

RUSU

RMIT UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

ANNUAL
ELECTIONS | 2023

Annual Elections 2023

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 around 80 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 via an online method. All enrolled students will receive a link to vote in their student email on Monday 4 September. Students can vote on their own devices at any time during election week, OR attend a polling location in person to vote.

Voting will be 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 4 September 2023 until 1pm, Friday 8 September 2023.
The returning Officer is Jessica Fox.

Polling Booth Times and Locations

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

2023		Monday 4 September	Tuesday 5 September	Wednesday 6 September	Thursday 7 September	Friday 8 September
City	Building NAS (Bld 8-12), Level 4			10.00am – 4.00pm		
City	Building 10, Level 4*	10.00am – 5.00pm	9.00am – 4.00pm		10.00am – 4.00pm	10.00am – 1.00pm
City	Building 80, Level 3	2.30pm – 5.00pm		9.30am – 12.30pm		
City	Alumni Courtyard				12.00pm – 3.00pm (Chill N Grill)	
Carlton	O'Grady's Place	10.30am – 1.30pm				
Brunswick	Building 514 Courtyard		10.30am – 2.30pm (Chill N Grill)			
Bundoora West	Building 204 Courtyard			10.00am – 3.00pm (Chill N Grill)		

* Exact location TBD

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.

Referendum

RUSU is running a referendum to propose a change to the RUSU Constitution at the same time as the RUSU Annual election. The proposed change to the constitution is to increase the number of elected RUSU Indigenous Officers from one to two.

The referendum will be held at the same time as the 2023 Student Union elections - from **4 to 8 September**.

All currently enrolled RMIT students will receive an email to their student account on 4 September. The email will include with a link to vote in the RUSU Annual elections, AND to vote in the referendum to change the RUSU Constitution.

Help RUSU increase Indigenous student representation within RUSU and RMIT. VOTE YES! to change the RUSU Constitution.

The referendum question is as follows:

REFERENDUM - RUSU Elected Indigenous Officers

The RUSU Student Union Council is proposing to amend section 4.1.9 of the RUSU Constitution to increase the number of elected RUSU Indigenous Officers from one to two. The purpose of this change is to increase representation of Indigenous student voices at RUSU and RMIT.

The proposed new clause is:

4.1.9 the Indigenous Officer.

The position of Indigenous Officer may be held by up to two eligible students running on a joint ticket, each who identify as Indigenous (as determined by the Student Union election Regulations). If two students hold this position, then together they may cast only one vote at SUC meetings in accordance with the Student Union Regulations

REFERENDUM QUESTION:

Do you support the proposal to amend the RUSU constitution to increase the number of elected RUSU Indigenous Officers from one to two.

Yes

No

How to Vote

Eligible voters will receive an email from the RUSU Returning Officer with the subject line '**RMIT University Student Union (RUSU) 2023 Annual Elections & Referendum – Voting Link**' on Monday 4 September 2023. An individual voting link will be provided in this email. Open this link to access a page with all of the positions being contested.

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2023 RMIT University Student Union Annual Elections

- Student Union Council**
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 - Election for Clubs and Societies Officer
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 - Election for Indigenous Officer
 - Election for Disabilities & Carers Officer
- Student Union Council - Election for General Representatives**
 - Election for General Representatives
- Campus Representatives**
 - Voting Instructions
 - Election for City Coordinator
 - Election for City Representative
- National Union of Students delegates**
 - National Union of Students delegates

'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.

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City Campus

Above the line

- Gryffindor
- Hufflepuff

Proceed to vote confirm page

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.

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Postgraduate Officer

Election for Postgraduate Officer

Number up to 2 checkboxes

- Neville Longbottom (Gryffindor)
- Nymphadora Tonks (Hufflepuff)

You have not yet voted in this ballot.

Proceed to vote confirm page

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 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.

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

Above the line

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Ron Weasley (Gryffindor)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Neville Longbottom (Gryffindor)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Harry Potter (Gryffindor)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Colin Creevey (Gryffindor)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hufflepuff	<input type="checkbox"/> Cedric Diggory (Hufflepuff)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hannah Abbott (Hufflepuff)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Teddy Lupin (Hufflepuff)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Newt Scamander (Hufflepuff)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Nymphadora Tonks (Hufflepuff)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Susan Bones (Hufflepuff)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Zacharias Smith (Hufflepuff)
<input type="checkbox"/> Not in any party	<input type="checkbox"/> Dudley Dursley

You have not yet voted in this ballot.

[Proceed to vote confirm page](#)

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.

Policies

Together



Together has put together an amazing and diverse team which represents many amazing communities, clubs and degrees. The Together team are active members of the community who can't wait to start representing you in RUSU! These candidates will step up and go out of their way to help any students at RMIT!

Together is the only team who cares and fights to improve your academic rights and student life. Together pushes for better welfare on campus, reducing wait times with counsellors down to 8 days from 30!

2023 Together ensured students were their number one priority. In 2023, achieved by Together, we brought to you:

- More Free Food
- Student Gym
- Neurodiverse Study Space
- Free sanitary products on campus
- Cheaper food on Campus
- New Queer and Women's Rooms
- Compulsory Consent training

From your favourite events such as chill n grills to boat parties and members drinks. Together will continue to make this even better! Bringing people from different degrees and communities together we provide for students.

