

RUSU

RMIT UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

Annual Elections

8 – 12 SEPTEMBER 2025



About RUSU

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 88 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 8 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 8 September 2025 until 1pm, Friday 12 September 2025.

The returning Officer is Jessica Fox.

Acknowledgement of Country

RUSU acknowledges the people of the Woi wurrung and Boon wurrung language groups of the eastern Kulin Nations on whose unceded lands we conduct the business of the University. We respectfully acknowledge their Ancestors and Elders, past and present. RUSU also acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Ancestors of the lands and waters across Australia where it conducts its business.

Polling Booth Times and Locations

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

Campus	Location	Monday 8 September	Tuesday 9 September	Wednesday 10 September	Thursday 11 September	Friday 12 September
CITY	NAS Building 10-12 Level 4	9.30AM – 4.30PM	9.30AM – 4.30PM	9.30AM – 4.30PM	9.30AM – 4.30PM	9.30AM – 1.00PM
CITY	Alumni Courtyard				12.00PM – 3.00PM	
CITY	Building 80 Level 3	2.00PM – 5.00PM	9.30AM – 1.30PM			10.00AM – 1.00PM
CARLTON	O'Grady Place	10.00AM – 1.30PM		9.00AM – 11.30AM		
BRUNSWICK	Building 514 Courtyard		10.30AM – 2.30PM			
BUNDOORA WEST	Building 220	9.00AM – 11.00AM				
BUNDOORA WEST	Building 204			10.00AM – 3.00PM		
BUNDOORA EAST	Building 254	12.00PM – 2.30PM				

How to Vote

Eligible voters will receive an email from the RUSU Returning Officer with the subject line **'RMIT University Student Union (RUSU) 2025 Annual Elections – Voting Link'** on Monday 8 September 2025. An individual voting link will be provided in this email. Open this link to access a page with all of the positions being contested.

If you are an enrolled student and you do NOT receive a voting link, you can get help at one of the Polling Booths or by emailing the independent Returning Officer, Jessica Fox at rusureturningofficer@gmail.com



The screenshot shows the RUSU 2024 Annual Elections page. It features the RUSU logo at the top, followed by the title '2024 RMIT University Student Union Annual Elections'. Below this, there are four main sections: 'Student Union Council' with a list of 9 positions, 'Student Union Council - Election for General Representatives' with 1 position, 'Campus Representatives' with 3 positions, and 'National Union of Students delegates' with 1 position. Each section has a 'Voting Instructions' link next to it.

'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'.

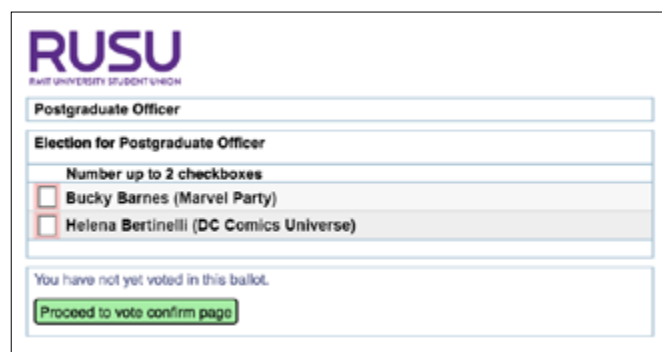
You may cast your vote on the **Student Union Council** page in two ways.

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.



The screenshot shows the RUSU voting interface for voting for a team. It features the RUSU logo at the top, followed by a 'City Campus' dropdown menu. Below this, there is a section titled 'Above the line' with two options: 'Marvel Party' and 'DC Comic Universe', each with an unchecked checkbox. At the bottom, there is a green button labeled '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.



The screenshot shows the RUSU voting interface for voting for individual candidates. It features the RUSU logo at the top, followed by a 'Postgraduate Officer' dropdown menu. Below this, there is a section titled 'Election for Postgraduate Officer' with a 'Number up to 2 checkboxes' instruction. There are two options: 'Bucky Barnes (Marvel Party)' and 'Helena Bertinelli (DC Comics Universe)', each with an unchecked checkbox. At the bottom, there is a green button labeled '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

How to Vote

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**.

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.

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Student Union Council - General Representatives

Election for General Representatives

Five (5) Positions to be elected

Above the line

<input type="checkbox"/> Marvel Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt Murdock (Marvel Party)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wanda Maximoff (Marvel Party)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Jean Gray (Marvel Party)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adam Warlock (Marvel Party)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Susan Storm (Marvel Party)

<input type="checkbox"/> DC Comic Universe	<input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Gordon (DC Comic Universe)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dick Grayson (DC Comic Universe)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hal Jordan (DC Comic Universe)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Damian Wayne (DC Comic Universe)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Barry Allen (DC Comic Universe)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ray Palmer (DC Comic Universe)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Helena Bertinelli (DC Comic Universe)

Not in any party ☐ Barb Wire

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'.

Depending on which campus you are enrolled at, you will then be taken to a campus-specific election page to vote for your **Campus Representatives**. To vote for these positions, simply 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.

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

For additional assistance with voting, visit one of the polling locations listed on page 3 of this guide. **Independent Returning Officers/Polling Clerks** will be at the polling locations to answer questions about the voting process, and to assist students who have not received an email with a voting link.

Team Statements

Together



It's hard being a student right now. Between balancing study, work, internships, connecting with your friends and everything being so damn expensive right now, students have never had it tougher.

Together is the only team focused on the cost of living, your academic success, and supporting campus life. We're focused on the issues that affect you right here on campus.

Together has led the campaign to deliver:

- Free food every day of the week,
- The Compass Cupboard Foodbank,
- Free Adobe Suite for every student,
- Over 20 new period product dispensers across campus,
- Cut counselling wait times,
- Extend prayer space hours for Ramadan
- Offer free Coles and Woolies vouchers for students in need,
- \$4 dinners at Realfoods,
- Preferred names on Student IDs,

All our policies are practical, deliverable and benefit the day-to-day lives of students on campus.

This year we are fighting to deliver:

- Free breakfast everyday,
- Automatic 3 day extensions,
- A Universal deadline for all classes,
- Fix the free charging stations around campus,
- Free printing for club leaders,
- And more free and discounted food on campus,
- Extend prayer space hours all year round,
- And much much more.

Together wants your campus experience to be memorable. We'll bring the fun to campus with more club nights, boat cruises, and pub crawls. We'll deliver weekly Chill n' Grills which will be bigger, better and more ambitious than ever. Bringing people and communities together to make life long memories and have some fun!

The Together team are active members of the community, volunteers and leaders of our clubs who can't wait to start representing you in RUSU! These candidates will step up and go out of their way to help any student at RMIT!

Together has a proven track record and In 2026, Together is ready to continue delivering for students. With a fantastic team 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!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for Cost of Living Support on Campus!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for better quality education!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER to deliver practical outcomes for students at RMIT!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER FOR RUSU

Free Palestine



Vote [1] Free Palestine for RUSU!

Free Palestine is a collective of students who are fighting for change. RMIT has ties to weapons companies such as BAE Systems, our education is getting more expensive and far-right bigotry is getting worse.

We are students who are fighting for a Free Palestine and to end the

connections RMIT has to the barbarity in Gaza.

The student union has a multi-million dollar budget and the ability to run campaigns that mobilise students to fight against these weapons ties, but it has been completely missing in action. Take a scroll though RUSU's instagram page and you won't find a single post about Palestine this year. This isn't good enough.

