

RUSU HIGHLIGHTS 2018

RUSU Clubs

- 376 individual grant payments totalling \$173,702 were distributed to RUSU Clubs in 2018.
- We supported 114+ RUSU Clubs (estimated 13,300+ members).
- 600+ student leaders supported as Club executives.

RUSU likes to Party

- Estimated 5,500+ student attendances at RUSU Orientation events and RUSU parties/ special events (excluding weekly events and club events) in 2018.
- Brunswick Special Events including; Networking Gala, Open Air Cinema.
- Bundoora Special Events including; Open Air Cinema, Bundie Trivia Night, Zorb Soccer, Walert House Events.



RUSU – Free Weekly Lunches

- 55,000+ free lunches over 111 free lunch events.
- Themed events included; Oktoberfest, International Chill & Grill, Indigenous themed Chill and Grill (featuring Philly), Super Chill and Grills, Tacos, ice cream trucks.

Free Healthy Breakfasts & Welfare on Wheels

- 70,000 serves of free healthy breakfasts over 196 free breakfast events.
- 22,000 serves of free snacks provided through City Library Welfare on Wheels program.

RUSU Realfoods Cafe

- RUSU Realfoods provided yummy, healthy, vegan food options and barista made fairtrade coffee at Bundoora & City campuses.



RUSU Membership

- 4909 students joined as RUSU financial members in 2018.
- 5250 students participated in the City Chill & Grill 'RUSU Members Tent' events (free drinks, entertainment and games).

RUSU Volunteers & Student Employment

- RUSU volunteers contributed a grand total of 6,888.5 hours of volunteer work.
- 783 student participants in RUSU volunteer training (inc: Food handling, RSA).
- 25 RMIT students employed as RUSU student casuals (Info Counters, Events and Realfoods).



RUSU's Advocacy and Student Rights

- Our 7 Student Rights Officers provided individual casework advocacy support for 1094 new student cases.
- RUSU trained student reps provided a student voice on 57 student appeals and hearings.

Compass

- 530 students supported through the RUSU Compass Drop in Service (including free food bank).
- New Compass Drop in Centre opened at Bundoora.
- 3,500+ students engaged with Compass welfare outreach programs (Stress Less Week, Wellness Workshops, R u Ok Day, Chill out Zones, Compass Market Place (free food, info and recipes)).
- RUSU & RMIT Wellbeing collaborated on the Calm Zones at the Exam venue (1,500+ students engaged).



RUSU – There to help!

- RUSU operated 5 Information Counters across all campuses, providing information, advice and referrals and club equipment hire.
- RUSU opened new offices at Bundoora.

Student Media

- 500+ RMITV financial members. RMITV provided high quality training and production experience to RMIT students.
- Catalyst published 5 student magazines & produced podcasts. Over 100+ contributors.
- RMITV & Catalyst moved into the Student Media precinct alongside SYN Media.

New Initiatives

- RUSU Edible Gardens opened at Brunswick & Bundoora.
- Student Life Awards – over 120 applications received. 20 different awards provided to 19 students and 3 clubs.
- RUSU Games Room opened in Bld 57 and upgraded at Bundoora East.
- Library Lock In- City library open for 24 hours as part of RUSU campaign for extended library hours.



Representation & Campaigns

- RUSU representatives sat on over 15 RMIT committees across RMIT.
- 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, Women's, Sustainability, International, Education, Welfare and Postgraduate departments contributed to student life through regular events, conferences, activities and campaigns.
- Leadership training and networking program provided for Staff Student Consultative Committee (SSCC) representatives. 350+ students attend SSCC Leadership Summits.
- RUSU Women's and Queer rooms resourced on all campuses including New Queer & Women's rooms at Bundoora!

