



RUSU

RMIT UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

Annual Elections

7 - 11 SEPTEMBER 2026

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 over 90 clubs and societies that students can join – clubs may be political, spiritual, academic, cultural and social. While RUSU is the heart of student life, RUSU is also here for students when they need help - we have an extensive student advocacy service, information counters, offer a welfare drop-in centre and keep safe spaces on campuses.

ABOUT THE ELECTIONS

Voting at these elections will be conducted via an online method. All enrolled students will receive a link to vote in their student email on Monday 7 September. Students can vote on their own devices at any time during election week and can attend a polling location for assistance with online voting.

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 7 September 2026 until 1pm, Friday 11 September 2026.

The Returning Officer is Owen Wrangle.

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 SUPPORT

Polling support staff will be located at the following dates, locations and times to assist with online voting:

Campus	Location	Monday, 7 September	Tuesday, 8 September	Wednesday, 9 September	Thursday, 10 September	Friday, 11 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) 2026 Annual Election – Voting Link'** on Monday 7 September 2026. 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, Owen Wrangle at rusureturningofficer@gmail.com



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Please note that this is a screenshot example from a previous year.

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 for Officebearers 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

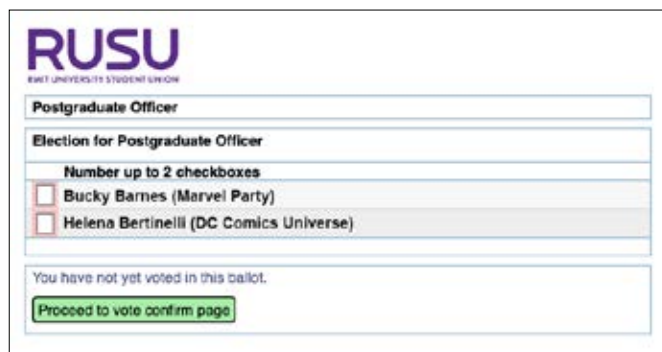
Above the line

☐ Marvel Party

☐ DC Comic Universe

[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

☐ Bucky Barnes (Marvel Party)

☐ Helena Bertinelli (DC Comics Universe)

You have not yet voted in this ballot.

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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

☐ Marvel Party	☐ Matt Murdock (Marvel Party)
	☐ Wanda Maximoff (Marvel Party)
	☐ Jean Gray (Marvel Party)
	☐ Adam Warlock (Marvel Party)
	☐ Susan Storm (Marvel Party)
☐ DC Comic Universe	☐ Barbara Gordon (DC Comic Universe)
	☐ Dick Grayson (DC Comic Universe)
	☐ Hal Jordan (DC Comic Universe)
	☐ Damian Wayne (DC Comic Universe)
	☐ Barry Allen (DC Comic Universe)
	☐ Ray Palmer (DC Comic Universe)
	☐ Helena Bertinelli (DC Comic Universe)
☐ Not in any party	☐ Barb Wire

You have not yet voted in this ballot.

[Proceed to vote confirm page](#)

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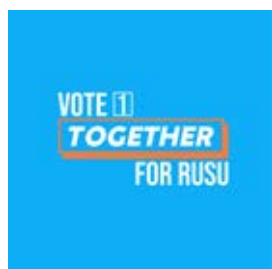
Depending on which campus you are enrolled at, you will then be taken to a campus-specific election page to vote for your **Campus Representatives**. To vote for these positions, simply follow the instructions given for Voting for individual candidates on the first ballot.

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, Owen Wrangle 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

Being a student isn't easy right now. Between classes, assignments, placements, work, rent, groceries and trying to maintain a social life, there's a lot to juggle.

Together is focused on the things students tell us matter most: making uni more affordable, fighting for fairer education, and elevating your campus experience.

In 2026, Together delivered:

- Free Breakfast EVERYDAY
- More than 200,000+ free meals for students
- Opened Realfoods Canteen serving \$5 meals
- Refurbished and renovated RUSU's Queer and Women's rooms
- RUSU's biggest Multicultural and Clubs Festival ever
- A strong student voice on Academic Board, fighting for automatic extensions and standardised deadlines

We're proud of what we've achieved, but we know there's more work to do.

In 2027, Together will fight to:

- Secure 7-day automatic extensions
- Ensure faster assessment results and better feedback
- Deliver 300,000+ free meals to students
- Secure a standardised submission deadline across RMIT
- Extend Realfoods canteen operating hours
- Introduce a new free RUSU legal service
- Run even bigger events and ignite campus life on every campus

- Get RMIT students more beers, bands and BBQs!

What makes Together strong is the people behind it.

Our team comes from different campuses, courses, cultures and communities across RMIT. We're club leaders, student representatives and volunteers. We're domestic and international students, undergraduate, postgraduate and VE students. We bring different experiences to the table, but share the same dedication to making student life better.

We know how RUSU works, we know how to get things done, and most importantly, we care about delivering for students.

In 2027, we want to build on everything we've achieved and make RUSU bigger and better than ever.

Whether you come from a different course, campus, or college, we want all students to have the best possible experience at RMIT.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for cost-of-living support!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for fairer education!

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

VOTE [1] TOGETHER FOR RUSU!



Left Action

Vote [1] Left Action for RUSU!

Left Action is the collective of activists on campus who are fighting for left-wing change. RMIT has ties to weapons companies such as BAE Systems, our

education is getting more expensive and the far right is insurgent.

Over the past twelve months, our two councillors have forced RUSU to support the 2025 nation-wide protest for Palestine, this year's National Palestine Solidarity Week, and the August 13th national day of action against Hanson. These campaigns were organised by us, and we had to fight for RUSU's endorsement.

The student union has a multi-million dollar budget and the ability to run campaigns that mobilise students to fight against weapons ties, for our education, and against the far right, yet getting the current student union on board with these campaigns is like fighting an uphill battle. In addition, council meetings are inaccessible for students, making it difficult to hold RUSU accountable. *We believe student unions should be democratic bodies that fight for our rights and take up political questions. We need more activists on the council.*

The far right poses a major threat. Over the past year, extreme racism and Islamophobia has become normalised in society. Sexism and transphobia are also on the rise. These politics are a threat to students, workers and the oppressed. We need a student union that is prepared to take a stand against all forms of racism and bigotry.

Education is a human right. It should be made free for everyone. At the moment it is run like a corporation: the RMIT Vice Chancellor has a salary of \$1mil while he cuts our education and access to services. The salaries of the top executives should be cut and put into staff and student services - our education should not be sacrificed for profits.

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? Left Action activists will link up with other student unions to bring the fight for cheap student accommodation and better welfare to a national level.

We need Left Action to make RUSU a fighting, activist union.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Activities Officer

Ace Tran Together



We know that some of the best parts of uni happen outside the classroom.

I'm Ace Tran, a Bachelor of Business student running to be your 2027

Activities Officer with Together for RUSU.

Whether it's meeting someone new at Chill N Grill, heading to Welcome Bash with your mates, or getting involved in Multicultural Festival, a great campus life can completely change your university experience.

This year, RUSU delivered our biggest Multicultural Festival ever, alongside huge events like Welcome Bash, the Boat Party and regular events throughout the semester.