Activists in Free Palestine have been organising student strikes for Palestine, the Weapons Companies Off Campus campaign, the 2024 Gaza Solidarity Encampment and the Student General Meeting for Palestine. Now we want to get these activists into the student union so we can run university-wide campaigns. Standing up for Palestine is the moral question of our time.

Free Palestine also recognises that the fight for Palestine is connected to every other issue that impacts students.

We think that our education should not be for profit. At the moment the RMIT Vice Chancellor has a salary of \$1mil while he cuts our education and access to services like the Adobe suite. The salaries of the top executives should be cut and put into staff and student services - our education should not be sacrificed for profits.

The fight for Palestine is the fight against oppression and injustice. Activists in Free Palestine have been part of movements against the Nazi boxing gym in Sunshine, and against the notorious transphobe Posie Parker.

How can students study when the cost of living is so high that we can only squeeze in going to classes around work, and when Youth Allowance and Austudy are so low? Free Palestine activists will link up with other student unions to bring the fight for cheap student accommodation and better welfare to a national level.

Vote for Free Palestine to stand up for Palestine and to make RUSU an activist union that will fight for you.

Activities Officer

Mandeep Sharma Together



Hi! My name's Mandeep but you can call me Mandy, I'm excited to be running for the position of Activities Officer at the RMIT University

Student Union.

I know that student life doesn't just stop at the classroom, and a well-rounded university experience requires an active campus community.

As your Activities Officer, I want to continue to plan and run the vibrant events that our university is well known for. These include:

- Weekly Chill n Grill,
- Welcome Bash,
- Multicultural Festivals, and
- The RUSU boat party.

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.

If I am elected as your Activities Officer, I will continue to work alongside our student clubs to help promote their ideas and support them to turn their ideas into reality no matter how big or small.

So let's keep working TOGETHER to build a student community we can all be proud of!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Ivy Bertram Free Palestine



RMIT's activities and events should benefit all students, and that means allowing space for activities that genuinely represent

our voices. Universities have always been places for thought, debate, and protest, from the civil rights movement to today's struggle for Palestine.

RMIT maintains ties with harmful corporations like Boeing, which collaborates with the university to develop components for military aircraft that are directly used by Israel in missiles and bombs devastating Palestine.

Students should have the right to engage in political conversations and actions without fear of discipline or censorship.

Over the past two years, RMIT students have organised educational events, social gatherings, encampments, protests and school strikes against the genocide in Gaza, atrocities in which RMIT is shamefully complicit. In response, students engaged in left-wing politics have been fenced in by strict rules that make it increasingly difficult to exercise political freedom on campus.

The student union has the potential to be a powerful force for students, yet that potential is being squandered. We demand justice for Palestine, an end to racism, sexism, and LGBTQ+ discrimination, and proper funding for classrooms, facilities, and programs—instead of staff cuts and crackdowns on protest.

Vote [1] Free Palestine for RUSU

Brunswick Coordinator

Winnie Zheng Free Palestine



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. Brunswick is a left wing campus and the union should mobilise people here for the student strikes for Palestine that happen every semester, for students' rights campaigns, and for other social issues that impact students.

Vote [1] Free Palestine for a fighting, left-wing student union!

Snigdha Garg Together



Imagine a campus where individuality is celebrated like a chart-topping single, inspiration flowing in abundance. An inclusive collective

where everyone feels valued. 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. Because let's be honest, Brunswick is yearning for some excitement, some serious mic-drop moments. Are you with me? As your aspiring candidate for the Brunswick Coordinator, I am committed to breathing life into our campus through events that celebrate our unique diversity, innovative spirit, and boundless creativity.

I am studying for a Master's in Fashion Entrepreneurship. My enthusiasm for fashion and business has driven me to pursue opportunities that combine creativity with entrepreneurial skills.

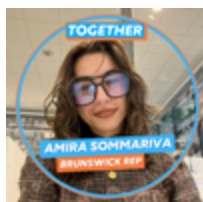
My direction is simple: I'm all about curating experiences that celebrate YOU. I want to contribute to the student community by organising events, supporting student initiatives, and creating a vibrant campus life. I believe my background in fashion and entrepreneurship will bring a fresh perspective to the role, helping to create a vibrant and inclusive environment at RMIT.

VOTE [1] for a spirit that embraces Together-ness! VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

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Brunswick Representative

Amira Sommariva
Together



Hello! My name is Amira Sommariva, I'm a second year Fashion Design student at RMIT, and I'm super excited to be

running for Brunswick representative.

I have a real love for the Brunswick campus; as a fashion student I spend lots of time physically at uni and would love to make it feel even more like a big community full of crazy creative ideas and support.

I first discovered RUSU on open day as an interstate student looking to make new friends and have become more actively involved as I've met more and more super awesome people that are part of it.

My main goals are to run more events and let more Brunswick students know what we have access to while creating more opportunities for students.

Because Brunswick students deserve a campus that reflects upon the subjects we study; a campus of creativity and excitement.

TOGETHER, we will make this a reality and push for more support for students that study at Brunswick.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Bundoora Coordinator

Mathy Sivakumar
Together



I'm Mathy and I am the President of the RMIT Biosciences Club and I'm running to be your Bundoora Coordinator again

for 2026.

Bundoora often feels neglected and I want to keep making sure your priorities are at the top of our agenda. This year we've reduced parking fines in Bundoora, run the Bundoora festival, had more free food in Bundy than ever, started weekly Women's Lunches, introduced new bookable spaces, and much more!

Students at Bundoora are struggling with the cost of living with groceries, rent and petrol prices through the roof. I want to make sure there are dedicated welfare services at Bundoora to support students. This includes:

- Fighting for a better prayer space in Bundoora,
- More free breakfasts and lunches on East and West campus,
- Fight for cheaper Parking for Bundoora Students,
- Cheaper prices for sporting facilities,
- More free grocery vouchers,

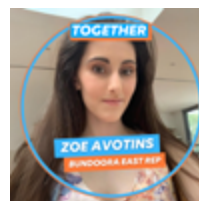
TOGETHER has strived to build student life at Bundoora by reactivating building 204 and running events like weekly lunches and campus festivals. I want to continue this work and build a better and stronger campus community.

Only TOGETHER will deliver for Bundy!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Bundoora East Representative

Zoe Avotins
Together



Hi, I'm Zoe and I am running for Bundoora East Representative. I am committed to making sure the voices of

Bundoora East students are heard and valued within the RMIT Student Union. Our campus is beautiful, with its own unique strengths and challenges. Thus, I want to ensure these are represented when decisions are being made about Bundoora East.

If elected, I will work to improve communication between students and RMIT, by advocating for various initiatives such as enhancing student life, more funding, and greater support for Bundoora from the university's leadership.

Bundoora East may sound quiet and unknown, but the campus is full of potential in terms of producing an environment that is worthy of the ideal student life experience.

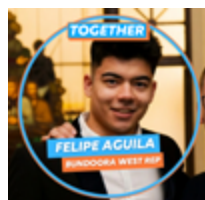
Together, we will ensure that Bundoora East receives the representation it deserves.

Only TOGETHER will deliver a strong Bundoora East community.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Bundoora West Representative

Felipe Chaparro
Together



Hey everyone!

As together's candidate for Bundoora West representative, I believe our campus

doesn't get the attention and love it truly deserves! We're located in a beautiful spot and have incredible sports facilities such as tennis courts, a football pitch, a gymnasium, and more.

