

RUSU

RMIT UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

ANNUAL
ELECTIONS | 2022

Polling Booth Times and Locations

Polling booths will be located at the following dates, locations and times:

2022		Monday 5 September	Tuesday 6 September	Wednesday 7 September	Thursday 8 September	Friday 9 September
City	Building 10, Level 4	9.00am– 6.00pm	9.00am– 6.00pm	9.00am– 6.00pm	9.00am– 6.00pm	9.00am– 1.00pm
City	Building 80, Level 3		10.00am– 4.00pm		10.00am– 4.00pm	
City	Alumni Courtyard Chill N Grill				12.00pm– 3.00pm	
Carlton	Building 57, Level 4	9.00am– 1.00pm	9.30am– 12.30pm			
Brunswick	Building 514, Level 1		10.00am– 3.00pm			
Bundoora West	Building 202, Level 2	10.00am– 3.00pm				
Bundoora West	Building 210 Chill N Grill			10.00am– 4.00pm		

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

RMIT University Student Union Inc. acknowledges the the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nations on whose unceded lands we conduct the business of the University. We respectfully acknowledge their Ancestors and Elders, past and present and emerging.

Annual Elections 2022

The RMIT University Student Union Incorporated (RUSU) provides all RMIT students with events, representation and support. RUSU is the only 100% independent body at RMIT and is governed by 28 elected student representatives that comprise the Student Union Council – RUSU is run FOR students BY students. We are here to ensure every student's university experience extends beyond lectures and assignments. Every week RUSU's purple colours are out and about with free food and fun. RUSU has over 90 clubs and societies that students can join – clubs may be political, spiritual, academic, cultural and social. While RUSU is the heart of student life, RUSU is also here for students when they need help - we have an extensive student advocacy service, information counters, offer a welfare drop-in centre and keep safe spaces on campuses.

About the Elections

Voting at these elections will be conducted both in person and via an online method by the optional preferential and optional proportional representation methods. Optional proportional representation will be the method of counting for those positions where more than one candidate is to be elected.

Polling will be conducted from 9am, Monday 5 September 2022 until 1pm, Friday 9 September 2022. The returning Officer is Jessica Fox.

How to Vote

Eligible voters will receive an email from the RUSU Returning Officer with the subject line '**RMIT University Student Union (RUSU) 2022 Annual Election - Voting Link**' on Monday 5 September. An individual voting link will be provided in this email. Open this link to access a page with all of the positions being contested.



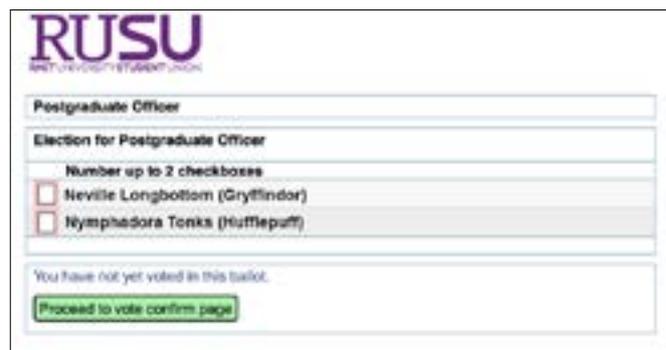
'Start by clicking 'Voting Instructions' at the top of the page which will give you information on how to vote. Once you have read this click 'Proceed.'

You may cast your vote on the **Student Union Council** page in two ways.

Voting for a team: If you wish to vote for all candidates from a team you can do so by selecting the team of your preference at the top of the page. Simply click the box next to the team of your preference.



Voting for individual candidates: If you wish to vote for candidates from different tickets for different positions, leave the 'Vote for a team' section blank and click the box next to your preferred candidate for each position listed on the page. If you make a mistake you undo the number by clicking the box again.



Cohort specific ballots: Students will automatically receive a ballot to vote for the positions below **only** if RMIT University records show that they are part of that specific cohort of students.

- International Officer
- Postgraduate Officer
- Vocational Education Officer
- Women's Officer

Once you have completed your votes go to the bottom of the page and click the 'Proceed to vote confirm page' button and then select 'Submit Vote'. You will then be taken to the **General Representative Ballot**.

How to Vote

For **General Representative** you may either vote for a team or for candidates individually.

Voting for a team: To vote for a team click the box next to the team of your preference.

Voting for individual candidates: If you wish to vote for candidates individually firstly click the box next to the candidate, you wish to vote for with your first preference. You may then continue numbering as many of the remaining candidates as you wish in ascending order by clicking the box next to each candidate's name.

The Returning Officer is Jessica Fox can be contacted at rusureturningofficer@gmail.com should you have any questions about the voting process.

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Student Union Council - General Representatives

Election for General Representatives

Five (5) Positions to be elected

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Nymphadora Tonks (Hufflepuff)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Susan Bones (Hufflepuff)
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Once you have completed your votes go to the bottom of the page and click the 'Proceed to vote confirm page' button and then select 'Submit Vote'.

If you are enrolled in a course at the City campus you will then be taken to the election for **Campus Representatives**. Brunswick and Bundoora students will not see this ballot. To vote for these positions follow the instructions given for Voting for individual candidates on the first ballot.

The final ballot you will be shown is for **NUS Delegates**. To vote for these positions follow the instructions given for voting in the General Representative ballot.

Policies

Together



Check us out on YouTube: bit.ly/3pnE0RW

This year, Together has put together a strong and diverse team from all over RMIT, with a melting pot of degrees, clubs, international and domestic students represented, to deliver the best for RMIT. Many of our team have been SSCC representatives, volunteers, or leaders in your clubs. These students are now ready to take it to the next level and be your voice at RUSU.

The Together team has been the only team fighting for your academic rights and better welfare. This includes the continued fight for no fails on your academic transcripts during lockdown and a reduction of counselling waiting times from 30 to 8 days. With the release of the NSSS Together has also focused on SASH reform to ensure RMIT implements industry-leading policies and isn't left dragging its feet.

In 2022 the Together fight for your education has won many improvements fighting for students, such as:

- No Fails on Transcripts during lockdown 6
- Offshore student fee relief
- 29,000+ Free Meals for students
- 6,000+ students supported with Compass mental health
- 600+ student rights cases resolved
- \$115,000 worth of club grants distributed
- Creation of Disabilities and Carers officer
- Incorporation of RUSU
- B204 Bundoora events space

In 2023, Together will continue to fight for your education! Pushing back against recycled courses used by RMIT, opposing the continual course cuts post-covid and saying no! to RMIT installing surveillance software on your computer at home.

Together has a long history of bringing the fun to University life on campus and in 2022, reactivating campus after years of separation and isolation. All of our big parties, boat cruises, pub crawls and Chill n Grills, we will be back bigger, better and more ambitious with our events. Bringing people and communities together to make life long memories and have some fun!!!

In 2023, Together is ready to continue delivering for students. With a fantastic team lined up, ready to go, full of ideas and passionate about improving your education and university life, you can't go wrong with a vote for Together!

Only TOGETHER will deliver an accountable, transparent and well-run union that RMIT deserves! Only TOGETHER will continue to fight for your academic rights! Only Together will keep bringing campus life in 2023!

