



For *students*. By *students*.



What is RUSU?

- RUSU = RMIT University Student Union
- RUSU is RMIT's only 100% student-run organisation – Run by annually elected student representatives for you
- RUSU has many student run departments including: Activities & Events, Student Rights, Clubs & Societies, Welfare and Education, Post-Graduate, Queer, Women, Sustainability, Indigenous, RMITV & Catalyst Magazine

We make your time at RMIT even better!



**Weekly free
breakfast and
lunch events**



**Diverse and
rewarding
volunteering
opportunities**



**Support when
you're struggling
in and out of
class through
our **Student
Rights Service &
Compass Drop-in
Centre****



**Safe spaces
on campus –
Queer Lounges
and Women's
Rooms**



**Fun events
throughout
the year both
on and off
campus**



**Workshops and
professional
development
opportunities**

The Postgraduate Department



The Postgraduate Department is here to support every postgraduate student with their academic pursuits.

The RUSU Postgraduate Department focuses on bringing together the postgraduate community across the university. This department aims to make sure that postgrad students are heard, represented & encouraged to get involved in the RMIT community.

RUSU Postgrad Officer: Mayura Ashok, mayura.ashok@rmit.edu.au



Postgrad Events

Throughout the year, RUSU postgrad department runs many Postgrad specific events.

These are a mix of social, and professional development events, including;

- Speedfriending
- Postgraduate Masterclasses
- Career Workshops
- Sit and Write
- End of semester celebrations... and more!

Keep up to date at: facebook.com/RUSUPostgrad



Student Rights

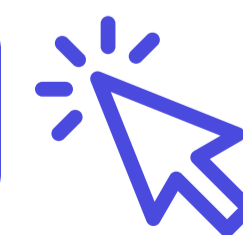
We support your rights as Postgrad Students. Many issues can arise during your postgrad studies. But you are not alone, and you have rights.

RUSU Student Rights is an independent and confidential service with a dedicated HDR student rights officer. The student rights service can give advice and provide advocacy and support if you;

- have been accused of plagiarism
- have failed a milestone, and have been placed at risk
- are having issues with your supervisory team
- are having issues with being allocated a desk
- need to make a complaint
- have been denied Special Consideration
- have an enrolment or fees issue

If you need help with any RMIT related issue, during your candidature, contact RUSU's free, confidential Student's Rights service.

For more info visit rusu.rmit.edu.au/studentrights



Tips for Postgrad students

Know your rights

Your PhD can be a great experience, but it can also be a very stressful if things go wrong. If something don't feel quite right, or you have been given information that doesn't make sense, it's is best to seek advice about University policy from your HDR coordinator, the School of Graduate Research, or RUSU Student Rights.