In 2024 we want to increase multicultural food on campus, supporting and uplifting all the communities on campus. We want to ensure that there is the support you deserve in finding placements. In 2024 we want to end recycled lectures at RMIT, and see to it that the knowledge that you gain is up to date.

We want to make sure that we continue RUSU's strong campus presence if not increase with amazing events like On-Campus networking events, Industry nights, Multi-Cultural events, chill n grills, boat parties, Members drinks and many other events that you all love!

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 2024

Social Justice



Vote [1] Social Justice for an activist RUSU!

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

Students are angry. The climate is being destroyed. University fees have gone up. Classes are overcrowded. Our tutors are stretched and underpaid. Sexism, racism & homophobia are rife in society. Rents have gone up while welfare for students hasn't. Social Justice wants a student union that will stand up for students both on and off campus.

RUSU has a budget of \$4 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

- Money for welfare, not warfare
- campus protests against RMIT's ties to weapons manufacturing companies who profit from genocide
- to free the refugees
- to stop the far right and neo-Nazis on the streets of Melbourne
- for a free Palestine
- against the massive increases to our university fees
- for LGBTQI+ rights, against the religious discrimination bill
- last year's 15,000-strong protests in defence of abortion rights
- climate justice campaigns through RMIT Students for Climate Justice

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

Activities Officer

Amandi Peiris (Together)



Hi I am Amandi

I currently study Chemical Engineering, have been on club executives and support students

through my role at RMIT Connect. I am here to support students while bringing the fun to campus. I believe that what happens outside the classroom is just as important as what happens inside

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.

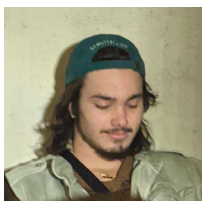
As Activities Officer I also want to bring more industry nights to campus, linkedin workshops and engaging career development opportunities to support students getting into the future workforce.

I will aim to reach out to all students so that no one is left behind 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!

Finn Corr (Social Justice)



It's clear that not all activities are welcome at RMIT. Earlier this year, 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. That also means suitable spaces for all sorts of campus activities: dance spaces, theatre spaces, sports facilities, study spaces. We deserve better.

We need a student union fighting around social justice issues like climate justice, LGBTIQ+ rights, and anti-racism.

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

Brunswick Coordinator

Wen Zheng (Social Justice)



I am running for Brunswick Coordinator because I think students at the Brunswick campus deserve a better quality of education.

We refuse to let our education be pushed to the side - we deserve better facilities! As Brunswick Coordinator I will also make sure that activism is brought to our campus and that students have a chance to fight around social issues they care about.

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

Vaani Saraswat (Together)



Hey, explorer! Let's take a quick trip - Imagine a campus where individuality is celebrated like a chart-topping single, inspiration flowing in abundance. An

inclusive collective where everyone feels valued, inspired. Picture events showcasing the extraordinary talents, iconic individuals who deserve an environment that matches the extraordinary.

Now, that I've got your attention, let's think about revival. And, I'm talking Brunswick. Because let's be honest, the campus is yearning for some excitement, some serious mic-drop moments. Are you with me? Oh! the incredible potential we've got right under

our noses! And I, your aspiring candidate as the Brunswick Coordinator, am committed to breathing life into our campus through events that celebrate our unique diversity, innovative spirit, and boundless creativity.

My direction is simple: I'm all about curating experiences that celebrate YOU. Motto? You name it and we will embrace it! I'm looking forward to uplifting what resonates with the rebellious spirit of our artist souls. Unleashing the virtuoso, as wise Banksy once said, "Art should comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable." Together, let's make our mark, ignite our campus (perhaps literally!), and create a story that'll have everyone talking.

VOTE [1] for a spirit that embraces Togetherness!

VOTE [1] Together!

Catalyst Editors

Cormac Mills Ritchard, Willy Law & Auley Ryan (Social Justice)

Student magazines have a long history of championing social causes - during the 70s they were megaphones for draft resisters, land rights and gay and women's liberation. We're arts students and we're running for Catalyst editor positions with Social Justice because we think student magazines should be a voice for the oppressed and exploited.

There is so much wrong in the world, from the overturning of abortion rights in the US, to the climate crisis and rampaging inequality. We should have a student press that acts as a forum for campaigns, activism and debate, as well as platforming art and writing that breaks the mould and represents the oppressed. Social Justice will give a voice to students who so often go voiceless on the decisions that shape our world and our university, like RMIT's decisions to partner with weapons companies or sack hundreds of staff.

Cormac and Willy have written for Red Flag, Australia's largest socialist newspaper, and Auley is a student activist.

Students magazines should be a tribune for students, taking up the fight for a better world.

Vote [1] Social Justice if you want your student magazine to be a catalyst for change.

Statements

Soumil, Isabelle Mountjoy-Austin & Ishaan Ambavane (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, Isabelle, Ishaan and Soumil, are running to continue uplifting and withholding the student voice for Catalyst magazine in 2024. Together as editors, we have a broad background in Engineering, 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 deliver the student voice you need

Let's all come together to VOTE [1] Together!