Social Justice



Vote [1] Social Justice for an activist RUSU!

Social Justice for RUSU is a group of left-wing students who want change in our student union.

Students are angry. The climate is being destroyed. University fees are going up. Classes are overcrowded. Our tutors are stretched and underpaid. Sexism, racism & homophobia are rife in society. Social Justice wants a student union that will stand up for students.

RUSU has a budget of \$3.7 million. It has the capacity to run campaigns for climate justice, LGBTQI+ rights, and better education.

We need free education now. RMIT's executives earn over \$500,000. Our vice chancellor earns over a million. Their salaries should be cut and put into staff and student services. Our education should not be sacrificed for profits.

Our candidates are all activists who have organised a number of campaigns, such as:

- to free the Park Hotel refugees
- for a free Palestine
- against the massive increases to our university fees
- for LGBTQI+ rights, against the religious discrimination bill
- the recent 15,000-strong protests in defence of abortion rights
- campus protests against RMIT's ties to weapons manufacturing companies who profit from genocide
- climate justice campaigns through RMIT Students for Climate Justice

Vote for Social Justice if you want RUSU to fight for students.

Momentum



No statement submitted.

Activities Officer

Finn Corr (Social Justice)



It's clear that not all activities are welcome at RMIT. Earlier this semester, when students protested the university's ties to weapons companies like Elbit Systems,

RMIT called the cops onto campus in a clear effort to intimidate the students that had shown up to make their voices heard. It's clear that RMIT management cares more about its lucrative deals with arms dealers and less about their students' right to free expression.

Student unions should be activist bodies, standing on the side of students. We want a student union that fights for its members and supports social justice campaigns like the campaign for RMIT to cut ties with Elbit Systems. With the support of our student union, there's no limit to the positive things we can achieve on campus!

We need better funded, better resourced, and more affordable education, not more course cuts and staff cuts. We need a student union fighting around social justice issues like climate justice, LGBTQ+ rights, and anti-racism.

Coco Liu (Together)



Emerging from years of isolation, RUSU welcomes students back on campus with an open arm. With the goal to enrich every student's post-lockdown life,

we created unforgettable events such as the 1920s-themed boat party and the ridiculously fun band night.

I will continue to grow and nourish our campus culture, with all of RUSU's fun events such as the weekly chill n grill, boat party, pub crawl, fun-themed nights and so much more. Regardless of your background, ethnicity, identity, or sexual orientation, you deserve to live your university life to the fullest. Bringing my own experience running events both on campus and in local entertainment scenes, I aim to curate elevated events that are more diverse, accessible, and inclusive.

As the activity officer, I want to help more international students to participate in

activities on campus and I will aim to reach out to all students, no one is left behind.

Those times we spent apart made us cherish the times we spent together so much more, therefore lets us continue to grow our student community and nourish the campus culture that is uniquely ours!

Only Together will bring the beers, bands and bbqs! VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Bundoora Coordinator

Riya Sangra (Together)



Hi, I am Riya Sangra, and I am a 3rd year student studying Bachelor of Health Sciences/ Applied Sciences (Chiropractic) at the Bundoora Campus.

I originally come from India, a country full of mixed cultures and a diversified background of families which has instilled in me the quality of respecting every individual as one and equal human being.

Being in university is an experience overall, we develop many skills and most importantly build good relationships with people which shapes us to be our unique self in the coming future. We all have faced some tough situations in these past 2 years, and now we are coming out of the bubble slowly and trying to get back to normal again. As a Bundoora coordinator, I want to help you to feel more admiration towards the university life which was in a nutshell for a while. I want to help make things better, fun and enthusiastic for every individual in the Bundoora Campus under RUSU. And with your help I will be able to make it happen because together has proven that we can do this!

Let's make Bundoora Campus and Life fun again together! VOTE [1] Together!

Renee Garcia (Social Justice)



I am running for Bundoora Coordinator because at Bundoora campus, we deserve better. As profits of universities goes up, the quality of our education goes

down, and student welfare is continuously attacked.

As Bundoora Coordinator, I will fight for more resources & funding of courses in Bundoora, Free & Regular Public Transport between Bundoora & City campus, and an expansion of social justice and activist activities on our campus. There are a million and one issues that students at the Bundoora campus care about, but not enough ways that they can get involved and mobilise to fight for things. So I want to bring this to the Bundoora campus.

Vote [1] Social Justice for a change in our student union!

Catalyst Editors (three positions available)

Mihika Laxmikant Dhule, Charlie Borracci & Olivia Hough (Together)

Catalyst provides a voice for all RMIT students, from those studying communications and design, to science or business. Catalyst has remained as a benchmark for uplifting the student voice since 1944, and facilitates a safe space for students of all backgrounds to be represented and encouraged to express themselves.

Catalyst needs editors with a diversified skill set and forward thinking. That's why we, Olivia, Mihika and Charlie, are running to continue uplifting and withholding the student voice for Catalyst magazine in 2023. Together as editors, we have a broad background in Media and Communications, with expertise in journalism, advertising, politics, popculture and design to guide us.

As passionate and determined students, with the Together team, we believe that our range of skills will revitalise Catalyst back into the hands of all students, and continue leading Catalyst into the future.

Only TOGETHER will fight for your academic rights!

Only TOGETHER will reactivate campus life in 2023! Let's all come together to VOTE [1] Together!

Julia McIvor (Momentum)

No statement submitted.

Statements

City Coordinator

Jatin Bhootna (Together)



My name is Jatin and I study Computer Science. I'm extremely passionate about the wellbeing of the student community. With the experience of being

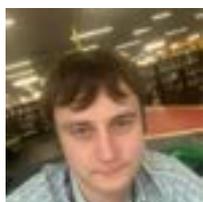
part of the RMIT Indian Club and conducting many successful events throughout the year. My next step in 2023 will be to grow the student community back to RMIT.

Being back fully on campus for the first time in 2 years, we have experienced and seen first hand the importance of student community. Events mean way more than just a fun time but they provide an opportunity for students to make lifelong friends. As the City Coordinator, I will coordinate the students' and clubs' activities, bringing back the city campus as the place to be: a welcoming and accessible place for RMIT students to gather and socialise.

I would like to inspire and support students in their academic journey in every possible way. I aspire to make the city campus a place of learning as well as fun to ensure that the campus is a safe space for students, allowing them to participate in study or social activities freely and easily.

Only TOGETHER will reactivate campus life in 2023! VOTE [1] Together!

Harry Hughes (Social Justice)



We need a student union that's intent on fighting for us.

The RMIT city campus, nestled in the heart of the CBD, has a legacy of being

a space for student protest. If you vote for me I will continue this legacy by fighting to turn RUSU into an activist student union, one that's passionate about actively campaigning against sexism, against racism, and for climate justice.

As an activist I believe it is urgently important that students, staff, and university workers' interests are represented at every level within RMIT, and the first step towards that is making RUSU a more democratic organisation, one that focuses on involving

students, not just making decisions for them. We need a student union that will stand up to the RMIT administration, and who will argue on the behalf of students.

If you agree, if you want a union that will fight for you and the issues you're passionate about, if you want a student union intent on fighting for social justice for RMIT students, vote Social Justice in the RUSU elections.

