

A photograph of three young men dressed in costumes. The man on the left is wearing a Luigi costume with a green hat featuring a white 'L' and blue overalls. The man in the center is wearing an Iron Man suit. The man on the right is wearing a Mario costume with an orange hat featuring a white 'M' and a blue jacket over an orange shirt. They are all smiling and posing for a photo.

RMIT University Student Union

Second Quarter Report

Reporting Period:
1 April – 30 June 2018

RUSU
RMIT UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

President's Report



The second quarter has seen the RMIT University Student Union continue to do what it does best, by serving the needs of all students while providing plenty of opportunities to have fun, socialise, grow, develop skills, and give back.

During the second quarter, our amazing team of volunteers contributed over 1,500 hours of their time to support and feed their fellow students, helping to make the University a better place for everyone. We held a wonderful event in May to say thank you to these very special students and ensure that they are recognised for their efforts.

RUSU's weekly Chill 'n' Grill events continue to feed (and entertain) thousands of hungry students across the metropolitan campuses, while the Healthy Breakfast program has grown considerably to now provide an average of 2800 serves of fresh fruit, vegan cakes, yoghurt cups and bread with delicious dips per week.

In addition, RMIT's vocational education students were treated to a bi-monthly free lunch in the Building 57 courtyard, with almost 1800 hot meals provided in semester one. RUSU continues to grow our wide variety of offerings while maximising efficiency to get the most out of our programs.

Abena Dove
President,
RMIT University Student Union

Activities & Events



Heroes vs Villains Party



End of Exams Party: Heroes vs. Villains

Seven hundred people attended the Heroes vs. Villains party at Platform One on June 21.

Global Experience Party

Around 100 Global Experience students marked the end of Semester 1 with a party at the Melbourne Central Lion Hotel on May 31.

Hippies vs. Hipsters Party

RMIT students love a chance to dress up. One hundred and fifty students attended the Hippies vs. Hipsters Party at the Eden Bar on 17 May.

VE Pop Up Pub

Around 70 students attended a mid-semester VE Pop-up Pub in the Building 57 cafe on 3 May.

Membership

At the end of the second quarter
RUSU had :

3963

financial members.

Volunteers



RUSU's volunteer program continues to draw a great number of enthusiastic, bright and talented students to the organisation, making invaluable contributions to the organisation and RMIT student life.

Second Quarter – Number of new volunteers inducted (Bundoora and City): 46 +

Volunteer Training: Number of participants					
Quarter	1	2	3	4	Year Total
Program induction	258	46			295
Responsible Service of Alcohol	48	76			124
Safe Food Handling	50	60			100
Youth Mental Health First Aid	0	20			20
TOTAL	356	193			549

Volunteer Training

There continues to be a great interest in our training programs, demonstrating our volunteers' commitment to their positions. Four Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) sessions were run, providing 76 volunteers with RSA certification, and four FSH (Food Safety Handler) sessions were run, providing 60 volunteers with FSH. One Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Session was run in June, providing 20 Compass volunteers with Youth Mental Health First Aid Accreditation.

During the 2nd quarter, RUSU ran two volunteer induction sessions, for those who missed out in the first half of semester one, training 37 new volunteers on the City campus.

The Semester 1 Volunteer Recognition Party, held on May 24 at Strike Bowling Melbourne Central, was a fantastic opportunity for volunteers to celebrate their hard work and achievements with fellow volunteers, RUSU Student Representatives and staff. Fifty-one volunteers attended the party.



Second Quarter – Number of volunteer hours completed:

190.25	Administration
857	Activities & Events
65.25	Healthy Breakfast Program
298.78	Realfoods
41.5	Compass:
109	Student Rights

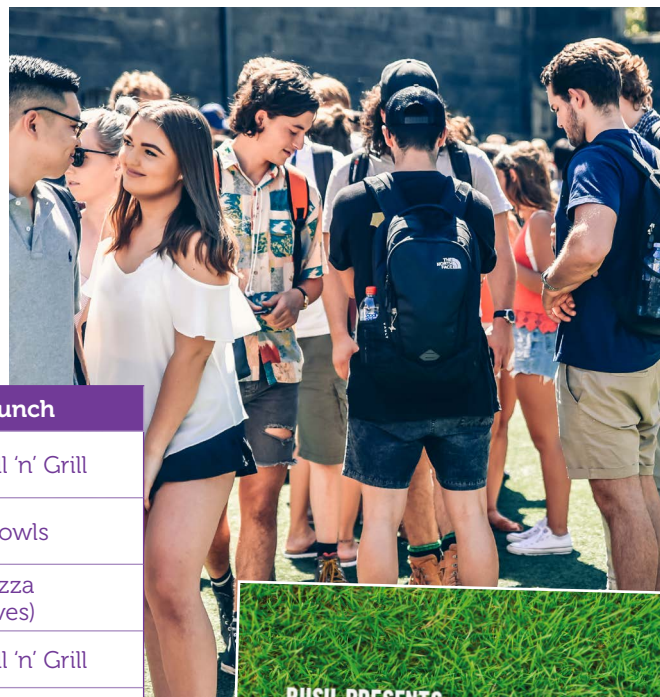
In total, RUSU volunteers completed:
1562 hours this quarter

RUSU volunteer hours, year to date:
2397.35 hours

Across Campuses

city

The weekly Chill 'n' Grill barbecue in Alumni Courtyard provides approximately 1000 serves of free food per week and runs for a period of 10 weeks. In addition, we provided 600 serves of pizza during RUSH Week in Bowen Street, bringing the total to 10,600 free lunches for the quarter. Each week, around 250 students have free drinks (soft-drink, beer or cider) and entertainment inside the RUSU member's tent. A successful special food truck Chill 'n' Grill was held in Week 12 celebrating RUSU volunteers and the end of semester.



Week	Event	Additional	Lunch
2	Chill 'n' Grill: Back to Uni	Slushies	BBQ Chill 'n' Grill
3	Chill 'n' Grill: Mexican Fiesta	Frozen margaritas	Nacho bowls
4	Rush Week: Bowen Street	Rush Week	Canto pizza (600 serves)
5	Chill 'n' Grill	Pop corn	BBQ Chill 'n' Grill
6	Chill 'n' Grill	Fairy floss	BBQ Chill 'n' Grill
7	Super Chill 'n' Grill ft. Kooyeh	Food truck and live reggae band	The Real Jerk Truck: Jamaican jerk chicken, rice & peas
8	Chill 'n' Grill: Education Week	Members tent & stalls	BBQ Chill 'n' Grill
9	Chill 'n' Grill: Compass Marketplace	PBS106.7 DJ Richie Madan	Lamb kofta and falafel kebabs
10	Chill 'n' Grill	Members tent	BBQ Chill 'n' Grill
11	Chill 'n' Grill - AGM	Free Cupcakes	BBQ Chill 'n' Grill
12	Chill 'n' Grill: Vellie Appreciation Week & Stress Less Week	Members tent & stalls	Food trucks



Chill 'n' Grill, Alumni Courtyard



Brunswick

RUSU has also had a real presence on campus during the second quarter, with many great opportunities to directly engage with students. Our weekly free events, such as the Healthy Breakfast program, Chill 'n' Grill, and yoga classes are always well received and are a big hit with our Brunswick students.

In April 2018 we held our second Student Maker's Market, which showcased stalls from our talented Brunswick students. Feedback regarding this event is always positive and it is an overall wonderful day at the Brunswick campus, for both students and staff alike.

Brunswick Chill 'n' Grill commenced in Week 1, serving 450 students per week. Twelve events were run this quarter with more than 5400 lunches served. Students have loved special add-on treats like our RUSU cupcakes. In 2018 we have been diversifying our weekly food offering even further. Examples include corn on the cob and tacos. Events have been supported very well by our team of student casuals.

The RMIT Association of Fashion and Textiles students has held several social mixers on campus and at venues along Sydney Road. The club is able to provide a break from the long hours worked by fashion and textile students on campus at a particularly busy period when they spend a great deal of time on campus working on projects.

