Academic Misconduct	
Case Dismissed in favour of Student	2
Student Reprimanded	1

Appeal Against Assessment CAC Decision University Appeals Committee	
Appeal Upheld	2
Fee Issue Outcome	
Issue Not resolved	3
Issue Resolved	5
Appeal Against Assessment (AAA) College Appeals Committee	
Appeal Dismissed	3
Appeal Upheld	4
Informal Review of Assessment Resolution	2
Discipline/Plagiarism Meeting Case School Level	
Student found not guilty	9
Discipline Board Hearing General Misconduct	
Student suspended	1
Show Cause Outcome	
Show Cause approved by SPC	6
Show Cause Rejected by SPC	14
Referral Internal	
Student Well Being	1

CASES	
Opened Cases during the last quarter	295
Closed Cases during the last quarter	302
Total issues created during the last quarter	410
Total outcomes achieved during the last quarter	412
Total number of SIM (Offshore Cases) handled	4



Above: Tradies 'n' Chill, Building 57, Carlton, Below: Student Rep Paul Hoac with Student Rights Officer (HDR) Ollie Fabinyi

The Student Rights service has been busy advocating for, providing advice and representation to students throughout the fourth quarter. Some of the key activities the Student Rights Team has been involved with include:

- » Assessment issues
- » Enrolment problems
- » Special consideration
- » Exclusion and Show cause issues
- » Fee issues

The November/December period is an especially busy time for Student Rights Officers as the Second Semester comes to an end and student's final grades are released. In addition to meeting with students individually, the team runs regular group information sessions for students about Appeals against Assessment, Show Cause submissions and Exclusion Appeals.

Student Rights Officers have continued to work closely with the Campaigns Officer and student representatives to advocate to the University on a range of policy issues including:

- » The new RMIT Group Work Policy
- » Program and Courses Policy
- » Student Conduct Policy
- » Overhaul special consideration policy in a way that makes it more equitable and fair.
- » Advocated for the abolition of hurdle assignments that have an academic value of 50% or more

The Student Rights Team has also maintained their regular outreach activities and engagement with the broader University through:

- » Ongoing Student Rights outreach to students at the Wednesday common lunch time Chill 'n' Grill at Bundoora West
- » Ongoing outreach and promotion of the Student Rights service to Vocational Education students at building 57 lunches
- » Attendance at monthly Assessment Support Unit Liaison Meetings

Finally, the team sadly bid farewell to Student Rights Officer (HDR) Ollie Fabinyi who has moved on to pursue other endeavours. Ollie has been an incredible contributor to the team and has been a huge support to students as Student Rights Officer on the Bundoora Campuses and more recently as our HDR Student Rights Officer.



# RUSU GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION & SERVICES

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

- » Negotiation and finalisation of the 2016 RMIT/RUSU Deed agreement
- » Reporting on SSAF Funded projects
- » Assisting and resourcing RUSU student representatives in meetings with RMIT University
- » Regular Meetings with RMIT University and Property Services especially regarding NAS
- » Finalising planning for the RUSU Realfoods Café for 2017
- » Planning, development and delivery of Finance, Governance & Administration components of the 2017 student representative induction
- » Legal Responsibilities of Board Members training delivered to SUC members by Justice Connect
- » Updating the Finance Made Easy Manual for RUSU student representatives and staff. Finance made Easy Induction training provided to SUC members by RUSU's external financial consultant and RUSU Finance staff
- » Development of the 2017 RUSU budget in accordance with the RUSU funding agreement and SSAF grant requirements
- » Finance Standing Committee meetings held, with preparations commenced for the end of financial year audit.
- » Administrative and payroll tasks associated with terminating the 26 outgoing elected student representatives and setting up systems for the 26 incoming elected student representatives.
- » Conducting Probity checks for incoming SUC members.
- » Providing advice to the RUSU management on IT related issues.
- » Providing first point of contact Student Rights advice for RMIT students (both on shore and off shore)
- » Delivering Student Rights volunteer training
- » Sourcing and resourcing student representatives to RMIT Appeals Committees.
- » Participation in the Uni One RUSU website project

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

RUSU Funding from RMIT for 2016 is made up of the following:	
Base Grant	\$2,586,714
SSAF Committee Grants	\$620,000
Non-Recurring Grant	\$110,300
<b>2016 TOTAL GRANT</b>	<b>\$3,317,014</b>
2016 Grant Received to Date	\$3,317,014

The 2017 RMIT/RUSU Deed Agreement has been negotiated and signed, enabling RUSU to plan ahead for our activities and services for 2017.

The 2016 grant was received as a lump sum payment in late January. This upfront payment will enabled RUSU to generate additional income to supplement the grant.

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 on these areas. It categorises the SSAF expenditure from the Base grant and SSAF Committee projects into the allowable items. This table does not include activities and services funded by non-SSAF expenditure.

