



# RMIT University Student Union

## First Quarter Report

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Reporting Period:  
1 January – 31 March 2018

**RUSU**  
RMIT UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

# President's Report



**W**hat an exciting start to 2018! The RMIT University Student has been hard at work planning for a big year, and it started with a bang during Orientation Week and the massive Welcome Bash to greet all our new members. With a huge attendance of more than 1100 students, the Welcome Bash continues to be a durable and successful annual undertaking.

RUSU student representatives and staff also reached out to thousands of new students through dozens of live presentations in which we explain who we are, what we do, and how we can make the RMIT experience an even better one. This year we have reached more program cohorts and students than ever before, ensuring our profile is raised throughout the University.

A highlight of the first quarter was RUSH Week. Organised by RUSU this involved 200+ students competing in a week long tournament.

Our volunteer program has continued to expand, with almost 300 new volunteers inducted in the first quarter! This included almost 40 for campuses outside of the City, a great achievement and a real testament to the strength of the program.

We're proud to share our achievements during the early part of 2018, and can't wait to continue working through the year to deliver great experiences and support for all RMIT students.

**Abena Dove**  
President,  
RMIT University Student Union



# Activities & Events



## Other Orientation events and approximate attendances:

- 350** Cops and Robbers Boat Cruise
- 50** Brunswick O-Day Welcome Drinks
- 100** RMIT Village Welcome (alcohol-free, all-ages event)
- 200** RMIT Global Experience Welcome
- 60** Walert House Welcome - lawn games evening, food truck, bar and ice cream truck
- 200** Roof Top O-Week Pizza Party (alcohol-free, all-ages event)
- 250** Disorientation Rooftop Party
- 150** Brunswick Outdoor Cinema (with free food and drinks) Devil Wears Prada
- 100** Bundoora Outdoor Cinema (with free food and drinks) Kingsmen 2
- 250+** RUSH Week held Week 4. The second year of RUSU's week-long competition saw 24 teams and 200+ participants registered.
- 400** Free Pizza Day

The annual Welcome Bash was held on February 22. This was the fifth edition of this event. We saw a healthy attendance, just over 1100 in all, and an improvement on last year. As usual, this event rewards those who sign up as RUSU members with complimentary drinks and food, and some of the hottest musical acts going around. The set up of this event was made much easier by the great work of the orientation team getting their stuff bumped out quickly.

RUSU held stalls at all Orientation events, Global Experience Welcome and a handful of School-level orientation events, with a total of 15 outreach stalls reaching many thousands of students.

We employed 13 RMIT students as casuals assisting RUSU Orientation events, a great opportunity for students to develop their professional skills.

Special Initiative Grants totalling \$10,700 supported 33 RUSU clubs to host welcoming activities during the critical start of semester period.



# Membership

At the end of the first quarter RUSU had 3648 financial members. Students who joined during the Orientation period received membership bags with lots of RUSU giveaways. The RUSU prize wheels were also a huge hit during Orientation events.

# Volunteers



## Number of volunteer hours completed in this quarter:

- 177.38** Administration
- 292.85** Activities & Events
- 93.5** Healthy Breakfast Program
- 185.5** Realfoods
- 72.5** Compass:
- 84** Student Rights

In total, RUSU volunteers completed: **835.35 hours this quarter**

RUSU's volunteer program continues to draw a great number of enthusiastic, bright and talented students to the organisation. In the first quarter, we inducted 258 new students to the program in the City, and 37 to the program in other campuses.

There continues to be a great interest in our training programs, demonstrating our volunteers' commitment to their positions. Two Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) sessions were run, providing 48 volunteers with RSA, and two (Safe Food Handling) FSH sessions were run, providing 50 volunteers with FSH. Twelve RUSU volunteer induction sessions were run, training 258 volunteers.

With enthusiasm levels high and many volunteers on board for 2018, RUSU is prepared for a great second quarter.

# Student Employment

RUSU employed 13 RMIT student as Info Counter Casuals/ Events support across the 3 campuses.

Realfoods Cafe employed 8 RMIT students this quarter, primarily student casual baristas.



# Across Campuses



## city

The RUSU Central front counter in Building 12 was closed in January, reopening in February. Student Rights appeals and planning semester one events kept us busy throughout February. RUSU Central was extremely busy during March and the Orientation period.

RUSU manages the RUSU Building 10 Large Activity Space. An improved management process was designed and implemented this quarter. There were 89 room bookings during the first quarter. The space often has back to back bookings and is highly utilised by both RUSU departments and affiliated clubs.

## Carlton

After a short break over Christmas and New Year, the Carlton office re-opened in early January. As students began returning to university after the summer break, the administration volunteering program kicked into gear with a large cohort of new and returning students eager to learn new skills and build their confidence.

A lunch was held in Week 2 with new volunteers meeting administration staff and sharing their experiences and goals with each other. The City SLO and Student Engagement Officer facilitated this successful event, with everyone leaving energised for the new semester. The Carlton SLO personally trained more than a dozen newly registered administration volunteers, helping them to understand the RMIT student support and administration ecosystem, instructing them in the use of the University telephony system, and encouraging them to interact confidently with students, staff, and other stakeholders.

## Brunswick

RUSU reopened at Brunswick in February, ready to welcome new students. Our offices are open Monday to Wednesday weekly. Brunswick Chill 'n' Grill commenced in Week 1, serving 450 students per week. Our four events this quarter included more than 1800 lunch serves. In 2018 we are diversifying our weekly food offering further. Examples include corn on the cob and tacos. Our weekly events have been supported by student casuals.

Brunswick campus has welcomed the addition of several volunteers, who have helped deliver the weekly Breakfast and Lunch program.

The Association of Fashion and Textiles students has recently undergone a change to include textile students as the club was formerly the RAMIT Association of Fashion Students. This change has provided a more inclusive society on campus and has seen the club numbers grow as well as several new social mixers.

## Bundoora East & West

At Bundoora, RUSU started the semester in a brand new space with Compass, which is now fully functional with a drop-in centre and a consultation space. This space is centrally located with all the other student services including RMIT Connect and the Counselling service and therefore RUSU's services are easily accessible to students.

The new Queer and Women's rooms with better privacy and improved facilities are located behind the RUSU offices and close to the Compass centre. This ensures that these spaces are private and safe, and students can alert staff in case of emergencies. Overall, the new location has increased RUSU's visibility and has enabled us to actively engage with students and make our presence felt. A huge thank you to the team at Property Services for these new facilities. We love them!

The first event of the semester was kicked off at Walert house, with a welcome party for new and continuing students. This was held during the first week of February and was attended by 50 students. This was a very good opportunity for new students to mingle and make friends, get to know their neighbours, and learn about RUSU and our services.