City Representative

Koushik Mukherjee (Together)



Hey guys, I am Koushik and I am currently studying Bachelor of Business at the City Campus. I was stuck overseas due to covid related border restrictions

for over 1.5 years and therefore I understand the importance of having a good campus life. That's why I want to create a very engaging and vibrant atmosphere for students to enjoy their Uni life.

I have experience in leading and organising student life related activities since I also work with Student Life, Kirrip and I am also associated with various other parts of RMIT like Wellbeing and Peer Mentoring.

As your City Representative, with the entire Together Team, I would be looking forward to making campus life the best it can be by organising more fun events like themed chill n grill, parties and also more free food events for the students to enjoy. I can't wait to represent all of the City Campus students at RMIT.

So, make sure to vote for me and Together[1] so that you all can have the best Student Life and University experience possible.

VOTE [1] Together!

Dietra Kanellos (Social Justice)



As City Representative I will fight for, and represent the rights of students at the city campus. Whilst our courses are cut, and education is getting

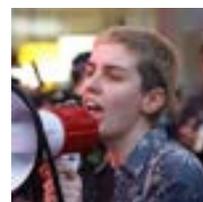
worse, we need a student union that fights

for better facilities, more course funding, and better pay for our teachers on the city campus. I will also bring the fight for social justice onto our campus. Regularly there are protests at the State Library, right next to uni - and it would be great if the student union mobilised students out to protests for fight for the climate, women's rights & refugee rights.

Vote [1] Social Justice for a fighting student union!

Clubs & Societies Officer

Siobhan McGlynn (Social Justice)

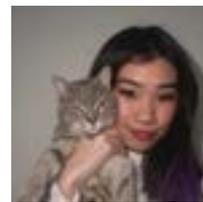


Students come to RMIT expecting a life changing university experience. I think that RMIT's clubs and societies are an essential part of that experience,

allowing students to engage and connect with the social life here on campus, as well as get involved with activism around the causes that matter to them.

Students should be able to organise in the clubs they want, especially to voice their concerns and fight for issues they care about. Students have enough to deal with in the face of rising cost of living, climate change and numerous other issues that can hamper student life, RMIT's clubs and societies should be a space for those students to express themselves and be able to get the most out of their university experience. Vote Social Justice to ensure that clubs continue to be a platform for student social life and activism.

Felicia Nguyen (Together)



Student clubs and societies are an integral part of the university experience we all know and love. They provide an incredible opportunity for students of diverse

backgrounds, disciplines and interests to make friends and have fun. They also provide networking opportunities with community, culture, and industry, as well as an avenue to develop new skills.

The clubs executives I have met have been inspirational in their passion and commitment to providing an immensely valuable service. This, along with what I've learnt being the Vice President of a RUSU club has given me so much insight into all the work and time that goes into being a student leader.

I'm overjoyed to be your Clubs and Societies Candidate. I hope to make it easier to access grants and funding to make it easier to plan and run so many more events. I'm looking forward to strengthening the bond between clubs, RUSU and all of RMIT students. I believe everyone should have a community that they feel like they belong to. I'm voting Together for better club engagement.

Only TOGETHER will fight for the clubs community. VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Disabilities & Carers Officer

Chris Giddings (Social Justice)



Students with disabilities at RMIT need a student union that will fight for them.

RMIT in its pursuit of profit has continuously put the needs of

students on the backburner. We've had cuts to courses, cuts to staff and increased fees. These attacks on the student body disproportionately affect students with disabilities. We need a fighting RUSU, that isn't afraid to commit itself to activism around these issues, and will push against fee hikes and education cuts for better conditions for all students.

I'm campaigning for a student union that will fight against inequality and oppression. RUSU should be more democratic and open to student involvement, and shouldn't be afraid to participate in activist campaigns for climate justice, against racism and sexism, and for LGBTI+ rights - social issues that disproportionately affect students with disabilities.

I'm running with Social Justice to fight to turn RUSU into a megaphone for promoting and building student activism at RMIT.

Timothy Winning (Together)



I have worked with RMIT's Equitable Learning and Accessibility team since December 2021 to provide a student voice who has lived experience. In this

role I have assisted with the development of accessibility events and developed content which highlights the diverse students at RMIT. Disability and carers is a broad term which represents a large number of RMIT's students, and no two students will have the same experience. This is why it is my focus to ensure I represent all students who fall under this category and cater towards their individual needs.

As a disabled person my focus in life is to de-stigmatize disability by embracing our differences. Which is why I am running for the disability and carers officer. I will work on making RMIT a university where all students with disabilities feel they belong. I will advocate to make RMIT more accessible both on campus and digitally, facilitate accessible social events that allow students with a disability to connect with one another and assist students accessing and receiving the appropriate support they require.

Let's make RMIT a university where we all belong.

Only TOGETHER will fight for an accessible and equitable campus! VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Education Officer

Terry Kim (Together)



As RMIT slowly transitions back to on-campus learning, new adjustments and challenges will be introduced to the current education system. To ensure

RMIT continues to adapt to our needs and prioritise our standard of education, we need a strong and experienced advocacy more than ever.

Having served as a president of RUSU club with over 400 members, I have worked with various student organisations towards

improving student equity and experience for the last 2 years. These experiences have given me the necessary skills and knowledge to best represent you and a great sense of awareness of the breadth and scope of what RMIT can do.

Together has worked to deliver many changes for students: stop online proctoring, fee extensions for international students and many more. I am proud to stand together with them and create a positive change in 2023.

As Education Officer, I will turn your voice into actions and improve academic policies to support your learning experience:

- Advocate against fee hikes
- Improve WIL and placements
- Remove fee for certificates and copies of academic transcripts

And many more!

Only TOGETHER will continue to fight for your academic rights! VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

David Ng (Social Justice)



RMIT needs an Education Officer who cares. Students pay hand over fist for underfunded, overpriced courses where teachers are given unmanageable

workloads and precarious working conditions. RMIT management even threatened to sue RMIT staff who refused to work for free on Open Day.

Education should be free; it has been before and it could be again, if we had student unions willing to fight for it and build campaigns for student and staff rights. For that, we need student unionists oriented to protests and campaigns, not cushy jobs for them and their mates.

As Education Officer, I will fight to ensure our education is run for students, not profit. I will fight against our millionaire Vice Chancellor and for a better deal for staff & students.

Statements

General Representative (seven positions available)

Ben Milne (Social Justice)



Social Justice wants to put activism and advocacy at the centre of our student union. Over the past year as a General Representative on the RUSU Council,

I've fought for the union to build protests for refugee rights, climate justice, and other social justice issues. As a member of the Campaign Against Racism and Fascism, I helped organise weekly protests for refugees locked up in the Park Hotel, only a few blocks up from our city campus, and I want to keep the fight up on and off campus until every refugee is free to live a decent, dignified life.

Student unions shouldn't be afraid to take political positions and to fight for them. Whether we like it or not, politics affects us all—and when RMIT management goes on a job and course cuts rampage, we should be able to count on our union to stand up for our rights. A vote for Social Justice means a vote for a left-wing, activist student union.