I want to take that even further in 2027 with:

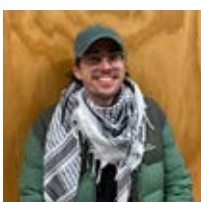
- More beers, bands and BBQs
- An even bigger Multicultural Festival
- Bigger and better Welcome Bash and Boat Party
- More weekly events throughout the semester
- An enhanced O-Week and campus experience

I want RMIT to be a campus where people actually want to stick around after class. Somewhere you can meet people, try something new, have a cheap feed and make some great memories along the way. Uni should be fun too. In 2027, let's make sure it is.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for a bigger and better campus life!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Louis Gray Left Action



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 fight against the far right. Over the past year, RMIT students activists have been involved in numerous campaigns against Hanson and the rise of the far right. Including the student strike where hundreds of students walked out from their classes to protest this rise of racist politics in Australia.

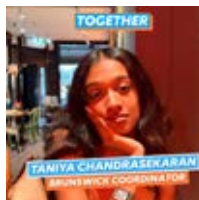
I also think that the student union should take action for Palestine. RMIT maintains ties with harmful corporations like Boeing, which collaborates with the university to develop components for military aircraft that are directly used by Israel in missiles and bombs devastating Palestine. This sellout of students' education to the arms industry should not be allowed at our 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] Left Action!

Brunswick Coordinator

Taniya Chandrasekaran Together



Let's be real. Brunswick students deserve better.

I'm Taniya Chandrasekaran, a Bachelor of Fashion Design student, and I'm running to be

your 2027 Brunswick Coordinator with Together, because Brunswick students deserve a campus that gets the same attention, investment and student life as everyone else.

In 2027, I want to give Brunswick the glow-up it desperately needs.

I'll fight for:

- A RUSU pop-up op-shop at Brunswick Campus
- More events, BBQs, live music and parties on campus
- Better student spaces and upgraded campus facilities
- An all-gender bathroom that is actually accessible and actually open
- More free period products, properly stocked
- More support, funding and spaces for Brunswick clubs
- More RUSU services available on campus

Brunswick shouldn't feel like RMIT's forgotten campus.

I want students to have a reason to stick around after class, events worth coming to campus for and facilities that actually meet our needs, rather than concrete blocks that don't even cover you from the rain (consider yourself on notice orange thingy!).

It's time to put Brunswick first.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER to elevate our Brunswick Campus!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Cassandra Lilly Rawoteea Left Action



I'm Cass and I'm running for Brunswick Coordinator with Left Action.

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 protests against Pauline Hanson, for Palestine, and for broader issues that impact students.

Vote [1] Left Action for a fighting, left-wing student union!

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Brunswick Representative

Angel Mehta
Together



Brunswick is home to some of the most creative students at RMIT and our campus should have the facilities, events and energy to match.

I'm Angel Mehta, a Bachelor of Fashion (Enterprise) student, and I'm running to be your 2027 Brunswick Representative with Together.

I love what makes Brunswick different, but we shouldn't have to accept being overlooked just because we aren't on the City campus. Together, Taniya and I want to bring more life, support and investment to Brunswick.

I'll work to deliver more BBQs and live music, pools tables and board games, more support for our clubs and creative communities, and better industry events for all Brunswick students.

As a Fashion student, I also want to bring an in-person DEPOP to Brunswick, giving students an affordable and sustainable way to refresh their wardrobe, while running more events that showcase the incredible work being created on our campus.

And the basics matter too. That means properly stocked period products, an all-gender bathroom that is actually accessible, and more RUSU services available at Brunswick.

Brunswick already has the creativity. Now let's give it the campus life to match.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER to elevate Brunswick!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

This position has been elected unopposed.

Bundoora Coordinator

Divyanshi Grover
Together



Hey everyone! My name is Divyanshi Grover. I'm studying a Master of Biotechnology and am running as TOGETHER's candidate for

Bundoora Coordinator. Over the past year TOGETHER supported Bundoora students with these policies and events:

- Delivered a new student space in Building 204
- A Bundoora Festival
- Weekly Bundoora Women's Lunches
- Upgraded the Bundoora Women's room
- And advocated for cheaper parking on Bundy Campus

But there is still a lot more work that needs to be done for Bundoora. As Representative I will fight for the support and events you deserve as Bundoora students with these changes:

- Introducing a Bundoora Shuttle Bus
- Running a 2027 Bundy Bash League
- Upgrading the Prayer Spaces
- Deliver Bundoora Weekly Coffee Catchups
- Ensure more paid placements for students
- Revitalise the Bundoora campuses

As Bundoora students we deserve to have our voices heard in RUSU, and only TOGETHER will listen to student voices and make the changes we deserve to make happen.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for Better Prayer Rooms!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for More Events in Bundy!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for Bundoora!

This position has been elected unopposed.

Bundoora East Representative

Saily Kamble
Together



My name's Saily Kamble, and I'm running to be your 2027 Bundoora East Representative with Together for RUSU because the East deserves more

attention, better facilities and a campus life of its own.

You shouldn't have to go all the way to the West just to get a coffee.

East students deserve the same basic amenities, support and campus experience as students anywhere else at RMIT. I want to make sure the East is somewhere you actually want to spend time, not somewhere you leave the second class finishes.

In 2027, I'll fight for:

- Better food and coffee options on East
- Upgraded student spaces and facilities
- Better campus safety, lighting and safer routes
- More places to sit, eat, study and socialise
- More RUSU services delivered directly on East
- A Bundoora Shuttle Bus to better connect our campus

Bundoora East shouldn't be an afterthought.

Let's bring some life back to East and build a campus that is safer, busier and actually works for students.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for Bundy!

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This position has been elected unopposed.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Bundoora West Representative

Aardhra Krishna
Together



Hey everyone! My name is Aardhra. I'm studying a Masters in Food Science and Technology and am running as TOGETHER's

candidate for Bundoora West representative.

Together has been working to put Bundy back on the map. We've delivered a new student space in Building 204, run the Bundoora Festival, started weekly Women's Lunches, upgraded the Women's Room and pushed for cheaper parking.

But there is plenty more to do.

In 2027, I'll fight for:

- A Bundoora Shuttle Bus connecting students and our campuses
- A bigger than ever 2027 Bundy Bash League
- Cheaper parking for Bundoora students
- Better and upgraded prayer spaces
- Weekly Bundoora coffee catch-ups
- Better student spaces and facilities across Bundy
- Stronger support for students undertaking placements

Whether you're in the City or Bundoora, you deserve affordable food, great facilities, better transport and a campus that actually feels alive.

Bundoora is a huge part of RMIT. It's time we make sure it feels like one.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for Better Prayer Rooms!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for More Events in Bundy!

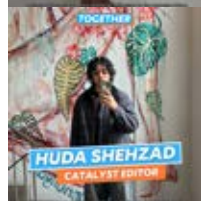
VOTE [1] TOGETHER for Bundoora!

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This position has been elected unopposed.

Catalyst Editor

**Vismaya Gejjala,
Kanishka Sharma &
Huda Shehzad**
Together



For more than 80 years, Catalyst has been a platform for RMIT students to create, question, share ideas and tell the stories that matter to them.