City Representative Ryan Wong (Together)



Hey guys, I am Ryan and I am currently studying for a Bachelor of Arts in Photography.

I joined RUSU on my first day at university because of the

community that they have provided and have enjoyed their weekly events. I enjoyed them so much that I decided to volunteer so that other students could have the same experience as me. I am also involved in the Ultimate Frisbee Club and Photography Club.

For me University is as much about what happens inside the classroom as what happens outside of it. As a Student run organisation RUSU is the best place to represent students and build their community. I hope I can continue this work with the Together Team for 2024.

Only TOGETHER will create a vibrant campus community!

VOTE [1] Together!

Asyiqin Sanif (Social Justice)



As City Representative I will fight for the rights of students at the city campus. With education quality getting worse and worse, we need a student union that

fights for better facilities, more course funding, and better pay for our teachers. I will also bring the fight for social justice onto our campus. Regularly there are protests at the State Library, right next to our campus. It would be great if the student union mobilised students to fight for the climate, women's rights, and refugee rights and every other progressive cause that students care about.

The city campus needs to be a more welcoming, inclusive space for everyone. For example, the prayer room for Muslim students is not even on the city campus, leaving some students forced to pray in stairwells! Students deserve better and that's what I want to fight for.

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

Clubs & Societies Officer Harrison Lal (Together)



My name is Harrison and I'm thrilled to be running for Clubs and Society Officer for RUSU in 2024!

I'm in my fourth year of Environmental

Engineering and have previously been apart of EESA (Environmental Engineering Student Association) in numerous leadership roles over the last few years. It's these experiences as to why I believe it's a perfect fit for me to take on the responsibilities of Clubs and Society Officer.

I can apply the knowledge and skillset I have obtained from my previous roles and translate that into the wider RUSU clubs and RMIT community. I would like to better showcase the incredible range of societies and clubs at RMIT and their importance to student life on campus and the community. I want to ensure there is better support for clubs from the student council, more training and more grants so that they can run bigger and better events.

I would love the opportunity to listen, engage

and focus on what clubs need and offer to students at RMIT. I will put these words into action to better provide for all club leaders and members across the university.

Only TOGETHER will fight for the club's community.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Chris Giddings (Social Justice)



Student clubs and societies are an integral part of university life. RUSU has many vibrant and engaging student clubs that appeal to and involve hundreds

of students. As Clubs and Societies Officer, I will ensure the autonomy and success of these organisations.

Student clubs should be fully independent of the university and not reliant on boards of management for funding.

Vote [1] Social Justice for an independent student union that will stand up for the rights of clubs and societies.

Disabilities & Carers Officer

Cormac Mills Ritchard (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.

I'm campaigning for a student union that will fight against inequality and oppression. RUSU should be more 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.

RUSU should fight to make the university more accessible for students with disabilities and

those with caring duties. For instance by making it easier to get extensions and more support so students don't end up with fail grades. This goes hand-in-hand with the fight for free education, a system that is geared around learning (not making profits) is the way we can bring equality for disabled students and carers.

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

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

Samuel Coombs (Together)



Hey Everyone! I'm Samuel Coombs and I am currently studying Community Services at RMIT. Throughout my studies I have learnt how good advocacy and support can empower

and support people to live their best lives. As a student I have seen these exact principles enacted by RUSU and I want to continue to demonstrate these principles next year.

University should be a place all students can learn at, which is why as your Disabilities and Carers Officer I will continue to fight for greater accessibility both on campus and offline. In my role I will continue to work with RMIT to reform and improve the Equitable Learning System. I will hold RMIT accountable in reaching its targets under the DDA compliance legislation and I will push for the creation of on campus sensory spaces.

Consolation is important to me which is why I strive to hear as many students stories and voices as possible. I want a student experience that allows all students to thrive academically and socially. I will work to ensure all students with disabilities feel welcomed by their university and student community.

Only TOGETHER will fight for an accessible and equitable campus!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Education Officer

James McVicar (Social Justice)



Our university is run for profit. Students are getting themselves into huge debt or paying ridiculously high fees upfront, especially international students,

for an education that gets worse and worse. Courses are cut or delivered in the cheapest way possible, all to line the pockets of the people who run RMIT like a corporation.

The profit-driven model our universities run on means they open the doors to despicable corporations like weapons manufacturer Elbit Systems or climate criminals like Woodside.

We need an Education Officer who wants to fight back against the corporatisation of universities. Education should be free for everyone, just like it used to be before decades of neoliberal attacks. But we need a student union that is willing to fight for it.

As Education Officer, I will campaign for an education run for students, not for profit.

Vote [1] Social Justice for a student union that fights for our education.

Koushik Mukherjee (Together)



Hello, I'm Koushik, a current Bachelor of Business student and I am running for the Education Officer for RUSU this year with TOGETHER.

I am currently the RUSU City Campus Representative, striving to revive campus life after COVID-19. Additionally, I work at RMIT Student Life, where I engage with top executives to advocate for student needs.

With RMIT's new Education Plan and the return to full on-campus classes, reform and change is crucial. I possess extensive experience across RUSU and RMIT, focused on enhancing student experiences. This equips me to effectively represent you and understand RMIT's capabilities.