Jaynaya Travis (Social Justice)



The RMIT Student Union needs a serious shake up. The climate crisis is getting worse every day, the cost of living is rising in lock-step with corporate profits, and our union

hasn't even tried to do anything about it. And now with a Labor government in power, our union—run by the right-wing faction of the Labor Party—is even less likely to put up a fight.

Recently on campus, I spoke at a rally to demand RMIT cut ties with Elbit Systems, a weapons company that wants to use RMIT students' research to perfect the killer drones that make them megaprofits. Most students don't think their money and time should go to war profiteers, and that should be represented in their union.

More than ever, we need activists and fighters in our union; we don't need careerists and aspiring politicians. Vote for Social Justice if you want to put the fight back into student unions.

Madaleine Yi-Ling Hah (Social Justice)



I'm sick and tired of student unions being used as career ladders for a privileged few. These days, it seems like student unionists have forgotten what unions are even for.

I've been an activist for years now, and I think we desperately need to rebuild the fighting tradition that saw student unions take up struggles affecting students and the broader community of which we're all a part—anti-war campaigns, LGBTIQ+ rights movements, and other social justice issues.

With global inequality on the rise and climate change wreaking havoc on the planet, we sorely need to rebuild that fighting spirit that makes unions so important in the first place. Vote for Social Justice if you want to see more activism on campus and contact us to get involved!

Jacob van der Eynden (Social Justice)



Students are constantly getting a raw deal. Our fees go up, our class sizes get bigger. Centrelink hasn't gone up in decades. We need a student union

that will fight for students, and take on the government and our university administration.

I'm a TAFE student. I want to give vocational education students a voice in our student union. There's so much to fight for. I want to see lower fees and more support for students on campus.

I also care deeply about the climate crisis. Let's have a student union that cares too.

Renee Garcia (Social Justice)



I'm running with Social Justice because I think that RUSU should be leading fights for social justice.

Our student union has a budget of \$4 million and the ability to reach thousands of students. The past couple years have demonstrated the gross injustices of the world, from intense racism to the climate catastrophe. We need

an activist student union that takes a stand against these injustices in the spirit of Black Lives Matter and Greta Thunberg.

Social Justice is running to change that.

Piper Adam (Social Justice)

I'm running to be a General Representative because RUSU should be an activist body that fights for students.

We need an activist student union because the new Vice-Chancellor, Alec Cameron has a long history of course cutting and 'restructures' that attack students' education. We need to have a student union that will fight against the attempts to turn universities into neoliberal degree factories.

We also need a student union that fights for issues like refugee rights, climate justice and supporting Palestine are important to students at RMIT and we need RUSU to be actively involved in these campaigns.

If we want to build the student union to be a body that will fight for students' rights and fight for social justice, it is important to have more left-wing activists in RUSU.

Jess Strah (Momentum)

No statement submitted.

Ravi Walsh (Momentum)

No statement submitted.

Will Martin-Block (Momentum)

No statement submitted.

Tasha Honey (Momentum)

No statement submitted.

Beth Shegog (Together)



RUSU has played a pivotal role in my life over the past 2 years. Emerging from the dark days of lockdowns, I have found myself embraced by the

student community and supported because of the services and opportunities RUSU has to offer. Diving into student life and leadership, in clubs and as RUSU Women's Officer in 2022,

I've seen first hand the reach and impact that adds to the gravity of how important RUSU is for students.

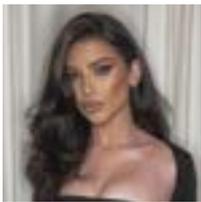
From student life to welfare, RUSU leads the way in offering services, support and representation for all students. As your Presidential candidate for RUSU, TOGETHER we can take it to the next level.

In 2023, Together will secure better and more available welfare services for students, fight for a more equitable and accessible education and continue to connect students through community and events. As your President, I will serve to ensure every student feels welcomed, represented and leaves with a wealth of memories to prove it!

I stand together, I stand with you.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Sasha Summers (Together)



Being a first year student, I wanted to immerse myself in the culture of RMIT as much as possible and be as involved in student life as much as I could. When I

joined RUSU, I felt so happy about being able to bring incredible things like the band night to students where I was able to incorporate my performing arts background and bring my network into RUSU.

Communications is something I love, being able to bring to life an online, interactive world for students where everything is at the click of a finger, or a press of a button. Students need to know where to look for things they want to be involved in and have easy access to them. This is where strong communications come into play. Also, having a close knit relationship between student leaders and students is really important as well as cultivating a beautiful environment where everyone knows everyone's name.

I look forward to working with you all next year and bringing even more life to our university!

Only TOGETHER will bring more live music!

VOTE [1] Together!

Jiabao He (Together)

The return back to campus life has been a key focus for Together in 2022. Going into 2023, I will continue to support the return to life on

campus by assisting wherever I am needed and supporting the RMIT University Student Union Council and the wider committees at RMIT University.

I will work to make sure that no student is ignored and that student issues are recognised and addressed. If elected, I will work to ensure that our regular events such as Food with Friends continue to run, which will ensure that international students are welcomed into university life and are able to connect with others on campus. I want to assist other elected student representatives within the student union to build communities on campus that welcome international students and provide opportunities to meet new people and socialise.

A vote for Together is a vote for a more welcoming and inclusive RMIT community.

Only TOGETHER will fight for your academic rights!

Only TOGETHER will reactivate campus life in 2022!

VOTE [1] Together!

Nikki Rajaram (Together)



This is my third year at RMIT and I can confidently say that it's been incredible thanks to Together. I've been an executive member and a general member of a lot of different

clubs. And since I have such experience, I can assure you that as a General Representative, I will continue to support, protect and guide the new Student Council to make your student life the best there is to offer.

Together has already accomplished a lot this past year, whether it's related to education or your mental well-being. Post Covid, Together really did bring life back to campus and all I can say is I definitely look forward to more to come! Now that I've gotten the opportunity to be part of such a wonderful team, I promise to uphold the current high standards while taking into consideration any new opinions or suggestions that you-the students, the faculty and my fellow candidates' have. I respectfully request your vote and I can guarantee you that it'll be treated with utmost care.

Only TOGETHER will reactivate campus life in 2023! VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Kamil Shwaita (Together)



Hi, this is Kamil shwaita. A second year mechatronics student

I have always been a socially active person, who loves listening to others and helping

them in anyway i can. Improving others experience at uni along with mine is a goal I am determined to help achieve.

If you look at the past achievements of RUSU, you find a great track record of successfully improving the student experience at RMIT, and that is an ongoing goal that gets passed on to all new candidates. If you vote for us, you will help us help you and continue delivering the best, for a better student experience at RMIT. Vote for the blue and white“

Only TOGETHER will fight for your academic rights!

Only TOGETHER will reactivate campus life in 2023!

VOTE [1] Together!

Akshaan Dhillon (Together)



University should be an enjoyable place for everyone. Students shouldn't have to struggle to get by, financially or socially. For students to achieve their best, they need

to be provided with the best services, resources and support, right from day one.

I want to make sure that we are not ignored and issues affecting us are recognised and addressed. If elected, I will work to make sure that issues such as a lack of recorded lectures are solved.