We're Vismaya, Kanishka and Huda, and we're running with Together to lead Catalyst into its next chapter.

We want Catalyst to showcase the incredible creativity that already exists across RMIT, while making it easier for more students

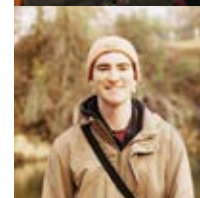
to get involved. Whether you're a writer, designer, photographer, illustrator, filmmaker or editor, or you're interested in events and social media, there should be a place for you at Catalyst.

Catalyst should be something students are excited to pick up, contribute to and be part of.

With our combined experience across different aspects of Campus life including as editors and contributors to Catalyst, we want to make Catalyst more creative, collaborative and visible across RMIT while protecting what has made it such an important part of student life for generations.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

**Ned Giddings,
Maya Milyaev &
Lucan Burns**
Left Action



Our student newspaper should cover issues that students care about.

Catalyst needs to get back in touch with student struggle, with radical politics and alternative writing that reflect the attitudes of students. There are always multiple student activism campaigns happening, like the campaign to kick weapons companies off

campus, or students against One Nation, and yet we get no coverage of any of it from Catalyst.

We are left-wing arts students who want a student newspaper that delivers in all the ways it should, creating a hub for students' art events and creative projects, a space for marginalised voices and radical politics, and a publication that RMIT students can be proud of. With experience in writing, editing and activism, we are the ones who can make it happen!

So Vote [1] Left Action for a better Catalyst. A student newspaper for student struggle.

City Coordinator

Sahara Woodworth
Left Action



The bosses of RMIT are way more interested in making profit than the quality of our education and our time on campus.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Most students attend uni on the city campus too - I think our union should be fighting to make our lives easier. In the midst of the cost of living crisis, I want to see a RUSU that will fight for:

- Free education
- Scrapping public transport fees for students
- All meals on campus to be capped to \$5

The city campus is also where RMIT holds a majority of ties to weapons companies. It is essential that RUSU does everything in its power to fight against these ties. War and militarism has a terrible impact on students the world over.

My name's Sahara, and I'm running for City Coordinator for RMIT's student union because I know we need a left wing student union.

Vote [1] Left action to put activists in the student union!

Ananya Revi Together



Uni is expensive, assignments are stressful, and sometimes you just want somewhere to charge your phone that actually works.

I'm Ananya Revi, a Bachelor of Business student running to be your 2027 City Coordinator with Together because I want RMIT to work better for students, both inside and outside the classroom. Together has already delivered \$5 meals at Realfoods, free breakfast every day and more than 200,000 free meals, while taking the fight for fairer academic policies directly to RMIT.

In 2027, that means delivering 300,000 free meals, more free frozen meals and a new free RUSU legal service for students who need help.

It means continuing the fight for 7-day automatic extensions and standardised deadlines, alongside faster assessment results and better feedback.

As for the fun stuff, I want bigger Chill N Grills, more beers, bands and BBQs,

more events throughout the semester, and charging lockers.

Students come to the City Campus from every corner of RMIT. I want to make sure there's something here for everyone.

Cheaper food. Fairer education. Bigger events. Better support.

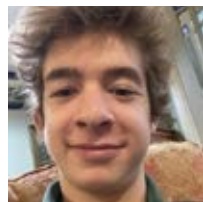
That's what I'll fight for as your City Coordinator.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER to deliver for City Campus!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

City Representative

Max Johnson Left Action



I'm Max, I'm a Urban planning student here at RMIT. I chose to do urban planning to make the world better, the streets safer for regular people

but that is unattainable if we let racists march on our streets and bring hate into our city and campus.

As City Representative I will fight for more left wing action from our student 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. We need a student union that will fight against the far right and not just stand by as racists march on the streets.

Vote [1] Left action for a left wing union!

Manas Manish Bhannaria Together



I'm Manas Bhannaria, a Masters of Data Science student, and I'm running to be your 2027 City Representative with Together.

Together has delivered \$5 meals at Realfoods, free breakfast every day and more than 200,000+ free meals. Now we want to make student life even better.

In 2027, I'll work to deliver:

- A free RUSU Legal Service to help with Housing and Myki Fines
- 300,000+ free meals and more free frozen meals
- Bigger and better Chill N Grills
- More beers, bands, BBQs and non-alcoholic events
- Better student spaces and facilities
- Secure charging lockers
- More events that give students a reason to stick around after class

I'll also back Together's fight for 7-day automatic extensions, standardised deadlines and better assessment feedback.

City is the heart of RMIT. Let's give it the student experience to match.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER to elevate your city campus experience!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER to provide more cost of living support!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Clubs & Societies Officer

Auley Ryan Left Action



Hi I'm Auley and I'm running as Clubs and Societies Officer with Left Action.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Our university is run for profit—its aim is to get you through your degree as fast as possible with as little money spent on you as they can manage. There's no affordable student housing, your lecturers are overworked and unable to provide adequate support, and most students have to work on top of their full time study load. All of this adds up to mean that very few students have the time and money to take part in clubs and societies consistently.

Left Action wants to make life easier for all of us. We want to fight for things like free education, affordable student housing, and a youth allowance that is actually liveable. This would remove the financial and time constraints that most students suffer from, allowing them to enjoy RMIT clubs and societies freely and easily.

If you want a fighting political union vote one [1] Left Action.

Abdullah Faisal Together



1,100+ club events. More grants than ever. Free printing for club leaders. Our biggest Clubs Fest ever.

It's been a massive year for clubs at RMIT, and in 2027 I want to make it even bigger.

I'm Abdullah Faisal, a third year Bachelor of Civil Engineering student, Secretary of the Pakistani Society, and I'm running to be your Clubs & Societies Officer with Together for RUSU.

This year, Together's team supported more than 1,100 club events, delivered more club grants than ever before, introduced free printing for club leaders, and held the biggest Clubs Fest in RUSU history.

In 2027, I want to build on that record with:

- More funding and grants for clubs
- Better storage and spaces for club leaders
- Better training and practical support for club executives
- An even bigger Clubs Fest

Most importantly, I want RUSU to make running a club easier. Club leaders already volunteer huge amounts of their time to create campus life for everyone else. RUSU should be cutting red tape and backing them every step of the way.

Let's make 2027 another record-breaking year for RMIT clubs.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for more support for club leaders!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Disabilities & Carers Officer

Fadi Merhi Left Action



RMIT should be an institution where everyone can equally participate and benefit from the student experience. With the growth of far-right parties

which seek to attack every aspect of the lives of students and workers, and cuts to the infrastructure that supports disabled people, we need an unabashedly left-wing voice in the student union advocating without compromise, for an accessible, equitable and democratic society.

Pauline Hanson's One Nation is now the most popular political party in Australia. Her fascistic, pro-billionaire agenda, aimed at attacking the rights of disabled people, workers, Muslims, migrants, women, gender diverse and First Nations people, has the support of 23.5% of Victorians. All the while, the Albanese Labor government is slashing \$38 billion from the NDIS, with disability advocates testifying that thousands will lose their livelihood - some, their lives - due to the impacts of these cuts.