The Education Officer needs someone with the experience to effectively advocate for

the needs of the students and ensure that all students are receiving the quality of education that they deserve.

TOGETHER has made impactful changes for students, like ending online proctoring, extending fees for international students, and introducing mandatory consent training. As your Education Officer, I'll transform your concerns into actionable policies. My goals include easier assignment extensions, enhanced WIL and Placements, revived Peer Mentoring, balanced assignment deadlines, and more.

Therefore, vote for TOGETHER to continue to fight for your academic rights.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

General Representative (seven positions available)

Ella Byrne (Together)



Hey! I am Ella Byrne and I am excited to be running as the next president of RUSU! I am currently studying a bachelors degree in international studies! RUSU has

played a pivotal role in my life over the past 2 years, I found myself embraced by the student community and supported because of the services and opportunities RUSU has to offer. As your student union president, I want to lead RUSU to bring back student life on all campuses, parties, bbqs and catch ups to reconnect and build the community so students can truly belong.

Together will ensure that no student is left behind, whether it be student life or welfare. I've seen first hand how 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. I am so excited for next year!

Only TOGETHER will tackle the cost of living crisis!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Statements

Lily Plummer (Together)



Hi I'm Lily! I'm running as a General Representative to be elected as Communications Officer for RUSU this year! I'm so excited to be part of this role and

get more involved in the uni. In 2023 I started volunteering at chill n grills and discovered how much I love being a part of the uni. I've been doing marketing for the Business Student Association this year as well so I'm excited and prepared to do comms for RUSU.

I'm originally from Sydney and moved to Melbourne to complete my bachelor of business at RMIT. I'm majoring in economics with a minor in international development and in the future I hope to work in the field of development economics.

I love music, nights out, my plants and thrifting (I live in Brunswick so thrifting is a must)! I'm so excited to be in this role and I can't wait to see what 2024 brings!

Only TOGETHER will create a vibrant campus community!

VOTE [1] Together!

Silvia Comerford (Together)



Hi all, my name is Silvia and I'm running to represent the students of RMIT as a gen rep at RUSU, I am currently studying a bachelor of business and have been

finding it absolutely amazing as I am learning new things everyday. The student union has done so much for me at RMIT from a great support system to building an amazing social uni life, the student union has inspired me to do the same for all the students at RMIT and helping build a fun and friendly environment with a safe and friendly community. My goal as a gen rep is to ensure all students are comfortable and feel safe to come out of their shell to have a social group that can help get through the ups and downs of studying, as a gen rep I would always keep my door open to make sure everyone is welcomed to have an open conversation with whether it's just a cheeky convo or a any advice. I can't wait to meet everyone and watch us achieve our goals together.

Only TOGETHER will reactivate campus life in 2022!

VOTE [1] Together!

Wenxin Yan (Together)



Hi I am Wexin. I am from China and I study a Bachelor of Fashion Enterprise. This is my second year at RMIT and I can confidently say that it's been incredible

thanks to Together and the support they have given to Chinese students on campus.

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. The cost of living, especially around finding housing, has been hard for a lot of students. I want to ensure RMIT provides support for all new students who need somewhere to live.

Together has already accomplished a lot this past year, whether it's related to education or your wellbeing. I 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 have. I respectfully request your vote and I can guarantee you that it'll be treated with utmost care.

Only TOGETHER will create a vibrant campus community!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Gaurav Harichandan (Together)



Hi, I am Gaurav.

I am a Masters of Marketing student from India. I have always been a socially active person, who loves listening to

others and helping them in any way 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 of both domestic and international students 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!

Khushi Khanna (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 tackle the cost of living crisis!

VOTE [1] Together!

Suzee Ngo (Together)



Hi voters, After an exciting two years at RMIT University Vietnam I've moved to Melbourne and decided to step up and contribute to our student life.

As a Vietnamese student I know only too well the struggles of an overcrowded library and not enough study spaces. I will ensure that RMIT has adequate study spaces for all students. I will listen to all students and their concerns and make sure that the RUSU council and RMIT is listening to them.

As the fastest growing student cohort and Australia's closest partners in the world I want to bring the vibrancy of South-East Asia to Melbourne. I want to help run more

multicultural events so we can all share our cultures as a global community.

Only TOGETHER will fight for vibrant campus life!

VOTE [1] Together!

Amelia Christie (Social Justice)



Social Justice wants to put activism and advocacy at the centre of our student union. Over the last few years, 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 demonstrations against neo-Nazis trying to recruit in Melbourne and build a profile for disgusting racist and sexist ideas. I have helped build campaigns for climate justice, and against nuclear submarines, and I led a demonstration to demand RMIT cut its ties with weapons manufacturers like Elbit Systems, whose bombs are dropped on Palestinians.

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.

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

James McVicar (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 reps—many of whom are members of the right-wing faction of the Labor Party—are even less likely to put up a fight.

Recently on campus, I helped organise a rally to demand RMIT cut ties with weapons companies like Elbit Systems, which 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.

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

Sarah Carpentier (Social Justice)



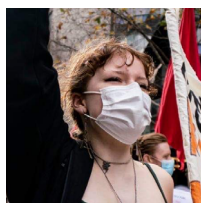
I'm sick and tired of student unions being used as career ladders for a privileged few. These days, it seems like student unionists have forgotten what unions are even for.