I want to assist other elected student representatives within the student union to ensure that university is an enjoyable time for students and that they can get the most out of their education. A vote for me and Together is a vote for a more gratifying and enriching university experience.

Only TOGETHER will fight for multicultural engagement! VOTE [1] Together!

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Kartik Kumar (Together)



Hi voters, After an exciting two years at RMIT University I've decided to step up and contribute to our student life and how we can improve it further.

My experience in organising clubs and being involved in every activity University wide mixed with my professionalism and passion for RMIT's student life has made me the perfect candidate for this year's General Representative position.

Vote for us for an exciting year ahead and having a voice of your own.

Only TOGETHER will fight for more paid placements and internships! VOTE [1] Together!

General Secretary

Mark Morante (Together)



Hello Everyone! My name is Mark Morante, and I am your candidate for General Secretary with Team Together!

I have been an active member of the RUSU community since 2018, having started as a Compass Volunteer and a Club Leader before joining RUSU council last year as a General Representative, and this year as your Disability and Carers Officer.

Throughout my time with RUSU, I have worked across the different areas of student life at RMIT. I have worked with RMIT Equitable Learning Services in representing disabled students as a student living with a disability myself as well as across the welfare space alongside the RUSU Compass department, and within the events space, helping to run Chill and Grills, Band Night, and the very popular Food with Friends for International Students.

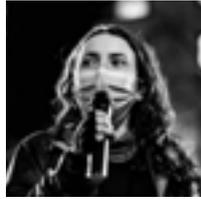
I am a strong believer that student money should be spent on students. I will ensure that RUSU continues to provide the many great programs for students to continue to enjoy, such as student welfare and support, well-funded clubs, and the many events we have, and will continue to run.

Only TOGETHER will deliver an efficient, transparent, and well run union for RMIT students. VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Jordan Smith (Momentum)

No statement submitted.

Ella Marchionda (Social Justice)



I'm running for General Secretary because I think student unions should fight for students and fight for social justice. I spent the past year as a RUSU General

Representative pushing for RUSU to support and help to build campaigns around climate justice, refugee rights, women's rights and other important social justice issues.

As part of RMIT Students for Palestine, I organised and chaired a rally demanding that RMIT cut ties with weapons companies like Elbit Systems, who've bought their way onto campus with war profits.

While RMIT management have million-dollar salaries, they cut their staff's pay and conditions and make course cuts. Our education should not be run for profit. Students deserve better and they deserve a fighting student union that's on their side.

International Officer

Haiting Lu (Together)



International students have always been an important part of the RMIT community. For the past few years, I have volunteered for many student organisations and I've served in the RUSU International student community.

As your International Officer candidate I will campaign for all the issues that us international students face on a day to day basis. Fighting for fee reduction reforms for international students, better mental health support system for students and developing extensive policy work around course quality, consistently working to hold the University accountable.

International students have so much potential left to unlock. I'm here because our student union should leave no student behind, and I won't stop fighting until RUSU fulfils this vision.

Alongside Together candidates we will campaign for more international student support, deliver more cultural and accessible events! So every International student feels welcomed and at home at RMIT.

Only TOGETHER will fight for a fair and welcoming campus! VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Ersha Mohan (Social Justice)



I'm running as an International Officer because as International students, we are exploited by universities and are treated like cash cows.

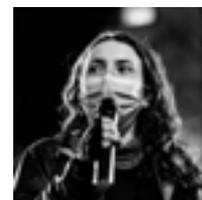
We pay exorbitant upfront fees, and we still don't have the same basic rights as Australian citizens. If unis are run like businesses, international students are the high-grade investments. Our money goes to line the pockets of the uni execs while they cut back on staff and on courses to boost their bottom line.

The appalling treatment of international students is a political issue that I think student unions have a duty to take up. I'm proud to be running with Social Justice, because we know that international students and domestic students are in the same boat and want to fight for the same things: social justice, free education, and a decent standard of living for all.

Vote [1] Social Justice for a fighting, left-wing student union.

National Union of Students Delegate (seven positions available)

Ella Marchionda (Social Justice)



I wouldn't blame you for not knowing what NUS (National Union of Students) is. I can't remember the last time they actually took up a serious fight for student rights. Last

year I went to the NUS National Conference to make exactly that point: our unions were becoming irrelevant, more and more just happy to capitulate to university management as they rammed through staff and course cuts.

Student unions don't have to be like this, and they shouldn't be. Voting to send me to the National Union of Students Conferences means sending someone who wants to revive the tradition of student unions fighting around social justice issues. There's a great history of radical struggles on and around our campus, like fights against Islamophobia waged by student activists—this fight continues on campus today, with the recent protests against RMIT's ties with weapons companies that make money off the bombing of Palestinians.

We want our student union to throw themselves head first into these kinds of fights, and that's why you should vote [1] Social Justice for NUS Delegates.

Chris Giddings (Social Justice)



The NUS is the peak representative body for students around Australia, and has the ability to organise, and mobilise students for issues that they care about. The sad

state of affairs is that it barely does that. But we can change that. By electing left-wing student activists for NUS Delegates, that increases the likelihood that NUS can start to rebuild itself into a fighting body. I have been involved in student activism for a number of years, whether it's fighting for free education, climate justice or women & LGBT rights, and I have continuously been pushing for NUS to take up these questions seriously.

Voting [1] Social Justice for NUS Delegates puts an activist national student union back on the table.

Nick de Voil (Social Justice)



Hey, I'm Nick, what's up? The cost of living, that's what's up. Global average temperatures are up. Fossil fuel profits are up. Everything's up, except for the quality of

students' education and the pay they take home each week from increasingly precarious jobs.

Universities sell us their courses on the basis that they'll make us ready for the future, but the future is looking pretty bleak at the moment. That's why I think we need to see student unions step up and actually fight for students' rights: their rights to a decent education that doesn't put us into debt just to pay rich CEO's salaries and fossil fuel investments. There's so much our unions could be doing to back students, and I want to help reinvigorate our union as a union that's not afraid to fight.

Asyiqin Sanif (Social Justice)



I am running as NUS Delegate because I want the National Union of Students to be an activist body that stands up for students! Students have had it bad for far too long, and

there's a lot more that the NUS could do to fight for students. As well as that, there are many social justice issues that students care about, like the fight for climate justice, the fight for a free palestine and the fight for abortion rights. So the NUS should take up these fights, and lead them. Voting for me for your NUS delegate will ensure that the National Union of Students fights for you and the issues you care about.

Deitra Kanellos (Social Justice)



The National Union of Students effectively represents every student in Australia, but it's been missing in action for decades. Conditions for students have got

worse and worse over the decades, with soaring fee hikes, course cuts, and all kinds of attacks on our education. Now more than ever, we need our representative body to kick into gear and push back on the neoliberal offensive.

I want the National Union of Students to be relevant to students' lives again, a fighting body that students feel part of and connected to. The way trade unions are meant to fight for workers, student unions need to fight for us and connect up our struggles with broader social justice struggles in society that affect us all. That's why I've hit the streets with many of my fellow Social Justice candidates over the past few months protesting for Palestine, for climate justice, and for women's rights.

Vote [1] Social Justice for a fighting National Union of Students.