But it's unfair that students have to pay so much to use them. I'll fight to make sure these facilities are more affordable and accessible, with discounted prices and longer hours. I'll also push to lower parking fees, improve transport links from the city campus, and bring more events, activities, and life to Bundoora.

This campus is full of potential, and it just needs that little push to get things rolling.

Let's make it happen together!

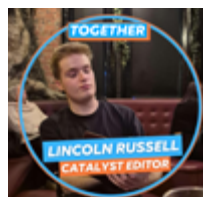
VOTE [1] TOGETHER for more events in Bundy!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for more affordable food in Bundy!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Catalyst Editor

**Lincoln Russell,
Huda Shehzad &
Adrien Marks**
Together



Catalyst has been the voice of RMIT students since 1944; championing creativity, amplifying diverse perspectives, and celebrating student expression across every discipline. For 80 years, it has been a space where students can share their stories, spark ideas, and connect through the power of media.

We—Lincoln, Huda, and Adrien—want

to take Catalyst into its next chapter by expanding the team and creating more ways for students to contribute their skills. Whether you're a writer, designer, photographer, illustrator, or have talents in events, social media, or editing, we want Catalyst to be a place where you can get involved, grow your experience, and see your work published.

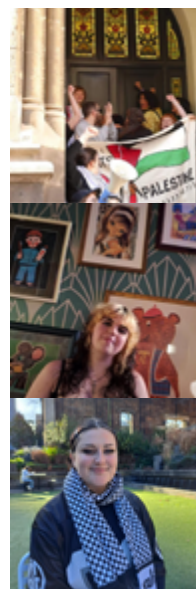
We believe every edition deserves to be celebrated. That's why we plan to host launches for every issue—bringing contributors, readers, and the wider RMIT community together to mark each release as an event.

With our combined experience, we're ready to build a more collaborative, visible, and inclusive Catalyst that reflects the creativity and diversity of RMIT students today.

Only TOGETHER will deliver the student voice you need!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

**Aerozeta Anantaputra,
Olivia Breadon &
Elizabeth Read**
Free Palestine



Catalyst should cover politics on campus. There are campaigns against weapons companies and for students rights that barely receive any coverage at all.

We are students from across different degrees who want our student newspaper to cover issues that we care about.

Vote [1] Free Palestine for Catalyst to make the newspaper a

catalyst for change on campus.

City Coordinator

Rahul Raj Kota
Independent

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Grace Van Rossen
Free Palestine



Melbourne is a diverse community, we hear this so often, and RMIT is no different. However, our student union lacks an advocate, activist and social

justice lead focus, especially one that addresses our cohort's ongoing concerns about our government and university's complicity in the genocide in Gaza. Alongside the Student Strike for Palestine, where hundreds of us students walked out of classes to support our institutions cutting ties with weapons companies, the importance of our mass movement,

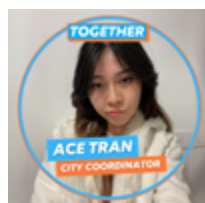
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ongoing activism and protest as students illustrates the strength of mass support. Our places of education are not places for violence and genocide, as no place within Melbourne, or anywhere, should be.

My name's Grace Van Rossen, and I'm running for City Coordinator for RMIT's student union, join us at Free Palestine in our upcoming National Student Referendum on Palestine, and our sit in on Bowen Street, to support weapons off campuses and condemning the state-lead genocide in Gaza.

Vote [1] Free Palestine!

Ace Tran Together



Hello! My name is Ace Tran and I'm running for RUSU City Coordinator.

I am running for this position because I want our RMIT

City campus to be more connected, welcoming, and fun for everyone.

I'm all about listening to what students actually need and turning those ideas into real changes, whether that's better events, stronger support services, or making sure your voice is heard in RUSU decisions. We will ensure this by:

- Bigger and better Chill n Grills than ever,
- Fixing the charging stations around campus,
- Continuing the fight for longer prayer space hours,
- More safe spaces on campus,

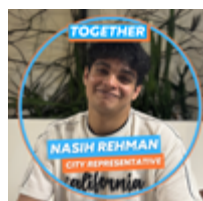
I'll bring energy, organisation, and a genuine passion for student life, so together we can make the City campus a place where we all feel included, supported, and proud to be part of.

TOGETHER, we will make the RMIT city campus a more vibrant place that reflects our ambitions.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

City Representative

Nasih Moopan Together



Hi, I'm Nasih, I'm studying a Masters of business administration, and I'm running for the position of RUSU City Representative.

Within our student body, I will prioritise engaging with diverse voices within the Melbourne CBD; Increasing campus engagement, advocating for better student services, and maintaining the yearslong tradition of RMIT Chill n Grills.

Our CBD campus is beautiful, but we can further enhance this by:

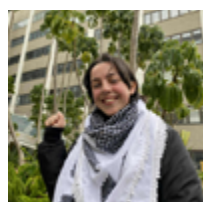
- Making O-Week more engaging
- Fixing the hot water taps
- Advocating for more non-alcoholic events

I'm committed to advocating for a better CBD campus, because we deserve to participate in university life, without the added stresses of the cost of living crisis, and lack of engaging social events post-covid.

Together, we will build a more connected, supportive and vibrant campus experience.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Aretha Maroniti Free Palestine



I'm Aretha, I'm a Youth Work student here at RMIT. As City Representative I will fight for a free Palestine as we need more pro-Palestine

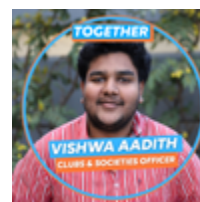
activists in our union. I will also fight on all questions of social justice and I would argue for the student union to encourage all students to stand up for issues such as climate change, women's rights, refugee rights, queer rights, etc. Students

at this university deserve better. We need a student union that fights for low tuition for both international and domestic students, better facilities, more course funding, better pay for our teachers, and who will stand up for Palestine and other issues alike.

Vote [1] Free Palestine for a fighting student union!

Clubs & Societies Officer

Vishwa Aadith Together



Hello, my name is Vishwa Aadith, I am an aerospace engineering student, and I am proudly running with Together to become the clubs

and societies officer for the RMIT Student Union.

As an executive on multiple Clubs, I have learnt how integral clubs are to engage peers and allow students to adjust comfortably into university.

It is no secret that our clubs and societies have been a light for so many students when socialising within class hasn't entirely gone our way; and they allow people to build long-lasting friendships.

To ensure the growth and support of our societies I want to enhance club engagement through:

- Free printing for club leaders
- Better club storage
- Supporting the affiliation of new clubs
- Better training for club leaders
- More funding

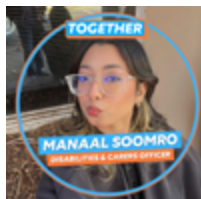
I am dedicated to ensuring our clubs and societies department continues to be a central part of our campus life, where every student has the opportunity to get involved and make the most of their university experience.

Only TOGETHER will provide REAL support for Club Leaders.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Disabilities & Carers Officer

Manaal Soomro
Together



My name is Manaal Soomro and I am running for Disabilities and Carers Officer.

I am passionate about ensuring that all students with disabilities, chronic illnesses, and caring responsibilities feel supported, valued and heard at RMIT. It should be essential for every student to have the chance to participate in university life without any unnecessary barriers.

If elected, I will continue to fight for greater accessibility both on campus and online, such as:

- Improve ELP compliance and accountability
- Fight for more neurofriendly spaces
- Longer periods of notice for exams
- More sensory friendly social events

It is integral that we are treated fairly and equally in academics, because university will never be a 'one size fits all' institution; it is a place where individuals from different walks of lives and accessibility requirements deserve to be treated equally.