RUSU also receives some funding from other sources. While some of the activities funded through these sources 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 RUSU, 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.

**TABLE 1: RUSU SSAF GRANT EXPENDITURE ON ALLOWABLE ITEMS:  
JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31 2016**

Allowable Item	Item Description	YTD Expenditure (SSAF Funded)
Giving students information to help them in their orientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Orientation specific events</li> <li>» Re-Orientation Events</li> </ul>	\$116,154
Caring for children of students	Nil	\$0
Providing legal services to students	Nil	\$0
Promoting the health or welfare of students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» All activities and events from advocacy and welfare collectives: Queer, Women's, Post-Graduate, Environment, Welfare, Education</li> <li>» Campaigns, events, honorariums, programs, marketing</li> <li>» All Compass Centre, programs and staff</li> <li>» Healthy Eating SSAF Grant</li> </ul>	\$329,838
Helping students secure accommodation	Nil	\$0
Helping students with their financial affairs	Nil	\$0
Helping meet the specific needs of overseas students relating to their welfare, accommodation and employment;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» All activities and events from International student department and International Support SSAF Grant</li> </ul>	\$47,507
Helping students obtain employment or advice on careers	Nil	\$0
Helping students obtain insurance against personal accidents	Nil	\$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"> <li>» Induction programs/Student Representative Professional Development</li> <li>» Volunteer Program &amp; Program Staffing</li> <li>» Student Engagement Officer</li> <li>» Student Union Council Elections</li> <li>» Secretariat Honorariums</li> <li>» All of SUC campaigns</li> </ul>	\$416,332
Providing libraries and reading rooms (other than those provided for academic purposes) for students	Nil	\$0
Supporting the production and dissemination to students of media whose content is provided by students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» RMITV operations, honorariums, special projects, productions, training, website</li> <li>» RMIT Flagship Program</li> <li>» Catalyst magazine operations, student honorariums, publication (online and print)</li> <li>» Communications/Graphic Designer Staff</li> </ul>	\$260,534
Providing food or drink to students on a campus of the higher education provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Campus specific events and marketing (all campuses)</li> <li>» RUSU Realfoods</li> </ul>	\$212,502
Supporting a sporting or other recreational activity by students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Major events and intervarsity recreational activities and competitions</li> <li>» Activities and Events Collective including administration, student honorariums, marketing and staff support</li> </ul>	\$181,827

**TABLE 1: RUSU SSAF GRANT EXPENDITURE ON ALLOWABLE ITEMS: JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31 2016 (CONTINUED)**

Allowable Item	Item Description	YTD Expenditure (SSAF Funded)
Supporting an artistic activity by students	Nil	\$0
Supporting debating by students	» Grants paid to debating club are included with clubs reporting	\$0
Supporting the administration of a club most of whose members are students	» Administration, grants, equipment and support to student run clubs and societies » Clubs and Societies Staff and other support	\$335,745
Advising on matters arising under the higher education provider's rules (however described)	» Administration and Support staff members: Administration, Governance and Finance » 5 x Information counter staff and operations (including Bundoora East and SSAF Project)	\$768,647
Advocating students' interests in matters arising under the higher education provider's rules (however described)	» Student Rights Officers » Student Advocacy materials, campaigns, research and training for staff and student representatives on committees	\$646,928
<b>YTD SSAF EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>\$3,317,014</b>
<b>YTD 2016 SSAF FUNDS RECEIVED</b>		<b>\$3,317,014</b>

In addition to the above \$3,317, 014 in 2016 SSAF funds, RUSU spent the remaining \$11,175 of 2015 SSAF Committee grant funds as agreed with the Dean of Students, Owen Hughes.

RUSU spending on SSAF allowable items exceeded the \$3,317, 014 outlined above in 2016. These activities were then funded through other sources of RUSU income and RUSU reserve funds.

**TABLE 2: 2015 SSAF COMMITTEE GRANT FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31 2016**

Program Title	Grant Amount	Expenditure YTD
RUSU Volunteer Program	\$178,000	\$188,142
RUSU Flagship Production (Live on Bowen) and RMITV training program	\$40,000	\$35,659
RUSU International Student Support - conversation classes and city tours	\$33,000	\$30,880
Bundoora Common Lunch Hour (including SRO & BE)	\$76,000	\$75,245
RUSU Orientation Package	\$100,000	\$116,154
RUSU Free Healthy Breakfasts including nutrition & sustainability awareness	\$70,000	\$68,738
Post-grad Support Program (including SRO)	\$36,000	\$28,990
Brunswick Common Lunch Hour	\$27,000	\$31,249
RUSU VE Awareness & Support	\$32,000	\$32,157
SSCC Mentoring Program	\$28,000	\$21,110
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$620,000</b>	<b>\$628,324</b>
<i>Comment</i>		<i>\$8,324 overspend</i>

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