Below: Brunswick Makers Market



Bundoora East & West

Bundoora Chill 'n' Grill commenced Week 1, serving 650 students per week at West campus and 120 students per week at East campus. There were a total of 12 events at each campus this semester and 9240 lunches were served. As the weather got colder the weekly barbecues were changed to the 'Winter Warmers' with, hot soup and bread rolls and tasty vegan nacho bowls. The Bundoora East Info Counter was open 15 hours a week from Week 1 to Week 13, staffed by three student casuals. Casuals also supported the lunch events at the West campus. RUSU also worked with Property Services on the Building 254 (East) Student Experience Project which will provide improved lounging and games room facilities for students.

The Bundoora volunteer program has continued to grow with Realfoods and Activities and Events volunteer hours far above those of the same time last year. Bundoora East now has volunteers at the weekly Chill and Grill on Thursdays which has added more life and a chance for wider engagement during the event.

Bundoora clubs have continued to record consistent membership growth. The number of on campus activities has also risen as clubs are making use of the new building 202 multiflex room which have given a much needed space where clubs can book rooms with AV equipment and furniture, which previously hasn't existed in Bundoora. Event highlights included the RMIT Association of Pharmacy Students' Mental Health First Aid training of their club members in the room.

RUSU also worked with Walert House in delivering a SWOTVAC de-stress event including a petting zoo and smoothie bikes for students to offer a much needed relief from studies.

Carlton

With the semester well and truly underway, the Carlton office saw an increase in the number of students accessing the Student Rights Team's services, and also many enquiries from clubs looking to book our Multipurpose Room in Building 57. This room was also very heavily utilised for the induction and training of RUSU's new volunteers for 2018. Work to get the new Games Room in Building 56 open has been steady, with signage installed, as well as a large card table and the installation of a standing video game machine. There is lots of interest from students and we are sure this space is going to be popular.

Hippies Vs Hipster Promotion



Point Cook

An Orientation event was held at Point Cook that included free giveaways, feeding around 70 students. Six regular weekly lunches were held in the quarter, providing 420 serves of food. Out fortnightly breakfasts commenced after the Easter break, feeding around 70 hungry students each time. RUSU helped Point Cook students organise an end-of-semester event at Strike Bowling. Around 50 Point Cook students attended this fun event.

RUSU Departments

Queer

Over the past month the Queer Department has continued with our weekly social events, Games Afternoon and Craft Tea, which have been very popular. The Queer Department also put a call out for submissions to attend Queer Collaborations with the Queer Officers. We were offered a further four funded spots by RMIT's Equity and Diversity Unit; meaning eight students were able to attend!

During the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOBIT) on May 17, the Queer Department partnered with RMIT to host an outreach stall. The Department also facilitated the organisation of an RMIT IDAHOBIT panel, which was addressing the question of marriage equality and what's next for our community. We also assisted with the IDAHOBIT after party hosted by the DGSS, which was attended by lots of students (this year is the first time the party has been open to staff and students) and we were able to facilitate a student to DJ the event. We also assisted a group of Certificate 4 Youth Work students to set up a sexual health stall next to ours on IDAHOBIT, which contributed to their project work requirement and was a great way to have more students involved.

RUSU Queer also recently hosted our IDAHOBIT Pride Showcase, at Hares & Hyenas. It was a talent showcase for students to demonstrate pride and also functioned as our end of semester party. Overall, we had great feedback on the evening and it was well attended. We are now busy planning our department direction for semester two. The two Queer Officers have also been quite busy meeting with RMIT's Equity and Diversity Department to assist with a transgender mentoring pilot, advocate for broader gender training for staff and academics in the form of an online course, discussing pride week which is coming up in August and various other initiatives we are working with them on implementing in the University.



Above: IDAHOBIT Below: Attenbrews

Women's

This quarter the Women's Department organised an event for the ladies to zone out a bit from their studies. This occurred towards the end of semester, when students are most likely to suffer from stress and anxiety. The event involved masseuses, nail artists and food with a relaxed environment to promote wellbeing and self-care. The event was a success, which was evident by the high number of students who turned out.

Sustainability

The Sustainability Department has been running Attenbrews events which remain really popular with students. Students meet regularly to watch David Attenborough documentaries over snacks and drinks and then discuss sustainability issues. It's great to see such a cross section of students engaged in ideas around sustainability.





Postgraduate

The Postgraduate Department has run so many fantastic events this quarter. Eighty students attended our Speed Friending event on March 29 and it was great to see so many postgraduate students breaking down social barriers and getting to know each other. Two Sit & Write events were held in semester one, with 60 students attending overall. These events provided a supported environment for a day of study, broken up with self care and wellness activities. The students enjoyed a day of quiet writing in a calm space, broken up by activities designed to refresh their minds and promote wellbeing. These events were one of the most popular the postgrad department has run, with phenomenal feedback from attendees.

The Department also performed vital outreach at the Brunswick Maker's Market where we spoke to interested students from the postgraduate cohort. Finally, the Department threw a morning tea event at Bundoora, giving our Postgraduate Officer the opportunity to meet with postgraduate students from other campuses. A dinner was held for postgrad students. Thirty students attended this event, and strong social connections were made, particularly for international students.

The specialist HDR Student Rights Officer was employed and provided HDR casework. The demand for and complexity of HDR student rights support is very high and the HDR SRO is stretched with both casework and contributing to RMIT policy and process discussions. The Postgrad O-Book produced as an online resource.

Postgrad Speed Friending



Realfoods

City & Bundoora

Recruitment played a big role for this period as the Realfoods team grew a little larger with the addition of a new batch of Student Barista/Cafe Assistant casuals for both stores. We were lucky enough to recruit Sheereen and Ollie for the City and Isaac for Bundoora. We also recruited Tom, the new Cook for Bundoora for two days a week and made the decision to move Ricky, the City Cook, over to Bundoora one day a week to oversee kitchen operations in Semester 2.

Volunteer numbers at both stores were very strong, with a waiting list for positions in the City and a record number of volunteers working in our Bundoora store, which certainly in part can be attributed to the great work by Meagan.

Realfoods also launched their new catering menu which so far has been a bit hit with other RUSU departments and around RMIT. They have also been providing tasty and nourishing curries, nachos and baked potato dishes for the weekly VE Chill events.

Education & Welfare

This was an exceptionally busy time for the Education and Welfare Departments. The Education Department ran a pre-rally pizza lunch and led the RUSU attendance at the NUS National Day of Action in March. They also represented RUSU and the interests of students in the monthly university CANVAS working group. In Week 8 Education Week visited all the main campuses, informing students of the last date to withdraw without a fail grade being applied to their transcripts. RUSU handed out notebooks and study resources and the week culminated in a 'Save Your GPA Day' party over at Blue Moon, a really great way to finish it all off. The Education Officer also ran an SSCC drop-in session in the City campus and Lily had some excellent conversations with the students who came by.

The Welfare on Wheels program is back with a blast! The time has been changed to Tuesday at 6pm instead of Wednesday. Students were excited and thankful RUSU for doing this for them and we have had great feedback from all of the students we served.

During Stress Less Week the Department ran Welfare on Wheels on both Brunswick and Bundoora campuses, and at the City campus we ran it twice with double the amount of food and also gave away notebooks, pens, and highlighters. RUSU's Welfare Department has served 14,000 serves of free food this semester through the Welfare on Wheels initiative.

During SWOTVAC the Welfare Department ran the Plush Toy Petting Zoo where we engaged almost 1000 students!

The Welfare Officer also attended the free RUSU lunch at Point Cook campus during Education Week to perform outreach and promote key RUSU wellbeing services. The Compass Maker's Market was also held at each campus. We served 600 fresh food packs and recipes across both Brunswick, Bundoora and the City and engaged with approximately 800 students as we had some extra fruits and fresh produce to distribute as well. Students were really excited about this initiative and kept asking when we were doing this thing again, so this is a huge success for everyone.

Healthy Breakfast

The Healthy Breakfast Program has been really well received by students this semester! We have provided a range of free breakfast foods including yoghurt cups, vegan cake slices, fresh fruit, fruit salad cups, hummus and veggies, across the City, Carlton, Bundoora West and East and Brunswick campuses. We are using more inclusive ingredients on campus to feed more people this year, including more vegan options. Planning is underway for hot breakfasts. Total estimated number of weekly serves was 2800, and with two extra weeks for Carlton students enrolled in Vocational Education courses, total served for the year to date number approximately 34,000.