TOGETHER, we will ensure that no student is left behind.

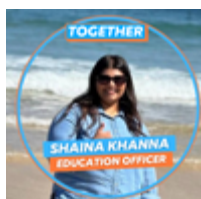
VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Cody Noisette
Free Palestine

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Education Officer

Shaina Khanna
Together



My name is Shaina Khanna, and I am excited to stand for the role of Education Officer for 2026.

I believe education is the foundation of a thriving student community, and as Education Officer, I will work to ensure that every student, regardless of background or circumstances, has access to high-quality learning, and genuine support. I will push for:

- 3-day automatic extensions
- Enhanced WIL and Placements,
- More student consultation in curriculum design,
- Better access to academic support programs like tutoring and mentoring,
- A Universal Submission deadline,
- Return to good standing for at-risk students.
- Improved ChatGPT and AI policies

My experience in student welfare has taught me that academic success is tied closely to wellbeing. I will continue to champion both; fighting for better access to learning materials, fairer policies, and supportive study environments.

Together, we can make RMIT a place where students not only study, but also feel heard, empowered, and prepared for the future.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for stronger support and better education!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Auley Ryan
Free Palestine



Our university is run for profit. This means the not only is the quality of our education going down but that RMIT takes funding and contracts from weapons manufacturers who are directly involved in the genocide occurring in Gaza.

Neither our education or our student fees should be going towards developing research for the most murderous industry on the planet or climate criminals like Woodside.

We need an Education Officer who wants to fight back against the corporatisation and complicity of our universities. I've been involved in campaigning against RMIT's weapons ties and fighting for Palestine over the past few years. I've seen first hand the repressive response our university has taken. We need people in our student union ready to fight and push back against this.

I want a student union that stands on the right side of history. That stands up against RMIT's weapons ties, That stands for freedom of speech and that stands with activists. That's why I'm running for education officer with Free Palestine.

Vote [1] Free Palestine for a student union that fights for an education free of complicity.

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General Representative

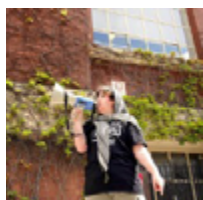
Matt Bourke
Free Palestine



We need a student union that will really stand up for students.

Vote [1] Free Palestine for RUSU.

Annika Crees
Free Palestine



RMIT students deserve a fighting student union that will stand up for their rights against university administration

and speak up against injustice going on around the world. I believe we need activists to do this. As a member of Students for Palestine, I've been involved in many campaigns in solidarity with those in Gaza, such as the Gaza Solidarity Encampment and the RMIT student vote for Palestine last year, as well as building the recent National Student Strike for Palestine. I believe we need more Palestine activists representing RUSU, this is the moral question of our generation and we need to use our voices as students to stand up for what is right.

RUSU should fight for the rights of every student at RMIT and speak up against racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia and all forms of oppression. Representatives of the student union should use their voices to stand up for students against our university and our government to make students' lives better. If you want RUSU to be an activist, left-wing student union that will advocate for the issues students actually care about, then vote [1] Free Palestine

Holly Medlyn
Free Palestine



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 also care deeply about social justice issues. As a member of Students for Palestine, I have been organising solidarity campaigns for Palestine on and off campus - this is just one of the campaigns that I think RUSU should promote.

Vote [1] Free Palestine for a fighting, left-wing student union!

Aerozeta Anantaputra
Free Palestine



Unpaid internships can cost you \$60,000 in lost wages. Meanwhile, executive salaries at RMIT can top a million dollars. If you want to see

where RMIT Managements really lie, I think these figures say it all.

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 keep going up.

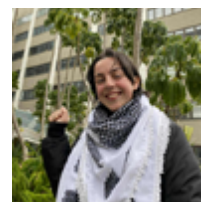
I'm running with Free Palestine because we need real welfare for all students to deal with the cost-of-living crisis. We need an end to unpaid placements. We need a student union that's not afraid to demand that RMIT reduce the outrageous salaries of its executives and actually put that money into our education.

We need funding for student resources, welfare services, support staff, appropriate tutor-to-student ratios, and so much more. Our university prioritises profits over all these things.

They prioritise money for arms over our very own education. We need an activist student union to stand up to this!

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

Aretha Maroniti
Free Palestine



Student unions should be activist bodies that fight for better conditions on our campuses and that stand up for a range of issues

such as Palestine.

Vote [1] Free Palestine for a fighting, left-wing student union!

Prem Maniyar
Together



Hi, I'm Prem Maniyar, and I'm running to become a General Representative for the RMIT Student Union to make life

at RMIT more affordable, inclusive, and supportive.

As a general representative, I'll focus on listening to student concerns and turning them into real action; by advocating for:

- More free grocery vouchers and free food,
- Standardised submission times,
- Cheaper food during exam periods,
- Fixing the charging stations.

Students deserve to have their voices heard, thus I am proud to run with TOGETHER to ensure that we can elevate the concerns that students are suffering from, and we can take action.

I believe the RMIT University Student Union should be a voice that delivers action. With your vote, we can recreate an RMIT where every student feels supported, valued and empowered.

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Together, we will ensure a fairer university with fairer policies and outcomes.

Only TOGETHER will make this a reality.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Ben Milne Free Palestine



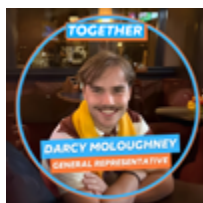
I'm a Master's of IT student and an activist on campus. What we need is for the student union to take up issues both on and off campus. I've been

concerned about the links RMIT has with weapons companies, increasing class sizes, and overpriced courses. In my degree there aren't any Commonwealth Supported Placements at all.

As a candidate for Free Palestine I want RUSU to take up all these issues and fight for students both on and off campus.

Vote [1] Free Palestine for a fighting, left-wing student union!

Darcy Moloughney Together



Hi, I'm Darcy and I am running for the General Representative position at the RMIT University Student Union election. I believe

every student at RMIT deserves to feel represented, supported, and part of a strong community.

As a General Representative, I will work to ensure that RUSU reflects the diverse voices and experiences of our student body.

If elected with team Together, I will help advocate for positive change. This includes:

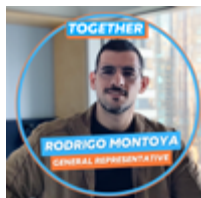
- Cheaper sports and gym facilities
- Free breakfast everyday
- Extended hours for Events
- Cheaper food for students during exam periods

Together has already accomplished a lot this past year, and I am committed to help maintain this momentum so that students have the ability to feel supported by the university during an ongoing cost of living crisis.

Only TOGETHER will accurately tackle student concerns!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Rodrigo Montoya Together



I'm running for General Representative because I care about ensuring all students feel heard and supported during their time

at RMIT. This is because I believe that university life should be more than just study; it should be a place where we can connect, collaborate, and thrive.

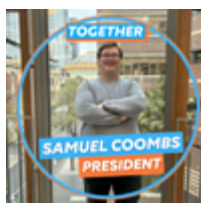
If elected, I will be approachable, open to feedback, and ready to bring student perspectives into the decisions RUSU makes. I want to help strengthen our community, support inclusive initiatives, and make sure RUSU continues to work in the best interests of students from all walks of life.

By working TOGETHER and keeping communication open, we can make RMIT a place where everyone feels valued and empowered.