RUSU actively promoted the volunteer program and has successfully inducted volunteers for Realfoods, Chill 'n' Grill and the front counter. Each volunteering department has had the largest number of volunteers to date join the Bundoora team.

The new Bundoora administration volunteering program commenced with three volunteers starting shifts in late March. This program has excellent potential in Bundoora and with many volunteers showing interest, this is an exciting opportunity for RUSU.

The yoga program started in February and continues to be popular among students. The sessions have been running full capacity every week both in Walert House and on campus.

Bundoora clubs have seen consistent membership growth as well as the addition of a new academic- based club, the Laboratory Medicine Student Association. The formation of this club has been undertaken by a team of passionate students who have already began planning a series of events and activities to improve the social and professional opportunities for their cohort.

Bundoora Chill 'n' Grill commenced in Week 1, serving 650 students per week on the West campus and 120 students per week at the East campus. Our four events this quarter included more than 3,000 lunch serves.

## Point Cook

An Orientation event was held at Point Cook including free giveaways and 70 serves of food. Fortnightly lunches and weekly breakfasts have been organised to commence after Easter break which will further boost our presence on this campus.

*Right: Walert House Welcome party*



# RUSU Departments



## Queer

The Queer collective hit the ground running in 2018. The Queer lounge was used over the summer break and the collective attended a Midsumma comedy night before the start of semester. The Queer Officers were particularly active during Orientation Week and they were keenly focused this year on getting more uptake of people who know about the department, the lounges and our weekly and special events. The two Queer Officers went to all three higher education welcome day's and the stall went really well, with lots of interest in the pride themed badge making station. The Queer Officers also brought a group of Queer students to Welcome Bash - a 'Queer Contingent' that met up at the Queer lounge first, to help break down barriers to students attending.

As semester commenced the Queer Department started their regular activities, 'Games Afternoon', 'Craft-Tea' and 'Movie Night'. In week 2 they held their major introductory party, the 'Queer Rooftop Mixer' which had an extremely good turnout. The event was highly successful, with a calm relaxed atmosphere forming, and a lot of social connections being made. This lead also lead to a lot of RUSH week sign-ups for our Queer team, and high attendance at Week 3 and 4's 'Games Afternoon' events.

## Postgraduate

The RUSU student Postgraduate Officer and HDR Student Rights Officer participated in various postgrad stalls and talks, including distributing Postgraduate Department showbags. The HDR SRO spoke at the School of Graduate Research HDR Induction, to a cohort of around 80 students. Eighty students attended the postgrad speed-friending event, which was a fantastic turnout. The specialist HDR Student Rights Officer providing HDR casework has been in high demand from students. RUSU decided not to produce a hardcopy postgrad o-book for 2018, opting instead for an online version.

## Indigenous

The first quarter of 2018 has seen Jemma Rocha Costa settle into her role as the newly appointed Indigenous Officer. Jemma has made some exciting plans for the remainder of 2018. These include running sessions with an indigenous psychologist for social work, youth work and counselling students to learn more about working with indigenous clients and discussing indigenous elective subjects with the University. Jemma is also planning on designing a presentation on Australian Indigenous history to be included in RUSU inductions (staff, representative, etc) to further reinforce RUSU's commitment to amplifying Indigenous voices at RMIT.



## VE

The Vocational Officer was extremely busy at the start of semester attending o-talks for the VE cohort. The Vocational Education department VE Chill free Lunches serve approx 220 students per week. 3 lunches held this quarter. Total students served = 660.

The VE Officer student representative and VE Support Student Rights Officer conducted outreach at Orientation Events (including Orientation talks) and distributed a range of free VE merchandise to students.

VE Student Rights outreach has been a great opportunity for the VE Student Rights Officer and the VE Student representative to make VE students aware of their rights as a RMIT student .

## Sustainability

The Sustainability Officer spent the first quarter planning for some exciting sustainability events to be rolled out for the remainder of Semester 1, including sustainability-themed movie nights and a swap event.

## Women's

In the first quarter the Women's Department were focussed on planning and running an event for International Women's Day. The RUSU International Women's Day event was run alongside our weekly Chill 'n' Grill event in the City. Free cupcakes and nail art were available and the Women's Department ran a social media campaign encouraging students to #pushforprogress in line with this year's International Women's Day theme. Our Women's Officer and General Secretary attended the RMIT International Women's Day Morning Tea.

## International

### English Language Workshops

Semester 1 English Language Workshops started in Week 2, with 165 students expressing interest and 143 students registered into classes across Building 108, the City campus and the Bundoora West campus. ELW also secured 19 volunteers to support our facilitator in delivering seven workshops over each week of the program. Sessions began well, using a new strategy to engage with students who have registered but have not engaged as yet.

## Realfoods

### City & Bundoora

Realfoods reopened its City store for 2018 on 5 February and Bundoora on 26 February. Anna, the Realfoods Coordinator returned from study leave in time for Week 0's Welcome Events which were held on 20/21/22 February across City/Bundoora/Brunswick. The events were a huge success, engaging a high number of volunteers and promoting healthy eating and Realfoods to students. Realfoods appreciates RMT Orientations efforts to include Realfoods as a food provider.

For this period, the Realfoods team of staff hit 12, 8 of which are RMIT students.



## Education & Welfare

Both the Education and Welfare Officer attended the NUS Presidents Conference at the beginning of the year. Before semester started the Welfare Officer worked with our Publications and Communications officer to refine our Compass branding. After Semester 1 commenced the Education Officer consulted with the library on student expectations and use of library space, worked with Student Experience Coordinators to promote the student rights and Compass outreach services and gave feedback to RMIT Online on the University's newly developed SWIFT Courses. The Welfare Officer has been busy organising Welfare On Wheels (WOW) to start in Week 6, closely followed by the Compass Food Market in Week 7.

### Healthy Breakfast Program

The first four weeks of the Healthy Breakfast Program has been well received by RMIT students this semester! We have provided a range of free breakfast foods including yoghurt cups, vegan cake slices, fresh fruit, fruit salad cups, and hummus and veggies across the City, Carlton, Bundoora 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. The estimated number of weekly serves that this program delivers weekly is more than 2500! Serves YTD = 10,000 est.

# Clubs & Societies

## RUSU Club Grants

Affiliated clubs and societies accessed \$20,700 of Club Grants funding during the first quarter of 2018.

This included:

\$10,000 of Annual Administration and Annual Program Reimbursement Grants (regular grants) and:

\$10,7000 of SSAF funded Special Initiative Grants to assist clubs with welcome events (33 events).