Below: Welfare on Wheels

VE

The VE Officer has also been attending a monthly meeting with the Executive Director of Vocational Education at RMIT University, to discuss issues that affect VE students.

On May 3 the VE Department had the annual VE Pop-Up Pub in Building 57, Level 4. There was a great student turnout and as always the students had a fantastic time.

On May 16, the Australian National Audit office (ANAO) visited RMIT. RMIT asked the VE Department to organize a VE focus group to give feedback to ANAO representatives. The focus group was about the new VET student loan scheme program.

VE Chill

The Vocational Education Department has been busy running our VE Chill event every second Monday. VE Chill has been great and students are loving it, with different food options every time. VE Lunches serve approx 220 students per week. There were four VE Chill events held in the second quarter, with 880 lunches served to VE and VCE students on the Carlton campus (Eight lunches and 1760 serves in semester 1). Realfoods continue to support the event with delicious curries and baked potatoes, with newly-opened on-campus restaurant Canto also supplying pizzas in Week 13.



Indigenous

The Indigenous Officer has had high levels of involvement in NAIDOC week. Planning continues to offer sessions with an indigenous psychologist for social work, youth work and counselling students to learn more about working with indigenous clients and designing a presentation on Australian Indigenous History to be included in RUSU inductions (staff, representative etc.) to further reinforce RUSU's commitment to amplifying the Indigenous voice at RMIT. Planning for an Indigenous Chill 'n' Grill for early Semester 2 is underway.



International

RUSU's International Department collaborated with both Deakin and Melbourne University's International Officers and went to the Melbourne police department to learn how international students can use the law to protect themselves from fraud and harm. In particular, how international students can protect their legal rights to the greatest extent possible when they are away from their parents and studying abroad. In the light of the recent kidnapping scandals and schemes in which international students are targeted by fraudulent medical providers, it is important that students have the most up to date advice possible from the Australian Federal Police. The respective international groups also discussed how to spread legal knowledge to international students.

English Language Workshops

Our English Language Workshop program started in Week 2, with 165 students expressing interest in attending. One hundred and forty three students registered into classes across Building 108, City and Bundoora campus. The majority of students attending the workshops in

Semester 1 were from China, India and Pakistan, with other countries, such as Panama and Japan also represented. Students in both City and Bundoora campuses came from a range of programs including engineering, science, business, pre-school education, and accounting. The program also secured 19 student volunteers to support our facilitator in delivering seven workshops over the week. Free lunches were provided at the classes. Students also attended an excursion (either Melbourne Museum or Abbotsford Convent) as part of the program. Another excursion was held mid-program with 34 students catching the Williamstown Ferry and having a barbecue at Williamstown Beach.

Thirty-nine students attended the end of program wrap party and meal at Father's Office with lots of conversation.

The Semester 1 program was highly successful at City and Bundoora campuses but was less popular in Building 108. RUSU has reviewed and revamped this program for Semester 2, but will not be running it in Building 108 in the future.

Left: NAIDOC Week Poster, Below: English Language Workshops



Clubs & Societies



RUSU Club Grants

RUSU clubs and societies accessed \$42,331.79 of Clubs Grants funding during the second quarter of 2018.

RUSU Club Activity

As at the end of the second quarter, RUSU has **114** fully-affiliated student clubs and societies.

RUSU Clubs Activity Affiliation

The distribution of clubs across our different categories breakdown is as follows:

Spiritual	9
Social	24
Political	4
Cultural	23
Academic	54
TOTAL	114

Brand New Clubs

RUSU welcomes the following fully affiliated new clubs:

RMIT STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

RMIT PROPERTY SOCIETY

STUDENT INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

RMIT LABORATORY MEDICINE STUDENT SOCIETY

New Developments & Support to RUSU Clubs

Training offered to all RUSU clubs includes Food Safety Handling, Responsible Service of Alcohol, Bringing in the Bystander.

From top: EFMSA Corporate Cocktails, RMIT Christian Union Kick Off Camp, RMIT Electric Racing Testing Day

Club Activities Quarter 2, 2018

Academic Clubs

RMIT Aerospace Students Association (AESA), Australian Youth Aerospace Association (AYAA) and Monash Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Club (MAMEC) Aerospace Industry Night 2018 @RMIT Storey Hall

RMIT Aerospace Students Association (AESA) "Flight Test with Jet Pilot – guest speaker F/A-18 Hornet test pilot, Peter Tippner @ RMIT Building 80

RMIT Aerospace Students Association "Planes and Phones Catch Up" (EMI/EMC Seminar featuring Dr. Mitchell Lennard) @ RMIT Building 80

RMIT Association of Chemical Engineering Students (ACES) vs RMIT Environmental Engineering Student Association (EESA) annual pub tour & RMIT Alumni Courtyard and various City locations @ Citiclub on Queen, City

RMIT Association of Chemical Engineering Students (ACES) Annual Engineering Industry Night @ Citiclub on Collins

RMIT Autonomous Systems Society (RASS) 2 x Build Sessions @ Orange Lab RMIT Building 57

Biomedical Engineering RMIT Student Society (BERSS) professional speaker event @ RMIT Building 80

Biomedical Engineering RMIT Student Society (BERSS) professional speaker event @ RMIT Building 80 End of Semester Party @ Bartronica games venue., City

RMIT Biosciences Society Research Career & Networking Seminar @ RMIT Building 8 Megaflex

RMIT Business Information Systems Student Association (BISSA) Welcome Night @ Blue Moon, City

RMIT Accounting Students Association (ASA) Future Ready, College of Business Day stall @ Building 80

RMIT Business Information Systems Student Association (BISSA) BISSA & SCSA Present: HAPPY EOS! @ Captain Melville

Management and International Business Student Association (MIBSA) MIBSA Mansion event @ Arcadia Hotel

Management and International Business Student Association (MIBSA) How To: Exams event @ Building 14

Human Resources Association (HRA) HRA Presents: Career Kickoff Night @ Storey Hall

RMIT Entrepreneurs and Start-Up Association (RESA) RESA Start-Up Fair @ RMIT Activator Space

RMIT Digital Media Club End of Semester Party: Casual Bar Evening @ Belleville Hotel

RMIT Digital Media Club Launch Party @ Building 10

RMIT Student Association of Industrial Design Post-Exhibition Drinks @ The Curtin

RMIT Physics Student Association Industry Networking Night @ Building 14

RMIT Entrepreneurs and Start-Up Association (RESA) SGM and End of Exams Celebration @ RMIT Activator Space

RMIT Business Student Association (BSA) VE Orientation Day: Welcome to the BSA! @ Alumni Courtyard

RMIT Business Student Association (BSA) RMIT BSA Business Ball @ The Peninsula Docklands

RMIT Business Student Association (BSA) BSA Special General Meeting @ Building 80

RMIT Business Student Association (BSA) RMIT BSA present: Professional Branding Workshop @ Storey Hall

RMIT Business Student Association (BSA) BSA + ASA = Sausage Sizzle Day @ A'Beckett Square

Civil Engineering Student Association (CESA) Week 12 Karaoke & Drinks! @ Space Hotel

Civil Engineering Student Association (CESA) Week 6 Drinks @ Father's Office

RMIT Student Association for Sustainable Systems Engineering (SASSE) SASSE's Most Ambitious Crossover Event @ Building 80

RMIT Student Association for Sustainable Systems Engineering (SASSE) End of Sem Pub Night by SASSE @ The Workshop

RMIT Student Association for Sustainable Systems Engineering (SASSE) EFMSA Presents: Corporate Cocktails @ Collins Quarter

RMIT Racing at Meguiar's MotorEx event @ Melbourne Showgrounds

RMIT Environmental Engineering Student Association (EESA) EESA Present: Week 12 Drinks + Voting @ Building 10

RMIT Environmental Engineering Student Association (EESA) Industry Night @ Storey Hall

RMIT Environmental Engineering Student Association (EESA) Just Got Robbed Party @ Alumni Courtyard