We need a student union that can fight One Nation's racist, ableist and anti-human agenda; one that can fight for the expansion of the social services that support disabled people, students, and workers alike; and one that is willing to

take action against the far-right because and fight to win.

Vote [1] Left Action for RUSU

S M Rafyat Shafiq Together



University should be a place where everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed, participate, and belong. I understand

how challenging it can be to navigate university systems and access the support you need. Through my experience supporting students from diverse backgrounds, I have seen firsthand how accessibility, inclusion, and clear support pathways can transform a student's university experience.

If elected as Disabilities & Carers Officer, I will advocate for students with disabilities, accessibility needs, chronic health conditions, neurodivergence, mental health challenges, caring responsibilities, and anyone who experiences barriers to fully participating in university life.

My priorities are improving accessibility across campus, promoting inclusive learning environments and RUSU events, increasing awareness of support services and academic adjustments, advocating for fairer and more transparent processes, reducing stigma, and ensuring students are meaningfully consulted so their lived experiences shape the decisions that affects them.

I believe meaningful change begins by listening, collaborating, and taking action. I will be an approachable representative who works alongside students, RUSU, and the University to advocate for practical, lasting improvements that create a more accessible, inclusive, and welcoming community.

Vote [1] TOGETHER for a campus where everyone has the opportunity to succeed and belong.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

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Education Officer

Daniel Stekelenburg
Left Action



I'm Daniel, an international studies student, and I'm running with Left Action for Education Officer.

Our university is run for profit.

That means the Vice Chancellor and top executives take home massive paychecks while the quality of our education declines year on year. Overcrowded classes, underpaid teachers, recycled content and unpaid placements - that's what defines university education in 2026.

I think students and staff at RMIT deserve much better than this. We should fight for education to be free, like it was when our parents were at uni. But short of that, we want to take on the uni management and the government and fight for real HECS relief, expanded funding for universities, and a better quality of education. That also means standing with the staff union at RMIT when they go on strike for higher pay and better conditions.

It also means opposing all of RMIT's criminal partnerships. Through the Lawrence Wackett Defence Centre, our uni has relationships with dozens of weapons companies including Boeing and BAE Systems. As an activist with Students for Palestine, I'm committed to bringing our campaigning against weapons companies into the Education office.

Vote [1] Left Action for an activist student union!

Yash Pandey
Together



Hi, I'm Yash Pandey, and I'm running to be your 2027 Education Officer with Together for RUSU.

Students deserve an education

system that actually works for them. You shouldn't have to jump through hoops

when you need a few extra days, wait weeks to get an assessment back, or deal with completely different rules and deadlines across every course.

As your Education Officer, I'll fight for:

- 7-day automatic extensions
- Standardised submission deadlines across RMIT
- Faster assessment results and better feedback
- Better support and conditions for WIL and placements
- A stronger student voice in how courses are designed
- Fairer, clearer policies around AI and ChatGPT

RUSU has already been taking the fight for fairer academic policies directly to RMIT through Academic Board. In 2027, I want to build on that work and make sure students have a strong voice wherever decisions about our education are being made.

University is hard enough without confusing policies, unnecessary bureaucracy and inconsistent support. I'll fight for an RMIT where students are heard, supported and given a fair chance to succeed.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER TO ELEVATE YOUR EDUCATION EXPERIENCE!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER FOR RUSU!

General Representative

Alma Hanifa
Left Action



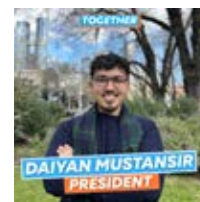
I'm a socialist activist studying education in VE, and I'm running with Left Action because I think our student union needs more left wing voices to stand up to uni management and fight for social justice issues. I've been involved in Indonesian solidarity activism here in Melbourne, and have lots of experience organising with all sorts of people to fight for real change.

Young people today face a world of growing climate catastrophe, war and inequality. We have no hope of buying a house, no promise of decent-paying jobs, and we're watching far right politics rapidly becoming entrenched in Australia. RUSU should be a beacon for all students who want to join the fight for a better world.

Right now, most students don't know much about what RUSU does. The council meetings are difficult to access unless you're in the know, and not that many people engage in the annual elections. Left Action candidates want to change that - just like trade unions function best when their members are actively engaged, student unions are also strongest when we all join the fight.

Vote [1] Left Action for a fighting student union!

Daiyan Mustansir
Together



I'm Daiyan, and I'm running to be your 2027 RUSU President with Together.

Throughout my time at RMIT, I've served on the executives of

multiple clubs and seen how important campus communities are. Uni isn't just about getting your degree, but it's also about finding your people, feeling like you belong, and having support when you need it.

As a Muslim student, I saw how something as simple as access to the multi-faith prayer spaces and halal food options can shape whether students feel supported on campus, and as your 2025 and 2026 VE Officer, I fought for and delivered assessment deadlines of 11:59pm for all VE students and 500kgs a week of free veggies at VE Smoko.

Now I want to deliver across RMIT.

As President, I'll fight to:

- Secure 7-day automatic extensions and standardised deadlines for ALL RMIT students.
- Deliver 300,000+ free meals
- Push for faster results and better feedback

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- Create a free RUSU legal service
- Build a bigger and better campus life

I've shown I can turn student concerns into real outcomes and as your President, I'll bring that same determination to every student at RMIT.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for RUSU!

Uttamjit Kaur Together



Hi, I'm Uttamjit Kaur, a PhD student in Applied Chemistry, and I'm running to be a General Representative with Together.

As an HDR student, I understand that doing a PhD comes with a pretty different set of needs and challenges. You spend a lot of time on campus working independently, so having access to the right resources, support and spaces can make a big difference.

As a General Representative, I want to focus on improving the everyday experience for HDR students. I'll work towards more in-person HDR support, so students have somewhere to go when they need help navigating RMIT. I also want to improve library resource modules for HDR students, making it easier to understand and access the research tools available to us.

And importantly, I want to see more dedicated desks and library spaces for PhD students, giving HDR students reliable places on campus to get their research done. I'm looking forward to bringing my experience as an HDR student to RUSU and helping make RMIT a little easier for research students to navigate.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER to better support HDR students!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Yuvraj Singh Rathore Together



Great communication should do more than make a nice Instagram post. It should make sure students actually know what's happening, what

support is available and what RUSU is doing for them.

I'm Yuvraj Singh Rathore, a Bachelor of Professional Communication student, content creator with extensive communications experience, and I'm running to be your 2027 RUSU Communications Officer with Together.

I know how to turn information into content people actually want to watch, read and engage with. In 2027, I want to bring that experience to RUSU.

As Communications Officer, I'll work to:

- Create more engaging video and social media content
- Make RUSU services, free food and events easier to find
- Better promote the work of clubs and student communities
- Make sure students hear about RUSU's advocacy and wins
- Showcase more student voices, stories and creativity
- Keep students informed without another wall of text nobody is going to read

RUSU does a lot. Students should actually know about it.

I want our communications to be clearer, more creative and actually worth following.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Kwai Otoum Left Action



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

Vote [1] Left Action for a fighting, activist student union!