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, LGBTQ+ 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!

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

Holly Medlyn (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.

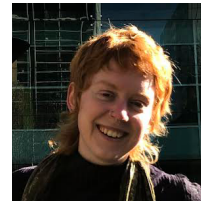
I'm a TAFE student. I want to give vocational education students a voice in our student union. There's so much to fight for. I want to see lower fees and more support for students on campus.

I also care deeply about social justice issues. As a member of the Campaign Against Racism and Fascism I have been organising anti-Nazi protests throughout the year against fascists

organising in Melbourne and parading around our streets - this is just one of the campaigns that I think RUSU should promote.

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

Gemma Seymour (Social Justice)



Student unions have always been the bodies that fight for students both on and off campus. Throughout the decades in Australia, student unions have

won impressive victories, like the battle against fee deregulation in 2014 which would've turned our universities into American-style \$200k degree factories. The unions won this by organising a protest movement all across the country.

The attacks on student conditions and welfare haven't stopped, most students struggle to get by when they're at university and graduate with tens of thousands of dollars of HECS debt.

I want to bring back a student union that actually fights for students!

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

Ersha Mohan (Social Justice)



I'm an international student at RMIT and I'm fed up with the way we are treated. For too long have we been treated as nothing more than a way for the university

to make money. Meanwhile, we're excluded from welfare that domestic students receive. I think this is an appalling state of affairs.

Education should be free - for domestic as well as international students - and international students should be able to receive the same welfare as domestic students too. We need to fight against the neoliberalisation of our universities!

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

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Yanni Kontos (Social Justice)



Sixty thousand dollars. That's how much students can be robbed through unpaid internship programs, which RMIT can require you to do up to a year's worth of.

How are we meant to pay the bills while doing internships that won't pay? Especially when not just our fees but the prices of everything else we need – food, gas, you name it, keeps going up.

I'm running with Social Justice because we need real welfare for all students to deal with the cost of living crisis. We need an end to unpaid internships. We should have a student union that demands RMIT cut the outrageous \$500k+ salaries of its executives and puts that money into our education. Into better services. Into more student support staff; into more tutors so we can have more consulting hours; into more IT staff to deal with the constant tech problems. Our university values profits over our education, and we need an activist student union to stand up to it.

Vote [1] Social Justice for a student union that fights to end the exploitation of students.

General Secretary Ben Milne (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 for climate justice, refugee rights, women's rights and other social justice issues.

As part of Books not Bombs RMIT, I organised 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 our courses and squeeze our teachers' pay and conditions. Our education should not be run for profit. Students deserve better and they deserve a fighting student union that's on their side.

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

Dhweep Shah (Together)



My name is Dhweep Shah and I am running for General Secretary with Together!

I moved to Melbourne to study and have been an active

member of the RMIT community as your Postgraduate Officer this year. I have worked across student life in the welfare spaces as I believe all students should be able to study safely and be supported by RMIT to do so.

I have run a range of activities and celebrations for the RMIT community including Chill and Grills, Welcome Bash and Indian Independence day, inviting all RMIT to come and celebrate with us.

As the Indian Club President I have fought for international student representation across all corners of the university. RUSU for me has been a place where international students can engage and be promoted to leadership roles within Australia.

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 a transparent and well-run union for RMIT students.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Indigenous Officer

Tiah Worley & Ruby Kelly-Guthrie (Together)



My name is Tiah and I am a proud First Nations woman from Kamilaroi however, I grew up on Yuin country on the far south coast in NSW. And my name is Ruby Kelly-Guthrie, and I am a proud Wemba Wemba, Yorta Yorta and Mutthi Mutthi woman. We are running for the position of RUSU's Indigenous Officers.

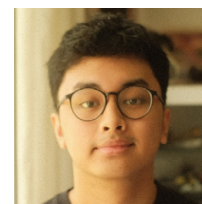


We have been learning about and have seen first hand the structural inequalities Indigenous people have endured and continue to face. Thus, we are passionate about advocating and representing our First Nations community at RMIT. It is essential to create safe places and spaces for mob in areas that have originally not been designed for us, in order for us to achieve our highest potential. Within the Indigenous community, connection to culture and community are highlighted and prioritised; therefore, we want to reflect these values by promoting positive social, emotional and mental health and well-being for us Indigenous people.

We will strive to continue contributing and bettering the experiences of First Nations students at RMIT. We hope to build connection through events and activities and endeavour towards elevating each Indigenous student's sense of agency, validation, and visibility within their journey at RMIT.

International Officer

Aerozeta Anantaputra (Social Justice)



The international student experience is a unique and difficult one. We come from various parts of the world, pay tremendous upfront fees, and are thrust

into a drastically different environment. At the same time, we worry about our rent, bills, and living expenses with limited working

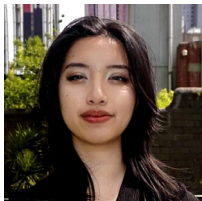
hours just to survive while pursuing an education, showcasing a drastic gap between the experience of domestic and international students.