RMIT Geospatial Science Students Association (GSSA) End of Semester 1 BBQ @ Alumni Courtyard

RMIT Geospatial Science Students Association (GSSA) Life After Uni - (RMIT Lunchtime Seminar) @ Building 56

RMIT Geospatial Science Students Association (GSSA) GSSA Welcome BBQ @ Alumni Courtyard

RMIT Law Students Society (LSS) Career Conversations @ Essoign Club

RMIT Law Students Society (LSS) Grand Final After Party @ Glamp Cocktail Bar

RMIT Law Students Society (LSS) Moot & Competitions Training @ Building 13

RMIT Law Students Society (LSS) General Meeting @ Building 13

RMIT Law Students Society (LSS) Social Saturday @ Father's Office

RMIT Law Students Society (LSS) Research Masterclass @ Building 13

RMIT Law Students Society (LSS) Client Interview Competition @ Building 13	RMIT Student Landscape Architecture Body (SLAB) Slab Tabs event @ The Curtin	RMIT University Malaysian Association (RUMA) RUMA Workout Session event @ Kaya Health Centre Emporium
RMIT International Student Association (ISA) monthly social Boat Cruise: Welcome to the USA! @ Victoria Star	RMIT Student Landscape Architecture Body (SLAB) Capital City Trail Ride @ Capital City Trail	RMIT University Malaysian Association (RUMA) Post Exam Relaxation Pool Session @ Room 8 Pool Bar
RMIT International Student Association (ISA) April Drinks and Doco Showing! @ Building 12	RMIT Student Landscape Architecture Body (SLAB) Fresh Skills event @ RMIT Design Hub	RMIT University Malaysian Association (RUMA) De-stressor event @ Building 10
Planning & Environment RMIT Students Society (PERMITSS) End of 1st SEM 2018 @ The Queensbury Hotel	RMIT Urban Planning Students Association (RUPS) RUPS Pub Night @ The Curtin	RMIT University Malaysian Association (RUMA) I Darts Pre-Exam Chill event @ I Darts Melbourne
Planning & Environment RMIT Students Society (PERMITSS) Industry Night! @ Building 80		RMIT University Malaysian Association (RUMA) Karaoke w/ RUMA @ Partyworld Karaoke
PSYCHED! @ RMIT (Psychology Students Assoc) Honours talk (free pizza) and pub crawl! @ Building 16	Cultural Clubs	RMIT University Malaysian Association (RUMA) YNJ Migration & Professional Year Seminar @ Multicultural Hub Melbourne
RMIT Association of Pharmacy Students Work the World Overseas Placements @ Building 202	RMIT Chinese Students & Scholars Association (RCSSA) Union Festival Event @ Building 80	RMIT University Malaysian Association (RUMA) Wilson's Prom Trip @ Wilson's Promontory
RMIT Association of Pharmacy Students Movie Night: Isle of Dogs @ Palace Westgarth	RMIT Filipino Association Boodle Fight event @ Building 10	RMIT University Malaysian Association (RUMA) RUMA x MICPA Investment Challenge event @ Building 80
RMIT Association of Pharmacy Students Mental Health First Aid Training @ Bundoora Megalfex	RMIT Filipino Association Fast Coffee Catch Up event @ Building 10	RMIT University Malaysian Association (RUMA) Badminton Session event @ MSAC
RMIT Supply Chain Student Association (SCSA) Coordinating Australia: The Logistics of People, Food & Freight @ Building 14	RMIT Filipino Association Rooftop Karaoke Night @ Building 10 Rooftop	RMIT Singapore Student Association (SSA) Makan Night – End of Sem 1 2018 @ Building 10
World Congress of Chiropractors (WCCS) RMIT Chapter Chiropaeds Seminar @ Uni Hill Conference Centre	RMIT Hong Kong Student Association (HKSA) LaserTAG x YumCHA @ Food First Restaurant	RMIT Thai Student Association (RTSA) Uni Night event @ Club Pandora
RMIT Property Society Free BBQ Lunch for Property Students @ Alumni Courtyard	RMIT Hong Kong Student Association (HKSA) The 'Seacret' - MUTSA x MUHKSA x RMITHKSA Joint Uni Boat Cruise 2018 @ Lady Cutler Showboats Melbourne	RMIT Thai Student Association (RTSA) Movie Night @ 318 Russell
RMIT Property Society IGm @ Building 10	RMIT Indian Club Chai & Chat with Indian Club @ RUSU Activities Space	RMIT Thai Student Association (RTSA) Board Game Night @ Therry St
RMIT Sports Chiropractic Student Association Speaker Night @ Quest Bundoora	RMIT Indonesian Students Association (RMIT PPIA) Societal Project 2018: Same Sky Different Stars Event @ Luna Park	RMIT Thai Student Association (RTSA) Program Midsem Event with Singapore Student Association Monash and Melbourne universities and Thai Students Associations Monash and Melbourne universities @ Therapy Nightclub
s.IDA RIMT 123 Exhibition @ RMIT Design Hub	RMIT Italian Society Pizza and Movie Night @ Building 10	RMIT Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) Badminton Day 2018 @ Altona Badminton Club
s.IDA RIMT Friday Night Trivia Fitzroy Bowling club	RMIT Italian Society with Monash and Melbourne University Italian Clubs Sail Italy event @ Docklands Esplanade	RMIT Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) Bún Bò Hu Night @ Saigon Pho Carlton
s.IDA RIMT Sensory Sunday @ Sun Moth	RMIT Japan Club Movie Night (Silent Voice) @ HOYTS Melbourne Central	
	RMIT Japan Club Mid Semester Celebration @ The Bottom End Club	