John Stanley Left Action



Hi, I'm John. I'm a professional writing and editing student and I'm running with Left Action because I think RUSU should be a left wing, activist

student union that fights for the rights of students and the oppressed. Over the past few years, I've helped to organise protests and campaigns for Palestine, against inequality, racism and the far right. We're living in a world where these issues are becoming more and more prevalent each day. The rich are getting richer, far right parties like One Nation are at our doorstep and our universities are reduced to corporate degree factories. These are just the issues RUSU should be campaigning around. We need a student union that can take a lead and inspire others to stand up to the rich and powerful, politicians and university management. A vote for Left Action is a vote for the kind of student union that we need.

Max Parritt Together



Hi! I'm Max, a second year Bachelor of Laws student, and I'm running to be a General Representative with Together.

Studying law has shown me how important it is to know your rights and where to turn when you need help. But for students dealing with problems at work, renting, university or in their everyday lives, getting legal advice can be confusing and expensive.

That's why one of the policies I'm most excited to support is Together's plan for a free RUSU legal service, giving students somewhere accessible to go for advice and support when they need it.

As a General Representative, I'll help deliver Together's plans for 7-day automatic extensions, standardised deadlines, 300,000 free meals, and faster assessment results and better feedback.

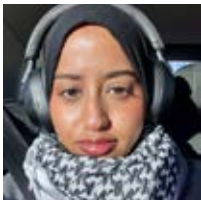
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I want RUSU to provide practical support that makes a genuine difference to students, while continuing to make campus a more social and enjoyable place to be.

I'm excited to bring my perspective as a Law student to RUSU and help represent students from across RMIT.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Shaimaa Naib Left Action



I'm a law student and activist here at RMIT and I'm running for General Representative because I think RUSU needs a shake up. For

too long our union has faded into the background of student life, missing in action during key moments like the massive Palestine movement that has swept Australia over the last couple of years.

Now we're staring down the rise of a far right movement under Pauline Hanson's leadership. These people want to see an Australia where the profits of the ultra-rich come before the lives and dignity of workers, students and oppressed people. Our union should be helping to lead the fight against the fascists.

I want to see a RUSU that takes bold, brave and left-wing stances, and organises students to fight for a better world. That's the kind of union we deserve!

Vote [1] Left Action!

Aditya Kamal Ahom Together



Hi, I'm Aditya Kamal Ahom, a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Honours) student, club executive, and I'm running to be a General

Representative with Together.

When I first started at RMIT, I didn't know many people outside my classes. One

week, I decided to stick around after class and head to Chill N Grill. I originally went for the free food, but ended up meeting new people, finding out about clubs and actually feeling like I was part of the RMIT community. That experience encouraged me to get more involved in campus life, and eventually I became more involved.

It showed me how something as simple as a free BBQ and a good event can help students meet people and find their place at uni. As a RUSU representative, I want to support bigger Chill N Grills, more club events and more opportunities for students to get involved, while backing Together's plans for 7-day automatic extensions and 300,000+ free meals.

I want every student to have the chance to find their community at RMIT, just like I did.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Nivedita Dharan Together



My name is Nivedita Dharan, and I'm running for General Representative for TOGETHER because I care about ensuring all students feel heard

and supported during their time studying at RMIT.

I believe that University should be for everyone and every student should be supported while studying at RMIT.

If elected to be your General Representative, I'll support Together's fight for:

- 7-day automatic extensions and standardised deadlines
- 300,000+ free meals for students
- Faster assessment results and better feedback
- A free RUSU legal service
- More support for students struggling with the cost of living
- More events and activities across every campus

- Most importantly, I want to be someone students can approach, talk to and trust to take their concerns seriously.

RUSU works best when students get involved, speak up and look out for each other. I'm excited to do my part and help make RMIT a more supportive, affordable and enjoyable place for everyone.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Gisele Nayef Left Action



I have been a serious Palestine activist since high school, leading some of the high school strikes for Palestine. I am hoping to bring

some of this energy to this year's student union elections.

Our generation has grown up watching the climate crisis, the rise of racism and far right politics in the form of Trump and Hanson. For the past three years, we have watched genocide unfold on our phones.

In the past, student unions have been hotbeds of radical politics, fighting against apartheid in South Africa and hiding draft dodgers during the Vietnam War, but this is not currently how RUSU runs. We need to bring this radicalism back.

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, like unions have done in the past.

If this resonates with you, vote [1] Left Action.

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Gemma Seymour Left Action



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.

Recently, the university tried to intimidate me out of campaigning against their weapons ties. They threatened me with suspension for saying the defence research centre should be shut down. This is a serious attack by the university on our right to freedom of speech. I refused to be intimidated, we fought back and the uni dropped the charges.

We need a student union that takes this same attitude to every question of injustice - we need Left Action.

Aero Anantaputra Left Action



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 Left Action 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] Left Action for a student union that fights to end the exploitation of students.

Ankitha Babu Reddy Together



Hi, I'm Ankitha, and I'm running to be your RUSU General Representative for TOGETHER.

Student life can be a lot. Between classes,

assignments, work, finances, and everything in between, it's easy to feel overwhelmed or feel like your concerns aren't being heard.

I'm running because I want to make sure that your voice is heard at RMIT.

As your General Representative, I'll work to make sure students have someone who listens, speaks up, and follows through.

My priorities are simple:

- Listening to your concerns and making sure they're raised where they matter
- Advocate for better access to affordable food and support for students dealing with demanding workloads
- When students face problems, working towards practical solutions rather than letting issues get ignored

I believe representation should be about more than having a title. It should be about showing up, listening, and making things happen.

I'm ready to stand up for students and help make RMIT a better experience for everyone.

Together we can make sure your voice is heard, TOGETHER is the only group that will listen to all student voices.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER FOR THE CHANGES YOU WANT!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER FOR STUDENTS!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER

General Secretary

Holly Medlyn Left Action



I'm Holly and I'm running with Left Action 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.

I've spent the past year fighting against the rise of Pauline Hanson and her far right politics. She poses a serious threat to all students and the oppressed. She wants mass deportations, is for attacks on transgender people, and slashing social services. It is essential that our student union fights against these attacks on students and the oppressed.

RUSU gets more than 6 million dollars every year to represent and fight for students. I think part of this should go towards actually fighting for what students actually want. Free education, affordable food and housing, and a university that isn't complicit in the genocide of Palestinians.

Vote [1] Left Action for RUSU

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Vishwa Aadhith Together



I'm Vishwa Aadith, and I'm running for General Secretary with Together for RUSU.

I know how hard it can be juggling assignments, work, rent and the rising cost of just being a student. RUSU should be focused on making university easier, more affordable and more enjoyable.

As your General Secretary, I'll fight for:

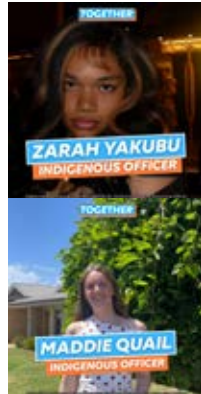
- 7-day automatic extensions
- Faster assessment results and better feedback
- Longer opening hours at the RUSU-run Realfoods canteen
- More beers, bands, and BBQs
- A free to access RUSU legal service
- More student jobs and paid opportunities on campus

As your 2026 Clubs and Societies Officer, I've worked directly with students and club leaders to build a stronger campus community. The team I was a part of delivered practical improvements to the quality of life at RMIT including delivering 200,000+ free meals to students, \$5 meals at the brand new Realfoods canteen, and free Adobe suite access for every student.