## RUSU Clubs Activity

### RUSU Clubs Activity Affiliation

As at the end of the 4th quarter, RUSU has 103 fully-affiliated student clubs and societies. The distribution of clubs across our different categories breakdown is as follows:

Spiritual	8
Social	25
Political	4
Cultural	20
Academic	46

### Brand New Clubs

RUSU welcomes the following fully affiliated new clubs:

RMIT Vegan Club

RMIT Autonomous Systems Society (RASS)

Physics Student Association RMIT

RMIT University Macedonien Student Society (RUMS)

RMIT Digital Media Club

We also welcome back a lapsed club:

RMIT Australian Youth Climate Coalition.

## Achievements in the Spotlight

### RUSU Clubs participation in Semester 1 University Orientation Events

Sixty-eight clubs participated in the University-delivered orientation events staffing over 150 tables across the seven events. All RUSU clubs who applied for a table at City Clubs Day received a place. However, as space and event resources are limited at the other campuses and smaller city events, the demand for places by our clubs always exceeds capacity.

### Welcome Events

With the support of additional SSAF Orientation funding, RUSU was again able to offer its clubs a Special Initiative Grant to assist them with the cost of club welcome events at the start of Semester 1. This year, we opened up the SIG to all clubs that had completed (or booked in to complete) their affiliation/re-affiliation. 33 clubs took up the offer.

Allocations were based on each club's 2017 club size (\$200 for small clubs [12 clubs], \$300 medium clubs [8 clubs], \$400 large clubs [6 clubs] and \$500 for very large clubs [7 clubs]). Of the 33 clubs that accessed the grant, 16 were academic clubs, eight were social/general interest clubs, six were cultural (nationality based) clubs and three were spiritual clubs.

The events delivered included on and off campus BBQs, local pub and restaurant based welcome socials, trivia, catered club introduction sessions, a chiropractic club info night at Bundoora, a subsidised outing to the Holi event in Werribee (Holi always occurs at start of Semester 1 but consistently proves too complicated to deliver on campus due to the timing of the festival, cost, H&S issues and concerns about damage to buildings), bowling and an introductory ride with the RMIT Motorcycle Club. The new Garden Building Terrace was the favourite on campus BBQ venue and is proving to be a success.

Club reports indicate a greater participation rate this year by new students especially for academic clubs and that this was particularly the case where academic clubs and faculties worked collaboratively during O-Week. More than 1500 students attended these events - a 50% increase on the 2017 events funded through this grant.



Right: Clubs Day, RMIT City Campus



### Feedback from Clubs about the value of this additional funding included:

**Social Work Alliance Collective:** "The \$200 we received was incredibly useful as it allowed us to feed the huge turnout on a low budget, with a quality and variety for all types of diets respective of allergies, cultural and religious backgrounds, and value systems. We would not have been able to sustainably host the event, and since then we've seen more than a 10% increase in membership!"

**Planning & Environment RMIT Student Society:** "Without this financial support, we would not be able to achieve the great welcoming night we had."

**RMIT Entrepreneurship & Start-up Association:** "It helped us to create the right environment to share our values and promote entrepreneurship on students' life on campus. The event was successful and the majority of attendees left with a smile on their face."

**RMIT Indonesian Students Association:** "Students were mingling, getting to know other Indonesian students that they may not have encountered if this particular event wasn't held. The event ended with a message of thanks from the students and they went home with more friends than when they arrived."

**RMIT Italian Society:** "With a budget stretched pretty tight for the year ahead, the grant allowed us to purchase enough donuts to last the day and resulted in greater student reach for the club. Fifty new students just came up to ask about the club and 30 returning members came up to say hello!"

**RMIT Islamic Society:** "It allowed us to do more than a simple barbecue, last year's welcome barbecue only had sausages and drinks, this year with the help of the funding we were able to hire a cotton candy machine and buy the ingredients for a salad. We believe this funding has allowed us to improve our event and give more of a variety to students, allowing them to choose healthier options!"

**International Studies Association:** "It was clear to us that the groups had really bonded throughout the day. By the time we were getting ready to leave, the first year students had created a group chat on Facebook together so that they could all go out afterwards."

**Biomedical Engineering RMIT Student Society:** "We have found the biggest issue with our course was that there is no chance and therefore very little communication between year levels. This funding gave us the chance to put on a free informal events and I saw that it meant the people from different year levels had the confidence to just go up and have a chat to groups of people they had never meet before. This was the whole purpose of the event and in my eyes it was a massive success that without the funding we either couldn't afford or would have taken pretty much the whole semester's budget."

**Games Manga Anime Society:** "The grant was really important to us: with \$400 we spent \$302 on the security of the event, as it ran after-hours, and on food and such, which came to \$119. As a result, the entire event cost \$421. So RUSU's Welcome Grant was really helpful in making this event possible."

**Greening RMIT:** "Across the evening we had over 40 students attend the event, some were brand new to RMIT and some were returning to the network after time away. It was a very successful event because of the range of students we had. It was such a great way to introduce new people to the group that 'Sustainability in the Pub' is going to become a regular event".

**RMIT Motorcycle Club:** "The funding went towards the barbecue, and some other materials to make the ride possible, such as resources used to make identification of experienced and lead riders easier. The event was a success; many stories were shared and riding skills were discussed with beginner riders. If the clubs events continue with this amount of enthusiasm we are extremely excited to see the club flourish this year."

**Association of Chemical Engineers:** "I feel that these kind of events, targeted towards first years in the first few weeks, are very valuable in helping new students to form a community. Many of these students may have travelled from interstate or international and don't really have any communities and it can be difficult to put yourself out there."

**Chiro Clubs Information Night:** "All clubs who attended that night were able to get their name out and garner new members and a better response from our chiropractic community at RMIT."

## Club Activities Quarter 1, 2018

### Academic Clubs

Association of Chemical Engineering Students (ACES), Welcome to Chem Eng Trivia event @ RUSU Activity Space

RMIT Accounting Students' Association (ASA), ASA Presents: Meat & Eat @ RMIT Garden Building

RMIT Accounting Students' Association (ASA) Networking Evening @ QT Melbourne.