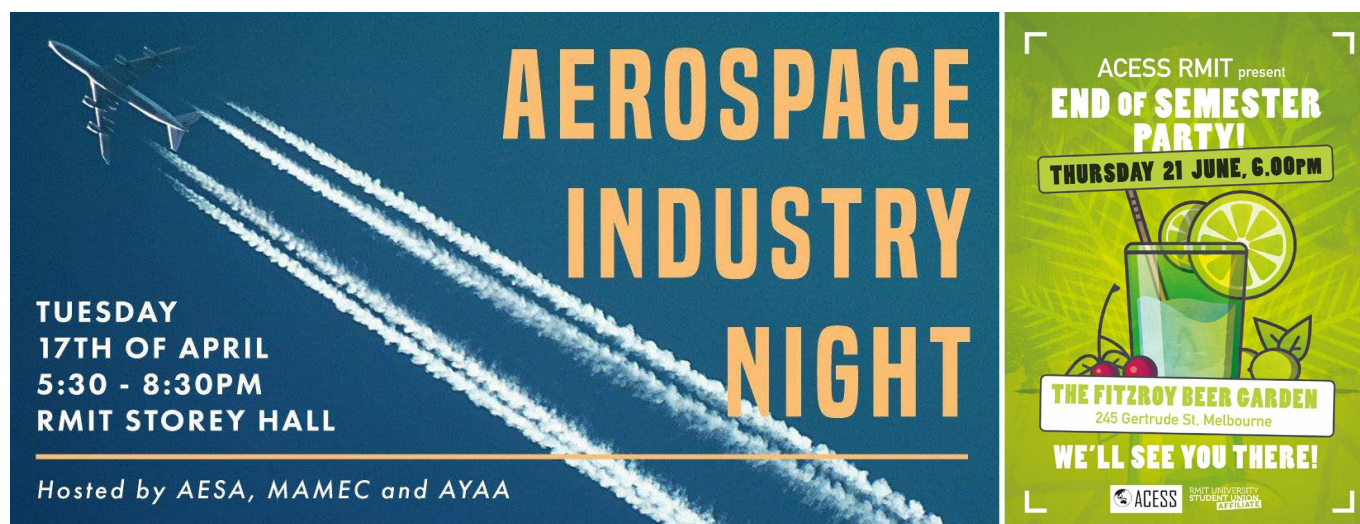
Above: BioSci Career Night

RMIT Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) Nem Nuong Stall @ A'Beckett Square	RMIT Asian Association (RAA) Charity Movie Night @ Building 10	RMIT Science Fiction & Gaming Association (SFGA) twice weekly gaming sessions @ RMIT Building 57 RUSU Multipurpose Room and the B57 Cafeteria
RMIT Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) Pizza Day @ A'Beckett Square	RMIT Asian Association (RAA) Naughty x Nice! End of Exams Party @ Xe54	Students for Sensible Drug Policy RMIT (SSDP RMIT) Welcome Drinks 2018 (special guest - Richard DiNatale) event @ Workshop Bar
Vietnamese International Students at RMIT (VISAR) Stranger Things Party @ Building 10	Greening RMIT Film Screening: Chasing Coral @ Building 80	Fossil Free RMIT End of Semester Wrap Up @ Crossways Restaurant
Vietnamese International Students at RMIT (VISAR) Final GALA BAY Competition 2018 Melbourne with Monash Vietnamese Student Association @ Monash Caulfield	Greening RMIT Pickling Kimchi Workshop @ Alumni Courtyard Community Garden Space	Fossil Free RMIT Weekly Meet Up @ Building 10
Vietnamese International Students at RMIT (VISAR) BÀN KT BAY Competition 2018 with Monash Vietnamese Student Association @ Monash Caulfield	Greening RMIT End Of Sem Celebration @ Building 56	Fossil Free RMIT Students of Sustainability Info night - RMIT/ Melbourne @ Building 80
Vietnamese International Students at RMIT (VISAR) VISAR Camping Trip 2018 @ Sorrento	Greening RMIT Get your green thumbs on! Workshops x 4 @ Alumni Courtyard Community Garden Space	Fossil Free RMIT Divestment event @ Bowen St
	Greening RMIT Gardening with Nadia, Skillshare 4 workshop @ Alumni Courtyard Community Garden Space	Fossil Free RMIT Crafternoon @ Bowen St
	Greening RMIT Skill Share Three: Ethical Consumption workshop @ Alumni Courtyard Community Garden Space	CAINZ RMIT Masterclass: Product Development 101 event @ Building 80
	Greening RMIT Island Earth Documentary Screening @ Building 80	RMIT Blockchain Club RBC Workshop: "Blockchain 101" event @ Building 12
	RMIT IAESTE Paid International Internships Info Session @ Building 12	RMIT Blockchain Club - Launch Party @ Building 10
	RMIT Oxfam RMIT Oxfam Ethical Fashion Clothes Swap @ City Campus	

Social/Special Interest Clubs

RMIT Asian Association (RAA) Ready, Set, Glow! Party @ Royal Melbourne Hotel

RMIT Asian Association (RAA) Bar Crawl 2018 @ Melbourne CBD



RMIT Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) Weekly meetings @ Building 8

RMIT Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) Outreach + Chill @ AYCC Office Carlton

RMIT Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) End Of Semester Celebration @ Building 56

RMIT Vegan Club Sausage Sizzle @ Alumni Courtyard

RMIT Vegan Club Picnic @ Carlton Gardens

RMIT IEEE Branch Games Night @ RUSU Activities Space

RMIT IEEE Branch Surviving Engineering Talk @ Building 94

Spiritual Clubs

RMIT Christian Union Weekly Bible Talk @ Building 10

RMIT Christian Tuesday Nights @ Lygon Christian Chapel, Carlton

RMIT Christian Union Summit RMIT CU Grads' Night @ Belgrave Heights Convention Centre

RMIT Christian Union Summit - The People of God @ Belgrave Heights Convention Centre

RMIT Christian Union Ladies' Chick Flick Night @ CrossCulture Melbourne

RMIT Christian Union DSC Op Shopathon @ A1 Bakery

RMIT Christian Union CU at SWOTvac afternoons @ Building 80

RMIT Christian Union CU BUS Movie Night @ Little Lonsdale

RMIT Christian Union Dinner and Discussion @ Building 10

RMIT Christian Union CU at the Movies event @ Cinema Nova

RMIT Christian Union Kick Off Camp @ Upper Plenty Conference Centre

RMIT Islamic Society Grand Iftar Dinner @ Storey Hall

RMIT Islamic Society Lecture about "Youth Of The Cave" @ Building 10

RMIT Islamic Society Girls Night In-Sister's Event @ RUSU Activity Space

RMIT University Jewish Student Society Winter '18 event @ Beth Weizman Community Centre

RMIT University Jewish Student Society Tikkun Leil Shavuot 2018 @ Building 80

RMIT University Jewish Student Society Yom HaShoah Speech w MUJSS - Melbourne University Jewish Students Society @ The University of Melbourne

RMIT University Jewish Student Society Ain't No Party Like a Matzah Party @ Alumni Courtyard

RMIT Bundoora Islamic Society Iftar Dinner @ Building 202

Political Clubs

RMIT Liberal Club Fortnightly Meetings @ The Queensbury Hotel

RMIT Liberal Club Tour of Parliament House w La Trobe Liberal Club @ Victorian Parliament

RMIT Socialist Alternative Club Free Film Screening: Thank God It's Friday @ IDS

RMIT Socialist Alternative Club RMIT Students at Marxism Conference 2018 @ Captain Melville

RMIT Socialist Alternative Club Free Forum: Black Liberation and Socialism @ IDS

RMIT Labor (ALP) Club Campus BBQ @ Bowen St

Student Media

Catalyst

Catalyst began their second quarter with the release of second issue 'SELF', printed and distributed in early April. To accompany the introspective theme, issue two was designed completely in black and white, presenting a new set of challenges and opportunities for contributors, editors and the design team. The 2000 printed copies were quick to leave the stands and received great feedback.

To promote the release of issue two, Catalyst held a stall at RMIT Brunswick Student Makers Market, which provided a great opportunity to speak enthusiastic new readers and contributors outside of the city campus.

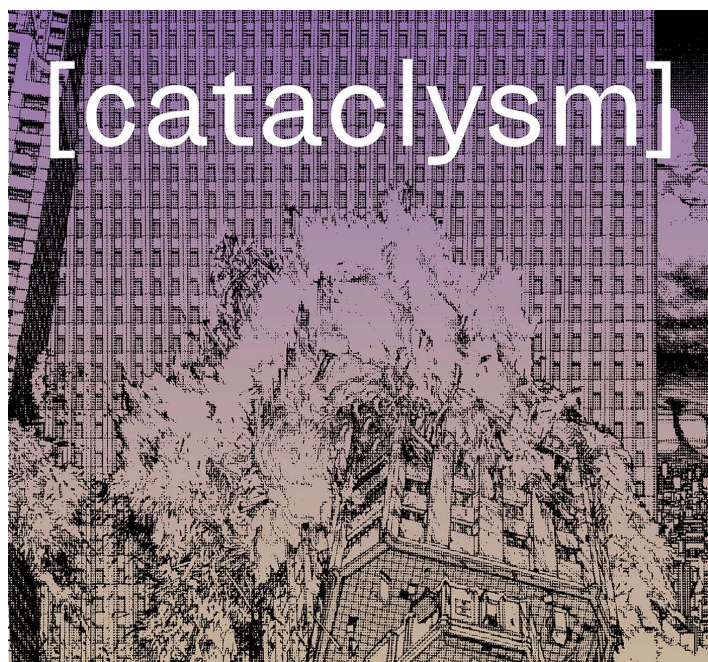
Catalyst's online platform was also in full swing, with a great deal of film, culture and music pieces being uploaded to the website. A partnership with Melbourne International Comedy Festival allowed for a large range of interviews and reviews of both local and international acts. Catalyst's news team also continued to cover a range of campus and university news, proving to be a popular source of information for students.

Episodes 29 and 30 of the Cataclysm podcast were uploaded, giving students the opportunity to share stories in the new medium of audio. An exciting array of packages were included within each episode – a particular highlight coming from editor Kasia Kosidlo who interviewed a date who had recently ghosted her.

The second quarter was also taken up by the production of issue three, 'POSITIVE', as the team worked through the break to prepare the magazine for the beginning of semester two. During this time, Catalyst was delighted to have Olivia Morffew join the editor team after previous editor Lisa Divissi moved on to an exciting new job in radio.