Now I want to take that experience further. As General Secretary, I'll make sure RUSU continues delivering practical support while fighting for fairer academic policies and a bigger and better campus life for everyone.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for RUSU!

Indigenous Officer Zarah Yakubu & Maddie Quail Together



I am Zarah Yakubu and I am a proud Trawlwoolway/ Palawa and Mwaghavul/ Sura-Nigerian person originally from Lutruwita/ Trouwunna. I am Madeleine Quail, a proud Kamilaroi woman. Together, we're running for the Indigenous Officers position

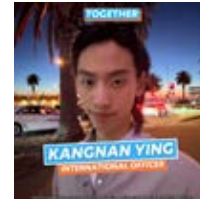
in RUSU. We've both had wonderful experiences as Indigenous Officers previously, making this a fantastic opportunity to team up and pursue our goals. We began our studies at RMIT at the same time and attended the same orientation event at Ngarara-Willim, becoming consistent and motivated members of the community since.

In our time as collaborators in this position, we hope to advocate for the Indigenous community and represent our peers proudly and vocally. We are passionate about tending to the wants and needs of our student body. We are keenly aware that for us as mob, meaningful connection to each other is vital and can be very difficult to achieve and maintain in intimidating institutions that in several ways function in opposition to this. We will strive to alleviate this sense of isolation that so frequently occurs to the best of our ability. We're dedicated to ensuring our students have access to the proper resources to support them through their academic journeys and then some.

This position has been elected unopposed.

International Officer

Kangnan Ying Together



I'm Kangnan Ying, an international student from China studying Diploma of Screen and Media, and I'm running to be your 2027 International Officer

with Together for RUSU.

International students are a huge part of what makes RMIT great. We bring different cultures, languages and experiences to campus, but also face unique challenges, from finding work and dealing with the cost of living to building a new community thousands of kilometres from home.

This year, Together delivered our biggest Multicultural Festival ever, bringing students from across RMIT together to celebrate the incredible diversity of our community.

In 2027, I want to go further. I'll fight for:

- Fairer international student fees
- More employment and career opportunities for International Students
- Reintroducing RMIT's International Student Myki concession program
- More international student mixers and cultural events
- Better support for students adjusting to life in Australia
- More practical cost-of-living support, including Together's plan for 300,000 free meals

No matter where you're from, you should feel like you belong at RMIT.

As your International Officer, I'll make sure international students are heard, supported and represented.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER to fight for international students!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for real cost of living [candidate exceeded word limit]

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Md Tashfiq Haque Choudhury Left Action



Hi, this is Tashfiq and I am running as a candidate for the International Officer position. I am enrolled in the Master of Data Science program.

Since arriving in Australia in December 2025, my wife and I have witnessed first hand a glimpse of the struggles faced by international students. One thing that I have come to learn is that despite these differences in cultures, ethnicities, and languages, we tend to face many of the same challenges. As the international officer, I will accept the responsibility of fully taking these factors into consideration when representing and advocating for the diverse international student community.

While networking and communicating with various communities and clubs, I have had the opportunity to participate in activism, particularly against the systemic displacement and the ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people. During my time in Bangladesh, I took part in the student-led July Movement of 2024 for the purpose of overthrowing the fascist, authoritarian government of the time and restoring democracy.

I hope to bring the same level of commitment to the role of International Officer by taking principled stances on issues that affect our students.

Thank you. - Md Tashfiq Haque Choudhury

National Union of Students (NUS) Delegate

Aero Anantaputra Left Action



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.

Aristo Ng Together



Hi, I'm Aristo, an Engineering student, and I'm running to represent RMIT students at the National Union of Students (NUS) with TOGETHER.

Studying Engineering has taught me the importance of collaboration, problem-solving and working towards practical outcomes. I believe those same skills are essential to strong student representation at the national level.

NUS delegates have an important responsibility. From negotiating the policies we take to the National Conference, to building support for our priorities and advocating for change - effective representation requires delegates who are prepared to listen, work with others and stand up for RMIT students.

If elected, I'll join the fight for:

- Reversing the Job-ready Graduates changes
- Expanding paid placements to more students
- Increasing Youth Allowance
- Lowering the Centrelink age of independence

The challenges facing students extend

well beyond our own campus. Decisions made by governments can directly affect the cost of our degrees, our placements and whether students can afford to study at all.

By working together, students can have a stronger voice and deliver meaningful change.

I'm ready to make sure RMIT students are part of that fight.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Mukesh Kanna Together



Hi all, my name is Mukesh and I'm studying for a Masters in IT. I'm running to be your delegate at the National Union of Students (NUS) for

TOGETHER because RMIT students need strong voices representing you.

I will advocate and fight for the issues that matter to you:

- Expanding the Commonwealth's Paid Prac Program to cover ALL students
- More student representation in university management
- Stopping course cuts
- Lowering Visa fees for International Students

These changes will help both RMIT students and other students around Australia if implemented. If elected I will also listen to students and bring their ideas to the national stage at the NUS.

Together we can fight for the changes that will benefit students at RMIT and around Australia. Together we will bring strong advocacy and your voice to the NUS.

Only TOGETHER is committed to listening to RMIT students at the NUS.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for your representation!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for your career!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Fadi Merhi Left Action



Left Action is a team of left wing students who want to forge a National Union of Students that fights for us. Vote [1] Left Action if you want that too!

John Stanley Left Action



It has been shocking to watch the rapid rise of the far right across this country. We need a fighting, left-wing national student union that has the teeth to fight the far right. I am inspired by the student unions in Germany who have been mobilising thousands of anti-fascist students in the streets in opposition of the far right there. There is nothing more important that our NUS could be doing.

When I attended the NUS education conference this year, to argue that our union should be actively combating the far right, I was shocked to see many delegates shy away from taking responsibility to organise the important actions our union needs to be taking right now. As a long term anti-fascist, anti-capitalist activist, this is what I will strive for in the National Union of Students.

Vote [1] Left Action

Eshaal Javed Together



Hello!

My name is Eshaal and I'm going into a Bachelor of Professional Communication. I'm running as your National Union of

Students (NUS) delegate for TOGETHER so that your voice can be heard at the NUS.

With over 1 million students being represented at the NUS it's important that your voice is heard at the national level.

If elected I will engage you on what changes you want at the NUS by advocating for:

- Expanding the Commonwealth's Paid Prac Program to cover ALL students
- More student representation in university management
- Stopping course cuts
- Lowering Visa fees for International Students

Together, we will ensure that our voices are brought to the table. Together, we can push for better representation at the NUS for RMIT students. Only together, we can make real change at the NUS.

Only TOGETHER will fight for your voice at the NUS.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for your representation!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for students!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER

Aretha Maroniti Left Action



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] Left Action for NUS delegates!

Jake Parton Together



who is passionately involved in the

Hi, I'm Jake Parton, a TOGETHER candidate for RUSU's delegate to the National Union of Students. I am a second-year law student

union movement, and I know that when we stand together we can effectively communicate our concerns.