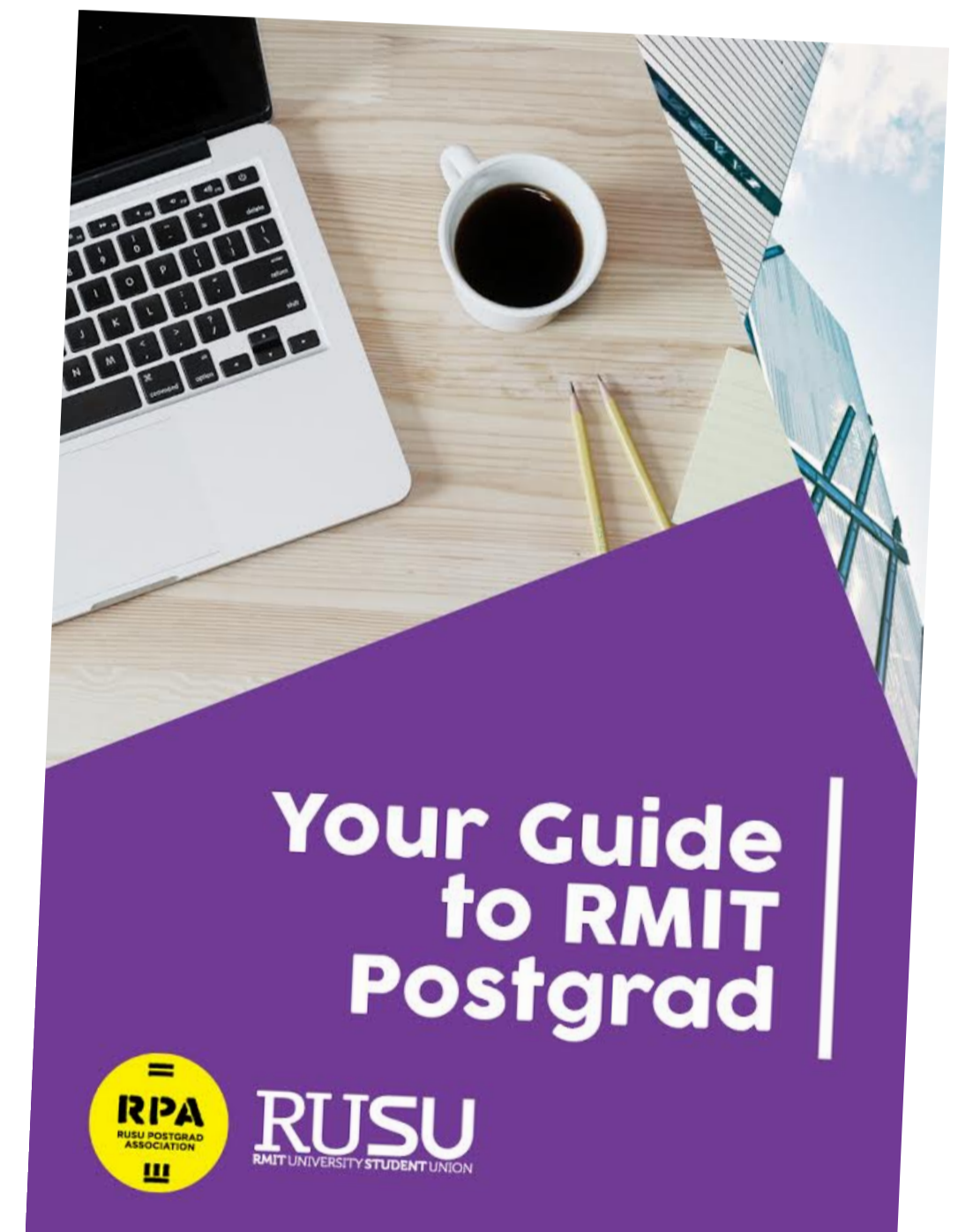
Seek help for problems EARLY.

Don't leave issues until the last minute.

Talk to supervisors, your school HDR coordinators, the School of Graduate Research, use RMIT's free counselling service, the Equitable Learning Service (ELS). Finally, go to RUSU's Student Rights Officers if you need advice or assistance.

Minutes should be taken at all your supervisor meetings.

Notes can be taken by you or your supervisors. Email the notes to all attendees This keeps communication clear, and also can help if problems arise throughout your candidature.



Download Postgrad Guide at rusu.rmit.edu.au/postgraduate

Clubs and Societies

RUSU meets the diverse needs of students by supporting over 100 different clubs and societies.

Categories include: **Spiritual, Cultural, Academic, Social/Special Interest, Political.**

Each club is run by and for RMIT students and are open for membership to all RMIT students.



Browse the full list of clubs at rusu.rmit.edu.au/clubs/search



Compass Drop-in centre

Compass is an information and referrals service for students experiencing life difficulties.

Compass can help students with...

- homelessness or risk of homelessness
- Centrelink, employment and financial issues
- rental or landlord issues
- mental health
- domestic, family relationship violence
- religious and ethnic intolerance
- alcohol and other substance use
- access to the Compass Cupboard food bank



Find locations and hours at rusu.rmit.edu.au/compass





Realfoods

Realfoods is a student-volunteer-run café serving ethical, locally sourced, fair trade, organic meals, snacks & drinks.

Realfoods provides hands-on hospitality and customer service experience to RMIT students via the volunteer program as well as employing students.