Cataclysm: The Catalyst Podcast



Catalyst Magazine: Self

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Above: RMITV at VE Welcome, Quiz Night

RMITV

Through the second quarter of 2018, RMITV continued to engage RMIT students and alumni through providing training, production experience and social events to our members. We welcomed our new Training Manager Joseph Betros, Content Manager Felicia Jong and General Manager Grace Cunningham.

Industry Employment

- **Karen Dennerley** (RMITV Member) - Production Coordinator at Channel 31 Melbourne & Geelong
- **Federica Fichera** (RMITV Member) - Producer at Blinxel
- **Ella Thompson** (RMITV Alumnus) - Editor at Visual Domain
- **Maria Konidaris** (RMITV Member) - Content Manager at Search Marketing Group

RMITV Content and Development

RMITV Content Currently programming:

The Leak with Pat McCaffrie: Fresh from a jam-packed season of Quiz Night, The Leak is back with comedian Pat McCaffrie in the hosting seat. The half hour format allows for an all-killer-no-filler approach to satirical news, sketches and roving correspondents.

RMITV Presents: Pawsitive Solutions debuts as an interview based mini-series

providing Australian dog owners with the solutions to some of their most common dog behavioural issues. The ideal program for training your furry friend!

Tough Times Never Last: Tough

Times bring a new batch of diverse and inspirational stories to television screens. This season marks the 20th season of the program.

Upcoming programming:

In Pit Lane: IPL is gearing up for their second season of 2018! In Pit Lane is looking to build upon its strong online popularity across online platforms with their upcoming season.

Silent Comedy: In conjunction with Short Game Productions, this one-hour TV special will feature seven comic performers with a passion for silent comedy, physical comedy, clown or mime. It will be a night full of entertainment with hand-picked silent comedy performers under one roof entertaining a live studio audience!

RMITV Presents: Three programs that were funded through this content initiative will grace television screens and online platforms in mid-2018. With the aim to destigmatize mental health, **In Your Words** is an interview series providing a safe space for people to share their experiences in the hopes of normalizing their mental health. Filming has wrapped up and the series is in post-production

for an August release date. Experimental animation series **Learning with Difficulties** is returning with a new series about protagonist Lisa facing a quest for change. The series will be available to watch on YouTube. **One Fall** will return and bring live event wrestling to RMIT! A multi-platform approach combining live event sport with livestreaming to Facebook will allow the program to reach out to wrestling fans both in-person and online.

RMITV Training

Quarter 2 has seen the training department implement and begin production on some exciting programs for members.

Offbeat Season 6:

Offbeat Season 6 has officially been launched and reformatted. This season will focus on the Melbourne arts scene and will consist of 10 episodes, shot over five weeks. The ball is well and truly rolling with a series producer to be locked in by the end of the month and pre-production to begin shortly after.

The Industry: A Monthly Workshop:

The training department has also launched 'The Industry: A Monthly Workshop' which will cover a specific crew role or topic each month and give members a detailed insight from an industry professional. Last month's

topic was television journalism, and this month's workshop will cover screenwriting, specifically for television. These workshops are a great way for members to meet like minded people and gain some valuable knowledge.

Training Intensives:

We will also be running more studio intensives specifically for broadcast television roles. Intensives will give our members hands on experience and practice before crewing on an RMITV production. We will be communicating with producers on our current shows and addressing crew roles where we believe more training is required.

Online Training:

The training department has started work on an online training program which will consist of 5-10 minute induction videos for various crew roles in broadcast television. This will be a great way for new members to get an idea of what a particular crew role entails and ways to succeed in these roles. Online training is slated for the end of Q3.

RMITV Tech

Q2 saw consistent rates of equipment hires by RMITV members, with 2-3 hires per week. Weekends remain a very popular time to hire and the Sony X70 cameras are the most common hire item, likely due to their versatility and ease of operation.

Q2 saw a few new additions to RMITV's equipment store, the most notable of which is a Rhino EVO Slider system, featuring a Manfrotto Nitrotech N8 fluid head. This piece of equipment allows for

smooth, linear camera movements with minimal setup time and no extra crewing requirements, allowing productions to easily increase their production values and explore further creative possibilities with little extra effort.

The archiving project is nearly an imminent conclusion, with the RMIT Library coming on board to procure and manage the collection, with the intention of turning it into a research collection for academic use. There have been discussions around making portions of the collection 100% public, but there are copyright issues in play here, and this will need to be reviewed at a later date.

RMITV In Review

In Review has published a number of arts reviews mainly in theatre over the month of July.

Interviewing Creators:

Interviews accompanying written reviews are blooming on the horizon of August, starting with a theatre review to be published early August. Regular book review contributor and arts writers have expressed interest in following suit.

Revised Style Guide & Resource Materials to Include SEO:

To be published first week of August. These resources will ensure:

- Guidelines are up to date with process of the current management and editing team.
- Writing guidelines include SEO info in addition to grammar and general content writing tips.

- Easily accessible references and FAQ for new writers are readily available. Contacting long-term inactive writers, has shown that quite a few people have been uncertain of how to claim and write reviews.

Former RMITV InReview Site Backlog:

The process of including the large backlog of content from the old site, to the new location, is still in progress and projected to be completed in 2018.

RMITV Marketing and Communications

We're coming out of the winter months with a new energy in our social media campaign at RMITV. Since our audience is increasingly online, having a strong digital presence is pivotal for our shows.

All shows are being encouraged to have an active Facebook, Instagram and Twitter presence and to tag RMITV in their posts. We're really pushing the #RMITV and getting our shows to tag #RMITV in their posts to help direct our audience to their content.

Since the start of the year our Instagram presence has grown from three posts, to 54 posts, 396 posts with #rmitv, nearly 200 followers and numerous stories. In this quarter more of our shows have used Instagram with posts, stories and plans to start trialling Instagram TV on certain channels.

Our monthly newsletter, which was relaunched this year, has become a great platform to keep out members updated on all our programs and events.

Below: RMITV Events



Social Media & Publications



Social Media & Publications

Department

The RUSU Communications Department has been strengthened this quarter, allowing both greater coverage across the working week, and the increased provision of communications support to our students and staff. Our aims over the coming months are to help all departments to simplify, improve and streamline the presentation of their services to the student body, and to raise the profile of RUSU as an organisation, so that students better understand the wide range of services we offer.

Social Media

Facebook

We now have 21,027 likes (up 409 from the previous quarter, and 1606 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 continuing to increase. Facebook serves as a platform for event advertising for both RUSU events and for Clubs & Societies. Our reach, reactions, comments and shares have also increased in the last quarter.

Website

The website continues to be a great resource to consolidate all that RUSU offers into one place. We have made it as simple as possible for students to locate up to date information on our upcoming events, student support and student rights.

Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter continues to be a great source of quick bites of information delivered directly to students inboxes.

With simple and direct messaging to help students know all that is on offer at RUSU.

Promotional Material

Save Your GPA: This fun, welfare department initiative involved a Simpsons-themed, nerd party, in honour of Save Your GPA day.

EOX: Always a hit with students, this years event featured a 'Heroes and Villains' theme, hand-designed and illustrated in-house by our Communications team.

Stress Less Week: A fantastic week of events, presented by Compass, including the Chill out zone, stuffed animal petting zoo, and green space. Several posters were designed for this week's events, continuing on with similar themes from previous Stress Less Weeks, to ensure brand recognition.

Representation & Advocacy

Compass

This quarter sees the opportunity to initiate wider reaching activities with a larger presence of students on campus. Bundoora in particular saw a boost in engagement with individual students beginning to drop in and seek information and support. Cross referrals with Safer Communities and the Student Rights Team will continue to provide opportunities to provide broader support and program relevance.

Every week during Chill 'n Grill at Bundoora and Brunswick, Compass services such as yoga, material aid and information referral are presented to those hungry folk waiting in the food line. Compass merchandise is offered to students here with our pen combined highlighters becoming a crowd favorite. We continue working on raising the profile of Compass at our outer campuses with a definite momentum build at Bundoora. Meanwhile, the outreach activities at Brunswick provide a particular message to students that we are here and able to assist - you know where to find us if the time comes.