Our fee contributions go straight to university executives who live worry-free with the profit they make from us - the Vice Chancellor makes a million dollars per year while international students struggle to get by. They can replace staff, reduce student resources and welfare, and sign contracts with partners who oppose the interest of international students.

This struggle among international students is an issue that requires solidarity and support from its student union and domestic peers. Our demands are simply to have an educational experience that is equitable and accommodating to our diverse backgrounds and conditions and supportive of our health and welfare, and a student union that fights for social justice for us all.

Vote [1] for a student union representing and fighting for international students.

Ada Lu (Together)



RMIT is one of the universities with the largest number of international students and the RUSU international department is very important in ensuring

they are represented across the university. I am honoured to be the international officer of RUSU in 2023.

During this year, I got experiences and was committed to bringing opportunities to international students and helping them integrate into campus life. In the new year, I will work hard with my team to continue to bring more opportunities for international students.

The Student Union is for students, our highest priority will always be students, and I will give top priority to those who have moved to Australia to study.

As an international student, I can understand international students and I respect all the customs and cultures. I believe that we will have more activities with all international students, and help us integrate into RMIT student life, and integrate into Australian life. We will have a colourful university life with every international student and all student under the leadership of RMIT and RUSU.

Only TOGETHER will ensure a fair and welcoming campus!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

National Union of Students Delegate (seven positions available)

Alex Guilders (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 academic rights!

VOTE [1] Together!

Thomas McGuire (Together)



Hi, I'm Tom McGuire and I am incredibly excited to be your Together candidate for NUS delegate for 2024! I'm currently studying my first year of a Bachelor of Urban

and Regional Planning on the city campus.

The National Union of Students exists to fight for your educational rights – holding our policymakers accountable to ensure that

students get great value from their post-secondary education. This year the top issue is the cost of living crisis. I want to ensure that the NUS is campaigning for the Federal Government to have proper support for students in place during this time whether it's: better Centrelink, more rent assistance or cheaper power bills.

Vote [1] Together to tackle the cost of living crisis!

Ada Lu (Together)



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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. This year I am RUSU International Officer. 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 tackling the cost of living 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 representation!

VOTE [1] Together!

Wenhao Zhang (Together)



My name is Wenhao Zhang and I have been representing students on campus 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 activities and volunteer where I can as I view the university experience as more than just getting a degree.

The National Union of Students is there to act on issues such as International student fees,

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Visa conditions and to stand against racist attacks as seen after the Covid-19 pandemic. I hope to continue helping students in big ways by representing the interests of RMIT International students at the various NUS conventions, voting on what I believe students hope to see and ensuring they run campaigns to support international students.

Only TOGETHER will fight for your student rights!

VOTE [1] Together!

Beth Shegog (Together)



I have been in student advocacy and RUSU for the last 3 years. I started as a volunteer and club vice-president before moving onto council and this year as your

RUSU President.

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!

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 2024, 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.

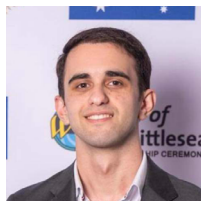
The National Union of Students is the peak representative body for university students in Australia.

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!

Kamil Shwaita (Together)



Marhaba I am Kamil and I have been a RUSU rep and Bundoora Arabic Club President for 2023

Now more than ever is it important

for Student Unions to come together and advocate on a National Level. Currently students are suffering from cost of living. I want to use the National Union of Students to ensure that all students, no matter their background, can afford to study. Whether that's fighting for cheaper rents, parking, petrol or groceries it's the NUS place to fight for the federal government to act.

Students must push back against unfair decisions to ensure that students from all

backgrounds can access an education 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.

VOTE [1] Together to tackle the cost of living crisis!

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James McVicar (Social Justice)



I wouldn't blame you for not knowing what the NUS (National Union of Students) is. Last year I went to the NUS National Conference to make exactly that point:

our unions are becoming irrelevant, more and more content to capitulate to university management as they ram 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.

Amelia Christie (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 and 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.

Jaynaya Travis (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 gotten

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 welfare, for climate justice, and against transphobes and fascists.

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

Sarah Carpentier (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!

Chris Giddings (Social Justice)



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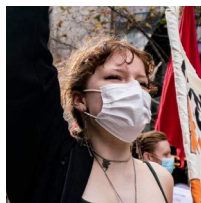


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Vote [1] Social Justice for NUS delegates!

Holly Medlyn (Social Justice)



The cost of living is skyrocketing. Global average temperatures are up, while corporate profits are through the roof. Everything seems to be going up except for the quality

of our education and the pay we 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 for rich CEO 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.

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

Postgraduate Officer Mac Gosewisch (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.

Postgrad students are no exception. We should be fighting for more income support and better learning conditions, including better conditions for staff. How can we expect to learn properly when we don't have sufficient face-to-face time with staff, who are overworked and underpaid?

We also need a student union that fights for social justice. I've recently been involved in activism around LGBT+ 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!

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

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Bhuvan Sharma (Together)



I am Bhuvan Sharma. I came to Melbourne to start my masters of Business IT.

As I come from another country I know the struggles faced by students who go through the same. I would like to make sure that the voice of every student is heard by the management. I want to make sure of an environment where every post-grad student can raise their points towards the betterment of the university and the students.