RMIT Accounting Students' Association (ASA), O Week Event @ RMIT Alumni Courtyard

Aerospace Students Association (AESA), Planes and Phones event @ RMIT Building 80

Aerospace Students Association (AESA), Networking with Experts @ RMIT Building 10

Biomedical Engineering RMIT Student Society T Shirt Launch (designed by RUSU Publications & Communications Team)

Civil Engineering Student Association (CESA), Civil Engineering Industry Night 2018 @ RMIT Storey Hall

Civil Engineering Student Association (CESA), CESA Pub Night @ Workshop Bar, City

RMIT College of Business Clubs (BSA, AS, EFMSA, SCSA, BISSA) participation in RMIT COB Business week @ RMIT Building 80

RMIT Digital Media Club, Launch Party event @ RMIT Garden Building Terrace

Environmental Engineering Student Association (EESA), Welcome Back Drinks @ Workshop Bar, City

RMIT Association of Fashion and Textiles Students (RAFTS), Welcome Drinks @ Howler

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

Human Resources Association (HRA), RMIT HRA Presents Pancake Day @ RMIT Building 80 Rooftop

RMIT International Studies Association (ISA) Orientation Event - a welcome talk, a scavenger hunt and social drinks @ RMIT Building 80, RMIT City and Rooftop Bar, City

RMIT International Studies Association (ISA), ISA March Drinks @ The John Curtin Hotel

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

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

RMIT Law Students Society (LSS), First Year Dinner 2018 @ The Lincoln Hotel, Carlton

RMIT Law Students Society (LSS), Welcome Pizza and General Meeting @ RMIT Building 13

RMIT Management and International Business Student Association (MIBSA), MIBSA social @ Lion Hotel, City

RMIT Medical Radiation Students Association (MRSA), MRSA social @ various locations, City

Planning & Environment RMIT Student Society (PERMITSS), Welcome back PERMITSS 2018 @ Captain Melville, City

RMIT Photonics Society, Photonics Society Dumplings night @ Shandong Mama

RMIT Psychology Club (Psyched @ RMIT), Committee Selection Meeting @ City Campus

RMIT Racing, RMIT Racing at the Grand Prix event @ Melbourne Grand Prix

Social Work Alliance Project (SWAP) orientation social @ RUSU Activity Space

Social Work Alliance Project (SWAP) Social Work Collective action sessions ( issues knowledge development, advocacy skills development, letter writing campaigns, @ RUSU Activity Space

RMIT Student Association for Sustainable Systems Engineering (SASSE), AGM @ Father's Office, City

RMIT Sports Chiropractic Student Association, Sports Chiropractic Student Speaker Night @ Quest Bundoora

RMIT Student Landscape Architecture Body (SLAB), "Slab Grabs" event @ RMIT Building 78

RMIT Supply Chain Student Association (SCSA), Coordinating Australia: The Logistics of People, Food & Freight event @ RMIT Building 14

RMIT Supply Chain Student Association (SCSA), DIY Cupcake Day @ RMIT A'Beckett Square

RMIT Urban Planning Society (RUPS), Orientation Drinks @ Asian Beer Cafe, City

WCCSs, RMIT Chiropractic Association, Sport Chiropractic Association, Clubs Info Night @ RMIT Bundoora Small Cafe

### Cultural Clubs

RMIT Chinese Student and Scholars Association (CSSA), Welcome Party 2018 @ RMIT Building 80

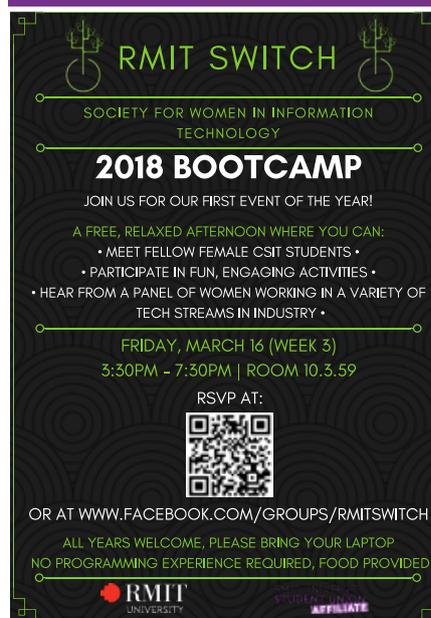
RMIT Filipino Students Association, SGM @ RMIT Building 12

RMIT French Club, French Conversation Class @ RMIT Building 10

RMIT Hong Kong Student Association (HKSA), Splash! Joint-Uni O'Camp 2018 w MUTSA x MUHKSA x RMITHKSA @ Kyneton

RMIT Hong Kong Student Association (HKSA), RMIT HKSA Sem1 Orientation Party @ RUSU Activity Space

RMIT United Society of Hellenes (RUSH), Paximadi Day event @ RMIT Bowen Street
RMIT United Society of Hellenes (RUSH) Learn to Dance Zorba Workshop @ RUSU Activity Space
RMIT United Society of Hellenes (RUSH), Bouzouki Night event @ Kinisi Melbourne, Richmond
RMIT United Society of Hellenes (RUSH), AGM 2018 @ The Greek Cultural Centre Lonsdale St
RMIT Indian Club, Wednesday Gita Sessions @ RUSU Activity Space
RMIT Indian Club, Holi Celebration Event @ Wyndham Vale
RMIT Indian Club, "Break" Event @ RUSU Activity Space
RMIT Indonesian Students Association (PIIA), MATENG (Selamat Dateng) Welcome event @ Flagstaff Gardens
RMIT Italian Society, Italian Society Special General Meeting and Pizza @ Building 10
RMIT Italian Society, Nutella Donut Day @ Alumni Courtyard
RMIT Malaysian Association (RUMA), Sunset in the Gardens with MSA, MUMSU, MASS, VUMA @ Flagstaff Gardens
RMIT University Malaysian Association (RUMA), Brunch Out w/ RUMA @ Sir Charles and Two Birds One Stone
RMIT Malaysian Association (RUMA), Welcoming Party @ RMIT Storey Hall
RMIT Malaysian Association (RUMA), Freshers Off-Campus Tour @ RMIT Building 80
RMIT Club of Pakistan "Chai Meetup" @ RUSU Activity Space
RMIT Club of Pakistan "The Great Debate" (debating activity for members) @ RUSU Activity Space



RMIT Singaporean Students Association (SSA), Wonderbowl + iDarts @ Wonderbowl Lonsdale St
RMIT Singaporean Students Association (SSA), Welcome Party Semester 1 @ West Side Tower
RMIT Thai Student Association (RTSA), House Party 2018 Semester 1 w Monash and Unimelb Thai Student Associations @ Raan Kan Eang
RMIT Thai Student Association (RTSA), First Meet 2018 @ RMIT Building 57

RMIT Vietnamese Students Association (VSA), Special General Meeting @ Building 80
RMIT Vietnamese Students Association (VSA), Throwback Thursday Reunion Night - '90s Edition Event @ Eden Bar Nightclub
Vietnamese International Students at RMIT (VISAR), Induction Day 2018 @ RMIT Building 80
Vietnamese International Students at RMIT (VISAR), Crew Greeting event @ RMIT Building 80