Compass Maker's Market was offered for the second time at both outer campuses and was met very enthusiastically. Feedback from student participants is highly encouraging and it is pleasing to see this initiative continue into semester two. Stress Less Week activities were also met very positively. Self-care and wellbeing activities and suggestions were greeted eagerly by students with this project proving to be a stress reliever in itself.

Compass and the RUSU Welfare Department collaborated with RMIT on a Calm Zone at the Flemington Showgrounds exam venue. The Calm Zone had bean bags, blankets, cushions, couch, plush toys, kinetic sand, colouring pages and information on meditation and our own services. It included daily massages, three days of therapy dogs. Everyday till the exams finished we had a student casual there to help students out if they were stressed or needed help and wanted to talk to someone.

City Compass

Drop-ins (Includes Compass Cupboard users)	143
Compass Marketplace	350+
Stress Less Week	350+
Stuffed Animal Petting Zoo	300+
Chill-out Zones	400+

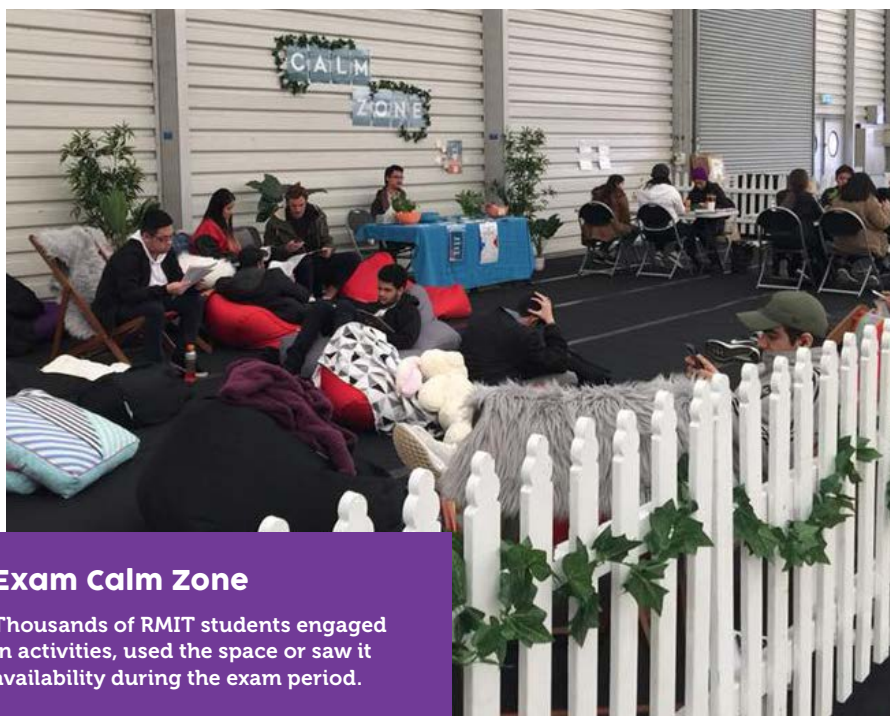
Bundoora Compass

Drop-ins	9
Compass Marketplace	160
Stress Less Week	210
Weekly service promotion	100
Compass Cupboard	2

Brunswick Compass

Drop-ins	6
Compass Marketplace	120
Stress Less Week	180
Weekly service promotion	100
Compass Cupboard	1

Calm Zone, Flemington



Exam Calm Zone

Thousands of RMIT students engaged in activities, used the space or saw it availability during the exam period.

Student Rights

Representation

RUSU Elected Student Representatives

RUSU elected student representatives provided a student voice on a wide range of RMIT committees and meetings during this quarter. This included:

- Student Experience Advisory Committee
- Microcredentials committee
- Office 365 Working Group
- Office 365 PCG
- Bundoora Campus Advisory Committee
- Brunswick Campus Advisory Committee
- RUSU fortnightly meetings with RMIT/ Prop Services/L+T -
- ADVC Research Training and Development and RUSU meetings
- Executive Director VE and RUSU meetings
- Chartwells Meetings
- Ralph McIntosh Medal Selection Committee
- Complaints Community of Practice
- LMS PCG
- VC RNA Advisory Committee
- Student Mental Wellbeing Advisory Group
- SSAF Steering Committee
- Academic Board
- Education Quality and Innovation Committee
- Media Collective Property services meetings
- Property Services Student Experience Project meetings
- Group of reps currently working on two collaborative projects with the Wellbeing team
- Group of reps currently working with safer communities to develop a new consent module for students
- Deloitte review of change the course recommendations
- Misconduct hearings/appeal hearings
- And many more ad hoc, issue or event specific (e.g. Library Lockdown, Edible Gardens) meetings.

Based on the above we estimate that RUSU representatives spend around 45 to 50 hours of meetings each month in external meetings, requiring around 28 to 30 hours of preparation. When you consider that multiple students sit on most of these committees it is a substantial commitment of the students' time and staff time to resource and support them in their representative roles.

RUSU Internal Meetings

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

- 3 Student Union Council Meetings
- 11 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 and mentored to work as governors and managers.

RUSU Phone Charging Station



AGM

RUSU held a series of Annual General Meetings (AGMs) across all campuses from May 15 to 17, 2018. A RUSU Annual General Meeting handout containing a Message from the President, Financial Summary and 2017 Highlights was produced (1500 copies) and distributed at each AGM and on-campus.

The audited financial report for 2017 was presented to each meeting. A representative of the Student Union provided a verbal summary of the Annual report and invited questions from students.

The AGM was a great chance to get out and talk to students about RUSU's activities. The special RUSU purple AGM cupcakes were a huge hit with students on all campuses.

RUSU HIGHLIGHTS 2017

RUSU Clubs

- RUSU Clubs accessed \$154,000 in Clubs Grants
- We supported 105+ RUSU Clubs (estimated 10,000+ members)

RUSU likes to Party

- RUSU major events included; Orientation events, Welcome Bash, 2 Boat Parties (Hero's and Villains and PJ Party), Storey Hall Toga Party*, RUSH Week*, End of Exams Parties (Post-Apocalyptic and RMIT Roof Top Party*), Pub Crawls, Winter Wonderland* (mid-year Orientation), Mooncake Festival, Clubs Trivia Night, Pop up Pubs and more.
- Brunswick Special Events including; Networking Gala in Brunswick Activity space*, Open Air Cinema, Brunswick Denim on Denim Pub Crawl*.
- Bundoora Special Events including; Open Air Cinema, Bundie Games Week, Walert House Events.



RUSU – Free Weekly Lunches

- RUSU's weekly lunches delivered 60,000 serves of free lunches across the campuses. In 2017 we moved from vegetarian to vegan options.
- Themed events included; Oktoberfest, International Chill & Grill, Indigenous themed Chill and Grill* (featuring Philly), Super Chill and Grills (featuring Cable Ties, Kooyeh), Tacos, ice cream trucks (4,000 free ice creams!).



New initiatives

- Loads of new initiatives including; RUSH Week, Postgraduate Sit and Write session, lunch time Wellness Workshops (all campuses), RUSU managed Student Activity Space launched and available for student events, Brunswick Maker's Markets, new RUSU website launched (plus all events marked * are new initiatives).
- RUSU started delivering lunch events and outreach at Point Cook campus.

Free Healthy Breakfasts and Welfare on Wheels

- 65,000 free & healthy breakfasts provided across the campuses
- Welfare on Wheels* provided free snacks in the City library on Wednesday evenings (6,000 serves plus 3,000 serves during the Exam Survival Library Stalls* in week 13)



RUSU Realfoods

- RUSU Realfoods provided yummy, healthy, vegan food options and barista made fairtrade coffee.
- The new Realfoods Café opened in New Academic Street (City Campus)



RUSU Financial Membership

- 4,822 students joined as RUSU financial members in 2017

RUSU Volunteers & Student Employment

- RUSU volunteers contributed a grand total of 4,521 hours of volunteer work.
- Provided 260 RMIT students with accredited training in Food handling, RSA or YMHFA.
- 20 RMIT students employed as RUSU student casuals (Info Counters, Events and Realfoods).