I have been listening to students and want to fight for more dedicated study spaces, offices for PhD students, higher stipend, more flexible learning options and ensuring that you are getting the quality of education you pay for!

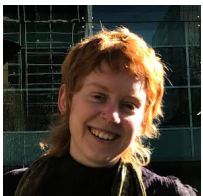
Being a Postgraduate student I know how lonely it can be with lots of commitments and little social life for us. I am currently the event coordinator in the RMIT Indian Club and want to bring those skills to ensure that no matter if you are stuck in a research lab or the library all day that there is a community for you to engage in afterwards.

So please vote for me and Together to support this vision

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Queer Officer

Gemma Seymour & Stevie Hawes (Social Justice)



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 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.

RMIT management is not our friend in the fight. Right now they are refusing to give gender-affirming care leave to staff. We need to fight against management if we want to win.

Organising and protesting in solidarity has always been effective to defend our rights. 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.

Vote [1] Social Justice for a student union that fights for queer students.

Vivienne Balint & Matthew Hayes (Together)



As Queer officers, we will cultivate a safe and friendly queer community at RMIT. We will continue running the queer mixer and other events from the past. We will also run more accessible, low-pressure events that focus on providing a space for our queer and questioning students of all kinds.



As queer advocates we pledge to continue the previous candidates to end deadnaming on campus and strengthen trans rights. We will work to help end sexual violence on campus in the queer community. We stand for the entire queer community, including our A-spec, gender diverse, intersex and questioning students. We aim to collaborate with other departments to promote intersectionality within the queer community to make it accessible to people of all backgrounds.

As members of the queer and transgender communities, we have been active in the queer collective at RMIT for several years. Matthew (he/they) has a social work background and will bring openness and compassion to the role, and will work hard to build an inclusive community. Vivienne (she/her) has experience running the Engineers community

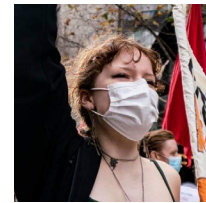
and coordinating both online and in person events for RMIT students.

Only TOGETHER will build a vibrant Queer community!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Vocational Education Officer

Holly Medlyn (Social Justice)



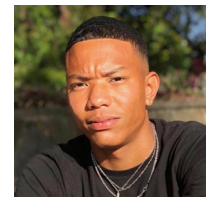
Vocational Education students, like all higher education students, have had our education attacked by RMIT's profit-hungry university administration.

We've faced staff cuts, cuts to courses, and 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 the lousy university bosses.

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.

Vote [1] Social Justice for a student union that fights for VE students.

Yuan Theodore (Together)



Hi everyone! I'm Yuan and I am running to be your VE officer. 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 preserve the changes created by those before me, such as fortnightly BBQ's, 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 this is what Together stands for.

A vote for Together is a vote for representation

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Welfare Officer

David Ng (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.

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, you 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.

Vote [1] Social Justice for a student union that fights for students.

Finbar Bray (Together)



I'm Finbar Bray and I'm studying my second year of Urban and Regional Planning at RMIT. During my studies I've seen the massive impact that student welfare support can have, whether it be through food banks, compass counselling, free breakfasts, lunches, rental assistance, and medical services. I've experienced firsthand the impact that supporting students can have on their lives during their time in university.

With the current cost of living crisis I am running to be your RUSU Welfare officer to fight to better fund and expand these welfare services that students need. I will fight to cut wait times for counselling and deliver a better range of food support that includes dietary and nutritional requirements so that all students can focus on their studies without having to worry about whether they'll miss their next meal.

All students need to be supported to complete their studies. Welfare is the best way for our union to make a direct impact on students' lives and support us as during our studies.

Only TOGETHER can provide strong Welfare service for RMIT Students!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Women's Officer

Zavia Lingenti (Social Justice)



Student unions should be on the frontlines fighting for women's rights. Women's rights suffered a major setback in America last year with the overturning of Roe

v. Wade. In response there was a huge rally outside the State Library. At that protest, we argued that the overturning of Roe v. Wade was not just something that affected women's rights in America. 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 suffer countless injustices, especially minority and working-class women: the gender pay gap, precarious work, and the strictures of "traditional" gender roles must all be fought.

Vote [1] Social Justice for a student union that fights for women's rights.

Saumya Sindhu (Together)



Hello, I am Saumya Sindhu, currently pursuing a Masters of Marketing at RMIT University. I am running for the position of Women's Officer in the

upcoming RUSU Elections.

I am a part of the RMIT Indian Club, where I actively work with a wide range of students from diverse backgrounds, thereby creating a community where students feel a sense of belonging. As an international student at RMIT, I believe it is important to foster a supportive and inclusive environment for everyone within our university.

Being a woman myself, I understand the challenges and opportunities women face both academically and personally, and how all of us, as students, can contribute in creating spaces where women's voices are heard and valued. I intend to use my past experience and skills, in addressing pertinent women-related issues and advocating for policies that promote gender inclusivity and build a stronger sense of community on campus, where together, we create an environment where everyone's potential is recognised, celebrated and supported.