Social/Special Interest Clubs
RMIT Asian Association (RAA), Slumber Party event @ Vice Fridays
RMIT Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC RMIT), Chips and Chats @ The John Curtin Hotel, Carlton
RMIT Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC RMIT), Picnic in the Park @ Carlton Gardens
RMIT Autonomous Systems Society (RASS), First Build Session event @ RMIT Building 56
CAINZ RMIT, The Startup Journey event @ RMIT Building 12
CAINZ RMIT, Rooftop Evening @ Building 80 Rooftop
RMIT Chinese Debating Group (CDG) Welcome event and weekly debates @ RUSU Activity Space
Engineers Without Borders RMIT (EWB), Greening RMIT & RMIT AYCC, Sustainability In The Pub (Round 1) @ The John Curtin Hotel, Carlton
Engineers Without Borders RMIT (EWB), Greening RMIT & RMIT AYCC, Sustainability In The Pub (Round 2) @ Workshop Bar, City
RMIT Entrepreneurship & Start-up Association (RESA), Meet & Greet @ RMIT Activator Space Building 98
RMIT Entrepreneurship & Start-up Association (RESA), Open Mic Session @ RMIT Activator Space Building 98
RMIT Entrepreneurship & Start-up Association (RESA), Entrepreneur Movie Night @ RMIT Activator Space Building 98
Games, Manga and Anime Society (GMAS), Third Weekly Meet - Hot Springs Infoevent @ RMIT Building 56
Games, Manga and Anime Society (GMAS), GMAS Second Weekly Meet - Screening & Games @ Building 56
Games, Manga and Anime Society (GMAS), GMAS First Weekly Meet BBQ @ RMIT Garden Building

Engineers Without Borders RMIT (EWB), Greening RMIT & RMIT AYCC, Sustainability In The Pub (Round 1) @ The John Curtin Hotel, Carlton
Engineers Without Borders RMIT (EWB), Greening RMIT & RMIT AYCC, Sustainability In The Pub (Round 2) @ Workshop Bar, City
Fossil Free RMIT, Fossil Free Weekly Meet Ups @ RMIT Building 10/Carlton Gardens
Fossil Free RMIT, Crafternoon @ RMIT Bowen St
Greening RMIT, Sustainable Furoshiki wrapping and Zero Waste event @ RMIT Alumni Courtyard
Greening RMIT, Urban Gardening and Food Justice event @ RMIT Alumni Courtyard
IAESTE RMIT, Info evening at RMIT event @RMIT Building 12
RMIT Science Fiction and Gaming Association (SFGA), Intro to D&D Night event w Monash and UniMelb Gaming Clubs @ Melbourne University
RMIT Science Fiction and Gaming Association (SFGA) bi-weewkly gaming sessions @ RUSU Multipurpose Room B57 & B57 cafeteria
RMIT Vegan Club, IGM @ RUSU Activity Space & Info Stall at RUSU Chill N Grill, City Campus

Spiritual Clubs
RMIT Christian Union (CU), Fish 'n Chips @ Alumni Courtyard
RMIT Christian Union (CU), Rooftop Slurpie Party @ Swanston Academic Building
RMIT Christian Union (CU), Board Games Bash @ Swanston Academic Building

RMIT Christian Union (CU), Summer Series 2018 Tuesday Nights @ Lygon Street Church of Christ
RMIT Christian Union (CU), Graduates BBQ @ Mont Albert
RMIT Islamic Society, Welcome BBQ @ Building 10 Rooftop
RMIT Overseas Christian Fellowship Welcome Night @ RUSU Activity Space
RMIT Planet Uni, PlanetUNI Amazing Race 2018 @ A'Beckett Basketball Courts
RMIT University Jewish Student Society (RUJSS), "Ain't No Party Like a Matzah Party" Pesach Event @ Alumni Courtyard, City Campus.
RMIT University Jewish Student Society (RUJSS), Bowling Night @ Strike Bowling, Melbourne Central.
RMIT University Jewish Student Society (RUJSS), Welcome Event @ Alumni Courtyard.
RMIT University Jewish Student Society (RUJSS), Clubs Day @ Bowen Street.

Political Clubs
RMIT Liberal Club, fortnightly drinks @ Queensbury Hotel, Carlton
RMIT Greens, Welcome Party w Victorian Young Greens @ Loop Project Space and Bar
RMIT Greens, Welcome Pub Night @ The John Curtin Hotel, Carlton
RMIT Socialist Alternative, Free Forum: Karl Marx and Socialism @ RMIT IDS
RMIT Socialist Alternative, Activist Workshop For HE and VE Welcome Days @ RMIT Bowen St

## Information to RUSU Clubs

### General Information

- Updated on-campus space booking information sheet after further changes to University booking processes
- Ongoing updates to the 2018 RUSU Clubs Executive Resources Google Folder
- Applications opened for RUSU Clubs Special Program and Events Grant (SPEG)

### New Developments & Support to RUSU Clubs

- The RUSU affiliate logo updated and released for club use
- Two new Facebook resources set up (and managed) for RUSU Clubs - an open page for clubs to promote their events and a closed group through which executives can communicate with each other, share ideas, collaborate, ask for advice etc.
- 2018 RASCAL Program launched (RUSU Affiliated Student Clubs Accredited Leadership) - incorporating face-to-face and online training modules
- RASCAL face-to-face training offered to all RUSU Clubs - Clubs Basics (as part of annual re-affiliation process), Food Safety & Responsible Service of Alcohol
- RASCAL online training available through Lynda
- Met with Student Wellbeing Director, new Senior Chaplains and other stakeholders for information/planning session about new Chaplaincy system
- Met with new Senior Chaplains to explain RUSU Clubs system and RUSU faith based clubs.
- Assisted new RMIT Chaplaincy co-ordinators to host a "meet & greet" with RUSU And RUSU Club leaders and assisted with equipment & promotion for Harmony Day
- Met with Safer Communities to develop Bringing in the Bystander discuss training and develop schedule for RUSU Club Executives

- Developed and delivered "group" affiliation session program at City Campus (affiliation process for multiple clubs at the one time)
- Brunswick/Bundoora Clubs Officer met with Fashion, Biomedical Science and Laboratory Medicine Programme Coordinators to discuss how the Schools/Programs could support the development of new/existing academic clubs
- New spaces available in Building 202 for club use
- Coordinated space bookings for RMIT Islamic Societies (City and Bundoora) daily Iftars during Ramadan

### Other Things

- Over 2000 pages of club promotional material printed
- Assisted AESA to gain permission to use RMIT logo on the club's 2018 hoodies
- Multiple meetings with Orientation team to plan and coordinate RUSU club participation in the 2018 Welcome Program
- Met with University Venues Staff to assist with risk management assessment for RUSU Club events
- Set up new RMIT emails for new clubs and transferred delegation of RMIT emails to new Executives of returning clubs (two-thirds of all RUSU clubs now use a RMIT email)
- Updated all club pages on the RUSU website including adding 2018 membership forms and transfer or administration access to 2018 elected executive
- Ongoing updating of the Google list shared with RMIT Venues, RMIT Events, Property Service, RMIT Security and RMIT Orientation Team so that they have up to date list of key RUSU clubs information including club primary contact email, club affiliation status, club room booking rights and which RUSU Clubs Officer is the key contact for each.
- Payment of \$3000 of cash sponsorship offered to individual clubs by external and RMIT sponsors coordinated through the RUSU Clubs and RUSU Finance Departments



# Student Media

## Catalyst

The Catalyst team commenced the first quarter of the year with the first issue 'CYCLE' ready on campus as students started. The team of volunteer contributors has grown, with new departments started.