Only TOGETHER will represent your concerns and take action.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Samuel Coombs Together



Hi! I'm Samuel, and I'm studying a Bachelor of Youth Work and Youth Studies. I'm running to be your 2026 RUSU President!

During my time at RMIT I've been a volunteer, club executive, and, for 2024 and 2025, your RUSU Disabilities and Carers Officer. In these roles, I've seen first-hand how strong, student-led advocacy can make a real difference to your university experience.

University should be a place where all students can learn. This year, I've helped deliver the Metropolis Art project in Building 10, I've fought for a stronger and fairer Equitable Learning system, built a thriving community for disabled students on campus, and worked to deliver more sensory study spaces for students.

As President I will be focused on ensuring you have the right support to finish your degree, through:

- Automatic 3 Day Extensions
- Continue fighting to protect Special Considerations
- Free Breakfast Every Day on Campus
- Expanding our Welfare Services
- Cheaper sports and gym facilities
- And much much more.

I will lead the fight for better student life on all campuses, build a community where students can truly belong, and make sure that no student is held back or left behind.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Mei Ting Su Together



My name is Mei Ting Su, and I'm running for General Representative to make our campus a place where students

feel connected, supported and proud to belong. As treasurer of ACES, my academic club, I have seen firsthand how vital grants, events and dedicated spaces are for building community.

If elected, I'll work hard to maintain funding for clubs and push for more opportunities that bring students

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together from all backgrounds. My goal is to make it easier for every student to join in, speak up and shape their university experience.

I also want to help create and improve places on campus where students can meet up, relax, study and work together comfortably and safely. I believe good student spaces and events make a big difference to student wellbeing and enjoyment of university life.

TOGETHER, we can keep our campus vibrant and our student voice strong.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Mohamed Shaliq Together



Hi, I'm Mohamed Shaliq and I'm running to be the RUSU General Representative.

Let's be honest, being a student

at RMIT isn't always easy. Between assignments, deadlines, work shifts, and everything else life throws at us, it's easy to feel like no one's really listening; and that's exactly why I'm running to be your RUSU General Representative,

because we need people in the student union who can help make the student journey a little less overwhelming.

I'm not here to make empty promises or throw around buzzwords. I'm here because I believe in:

- Speaking up when it counts. I'll raise the issues that matter and push for the real answers.
- Making student life fairer. Such as strengthening the access to affordable food, and helping students adjust to tough study workloads.

I want to turn your frustrations into action. If something's not working, overlooked, or just plain exhaustion, I won't sit back and wait for someone else to fix it. I'll step up and get it done.

Because my motivation is to genuinely represent you and make student life better for all of us.

Let's make it make sense, together.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Gemma Seymour Free Palestine



Hey, I'm Gem - I'm a fine arts student majoring in print making. When I started my degree, I thought that art could change the world and was

really excited about the opportunities RMIT offered.

Then, I learnt about RMIT's ties to weapons companies.

RMIT talks a big game about being progressive, a place for people to come who want to make a positive impact on the world, but their relationship to companies that are currently making record profits off the genocide in Gaza proves the university is more concerned with their own bottom line than the atrocities happening before our eyes.

Over the past few years, I have been campaigning against RMIT's ties to weapons companies, I've been a climate activist since high school and also been involved in campaigns for refugee rights, for queer rights, against racism and against the neo-nazis in Melbourne.

Our union desperately needs more anti-capitalist politics. It needs to be taking a radical stand against university management's profit-driven, pro-war partnerships and it needs to be fighting for all questions of social justice, especially Palestine. If this resonates with you, vote [1] Free Palestine. From the river to the sea.

Amarli Winter Together



Hi everyone! My name is Amarli Winter, and I am excited to announce that I am running to be the RUSU Communications Officer!

Over my time at RMIT, I have firsthand seen how important clear communication is for a vibrant, well-informed campus community. Whether it's keeping up-to-date with events, academic updates, or campus services, effective communication is key to a positive student experience.

Because university is not just about academics it is also about the experiences, connections and communities we build; thus our media should reflect that. RUSU has been integral in creating a creative and supportive environment, and I desire to continue with this ambition.

In 2025, I witnessed the revival of the adobe suite, and with this allows for students to better access creative tools that they perhaps could not afford in the past. I want to help amplify these efforts of making creativity accessible, and that would be through producing clear and engaging communication across all of RUSU's platforms.

'Because ultimately, communications doesn't just include pretty graphics, it creates awareness of RUSU's advocacy and contribution to student life.

Together, let's show how we can demonstrate our lively university.

VOTE [1] Together!

General Secretary

Holly Medlyn Free Palestine

I'm Holly and I'm running with Free Palestine for General Secretary.



I got involved in activism in high school, joining the campaign to free refugees from detention

at Park Hotel in Carlton. Since then, I have dedicated my time to fighting for a better world. I think RMIT students have a special role to play in this on campus.

RMIT is renowned for its research contributions to weapons development through the Sir Lawrence Wackett Defence and Aerospace Centre in Building 12. It is an important link in the supply chain of weapons used in Gaza through its partnerships with BAE Systems and the US Department of Defence.

I think we need to shut down this centre, and if elected, will fight to ensure our education is not geared towards death and destruction.

RUSU gets more than 4 million dollars every year to represent and fight for students. I think part of this should go towards actually fighting for what students want. Free education, affordable food and housing, and a university that isn't complicit in genocide.

Vote [1] Free Palestine for RUSU

Bunny Wadhwa Together



I'm Bunny (Manav), running for General Secretary with Together for RUSU. I know the grind of juggling assignments, late-night shifts, rent deadlines, and the constant calculation of whether you can afford groceries and a MYKI top-up in the same week.

As your General Secretary, I'll fight for:

- 3-day automatic extensions,
- Free breakfast every day,
- More free emergency grocery vouchers,
- A universal submission deadline,
- Fix the charging stations,
- And a bigger and better campus life!

Being an international student at RMIT is like playing life on 'hard mode' sky-high fees, Grocery and Myki prices that feel like daylight robbery, and group projects that test your patience more than your degree, and don't get me started on pre-recorded lectures...

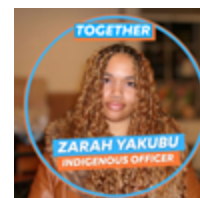
As your 2025 Education Officer I've been actively fighting for better. I've advocated for students at the university's highest levels, including the Academic Board, where I helped stop Special Consideration from being gutted. I've pushed for stronger support for international students and fairer academic policies for everyone. And as a cultural club leader, I've worked to promote diversity and inclusion, so campus life is more than just classes and exams.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for a union that works for you!

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Indigenous Officer

Zarah Yakubu & Lachlan Wills Together



My name is Zarah Yakubu and I am a proud Trawlwoolway/Palawa and Mwaghavul/Sura/Nigerian woman. And I'm Lachlan Wills, a proud Warumungu man.



We are running for the RUSU's Indigenous officers

position.

During our time at RMIT, we've made community in places like Ngarara Willim and formed integral connections with both the staff and our peers. Outside the safe places for mob, we've found inequality and ignorance runs rampant even in our own institution. By working with RUSU, we hope to advocate for the Indigenous community and represent our peers proudly and vocally.

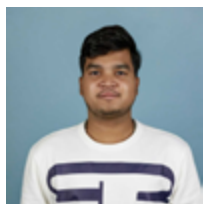
We will be attentive and considerate, tending to the needs and interests of mob. We will ensure that Indigenous students' have the resources to thrive on their academic journeys which includes developing and/or maintaining connections to culture and community.