Only TOGETHER will fight for a safe campus!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Statements

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

Brunswick Representative Olivia McQuie (Together)



Hello! My name is Olivia and I'm studying a Bachelor of Fashion Design at RMIT in Brunswick. I am excited to be running for the RUSU Brunswick

Representative to be your voice, and to share your ideas within RMIT. I have a passion to see fashion and creative design students be supported in every aspect of their studies.

With a passionate interest in wellbeing, I have researched and reported on the welfare services available at Brunswick. This role allows me to explore ways to further grow these integral services and specialise them for creative Brunswick students.

I absolutely love studying fashion design and wish for all students to feel supported, and listened to when challenges arise as many of us know the feeling of sewing, creating or designing at 2am in the morning! I am a believer that fashion and creative design studies should be fun and not detrimental to our mental health. I hope to help foster a university environment that is built on sustainable learning and that sends students out creatively nourished, full of big ideas and excited to get out on their next adventure!

Only TOGETHER will deliver for the Brunswick community in 2023!

VOTE [1] Together!

Bundoora Coordinator Dulan Ariyatilaka (Together)



Bundoora has been my passion project this year and will continue to be for the coming year!

As your Bundy West rep all I've felt from students is a sense of neglect from RMIT. This is not fair when most of us must travel hours to campus, have very little in the way of activities and places to socialise, and generally must come to one class per day because their attendance is marked for it. This year, I have supported those students by running RUSUs weekly Chill n Grills, Pop Up Pubs, Bundoora Clubs festivals, and the multicultural festival.

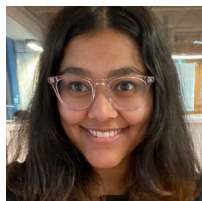
I have stood by my goals of improving STEM and international experiences by supporting our student-run STEM and multicultural clubs.

As a team, Together has strived to reactivate Bundoora through our Bundy East Car Show, Women's Room Lunches, and free breakfasts. Our best example of this was the Bundoora East Mini-Clubs Day, featuring our Bundoora car club, RMIT Motorsport, and STEM societies. Through my time as in RUSU, I have learned from other student leaders and aim to include their advice in what I do next year.

Only TOGETHER cares the Bundoora Community! VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

VOTE [1] Together!

Bundoora East Representative Nidhi Bhatnagar (Together)



Hello, my name is Nidhi. RUSU was one of the first places I joined when I began my studies at RMIT. Why? It's because RUSU provides support to students, I took part in

many RUSU events, and was entranced by it. This year I have been the president of the Food Sciences Club and have run many industry and social events for my classmates.

I joined the Together team, as I support their vision for RUSU. Connecting students

and providing support during their studies. Someone once stated that campus is where a group of strangers get together, make friends, and create experiences that 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.

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

Only TOGETHER will deliver for the Bundoora Community in 2023!

VOTE [1] Together!

Bundoora West Representative Keenan Dinh (Together)



My focus as the next representative for Bundoora will be to build upon all the good effort to improve the quality of life of 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.

I study health science and one of the things that we struggle with is the hundreds of hours of unpaid placements that we must do to graduate. If elected I will use my position at RUSU to ensure that RMIT provides some financial support for students while they undertake these.

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.

Only TOGETHER will reactivate the Bundoora Community in 2023!

Only TOGETHER will tackle the cost of living crisis!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

City Coordinator

Donal Darvin (Together)



Hi I am Donal, your aviation girlie studying between Point Cook and RMIT City Campus.

Studying at Point Cook there is no

student life, we have a tiny break room with a that we can use while waiting in between our flight training sessions. This is why I spend so much time in the city engaging with all of the fun events and activities that RUSU has provided me with. I want to continue this on the City Campus making them bigger and better than ever while making sure students from all campuses can attend

As a woman studying STEM I know too well the struggles of an uphill battle and having to persevere through challenges to achieve what I want in life. I will bring that drive and perseverance to my role at RUSU in pressuring RMIT to be as safe and welcoming as possible for all students.

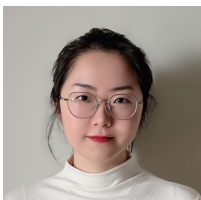
Finally I wish to bring more Industry events for the city. More opportunities for students to meet future employers and other students across disciplines.

Together has been the experienced team that has delivered practical changes for students across RMIT and I hope to continue this work in 2023

VOTE [1] Together!

Sustainability Officer

Aster Yu (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 an impact. Climate change is real

and impacts all of us. Universities can be the driving places where this change is made.

Together is the group that forced RMIT to fully divest from fossil fuel and commit to being carbon neutral by 2025. RMIT now ranks 7th in the world for sustainable impact and a lot of that is to do with the advocacy of

the student union and Together.

I want to continue previous Together initiatives such as edible gardens, clothes swaps, bike workshops and, RUSU's Realfoods café that offers sustainable and ethical food.

I want to make sure there are sustainable choices at RMIT to make our impact on the environment as minimal as possible. I will support students who want to help the environment. 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!

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VOTE YES!



RUSU REFERENDUM 4–8 September 2023

Vote **YES** to increase the number of
RUSU Indigenous Officers from one to two

Voting will be conducted via email link sent to all students.
All RMIT students can vote in the referendum.
A link to vote will be sent to your student account on 4 September.

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