In exciting news, Catalyst has secured primary sponsorship for the year from the Sydney Road Brunswick Association, as well as advertising from Lord of the Fries.

Catalyst renewed its focus on news and now has a team of news reporters led by William Ton (Bachelor of Journalism). A sample of an RMIT-centric story that was popular: <http://rmitcatalyst.com/rmit-and-essendon-fc-team-up-in-education-partnership/>

Our online and multimedia focus continues to the new video team formed this year. This joins our podcast team, Cataclysm, and the strong reviews team. These sections of Catalyst provide over a 100 contributors with opportunities to write and create pieces on topics they are passionate about. Sam Harris, our Reviews Editor, engages with professional publicists and managers to coordinate these, getting valuable industry experience.

We now have 14 Section Editors and each are responsible for various portfolios across Catalyst - social media, advertising, fiction, poetry. etc. The three Co-Editors - Kasia Kosidlo, Lisa Divissi and Campbell Mowat oversee these departments.

The Editorial Committee is made up of 17 members and is a valuable way for contributors to be involved beyond submitting pieces. Brainstorm sessions and sub-editing/proofing workshops have been held for each issue and have great turnout. This is all part of Catalyst's aim to not just create magazine and media, but provide a space for students to make friends with similar interests and collaborate.

Two thousand copies were printed for issue one, 2018, and were quickly snapped up by students. It was exciting to see so many pieces and artwork submitted by people who were previously not involved with Catalyst.

The renewed design for this year was a focus of a lot of the positive feedback received. The Design Team, led by final-year student Lachlan Richards, is an opportunity for students to place their unique design style onto a publication read by their peers and learn from each other.



## RMITV

Throughout the first quarter of 2018, RMITV continued to engage RMIT students and alumni through providing training, production experience, social events for the team of over 350 volunteers. RMITV membership has increased by 73 sign-ups in Q1 2018, largely owed to the RMITV Orientation stalls: the VCE, VE and HE Welcome Days.

### Industry Employment

Examples of Industry employment this quarter.

- **Samantha Beniac-Brooks** (RMIT Graduate): Journalist at SBS News
- **Marie-Claire Gage** (RMIT Alumnus): Host Manager at Destroy All Lines
- **Beth Morrison** (RMIT Graduate): Video Producer at NOW Australia
- **Glenn Delaney** (RMIT Alumnus): Sales Manager at News Corp Australia
- **Grace Cunningham** (RMIT Student): Media Exchange Operator at the Australian Football League (AFL)
- **Nicole Pereira** (RMIT Student): National Marketing Manager at AWCI Australia and New Zealand
- **Anthony Furci** (RMIT Student): Intern at Macquarie Media Ltd.

### RMITV Content

**The Leak Quiz Night:** The Leak returned in its new format as a more free flowing conversation built around a topical news quiz. The show was met with a warm response, with praise for its fresh take on the quiz show formula.

**RMITV Presents is underway with four interesting and varied productions:**

- **OneFall:** The wrestling news show has grown exponentially throughout their previous season and is currently looking at expanding the brand.
- **Learning with Difficulties:** A motion captured animated series has been produced at record speed and has proved to be a hidden gem. They have returned for a second season which aims to bring on a larger animation team and push their production values even higher.
- **In Your Words:** A new production that aims to provide a safe space for people to share their stories and experiences with mental health; be it their own, or an experience with family or a friend. No silver lining, no heroic narrative, only their own truth about their unique journey.

- **Pawsitive Solutions:** An interview based program with leading veterinary professionals and dog behavioural specialists, finding solutions to your beloved dogs behavioural issues that you can implement at home.

**Good Morning Melbourne:** RMITV's first morning show is in full swing producing online content featured around current events happening around Melbourne.

**In Pit lane:** IPL is underway producing their season and continuing to build their online audience. The new format is working nicely as IPL continues to be an integral part of RMITV's training experience.

**New Game Plus:** Centred around video games, NGP partnered with RMITV in the final quarter of 2017 and brought with them over 10 years of community broadcast experience.

**The Platform:** Having completed their first season, The Platform served as an excellent training ground for new members to develop their skills in the studio. There are current plans underway for a second season.



### RMITV Training

Offbeat Season 5 - Last year Offbeat proved to be a great success providing the much needed bridge for those with little to no studio experience. Those who have trained on Offbeat have then gone onto more advanced RMITV productions as well as to work in the industry. Offbeat aired in March and was met with high engagement, with 90% RMIT students making up the total crew count.

GMM Training Information Night - The department held a training information night for the production Good Morning Melbourne (GMM). GMM has been fundamental to training members to be confident producers and field crew. Alumni have gone on to work in the industry and to paid producing positions. They have also gone on to work on other RMITV productions in various senior roles.

There was a good turn out and there will be a follow up session to teach new producers and crew how to produce field pieces for news and lifestyle programs.

### RMITV Technical Update

**Equipment Utilization**  
Q1 saw consistent rates of equipment hires by RMITV members, with two-to-three 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.

### RMITV Marketing

2018 was a new beginning for RMITV's social media strategy. With Channel 31's broadcast license in doubt, RMITV began adopting a digital-oriented publication

model. All shows are being encouraged to have a Facebook, Instagram and Twitter presence and to tag RMITV in their posts. We're going to start sharing out more information about all our wonderful shows.

On March 16 a Start of Year party was held. We'll be hosting events like movie nights and bar trivia in the next few months. These are our most consistently requested events and usually draw a considerable turnout. We've also begun sharing a monthly newsletter to keep all our members updated on all our programs and events.



# Social Media & Publications



Above: RUSU promotional posters for a variety of events

## Social Media

### Facebook

20,618 likes (up 964 from previous quarter, and 2,995 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 that RUSU offers into once 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

**Join RUSU:** Part of our annual Membership drive, incorporating the classic RUSU colours and showing images of the RUSU community at its best.