We're dedicated and committed to generating positive change to ease any hardships experienced by First Nations students at RMIT. We're also striving to give mob the opportunity to make fond memories and build a strong network. Beyond more practical supports we'll deliver, we hope to organise events and activities to forge connections and give mob a break during the strife that comes along with studying.

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International Officer

Krishna Bandaru
Independent



As an International Officer, my mission is to create a supportive, inclusive, and empowering environment for

all international students at RMIT. I understand first-hand the challenges of adapting to a new culture, navigating complex systems, and building a sense of belonging far from home. I am committed to advocating for your needs and making sure your voice is heard at every level of decision-making.

My priorities include improving access to culturally sensitive mental health and wellbeing services, enhancing cultural exchange programs to connect students from diverse backgrounds, and working with the university to ensure clear, accessible information on visas, accommodation, academic requirements, and financial support.

I will also champion more tailored workshops on career readiness, industry networking, and employability skills to help international students transition confidently into the Australian job market.

Drawing on my own journey as an international student, I bring empathy, commitment, and a deep understanding of the issues we face. I will work tirelessly to ensure every international student feels welcomed, supported, and set up for success.

Vote for me to make your RMIT experience more connected, supported, and rewarding.

Feifei Wu
Together



I am honoured to run for 2026 RUSU International Officer. RMIT has one of the largest international student

communities in Australia, making it vital that the RUSU International Department represents our voices across the university.

In 2025, RUSU provided some of the biggest and best intercultural events on campus, including Multicultural Week, Indian Independence Day and Chinese New Year Week. These events help build community, but I know there is still more to do to address the challenges international students face.

Being an international student comes with unique struggles. I am determined to fight for RMIT to ease the pressures on our academic lives and ensure we can embrace campus life without being held back by the cost-of-living crisis.

TOGETHER will fight for this by:

- Advocating for more work opportunities for international students
- Campaigning for Myki concessions for international students
- Hosting more international student mixers

TOGETHER is a team of candidates from all corners of the world, reflecting the diversity of RMIT itself. We know what it means to represent every student.

The RMIT Student Union is for all students. As International Officer, I will ensure international students are never left behind.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

National Union of Students (NUS) Delegate

Atharv Thube
Together



I'm running for NUS Delegate with TOGETHER so RMIT's voice is loud and effective on the national stage.

Students are feeling

the squeeze- rent, groceries and fees keep rising and the NUS must deliver real cost-of-living relief, not slogans.

I'll push for more housing support and higher student income support through NUS campaigns and expand paid placements beyond teaching, nursing and social work, building on wins already achieved by TOGETHER.

I'll also fight to protect international students' rights, including certainty around graduate visas and fair treatment across the sector.

Instead of trading in headlines, I'll focus on the basics that matter:

- listening to RMIT students,
- building coalitions with other campuses, and
- Make sure the mandate I take to NUS comes from you.

Accountability, transparency and inclusion will be the standard and not the exception.

Nationally, I'll back extra funding for student unions, and practical supports students actually use- free food, travel and grocery vouchers, and services that help you finish your degree.

Let's take a practical, student-first agenda to the NUS and WIN.

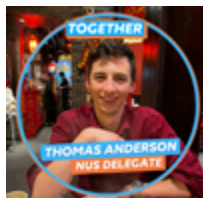
Only TOGETHER will fight for International Students!

Only TOGETHER will deliver cost of living support for students!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

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Thomas Anderson Together



Hi, my name is Thomas Anderson, and I am running under TOGETHER for the position of delegate for the National Union

of Students. But I am not just here for my team, I'm here for you. From my experience with being involved in the union movement, I've understood the impact and importance of a student union, much less, a national body.

If elected, I will ensure that students from across RMIT are represented across the board, my plans include:

- Fighting for more SSAF money to be put back into student's hands
- Expanded paid placement programs
- Fairer policies for international students
- Lobbying to lower the age of centrelink independence

Together with you, I will fight to ensure better representation for RMIT students, and ensure that your concerns are fought at a national level.

Only TOGETHER will fight for your student rights and ongoing cost of living support.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Holly Medlyn Free Palestine



I'm Holly and I'm running with Free Palestine for National Union of Students Delegate.

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. There's a great history of radical struggles on and around our campus, like fights against fee increases 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] Free Palestine.

Era Chaudhary Together



I am nominating myself for the position of National Union of Students Delegate to ensure that the voices of RMIT students are

heard at the national level. The issues faced by students here are part of a bigger picture, and it's important that our perspectives are included in shaping the future of higher education.

If elected, I will engage with students to understand their priorities and bring those to national discussions. I believe in respectful collaboration, open communication, and working with others to achieve outcomes that benefit all students.

My focus will be on ensuring that RMIT has strong representation in the NUS and that the concerns of our community are part of the broader student movement.

Together, we will ensure that our voices are brought onto the table and are taken seriously.

Only TOGETHER will fight for you.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Evelyn Rawson Free Palestine

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We need a national union of students that can stand up to the government and institutions that are making life harder for us.

Voting [1] Free Palestine for NUS Delegates

Gemma Seymour Free Palestine



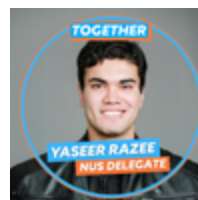
The NUS includes elected student representatives from universities across Australia. This means that it should be waging a national fight for

student rights across the country. But currently, it barely is.

We are watching a genocide unfold before our eyes. It is the crime of our generation, our Vietnam. NUS should be fighting against this atrocity, mobilising the hundreds of thousands of students across the country that support Palestine.

As a fine arts student and a socialist, I think the NUS should be linking up activist campaigns across the country and I will fight for this to happen.

Yaseer Razee Together



Hi, I'm Yaseer and I'm incredibly excited to be your candidate for NUS Delegate! If elected, I will prioritise and advocate for key issues like better

mental health support, affordable education and support with the cost of studying.

As a refugee from Afghanistan I know education is critical in helping students from different cultures and low socio-economic backgrounds get ahead and

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RMIT requires a strong representative in the NUS to fight for them. We need students who will fight for the highest standards of education and for more government support for students.

I have been involved and participated in various cultural and club activities on campus that has equipped me to succeed as an NUS delegate. I will use my platform to fight for:

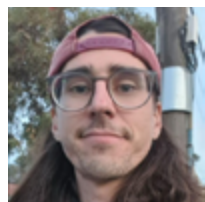
- More cost of living support through higher Centrelink allowance,
- Lowering the age of Centrelink independence,
- Expanded paid placement programs,
- Fairer policies for International students,
- Support free speech on campus.

Together, we will create a better representation of students on a national scale and advocate for the policies that promote enhanced and affordable studying conditions for students across Australia.

Only TOGETHER, will fight for your student rights and for more government support for students!

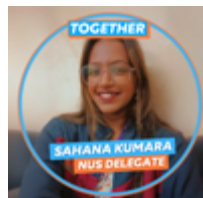
VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Louis Gray Free Palestine



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Sahana Kumara Together



I'm running for NUS Delegate because I believe RMIT students deserve a strong voice in the national conversation about higher education.

With a focus on transparency, accountability, and collaboration, I will actively communicate between RMIT students and the NUS, ensuring that our priorities are well-represented in national campaigns. I believe in not just attending conferences but also driving real change that students can see and feel. Below listed are my key agendas that I would want to work on for this academic year.

My top priorities are:

Cost of Living & Student Welfare: I would want to advocate for affordable student housing in Victoria. Push for public transport concessions for all full-time students and campaign for fair pay and protections for student workers focusing on both domestic and international students.