If elected, I'll focus on making sure that your concerns are heard by advocating for:

- Making SSAF money work more for students around the country
- Fairer treatment of international students
- Getting more student representation in university management
- Stopping course cuts
- Lowering the age of centrelink independence

Together, we can push for real change on the national stage. By working together, RMIT students can effectively communicate their concerns at the NUS. Together, we can fight for you.

Only TOGETHER are willing to put in the effort to make meaningful change in the lives of students by advocating for you at the NUS.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for the changes you want at the NUS!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for real representation at the NUS!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Aryan Nasir Together



Hey everyone, I'm Aryan, a Bachelor of Science student, and I'm excited to be running as one of Together's candidates to represent RMIT at the National Union of Students (NUS).

If you're wondering "what even is the NUS?", you're not alone, and that's part of the problem. The NUS should be a visible voice for students but as of now, students don't hear from the NUS, don't know what it's doing, and don't see how it is improving their lives.

As an international student from Bangladesh, I've loved getting involved at RMIT through RUSU, the Bangladeshi Club and SWAP.

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If elected, I'll fight to:

- Revive the National Union of Students
- Reverse the Job-ready Graduates changes
- Expand paid placements
- Increase Youth Allowance
- Lower the Centrelink age of independence
- Give students a stronger voice in university decision-making

Together's NUS delegates will be independent, and won't answer to anyone outside RMIT.

Our priority will be getting the best possible deal for RMIT students and supporting the policies that actually improve students' lives.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER to rebuild the NUS!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for real representation at the NUS!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Auley Ryan Left Action



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

Vote [1] Left Action

for NUS Delegates

Gemma Seymour Left Action



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. At the same

time, violent fascistic politics in the form of Pauline Hanson and One Nation have become popular across the country. The NUS should be fighting against these atrocities, mobilising the hundreds of thousands of students across the country that support Palestine and are threatened by the far right.

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.

Samuel Coombs Together



Hi! I'm Sam, I'm studying a Bachelor of Youth Work and Youth Studies, and I am running to become a delegate for the National Union of Students.

As a Youth Work student I know the importance of advocacy and strong support and as your 2026 RMIT University Student Union President I was proud to be an advocate for RMIT Students. During my time as President, RUSU has been able to deliver vital support for students including providing 200, 000+ free meals for students, fighting on Academic Board to secure 7 Day Automatic Extensions & a Universal Submission Deadline and launching the Realfoods Canteen providing \$5 Meals for RMIT Students.

I'm proud of these wins at our University but I'm not done yet. As your NUS delegate I wanna take this fight national. We need a National Union that's in touch with the needs of students, running strong national campaigns that demand real change students want and desperately need. This includes fighting to ensure all student placements are paid, holding Universities accountable and protecting Students rights to protest on campus.

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

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Aarnav Agarwal Together



Hi everyone,

My name is Aarnav and I'm running to be your delegate at the National Union of Students for TOGETHER.

I'm running so

that RMIT student voices are loud and effective on the national stage, so together we can push for real change which will benefit us all.

The NUS gives you the chance to be heard on the national level. Ideas that will help you can be advocated for and if elected I will push for policy which will help you.

I will advocate for:

- Lowering the Age of Centrelink Independence
- Expanding the Paid Practice Program
- Increasing the Youth Allowance
- Reverse the Job-ready Graduate changes

These changes will help RMIT students and are able to be done at the NUS.

Together, we will push for changes that actually benefit student lives. Together, we will work to make sure all RMIT students and their needs are represented at NUS.

Only TOGETHER will fight for your voice at NUS.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for the changes you want at the NUS!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for students!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER

Holly Medlyn Left Action



I'm Holly and I'm running with Left Action for the 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

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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 student walkout against Hanson and her racist politics.

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

Postgraduate Officer

Thansidh Kirthan
Together



I'm Thansidh Kirthan, a Master's student in Data Science in RMIT's School of Science, and I'm proud to be running for 2027 Postgraduate Officer with Together for RUSU.

Postgrad life can be a balancing act. Between classes, career planning, work and trying to maintain a social life, it can feel like there aren't enough hours in the week.

As an international student, I understand the challenges of balancing academics, career aspirations, and adapting to a new environment. I'll make sure postgraduate students have the support and opportunities to make the most of their time at RMIT.

As your Postgraduate Officer, I'll work for:

- Stronger internship and career opportunities
- Better connections between postgrads and industry
- More networking and professional development opportunities
- More social events that bring our diverse postgrad community together

- Better access to support that works around busy postgraduate schedules

Through my involvement with the RMIT Indian Club, AIESEC and the Tamil Club, I've worked with students from diverse backgrounds and learnt the importance of listening, collaborating and delivering practical outcomes.

Postgraduate students deserve a strong voice at RMIT. I'm ready to be that voice.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for more support for postgraduate students!

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Phoenix Justice Waters

Left Action



RMIT functions as an education provider valuing inclusion, imagination, integrity, courage, passion, and impact. These are

principles in which we can find worth, but what price do these require?

As students we represent the continued direction and purpose of our universities function. How many students are aware of RMIT's research centres having ties with weapons companies?

Australia maintains diplomatic ties with Israel without direct condemnation of the genocide to the Palestinian people. There are also no sanctions on Australian-made weapon products which ultimately end their production line in Israel hands.

RMIT should represent its students' values and cut ties to the weapons industry. Where is the integrity of an education institution who will not listen to educated advice.

RUSU is our means of advocacy, representing the needs and values of every student. We need a voice who will listen to their peers and push policy which is supposed to benefit and stand for us.

As post graduate officer I aim to bring transparency to RUSU functions and provide a platform for student voices.

To those who seek improvement of the organisations that both represent us and we represent, I will provide the needed backbone to your values.

Queer Officer

Matthew Bourke & Annika Crees
Left Action



We're Matt and Annika and we're running with Left Action as Queer Officers.

Queer students deserve an activist student union that will passionately fight for the rights of LGBT+ students and every student on campus! Transgender rights are under attack

globally. It's important that we build a movement that fights back against these attacks, and the student union can play an important role.

In recent weeks, we've been on the streets protesting Pauline Hanson's transphobic, sexist, and racist politics when she's attempted to gather her supporters. The rise of Pauline Hanson poses a threat to queer students. It's important that our student union takes up this fight and pushes back against the far right.

We are running with the Left Action ticket because we think our student union should be a fighting one. This means taking up and pushing back against issues like the far right, the genocide in Gaza, and the cost-of-living crisis.

Vote [1] Left Action!

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Baylin Thompson & Raven Garrett Together



We're Baylin Thompson (he/him) and Raven Garrett (they/them), and we're running to be your 2027 Queer Officers with Together for RUSU.

We're passionate about building an inclusive queer community where everyone feels heard, represented and supported.

We've all seen the way queer students are treated on campus, from being deadnamed or misgendered by lecturers to finding all-gender bathrooms inaccessible or locked. These experiences can make a huge difference to whether students feel comfortable and welcome on campus.

Together has shown that listening to queer students delivers real change. We've won preferred names on student IDs and established dedicated Queer Safe Spaces on every RMIT campus.