Jaynaya Travis (Social Justice)



Students have faced unparalleled attacks in the last few years. Massive staff cuts, fee hikes (my degree has doubled in price) all while the quality of education continues

to go down.

I think we need NUS union representatives who will take up the fight against these attacks on education.

We need union representatives who will fight against the VCs who are slashing courses and staff jobs, while enjoying upwards of 1,000,000 dollar salaries.

As a Social Justice candidate I want to be a part of creating a much needed left wing force in the NUS to fight for student rights and defend our education.

Jack Carrington (Social Justice)



The National Union of Students should be a fighting body that stands up for students against the myriad of attacks and issues we face right now. We've got the climate crisis

- which the NUS could be mobilising students to fight around. We have attacks on students and staff by the university management, that the NUS could be fighting against. Students have historically played a powerful role in all social movements, and so we can make NUS better if it is pushed in a left-wing direction.

Vote [1] Social Justice for NUS delegates!

Jess Strah (Momentum)

No statement submitted.

Tharun Yadav (Momentum)

No statement submitted.

Julia McIvor (Momentum)

No statement submitted.

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Liam Tinker (Together)



Hello, my name is Liam Tinker

And I am a candidate for the NUS delegate. This is an important position for me because I care deeply

for the struggles of students and believe that the best way to solve these issues is through collective action on a national level and the best way to organise such action is through a union. I've worked in unions and similar groups and thus possess the skills and experience necessary to succeed in this role. I'm a strong communicator and work well in groups but importantly I'm driven and will fight to see better outcomes for us the students in not only RMIT but also on a national level. I'll fight for low fees, more support and cheaper beers because those are the things that will help you. I also listen to and take on ideas and so I want to hear from other students so that I know what to be fighting for and to see what matters to you.

Only TOGETHER will fight for your academic rights! VOTE [1] Together!

Dennis Southon (Together)



I am running for the delegate position for the National Union of Students (NUS) as I want to advocate for a better university experience and give a voice to RMIT

students at a national level. Given the cost of living crisis we are going through, and how tough it is on students, it is more important than ever our student unions fight for our rights and advocate for a better experience at uni. I believe the NUS is the best platform to advocate for student rights in multiple areas including strengthening student welfare, improving student life outside the classroom, ensuring quality education and advocating for lower fees for domestic and international students.

Vote 1 Together for a better university life!

Finbar Bray (Together)



Students in Australia are getting a raw deal and there's no doubt about it. The National Union of Students plays an important role in advocating for student rights and

if elected, I would take on the responsibility with a great deal of passion and determination. I will represent the proud and diverse RMIT community and bring the fight for better living conditions for students to NUS and beyond.

Education is the driving force of social mobility in this country. It should be the right of every Australian to access the highest standard of education and the right of every student to be given the greatest chance to succeed in their studies. As an institution founded on striving for excellent outcomes from those of all socio-economic backgrounds, RMIT needs strong representation at NUS to ensure our voices are heard and our concerns addressed, not just those of the Group of 8 heavyweights!

Together, we will make our voices heard on a national scale. Together, we will advance the living conditions of students of this country.

Only TOGETHER will fight for your representation! VOTE [1] Together!

Jacob Sartori (Together)



My name is Jacob Sartori and I have been representing students as a NUS delegate for the last year, in this upcoming election I'm looking to keep that going

as I am running to keep my position as a representative for student interest. On and off campus I have looked to participate in a large variety of campus activity and volunteer where I can as I view the university experience as more than just getting a degree. I hope to continue helping students in big ways by representing the interests of RMIT students at the various NUS conventions, voting on what I believe students hope to see. I will try my best to create a campus experience that serves all students equally and supports those in need such that we can live a campus life we won't forget.

Only TOGETHER will fight for your student rights! VOTE [1] Together!

Yusuf Abas (Together)



Now more than ever it is important for Student Unions to come together and advocate on a National Level. The era of defunding, and lowering standards for

Tertiary Education. Students must fight back against unfair decisions to ensure that students from all backgrounds can access an education that they deserve - one that'll actually prepare them for real life and work. Too often we see universities delivering tokenistic programs, often just ticking boxes for 'compliance'. If elected, I will provide a strong voice of advocacy to the National Union of Students. Vote for me and Together to give all students the passionate voice we deserve.

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Adam Steiner (Together)



In 2022 I served as your RUSU President, and I poured my blood, sweat and tears into making RMIT a better place to learn, to live and to laugh.

Now, for 2023, I am running to be a delegate to the National Union of Students.

I'm doing this because I believe that RMIT students deserve a strong representative voice on the national stage. As the largest higher education provider in the country RMIT deserves proper representation, and I will work to ensure this happens.

With a new Federal Albanese Labor Government in power, it is more important than ever that both domestic and international students are represented with purpose, passion, and a strong voice at the national level to set the tone of what young people at RMIT need.

The National Union of Students is the peak representative body for university students in Australia.

And a vote for me, your current President, is a vote to ensure that the voice of RMIT's many student cohorts is heard loud and clear within the NUS.

Only TOGETHER will fight for your academic rights! VOTE [1] Together!

Sheldon Gait (Together)



I have been in student advocacy and RUSU for the last 4 years. I started as a volunteer and club president before moving onto council and this year as your General

Secretary.

So many of the issues we face as students stem from the Federal Government. Whether its student fees, welfare payments or visa conditions the National Union has a place in fighting for better support for students. If elected as a delegate I will continue to fight against the dastardly Job Ready Graduates package and ensure an Albanese Labor Government fully funds the Higher Education sector.

I believe in supporting the underdog and giving people a fair go. It was to defend these principles that the National Union of Students was created for and upholding these values have led me to run in the election as one of RMIT University's delegates. If elected, I will campaign for you to ensure the principles of equity and a fair go.

It is vital for all students that the National Union is managed responsibly, and transparently. I will do my part to ensure an honest NUS in 2023.

Only TOGETHER will fight for your academic rights! VOTE [1] Together!

Will Martin-Block (Momentum)

No statement submitted.

Postgraduate Officer

Hugh Sullivan (Social Justice)



I'm running for Postgraduate Officer with Social Justice because I think the student union movement needs to get its act together. Students don't exist in

some bubble; we're affected by all the major political issues playing out today: climate change, the rising cost of living, and rising inequality to name a few.

I want a student union that fights for students and around broader social justice campaigns. I've recently been involved in activism around refugee rights and climate justice, but I want to see RUSU and other student unions at these protests, representing and fighting for students. Our union has a budget running into the millions of dollars; imagine what we could do with that if we put it into building a serious nationwide campaign demanding free education.

Dhweep Shah (Together)



When I migrated to Melbourne from India , I faced some difficulties while adjusting to the new environment. I knew that it was difficult to make my voice heard

by someone.

As postgraduates officer, I would focus on improving the academic and social regulations for postgraduate students, so they are fully supported in their degrees. Both the student body and the university will work together to ensure challenges, of reporting and procedures, are easily overcome and enhance the student experience.

I will create a platform that will put students at ease and make it easy for them to make a difference to the university and all the students. I know what it feels like to be one in many but I want to create a social and educational platform where students will have equal opportunities to have their voice heard by the RMIT management. It is also very important to make the mental welfare of students a top priority. I will also ensure that there are ample opportunities for everyone to wind down and relax. I want to create an environment that is inclusive to everyone and welcoming to the new.