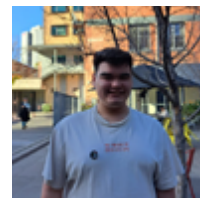
Mental Health & Wellbeing: Increase on-campus counselling capacity and propose for free mental health sessions options under Medicare for students.

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion: Strengthen anti-discrimination protections and Champion rights for women, LGBTQIA+ students, First Nations students, and students with disabilities.

Promote gender-neutral facilities and accessible learning spaces.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

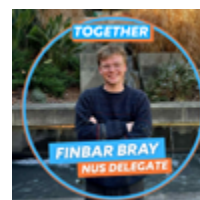
Kaiden Bird Free Palestine



you want that too!

Free Palestine is a team of left wing students who want to forge a National Union of Students that fights for us. Vote for Palestine if

Finbar Bray Together



Hi! I'm Finbar, I'm studying a bachelor of Urban Regional Planning, and I am running to become a delegate for the National Union of

Students!

In 2025, I had the privilege of being your president of the RMIT University Student Union. During my time as president, I oversaw vital reform to improve student life. This included delivering 100,000+ free meals for students, affiliating more clubs than ever, increased hours at the Multi-faith centre during Ramadan, and regained student access to the adobe suite; and as your Welfare Officer I started the Compass Cupboard Foodbank and campaigned to make Centrelink accessible to more students.

Despite these wins, I'm not finished. As your NUS delegate, I want to take the fight national. This includes advocating to lower the age of centrelink independence, provide extra funding for student unions, keep Universities accountable, and make more placements paid.

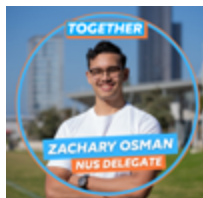
RMIT requires strong representation at the NUS, and I will ensure our voices are heard, and our concerns are addressed.

Together, we will ensure that your concerns are heard and fought for on a national level.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

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Zachary Osman Together



Studying at university can be one of the most exciting times in our lives, however, many students continue to face difficulties

navigating life in today's global climate. This can include challenges in finding affordable accommodation, managing day-to-day expenses and dealing with the ways such issues affect the personal wellbeing of students and their ability to commit to their studies.

Many of us also face personal challenges. Having moved across four different countries, I understand the difficulties of starting over from scratch. I am familiar with the struggle to find community, adjust to new environments, and to build support networks. All of which are deeply connected to the cost-of-living challenges students face every day.

These issues will not resolve themselves without strong representation at the National Union of Students; where we have a direct opportunity to ensure that our voices are heard and our concerns are addressed.

Together, we will ensure every student has a chance to voice their needs for a better future.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Winnie Zheng Free Palestine



The National Union of Students represents a million students across Australia, and yet basically nobody knows what it is. I want to get left wing

activists into the union so that it takes up campaigns that fight for students - for better welfare, for free education, an end to unpaid placements, for a Free Palestine. There's so much that the union could be doing!

Vote [1] Free Palestine for NUS delegates!

Matt Bourke Free Palestine



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, against the complicity of our university in the war crimes in Gaza, climate justice or women and LGBT+ rights, and I have continuously been pushing for NUS to take up these questions seriously.

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

Postgraduate Officer

Ben Milne Free Palestine



This year I have been a General Representative on the student union council. During this term I have won RUSU to support the Student

Strikes for Palestine each semester and to oppose the ongoing weapons trade with Israel. Over my last couple of years on campus I have been an activist with Students for Palestine and have organised the Weapons off Campus campaign.

I have also been involved with organising the rallies against Trump and his impacts on Australian politics, and to demand

that the government doesn't roll over when he attacks higher education in this country by slashing research grants.

In a climate where postgraduate education is becoming more and more part of the Australian military complex, it's important that the Postgraduate officebearer defends the rights of academic freedom and freedom of speech on campus. We deserve higher education that's about understanding the world and making it a better place, not about researching weapons to destroy it.

Vote [1] Free Palestine for an activist and left-wing union.

Ishi Ahmed Together



Hey! I'm Ishi, and my name roughly translates to "strength of heart"!

After completing my Bachelors of IT, I'm now diving into

a Master's degree in Cybersecurity. I'd describe myself as positive, energetic and, to be honest, kinda nerdy!

As I've settled into my postgrad life, I've come to understand the challenges we face:

- limited class timetable options,
- job hunting,
- maintaining a social life,
- and navigating academic, wellbeing, and career support services.

Over the past three years, I've worked closely with thousands of fellow students through various roles at RMIT, and I want to use that experience to advocate for better opportunities for postgraduate students. Because our postgrad life should be memorable amidst productivity.

If elected as the Postgraduate Officer, I will:

- Expand opportunities for career development, networking, and industry connections.

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- Improve access to mental health and wellbeing resources that suit busy postgrad schedules.
- Bring our diverse postgrad community together through inclusive and meaningful events.

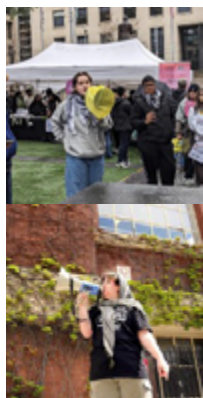
The voices of postgraduate students deserve to be heard, and I'll ensure that they are.

Together, let's make RMIT a place where postgraduate students can truly thrive!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Queer Officer

Matt Bourke & Annika Crees
Free Palestine



Queer students deserve an activist student union that will passionately fight for the rights of LGBTQ+ students and every student on campus!

Transgender rights are under attack globally. Recently, countries like the UK and US have implemented

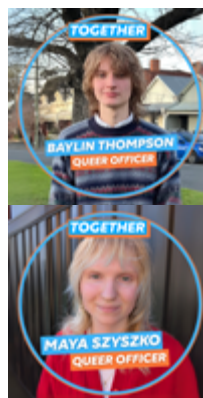
legislation attacking

transgender rights and healthcare. This inspired the right in Australia. In January, the Queensland government announced that gender-affirming care for young people would be banned until a review had been completed and assessed. This is despite research consistently showing that access to gender-affirming healthcare overwhelmingly benefits wellbeing. It's important that we build a movement that fights back against these attacks, and the student union can play an important role. We are experienced and passionate activists who want to use our positions as Queer officers to rebuild that movement. In 2023, candidates on the Free Palestine ticket organised protests against UK transphobe Posie Parker that resulted in her fleeing and

vowing to never return to Australia.

We are running with the Free Palestine ticket because we think all students have an interest in the fight for Palestine. Our university is complicit in the genocide. All RMIT students must take a stand to demand that our university cut ties with weapons companies.

Baylin Thompson & Maya Szyszko
Together



Hey friends! We're Baylin (he/him), a second-year psychology student at City Campus, and Maya (she/her), with a background in administration and social work. We're running together to be your RUSU Queer Officers for 2026.

We've seen how vital RUSU is; not just for building friendships, but for defending rights and amplifying student voices. If elected, we'll work to create a more diverse and intersectional Queer community through collaboration with groups who've traditionally felt excluded, making RMIT more welcoming and vibrant.

We'll push for tangible change, including:

- A Queer Accountability and Allyship Program to address queerphobia.
- Expanded gender-affirming facilities on all campuses.
- A Queer Resources Hub to centralise support services.
- A bigger pride week than ever

We'll keep running favourites like Queer Mixers, Pride Week, and coffee catch ups; plus new, inclusive events to bring our community and allies together. Advocacy will remain central, with a focus on more staff training on queer issues to foster a culture of safety and respect.