RUSU's Advocacy and Student Rights

- Our 6 Student Rights Officers provided individual casework advocacy support for 940 new student cases and contributed to improving RMIT policies and procedures.
- RUSU student reps provided a student voice on 78 student appeals and hearings.



Compass

- Compass provided information, referral, support (including free food bank) and outreach at City campus and opened new services at Bundoora and Brunswick.
- New Compass Drop in Centres opened in NAS (City) and Brunswick
- Students accessed welfare information and support through outreach programs (E.g. Stress Less Week, Wellness Workshops, R u Ok Day, Chill out Zones*, Compass Market Place* (free food, info and recipes))



Student Media

- RMITV celebrated 30 years in 2017. They continued to provide high quality training and production experience to RMIT students, with strong industry engagement and pathways to industry employment.
- Catalyst published 5 student magazines and produced podcasts and website content (<http://www.rmitcatalyst.com/>)



Representation & Campaigns

- RUSU Top 20 Priorities Campaign created change on campus, both in better facilities and the involvement of RUSU in successfully advocating for more student friendly policies.
- RUSU's Queer, Womens, Sustainability, International, Education, Welfare and Postgraduate departments contributed to student life through regular events, conferences, activities and campaigns.
- RUSU created a new Indigenous department and position of Indigenous Officer on the Student Union Council
- Leadership training and networking program provided for Staff Student Consultative Committee (SSCC) representatives.
- New RUSU Womens and Queer rooms opened on City campus.

SSCC Summit

In the second quarter RUSU ran the first SSCC Leadership Summit. Students who attended participated in three hours of negotiation and influence training as well as participating in a Q+A with Vice Chancellor Martin Bean. They also received a short refresher presentation on how to operate well in their role as an SSCC representative. An SSCC networking drinks session was also run in which SSCC reps got to meet with each other and share ideas. This is to encourage peer-to-peer support and network-building. This also provided them with the opportunity to meet with key contacts within RUSU and to develop relationships with relevant elected student representatives, such as the education officer.

Drop-in outreach sessions for SSCC reps were also run in Week 8 and 9 on five separate campuses: City, Carlton, Point Cook, Bundoora and Brunswick.

Student Life Awards

RUSU has developed its new Student Life Awards program. These awards aim to recognise student contributions, big and small, to student life outside the classroom, and highlight outstanding commitments to participating in university life. Scholarship prizes worth \$1000, \$500 and \$250 are up for grabs. Award winners will be announced at the 2018 RUSU Student Life Celebration on August 9, 2018.

Below: SSCC Summit

Student Rights

It has been a busy and productive second quarter for the RUSU Student Rights Team.

Student Rights Officers have attended various RMIT and RUSU events held during the first semester to engage with students and let them know that advocacy support is available to them if needed.

The RUSU Bundoora team have settled into the new RUSU office space in Building 202 on the Bundoora West campus. The move has been a positive one with more students becoming aware of RUSU services and an increase in students seeking Student Rights support at the front counter. The main Bundoora-specific issues the Student Rights Service advocates for, centres around the Work Integrated Learning and clinical components, that many Bundoora based programs have within them.

The team has been helping many students with exclusion appeals hearings in the second quarter with the majority of the students being successful in their appeals. Overturning an exclusion decision on the appeal has a significant effect on the individual student moving forward in their chosen area of study.

Other issues SROs have been helping with are assisting students with grants, remissions of debt, late course withdrawals and assessment/course disputes.

Student Feedback for the SRO Team

- " Thank you very much for going through all those troubles to get me this exemption and saving me from this mess. Thank you very much!"
- " I have just received news that my department have removed the fees on my account. I'm very happy it could be resolved at this level, without taking it further. Thank you so much for your help, I couldn't have done it without you!"
- " I know - I was so happy when I read the email - finally!!! Thank you so much for your support over the years - can't believe how long it dragged on but I'm extremely happy with the outcome".



Do you need independent advice about issues you're having at RMIT?

RUSU Student Rights service can provide free, confidential advice about things like complaints, plagiarism, appeals, and much more!

For more information visit www.rusu.rmit.edu.au, email student.rights@rmit.edu.au or call (03) 9925 5004

RUSU Student Rights

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RUSU Governance, Administration & Services

RUSU's operations are supported by the Governance, Administration and Finance staff. The second quarter is a busy one for these areas with the 2017 financial audit, the AGM and preparation for the end of financial year.

The 2018 grant was received as a lump sum payment in February, 2018. This upfront payment enables 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 SSAF Funding 2018

RUSU funding from RMIT for 2018 is made up of the following:

Base grant	\$2,785,317
SSAF Committee Grants	\$983,500
2018 TOTAL GRANT	\$3,768,817
2018 GRANT RECEIVED TO DATE	\$3,768,817



**Table 1: RUSU SSAF Grant Expenditure on Allowable Items
1 January – 31 March 2018**

Allowable Item	Item Description	YTD Expenditure (SSAF Funded)
Giving students information to help them in their orientation;	» Orientation specific events	\$92,692
Promoting the health or welfare of students;	» Activities and events from advocacy and welfare departments: Queer, Women's, Postgraduate, Environment, Welfare, Education, Indigenous » Campaigns, events, honorariums, programs, marketing » All City Compass programs and staff	\$169,461
Helping meet the specific needs of overseas students relating to their welfare, accommodation and employment;	» Activities and events from International Department & International Support SSAF grant	\$19,644
Helping students develop skills for study, by means other than undertaking courses of study in which they are enrolled;	» Induction programs/student representative professional development » Volunteer program + program staffing » Student Engagement Officer » Student Union Council elections » Secretariat honorariums » All of SUC campaigns » Students as Partners Grant » Student Life Awards	\$151,506
Supporting the production and dissemination to students of media whose content is provided by students;	» RMITV operations, honorariums, special projects, productions, training, website » RMIT Flagship Program (SSAF grant) » Catalyst magazine operations, student honorariums, publication (online and print) » Communications/graphic design staff	\$136,281
Providing food or drink to students on a campus of the higher education provider;	» Campus-specific events and marketing (all campuses) » Realfoods » Healthy Breakfast SSAF grant	\$143,902
Supporting a sporting or other recreational activity by students;	» Major events and intervarsity recreational activities and competitions » Activities & Events collective including administration, student honorariums, marketing and staff support	\$126,012
Supporting the administration of a club most of whose members are students;	» Administration, grants, equipment and support to student run clubs and societies » Clubs & Societies staff and other support	\$173,632
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 info counter)	\$354,125
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	\$354,611
YTD SSAF EXPENDITURE		\$1,721,866
YTD 2018 SSAF FUNDS RECEIVED		\$3,768,817
AMOUNT OF GRANT REMAINING		\$2,046,951
% OF 2018 GRANT SPENT		45.7%

RUSU End of Year SSAF Grant Spending

2018 SSAF Committee Grant Financial Report 1 Jan –30 June 2018

Program Title	Grant Amount	Expenditure 1 Jan - 30 Jun
RUSU Volunteer Program (includes training)	\$185,000	\$55,415
RMITV flagship production and RMITV training program	\$55,000	\$23,011
RUSU International Student Support - conversation classes and city tours	\$40,000	\$16,069
Bundoora Common Lunch Hour (including SRO and Bundoora East)	\$90,000	\$34,503
RUSU Orientation Package	\$120,500	\$92,692
RUSU Free Healthy Breakfasts	\$65,000	\$30,505
Postgrad Support Program (including SRO)	\$38,500	\$17,714
Brunswick Common Lunch Hour	\$37,000	\$12,068
RUSU VE Awareness & Support	\$40,000	\$16,191
SSCC Mentoring Program	\$23,000	\$12,801
Compass Bundoora & Brunswick	\$112,000	\$55,464
City Campus Events Boost	\$71,000	\$19,489
Point Cook Student Life Boost	\$19,000	\$4,831
RUSU Clubs Grants	\$27,500	\$9,671
RUSU Student Life Awards	\$22,000	\$0
RUSU Indigenous Department	\$30,000	\$9,034
RUSU Students as Partners	\$8,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$983,500	\$409,458
GRANT REMAINING	\$574,042	(41.6% spent)

*Right: English Language Workshop,
Williamtown Ferry Excursion*