As your Queer Officers, we'll fight for:

- An end to deadnaming and misgendering at RMIT
- Reliable access to all-gender bathrooms
- More period products in all-gender and accessible bathrooms
- Stronger action against homophobia and transphobia
- A bigger Pride Week with more queer mixers and catch-ups

Most importantly, we want to listen. It's important to be heard, and when queer students raise concerns, we'll fight to make sure they lead to action.

Together, we'll keep building a community where queer students are supported, celebrated and heard.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Sustainability Officer

Lily Cole Left Action



Hi, I'm Lily. I am currently studying psychology and am an activist. I'm part of Left Action because I believe the student union should be a force

for justice and used to mobilise students against climate change.

Issues like the climate crisis, rising inequality and human rights all demand urgent action, and our union should be standing on the side of those fighting for these issues. RUSU should fight to put pressure on RMIT to end all its ties with weapons manufacturers and divest from fossil fuel companies.

I will also make sure that RUSU is an active supporter of student activism, protests and campaigning against climate-destroying corporations and backers in the government. As well as ensuring that environmental and social justice issues continue to play a key part in the student unions' work

Vote [1] Left Action for a student union that fights for climate justice.

Uday Mandhan Together



Sustainability shouldn't mean sitting through another lecture about what we should be doing differently. It should mean giving

students practical ways to save money, waste less and make our campuses better places to be.

I'm Uday Mandhan, I'm in the first year of my Bachelor of Business, and I'm running to be your 2027 Sustainability Officer with Together for RUSU.

There are heaps of simple ways RUSU can make sustainable choices easier and more accessible for students.

In 2027, I want to:

- Rebuild the Sustainability Collective getting students involved in community gardens and urban greening
- Extend Realfoods Canteen's opening hours
- Run more clothes swaps, thrifting and upcycling events
- Work to reduce waste at RUSU events and across our campuses
- Support more student-led sustainability projects and events
- Make sustainable living something that saves students money, rather than costs them more

Whether it's swapping clothes instead of buying new ones, repairing something instead of throwing it away, or getting your hands dirty in a community garden, sustainability can be something everyone can take part in.

I want to make sustainability at RMIT practical, affordable and actually enjoyable.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for a RUSU that puts sustainability **[candidate exceeded word limit]**

Vocational Education Officer

Jhalak Agarwal Together



I'm Jhalak Agarwal, a Vocational Education student studying Interior Design, and I'm running to be your 2027 VE Officer with Together for RUSU.

This year, Together delivered a massive win for VE students by securing a standardised 11:59pm deadline for all digital VE assessments, giving students greater consistency and certainty around when their work is due.

We've also built a stronger VE community through weekly VE coffee catch-ups, giving students a regular space to meet, connect and have their voices heard.

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In 2027, I want to build on that progress by:

- Fighting for better support services for VE students
- Building stronger industry connections and opportunities
- Introduce timetable preferencing for VE students.
- Pushing for weekly RMIT UP lunches.
- Growing our regular VE coffee catch-ups and community events.

Most importantly, I'll make sure VE students are represented when decisions about our education and experiences are being made.

Together, we've shown what a strong VE voice can deliver. Now let's keep going.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER to support VE students!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

Nabilah Mekawy Left Action



Hey I'm Nabilah, I'm a first gen Lebanese migrant and a socialist activist on campus. I am running for Vocational Education Officer as a VE student

studying to get my Cert IV in lab techniques. I know what it means to work hard and if elected I will fight for all students through left wing action.

VE students are treated as an afterthought by uni management. Our facilities are worn down, the resources are worse than the main campus, and our teachers are overworked and underpaid. But VE students are training to become some of the most essential workers in our society, in healthcare, education, construction and so on - we deserve a university experience that reflects that, not one that's just about churning people through the degree factory at the lowest possible cost.

I've also been part of leading the campaign against Pauline Hanson on campus. Our student union should take the growth of the far right seriously and mobilise to defend and extend the rights of working class people and the oppressed. I want to take this energy into the VE office next year.

Vote [1] Left Action for RUSU.

Welfare Officer

Cody Noisette Left Action



I'm Cody, a social work student, and I'm running with Left Action for Welfare Officer.

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.

The rise of the far right in Australia means these conditions will worsen. Pauline Hanson's worldview is that of a monocultural Australia where nobody gets "handouts" from the government and mass deportations of migrants. She poses a serious threat to all students.

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.

Students deserve a student union that can organise a serious fight back against the far right; one that can fight for better conditions to ease the cost of living.

Lucas Read Together



Hello! I'm Lucas Read, and I'm running to be your Welfare Officer with Together for RUSU.

Students are being smashed by the cost of living.

Between rent, groceries, transport and the cost of studying, making it through the week is getting harder, and your union should be there to help.

This year, we opened a Student Canteen serving \$5 meals, delivered free breakfast every day, expanded free

period products across campus and served more than 200,000 free meals to students.

But we can do more.

As your Welfare Officer, I'll fight to deliver:

- 300,000 free meals in 2027
- More free frozen meals to take home
- More free counselling sessions
- Lower out of pocket costs for course materials
- Later opening hours for Realfoods Canteen
- More help for students struggling with rent and housing

RUSU should be there when you need it, whether that means grabbing a free meal between classes, getting help when money is tight, or having someone in your corner when things go wrong.

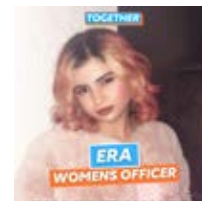
I'll fight to make sure RUSU keeps delivering the practical support students need.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for Cost of Living Relief for All Students!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER

Women's Officer

Era Chaudhary Together



Hi, I'm Era, a second year Bachelor of Psychology student, and I'm running to be your 2027 Women's Officer with Together for RUSU.

For me, this role is about making sure women at RMIT have spaces where they can feel safe, supported and connected.

I want to build a stronger Women's Collective that students actually know about and want to be part of. That means more women-only mixers, coffee catch-ups and social events, as well as better promotion of the women's safe spaces already available across RMIT.

Together has already delivered 20 new period product dispensers across

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campus just last year, but installing them is only the first step. I'll fight to make sure they are properly stocked, maintained and available across every campus.

As Women's Officer, I'll focus on:

- More visible and accessible women's safe spaces
- Regular women-only mixers and coffee catch-ups
- Keeping free period products stocked and accessible
- Growing and strengthening the Women's Collective
- Making sure women know where to turn when they need support

I want every woman at RMIT to know there is a community here for them.

VOTE [1] TOGETHER!

sexism on campus, fighting for reproductive rights, closing the gender pay gap, and fighting the far right.

Vote [1] Left Action!

Aretha Maroniti Left Action



I'm Aretha and I'm running with Left Action for Women's Officer.

As a social work student, I'm all too familiar with the ongoing oppression

faced by women in this country. We continue to face major systemic injustices, from workplace inequality to threats to our 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.

Now Pauline Hanson is both-sidesing domestic violence and calling for maternity support and childcare to be cut. It's clearer than ever that women's rights are never guaranteed in a for-profit, unequal society - we can't be complacent.

We can't accept tokenistic gestures from student unions while these injustices continue. Student unions must take an active, organised role in confronting

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