Together, we'll strengthen, protect, and

celebrate RMIT's Queer community. Belonging is for everybody.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Sustainability Officer

Bushra Yamin
Together



Hi All, my name is Mirza Bushra Yamin and I'm currently in my third year of the Bachelor of Social Work.

I have taken an active role in student life throughout my time at RMIT. I have been involved as the Marketing head of the RMIT Bangladeshi Association and the RMIT Astronomy Society, and I have volunteered at RUSU. I know the importance of active student representation on campus, and that is why I am now proud to stand as a candidate.

As Sustainability Officer, I want to make it clear: sustainability shouldn't be just a chapter in a book, it should be part of our everyday campus life.

As Sustainability Officer I will:

- Tackling fast fashion through the promotion of thrifting and upcycling workshops
- Hosting sustainable runway shows where we sew, repair and repurpose old clothes
- Create hands-on opportunities for students to learn practical sustainability skills, such as gardening.

The opportunities are endless, and I want to make sure RMIT leads by example when it comes to caring for our planet. Together, we can make sustainability a shared value, not just a buzzword.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Zavia Lingenti

Free Palestine



Hi, I'm Zavia. I'm studying Social Work and I'm an activist. I'm a part of Free Palestine because I believe RUSU should be an activist union

that mobilises students to fight for social justice and climate justice. 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.

Climate action means transformative change. And we need a student union that mobilises students to fight for our planet against climate-destroying corporations and their mates in government.

Vote [1] Free Palestine for a student union that fights for climate justice.

- Started a fortnightly VE Veggie Market.
- Negotiated with the College of VE to make all assignments due Sunday 11:59pm, at the end of each week. Starting from Semester 1, 2026!

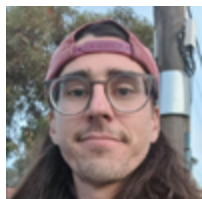
And I'm not stopping there.

If you've liked the changes I've brought so far, then you can imagine what we can achieve next year.

Together, we can keep building a stronger, more united RMIT, where every VE student gets the support and voice they need to thrive!

A vote for Together is a vote for VE.

Louis Gray Free Palestine



I am Louis, I am a Socialist and a member of the Students for Palestine campaign. I am running for both NUS Officer and

VE Officer positions. I am a VE student in Professional Writing and Editing and my passion for journalism makes it my duty to fight for the truth and freedom of speech on our campus.

Universities have always been a place for thought, political debate and protests, from the civil rights movement to today's Free Palestine movement.

RMIT maintains ties to weapons manufacturers like BAE Systems, which plays a direct role in the genocide in Palestine, and many more. This is why we need to maintain a space for students who do not want their university to play a role or profit from the business of war.

I stand against racism, sexism, LGBTQ+ discrimination and crackdowns on protests.

I stand for free speech and a Free Palestine.

If you do too: Vote [1] Free Palestine for RUSU

Welfare Officer

Saiansh Sharma Together



Hi, I'm Saiansh Sharma, a Bachelor of Software Engineering student at RMIT. My time with the RMIT University Student Union (RUSU) has

been a highlight of my university journey, connecting me with amazing people and shaping my experience in ways I never expected.

I believe university should be a supportive, inclusive, and vibrant place where every student can thrive. No one should face financial, social, or emotional struggles alone. As your Welfare Officer, I'll advocate for better support systems, working closely with RUSU's Compass Drop-In Centre to provide reliable information, referrals, and personalised care.

RUSU already offers free weekly meals, MYKI and grocery vouchers, textbook assistance, and campus events. I'll build on this by pushing for:

- More help finding affordable housing
- Expanded financial aid and wellbeing services
- Improved group work systems
- Improved ChatGPT and AI policies
- Live lectures instead of pre-recorded ones

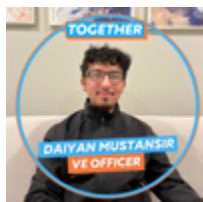
Your ideas matter, and I'm here to listen and ensure services meet your needs. A vote for me and TOGETHER is a vote to tackle the cost-of-living crisis and prioritise your welfare. Let's make university work for you!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER to tackle student poverty!

Vote [1] TOGETHER!

Vocational Education Officer

Daiyan Mustansir Together



Hey everyone! My name's Daiyan, and I'm running to be your VE Officer again for the upcoming year! Over the past year, I've been working

hard to make sure Vocational Education students are finally seen, heard, and supported. In my first year I advocated for and secured:

- Expanded prayer space hours at RMIT.
- Larger VE Smoko's.
- Introduced extra free breakfast items every Wednesday.
- Monthly lunches for all RMIT UP students.

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Nurul Sanif Free Palestine



I'm Asyiqin, a media student and activist with Students for Palestine.

Students are doing it tough right now. We're loaded with

student debt and face a historic cost of living crisis. We have to deal with extortionate rents from dodgy private housing providers like Scape, or cram into mouldy sharehouses with half a dozen housemates just to have a roof over our heads.

Juggling the demands of work and study make it hard to afford the necessities like groceries and transport, let alone to spend time and money on things that we enjoy.

There's a lot more that RMIT could be doing to make life more affordable for students. The university could cap the price of meals on campus to \$10, lower the cost of our degrees and ensure that all students are paid fairly for the internships they do. In the past, Australian universities have also offered free or highly subsidised housing for students to help them deal with the pressures of student life. We want to bring this back.

If I'm elected as your Welfare Officer, I'll fight tirelessly for a university that puts people before profit. Vote [1] Free Palestine!

Women's Officer

Angela Fenech Together



Hello, I'm Angela, and I am running for RUSU Women's Officer!

During my time at RMIT, I've embraced student life.

From serving as Secretary of the RMIT

Astronomy Society to being a committee member of the RMIT Information Security Collective, I've seen first-hand the issues students face.

Starting at RMIT in 2024 was an exciting time full of opportunity. However, I quickly realised the reality of being a woman in STEM. Experiencing imposter syndrome from being the only woman in class, or having classmates ignore my ideas during assignments, has shown me that we still have a way to go.

The lack of belonging is a feeling that I, and many of my female peers, know all too well. However, this feeling should never be normalised.

As your Women's Officer, I will fight for inclusivity, more networking events for women, more accessible period products on campus, strengthening our Women's Collective, and ensuring that women feel they belong here. This kind of advocacy is integral for us to feel empowered in a tech university.

I'm a firm believer that no woman should walk into a room and feel intimidated by the unique experiences we bring to the table.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Maya Milyaev Free Palestine



Across the world, women's rights are under attack and student unions must take action.

Here in Australia, women continue

to face major systemic injustices, from workplace inequality to threats to their bodily autonomy. Women are still just earning 78 cents on the dollar compared to men, almost a 22% pay gap, and some sectors show even more alarming disparities, with First Nations women earning around 70 cents to the dollar. Along with this, access to abortion and reproductive healthcare also remains uneven, especially for poor and working-class women.

We can't accept tokenistic gestures from student unions while these injustices continue. Student unions must take an active, organised role in confronting sexism on campus, fighting for reproductive rights, closing the gender pay gap, and linking up with broader struggles against capitalism and oppression.

I have been an RMIT activist for the past three months, involved in the student strike for Palestine and ongoing Palestine solidarity work. I believe we need an activist student union that fights unapologetically for women's liberation and stands in solidarity with all oppressed peoples. Vote [1] Free Palestine

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