City Campus
Building 8, Level 3



Bundoora Campus
Building 220

Find more info and opening hours at rusu.rmit.edu.au/realfoods



Volunteering

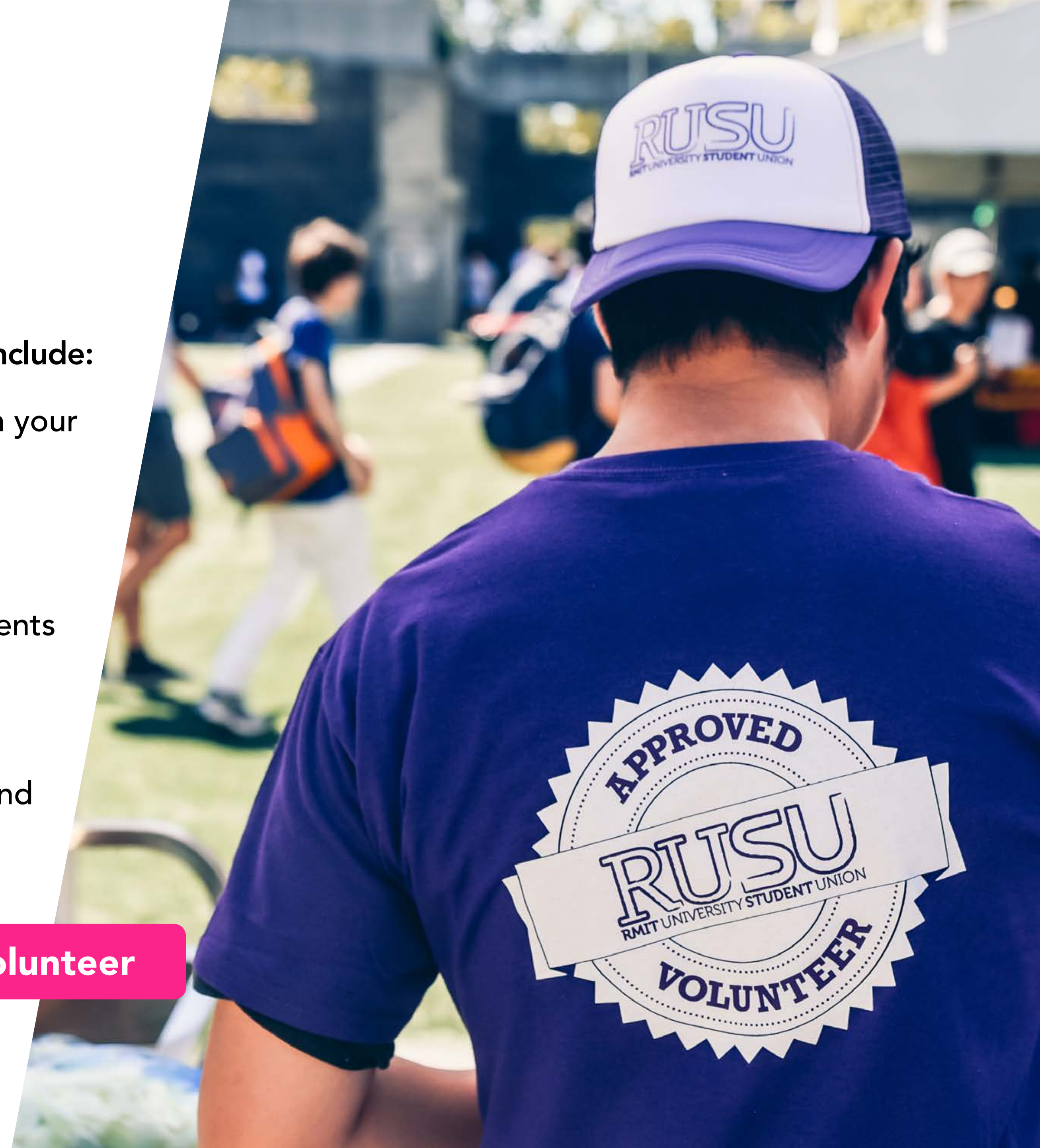
Want to make new friends while making a difference? Volunteering at RUSU gives you a chance to develop new skills and socialise with fellow students as you gain practical experience in a supported environment.

Other perks of volunteering include:

- Accreditation from RMIT on your academic transcript
- Free event tickets, t-shirts, hoodies and food
- Exclusive volunteer only events
- Practical work experience
- Networking opportunities
- Free training such as RSA and Safe Food Handling



Register at rusu.rmit.edu.au/volunteer





Become a RUSU member!

Becoming a member is easy, and it's only \$10 to join annually! Member perks include:

- ✓ Discounted entry to RUSU events
- ✓ Free members bar at select weekly events
- ✓ Discounts at Realfoods Cafes
- ✓ Access to exclusive member updates & giveaways

ONLY
\$10

Go to rusu.rmit.edu.au click 'JOIN NOW'



Once you have filled in the online form, head to your nearest RUSU Front Counter with your RMIT student card to receive your official RUSU Membership sticker!



Come in and say hi!

RUSU Front Counters:

City Campus	Building 12	Level 4
Carlton Campus	Building 57	Level 4
Brunswick Campus	Building 514	Level 1
Bundoora West	Building 204	Level 1
Bundoora East	Building 254	Level 1

Find opening hours and phone numbers at rusu.rmit.edu.au/contact



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