**Welcome Bash:** RUSU's flagship event for O-Week had a strong, 'College' theme for 2018. This fantastic welcome event also featured a snapchat filter for students to use.

**Chill 'n' Grill:** Another great free food offering from RUSU, presented with a cool, grass background to highlight the relaxed nature of this weekly event. Chill 'n' Grill also has occasional, themed events throughout the year, and the publications team relishes creating new and exciting artwork for these events.

**Free Healthy Breakfast:** This brilliant Welfare Department initiative has simple clear artwork, with a simple, clear message. Matching signage at this weekly event ensures brand recognition

# Representation & Advocacy

## Compass

The City Compass Project successfully supervised and mentored 10 Peer Support Volunteers, supporting 104 students who accessed our drop-in centre over this first quarter, with a range of needs including support with food, student rights, mental health and relationship support. The Compass Project engaged in O-Week over Brunswick, Bundoora and City campuses, engaging students to promote the Compass Project and its programs and activities, including yoga classes and English Language Workshops. Yoga over the first quarter was very popular with an average of 20 students attending each session (2 sessions/week).

The first quarter 2018 has involved the set up of Compass Bundoora and the continued establishment phase of Compass Brunswick. Main service engagement during this period is by way of orientation/promotional activities. Up to 1000 individual student introductory conversations were held during this time, with a variety of planned and ad hoc engagement opportunities being created. Actual service use was limited with most drop-ins being for personal care items and assistance with locating other RUSU/RMIT services.

### Assistance with service locations:

Bundoora	37
Brunswick	9

### Drop-in centre direct assistance:

Bundoora	7
Brunswick	3

## Representation

### Student Voice

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

#### 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
- 6 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.

### SSCC Grant

This quarter has been spent planning the SSCC activities for the first semester. This includes the SSCC Leadership Summit which will be held on April 13. We have also planned five SSCC Outreach/Drop-In sessions for SSCC reps to speak with RUSU about any issues they may be facing in their role.



# Student Rights

The Student Rights team has had a productive first quarter advocating for and supporting students at all Campuses across the University. From January 1, 2018, many of the RMIT policies, processes and guidelines within the RMIT Policy Framework were updated and condensed with previous versions rescinded.

Student Rights Officers (SROS) provided extensive feedback to the University during the policy consultation period before the release date, with many of the team's recommendations applied. The Policy updates in some instances represent a significant change from the previous policy and process, with SROs advising students accordingly.

The Student Rights Team had had some good wins for students in the first quarter. In one case, students enrolled in the Bachelor of Education based in Brunswick (four-year program) were told that their program was being moved to Bundoora as of 2019. This change was going to significantly affect current students enrolled in the program to their detriment. The School did not follow proper consultation processes. RUSU worked alongside the students (lobbying different points of the University), and the outcome has been that every currently enrolled student in this program will complete their studies at Brunswick.

The first quarter is a busy period where direct support is provided to students submitting show-cause letters, appeal against assessment and exclusion appeals. The support is provided through both group sessions and individual casework support. Student Rights Officers were also engaged in service promotion during orientation week, undertaking outreach to students informing them of their rights as students and the support that is available to them when needed.

## Some Student Feedback to the Student Rights Team

- "I just wanted to follow up and say another thank you! I have read and submitted the appeal you wrote and can see the amount of effort you put into it. I will let you know when I receive the outcome to this, fingers crossed it's a better outcome. Have a great weekend."
- "I have received a positive outcome from my submission to show cause, as below. Thank you so very much for your very good advice and for your support with my submission. I would not have been able to do this if it weren't for many of your wise recommendations."
- "I just received this email from RMIT Connect, that the fees refund request was granted. I feel very happy about that, and I know very much that the most important person to me on my issues during the last year is you. I will remember you and your help forever."
- "Thank you so much for your guidance and support. I appreciate it so much and could not do this without you."

Issues	
HDR Issues	
Candidate Action and Support Plan	1
Facilities Issues	1
HDR submission/ Examination Issue	2
Milestone Review Issue	3
Research Candidate Progress Committee	1
Scholarship Issue	1
Supervisor Issue	9
Discipline (University Level)	
Academic (Plagiarism) Misconduct	3
Complaint	
RMIT Ombuds	3

School Level	9
University Level	5
Victorian Ombudsman	
Discipline (School Level)	
Academic (Plagiarism) Misconduct	20
General Misconduct	3
Uncategorised	
Admin Issue	5
Admission Issue	6
Appeal Against Assessment	12
Assessment Issues (Other)	31
At Risk	1
Bullying	5

Disability	8
Enrolment Issue	20
Equitable Assessment Arrangements (EAA)	7
Exclusion	6
Fees Issue	38
Group Work Issue	2
Leave of Absence (LOA)	8
Mental Health Issues	14
Other Issues	51
Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)	7
Remission of Debt	35
Sexual Harassment	1
Show Cause	2
Special Consideration	38

Outcomes	
Appeal Against Exclusion University Appeals Committee	
Appeal Dismissed	1
Appeal Upheld	3
Exclusion Withdrawn by School before the hearing	8
Fee Remission	
Fee Remission Approved	5
Fee Remission not approved	1
Special Consideration Granted	
Alternative Assessment	2
Deferred Exam	1
Extension of time	4
Future Assessment Arrangement	1
Late withdrawal without Academic Penalty	9
Special Consideration Not Granted	3
Referral - External	
See note	3
Appeal Against Special Consideration University Appeal Committee	
Special Consideration Granted without a hearing	1
Complaint Outcome	
Alternative Resolution Reached	3
School Level complaint Resolved	1
University Level Complaint Dismissed	1
Late Enrolment Outcome	
Late Enrolment achieved	3
Referral - Internal	
Compass	1

Counselling Service	7
Disability Liaison Unit	7
Student Well Being	1
Study and Learning Centre	2
Contacted School Issue Resolved	
Contacted Academic Administrator	4
Contacted Course Coordinator	8
Contacted Head of School	7
Contact Program Manager	14
Other	
Advice given - Student able to proceed with the case themselves	118
Other Outcomes	33
Student doesn't want to pursue with the case	10
Discipline/Plagiarism Meeting Case School Level	
Other Penalty	1
Student asked to resubmit the assessment	6
Student Reprimanded	3
Student was given a fail for all or any part of any assessment	3
Leave of Absence (LOA)	
LOA Granted	6
Discipline Board Hearing Academic Misconduct	
Case Dismissed in favour of Student	3
Fail recorded in an assessment session	1
Student reprimanded	2

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

Cases	
Number of cased opened	265
Number of cases closed during	231
Total issues created	358
Total outcomes achieved	306

# RUSU Governance, Administration & Services

RUSU's operations are supported by the Governance, Administration and Finance staff.