Only TOGETHER will fight for your academic rights!

Queer Officer

Rhydian Kelly (Momentum)

No statement submitted.

Patrick Pieciun & Alice Holmes (Together)



The Queer Department is one of the most active RUSU departments; representing, advocating, and celebrating queer-identifying students. Our names are Alice Holmes (They/Them pronouns) and Patrick Pieciun (He/They pronouns), and we are running for the Queer Officer positions for 2022-2023. We



have both been incredibly active within the RUSU Queer Collective, with Patrick being Queer Officer last year and Alice running the collective's fortnightly DnD Sessions!

We are committed to represent all queer students at RMIT and campaign for their rights and safety as students. This will include our continued fight to stop dead-naming on student-facing platforms and continuing to demand better conditions at our Queer Lounges! We also plan to bring forward a variety of events, both in-person and online! We want to continue the tradition of running our wildly successful Queer Mixers, along with smaller events, such as the coffee catch ups. We also wish to run more accessible events including online meetups for those who have difficulty or are unable to attend in-person. We would also love to run more educational events, such as queer-inclusive make up classes and panel events.

Only TOGETHER will campaign for Queer rights! Only TOGETHER will bring you Queer events!

Steven Hawes & Dominique Niere (Social Justice)



Steven: Queer Students deserve an activist student union that passionately fights for LGBT+ rights and for the rights of everyone!



An effective student union must be willing to organise through activism to ensure our existence at campus is

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acknowledged and defended. Homophobia and transphobia are real threats to everyone, and a student union must be equipped to actively fight against any form of discrimination. Especially against decisions made by RMIT and even decisions made by the government and other institutions, we must always fight back! Actually organising and protesting in solidarity has always been effective to defend the rights of the oppressed. Mardi Gras in Australia 1978 was a monumental statement made by LGBT+ people in Sydney, it was inspired by movements originating in San Francisco for lesbian and gay rights and was supported by many others to fight back against oppression and violence.

The rights of LGBT+ people are the rights of everyone, and we truly deserve an activist student union that will always fight for our rights and the rights of everyone on or off campus.

Dominique: I'm running as Queer Officer because we need someone who going to fight against all the attacks on LGBTI+ people by the government and those in power. Even though we won equal marriage five years ago, homophobia and transphobia are definitely not over. Students have fought against bigoted bills like the religious discrimination bill, and they should be given a platform to do so. I think I can be part of building that activist platform in the student union. Vote for an activist for queer officer!

Sustainability Officer

Richard Cooling (Social Justice)



Our world is facing unprecedented ecological crises, fuelled by greedy corporations and institutions. As young people we are going to be amongst the

first generations to be severely impacted by climate change, and already we're seeing the effects of droughts, fires and floods.

I'm running with Social Justice because I believe RUSU should be an activist union that mobilises students to fight for a safer climate. It should put pressure on RMIT to fully cut its ties with fossil fuels and destructive weapons manufacturers. RUSU needs to make sure that whenever there is a rally for climate justice, students come out in numbers.

My journey as an environmentalist began with my desire to protect the pristine beaches and forests of lutruwita/Tasmania, where I grew up. Since 2018 I have been involved with groups including the Australian Youth Climate Coalition and Fossil Free RMIT. I have helped empower young people to fight for environmental justice in their communities and campaigned successfully for RMIT to significantly cut its investments in fossil fuels.

Sustainability is not just a matter of compost and keep cups, we need transformative change.

Vote Student Voice for a union devoted to the fight for climate justice!

Ella Bryne (Together)



With student life back we have a chance to make an impact at RMIT. The environment needs us, and we are able to make changes. Climate change is real

and impacts all of us.

I want to make sustainable options and choices at RMIT to make our impact on the environment as minimal as possible. I will fight for students want to help the environment. We have a chance to make environmentally friendly options around RMIT and make an impact.

I want to continue previous Together initiatives such as edible gardens and swap shop clothing bins. I want to introduce and sustain initiative around RMIT to help the environment!

Alongside RUSU's Realfoods café that offers sustainable and ethical food, I want to advocate for more environmentally friendly and reusable options at RMIT.

If elected as your Sustainability officer, I will fight for sustainability at RMIT and will ensure that we can go to a campus that has better choices.

Only TOGETHER will fight for sustainability at RMIT! VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Tharun Yadav (Momentum)

No statement submitted.

Vocational Education Officer

Elior Malka (Together)



Often overlooked, vocational education is without argument just as important as higher education, while also presenting its own unique issues and needs. VE contains a

wide array of subjects, ranging from trades, arts, STEM, just to name a few. I believe it is incredibly important to help bridge the gap between HE and VE, allowing VE students to feel more welcome in all that university life has to offer. I also strongly believe in advocacy for issues that are uniquely VE, whether it be prevention of wage theft, promotion of employment opportunities, and now more important than ever, mental health support and services.

As the Together candidate for VE officer, I will commit to preserving the changes created by those before me, such as fortnightly BBQ's, 50% accommodation discounts, and a consolidated timetable system, while also fighting newer issues, such as multicultural representation, your rights as an employee, and mental health awareness. All students have the right to be represented, whether it be a diploma or degree, and Together has persevered to ensure that to be the case for several years now.

A vote for Together is a vote for representation! VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Henry Parker (Social Justice)



Vocational Education students, like all higher education students, have had our education attacked by RMIT's profit-hungry university administration.

We've faced staff cuts, cuts to courses, and regular fee hikes. As part of Social Justice, I promise to fight for the rights of students and staff in Vocational Education to affordable and quality teaching and learning conditions. I also promise to use RUSU as a platform to represent working class and marginalised students, whose education and university experiences are made increasingly difficult by

the financial pressures placed on them by our lousy university administration.

I think that VE students would benefit massively from a student union that is more inclusive, more active, and more willing to fight for their rights and engage in activism around issues that students are passionate about. If elected, I'll work towards a fighting student union, one that isn't afraid to take a principled stance on behalf of the student body, and will genuinely involve and represent them in the university.

Welfare Officer

Alyce McVicar (Social Justice)



As Welfare Officer, I will fight for students rights. Students need higher welfare, , since we are bearing the brunt of the cost of living crisis right now. Many students are

living pay-check to pay-check in underpaid, casualised jobs and have to skip meals to survive. As well, students face a barrage of threats that undermine the quality of their education—from fee hikes to course cuts and slashes to university funding, not to mention unpaid internships while they struggle to make ends meet and job insecurity after graduating.

RMIT is run like a corporation. That means student welfare is virtually irrelevant to university management, who are only concerned with profitability. Student unions need to take a side in this stand-off between our uni's corporate management and its students. As a candidate for the left-wing, activist ticket Social Justice, I know which side I stand on.

We want to rebuild the tradition of students fighting back for a decent life and a decent education. That means kicking weapons dealers off campus, demanding real climate action now, and fighting to make bosses pay for the rising cost of living, not students and workers.