## Financial Overview

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
<b>2017 TOTAL GRANT</b>	<b>\$3,768,817</b>
<b>2017 GRANT RECEIVED TO DATE</b>	<b>\$3,768,817</b>



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

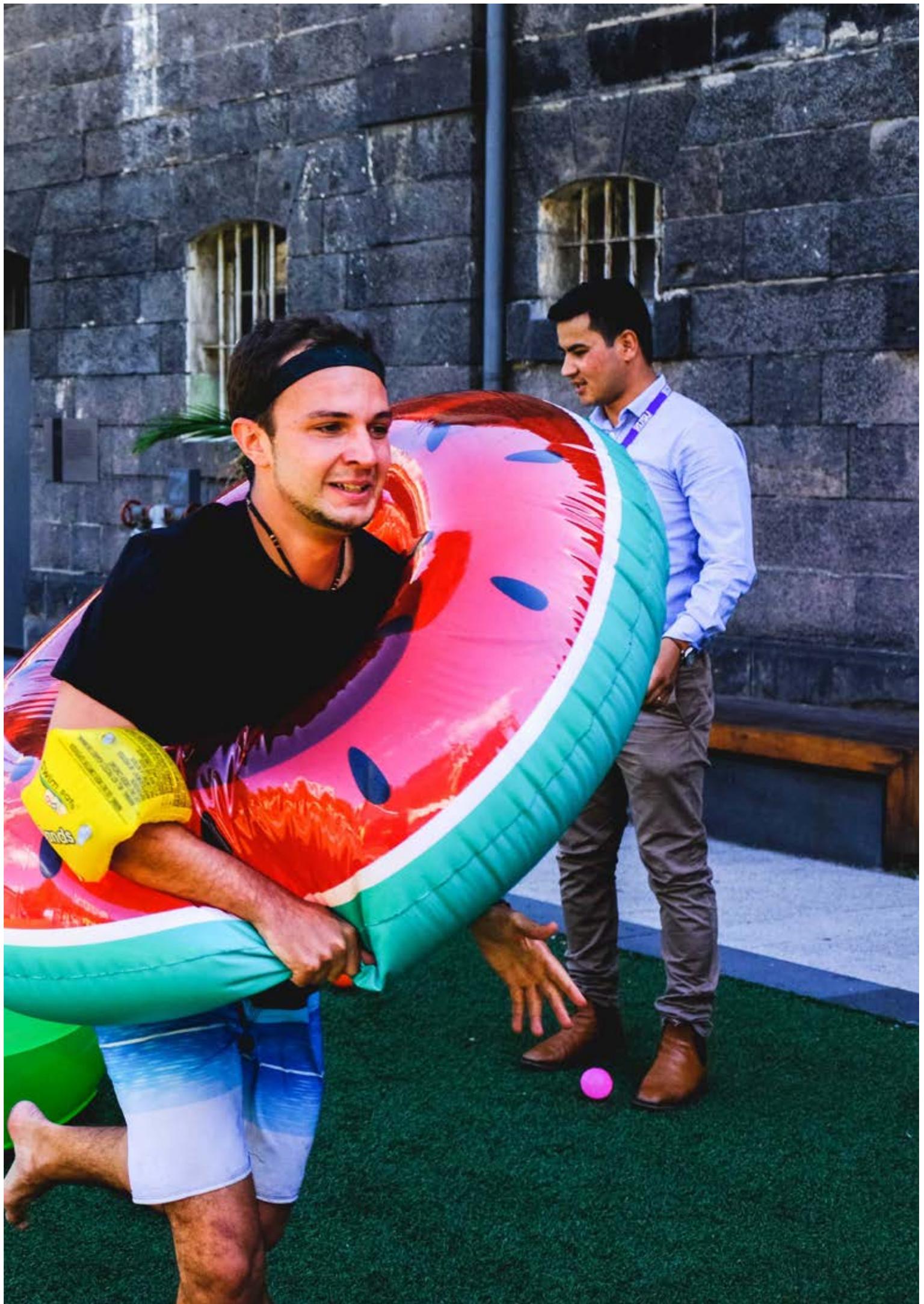
Allowable Item	Item Description	YTD Expenditure (SSAF Funded)
Giving students information to help them in their orientation;	» Orientation specific events	\$68,992
Promoting the health or welfare of students;	» Activities and events from advocacy and welfare departments: Queer, Women's, Postgraduate, Environment, Welfare, Education, Indigenous » Campaigns, events, honorariums, programs, marketing » All City Compass programs and staff	\$63,375
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	\$4,769
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	\$61,210
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	\$33,370
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	\$86,352
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	\$54,023
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	\$54,023
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)	\$150,713
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	\$152,940
<b>YTD SSAF EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>\$675,744</b>
<b>YTD 2018 SSAF FUNDS RECEIVED</b>		<b>\$3,768,817</b>
<b>AMOUNT OF GRANT REMAINING</b>		<b>\$3,093,073</b>
<b>% OF 2018 GRANT SPENT</b>		<b>17.9%</b>

**Table 2: 2018 SSAF Committee Grant Financial Report  
1 January - 31 March 2018**

Program Title	Grant Amount	Expenditure 1 Jan - 31 March
RUSU Volunteer Program (includes training)	\$185,000	\$21,838
RMITV flagship production and RMITV training program	\$55,000	\$880
RUSU International Student Support - conversation classes and city tours	\$40,000	\$4,669
Bundoora Common Lunch Hour (including SRO and Bundoora East)	\$90,000	\$10,377
RUSU Orientation Package	\$120,500	\$68,922
RUSU Free Healthy Breakfasts	\$65,000	\$7,022
Postgrad Support Program (including SRO)	\$38,500	\$6,705
Brunswick Common Lunch Hour	\$37,000	\$2,447
RUSU VE Awareness & Support	\$40,000	\$5,846
SSCC Mentoring Program	\$23,000	\$1,664
Compass Bundoora & Brunswick	\$112,000	\$19,804
City Campus Events Boost	\$71,000	\$4,686
Point Cook Student Life Boost	\$19,000	\$387
RUSU Clubs Grants	\$27,500	\$0
RUSU Student Life Awards	\$22,000	\$0
RUSU Indigenous Department	\$30,000	\$4,169
RUSU Students as Partners	\$8,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$983,500</b>	<b>\$159,416</b>
<b>GRANT REMAINING</b>	<b>\$824,084</b>	<b>(16.21% spent)</b>







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