Amelia Cotsanis (Together)



Together understands the pressures that comes from studying, whether you're a local or international student, whether it is your first or final year,

and everything in between. That is why as your Welfare Officer for 2023, I will make the commitment to ensure that you have access to all the right knowledge to make the most of the services and resources available to you as an RMIT student.

As your Welfare Officer, it is not only my responsibility to offer and provide strong Welfare services, but also to assist in providing all students with a voice in the welfare sector, and working passionately and proudly to support each of you to thrive, develop a sense of belonging, and get the most out of your university experience.

Looking after your health is so important in order for you to achieve success at university. As Welfare Officer, I will work collaboratively with RMIT to advocate for more accessible counseling and mental health support. I also want to bring you fun yet informative activities and workshops, and continue to make RMIT the gold standard for mental health in Australian universities.

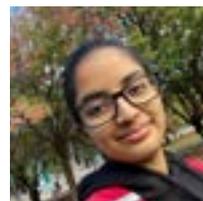
Only TOGETHER can provide strong Welfare service for RMIT Students!

Julia McIvor (Momentum)

No statement submitted.

Women's Officer

Akshita Agrawal (Together)



Diversity and inclusion is one of the main areas of focus of the Together party. More now than ever it is important for the people represented by the Women's

Department to feel protected, especially at a time when it feels like the world might be going backwards. We need to empower women identifying and non-binary students, and encourage other students, irrespective of gender, to provide support and become allies.

As a woman of colour, I understand the importance and need of safe spaces and environments within the RMIT campus. If elected, I promise to do everything in my power to make these spaces as accessible and secure as possible.

I will ensure that the women identifying and non-binary students are heard, and their

needs are met by RMIT. I will also strive to host events that are centered around being safe and inclusive of women identifying and non-binary students where they can meet other like-minded people as well.

Together can create a safe and inclusive environment for all and I intend to bring TOGETHER to ensure that the Women's Department continues to fight to do right by the people it represents.

Only TOGETHER will fight for safe campus!

Asyiqin Sanif (Social Justice)



Student unions should be on the frontlines fighting for women's rights. Women's rights suffered a major defeat in America only a few months ago with the

overturning of Roe v. Wade, and I was proud to join the massive solidarity demonstration in Melbourne that followed it. At that protest, we argued that the overturning of Roe v. Wade was not just something that affected women's rights in America, and that the right to abortion access is far from guaranteed in Australia, especially for poor and working-class women; this is something student unions could and should fight around on campus.

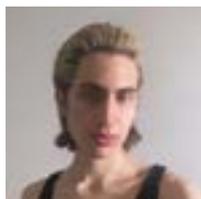
Women's rights still have miles to go and student unionists can't sit on their hands while women still suffer countless injustices, especially minority and working-class women: the gender pay gap, precarious work, and the strictures of "traditional" gender roles.

Elected Unopposed

The following nominations have been received and have been provisionally declared elected unopposed.

Brunswick Coordinator

Daniel Mizzi (Together)



I'm bored. Screaming bored! And my guess is, you're probably bored as well. How could you not be? The Brunswick campus is being woefully neglected. Where are

the fabulous installations? Fabulous markets? Fabulous parties? That's the issue, the campus is lacking a general fabulousness. If only there was someone who could reinveragte the campus...

Hi! My name is Daniel Mizzi – fabulous person. Being a fabulous person, fabulous events are something I hold near and dear to my heart. They're an opportunity to foster community through connection, sharing and, above all, fun. These qualities should be at the core of the university experience, however, Brunswick students are being denied these through lack of attention. I am here to change that. It's my mission to build a campus comradery through inclusive events that reflect the diverse, innovative and creative flare of the RMIT student body. Don't you want the opportunity to better explore your cohort- because they're amazing! The Brunswick campus hosts the most inquisitive, interesting, iconic students of all RMIT. Considering my pledge for Campus Coordinator means you, like myself, are enchanted by your peers and wish to build better connections through fabulous events, run by fabulous people.

VOTE [1] Together!

Brunswick Representative

Georgia Mullins (Together)



I consider myself a generous, dedicated, motivated and passionate person which I've displayed and strengthened those values through my years of volunteer

and community work from a young age as well as my experience in multiple university clubs and societies.

Growing up in a small town, I've always felt connected to the idea of community and the strength and power it holds to make change and connect with others. As I've currently been enrolled at the Brunswick campus for over a year now, I have been able to develop strong ties and a positive reputation among peers, students and staff which would be necessary in this role.

As your Brunswick Representative I will place an emphasis on uniting the students at the School of Fashion and Textiles. I want to implement ideas, events, platforms, and community spaces where students from all majors including sustainable innovation, design, enterprise and textile design can network, collaborate, share ideas, improve on issues and help each other grow as we prepare to enter the industry.

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Bundoora East Representative

Simon Manoj (Together)



Hello, my name is Simon. The RUSU club was the first club I joined when I began my studies at RMIT. Why? It's because RUSU conveyed the impression that it can

do a lot for pupils. Trust me, it did. Being a part of RUSU, I worked for the Together team, took part in many RUSU events, and was entranced by it. Now I want to continue along the same route and do even more for RMIT students.

Someone once stated that campus is where a group of strangers get together, make friends, and create experiences that will last a lifetime. I want to see all Bundoora students making the most of their time there, whether it is by raising the calibre of their curriculum or cultivating a livelier and more vibrant campus atmosphere.

I want every Bundoora student to feel that this is my campus, and it is the best campus. By establishing more student support programmes and holding enjoyable activities. Support me and Together, so that we can all be part of the change and bring a quality student life

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Bundoora West Representative

Dulan Ariyathilaka (Together)



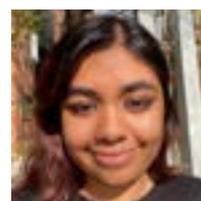
My focus as the next representative for Bundoora West will be to build upon all the good effort to improve the quality of life of international students studying at RMIT. I

understand the difficulties you face, having to worry about your family dealing with the post-pandemic while still having to deal with the demands your degree is asking from you. It is not fair for you and you deserve to feel comfortable while studying in Australia. I will try my best to help form communities through social activities and providing relief through free food and other services. I also want to improve experiences for STEM students as I study engineering. Students at RMIT should have many opportunities to interact with the industry they are studying for, otherwise you are working towards a loosely defined goal. I also believe that students in Bundoora need improved study help, like what is provided in the city with on-campus help from past students.

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Indigenous Officer

Anjali Kiran (Together)



Womin Djeka, my name is Anjali, I am a proud First Nations person from Alyawarre, Northern Territory. A bit about me, I am studying my third

year of my Bachelor of Business majoring in Economics and Finance. Some of my hobbies are photography, ice skating, travelling, and cooking.

I am passionate about providing a strong voice to Indigenous students at RMIT and creating a positive impact on the community. I am currently on my journey to learning about my cultural heritage and the systematic injustices committed against my people. Throughout my journey so far, I have developed a passion for Indigenous economic development. Addressing economic inequality and building indigenous wealth. I aspire to pivot these learnings into positive action for RMIT Indigenous students and the broader community through the promotion of Indigenous culture, campaigns, and uniting communities. Above all, I hope to cultivate a strong Indigenous family where we can all support each other and unite us with other tertiary Indigenous communities.

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