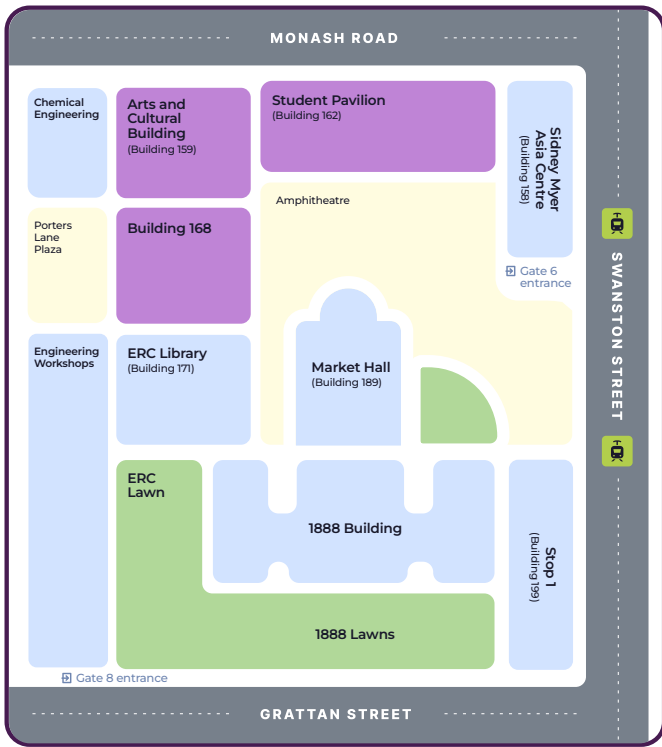


# 2025 Annual Report



**STUDENT  
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**University Of Melbourne  
Student Union**



The University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU) is one of Australia's largest student unions, situated on the University of Melbourne's Parkville campus in central Melbourne.

UMSU departments are located in Student Pavillion, Arts & Cultural Building and Building 168, and at Burnley and Southbank Campuses.

## Acknowledgement of Country

UMSU respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands on which we work — the Wurundjeri and Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. Sovereignty has never been ceded. This always was and always will be, Aboriginal land.

**The UMSU Indigenous department:** [umsu.unimelb.edu.au/indigenous](https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/indigenous)

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## Access & Inclusion

UMSU has a long history of fostering a diverse and inclusive community of students, staff and visitors. UMSU provides support, advocacy and opportunities for creative and social pursuits for all students enrolled at the University of Melbourne. UMSU's commitment to Access and Inclusion is demonstrated through a policy framework and the provision of resources to enable an environment that promotes inclusivity, thoughtfulness and safety.

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# A message from President Joshua Stagg and CEO Sara Pheasant

The University of Melbourne Student Union Inc. (UMSU) is a not-for-profit association for students, by students. In 2025, we focused on expanding student engagement with our organisational strategy and vision. It was all about increasing student participation: from the highest voter turnout since UMSU's formation and over 1000 students at our Annual General Meeting, through to the International Student and Racism@UniMelb Surveys. What a dynamic year!

There were lots of challenges. 2025 was a year of geo-political conflict that had a direct impact on the multicultural student body of the University of Melbourne. UMSU leadership responded by actively collaborating with our affiliated cultural clubs and societies to advocate for greater support from the university, including expanded special consideration for students in war-affected zones and facilitating community events and support for students from Palestine, Iran, Nepal, Indonesia and more.

Amidst the turmoil, higher education providers across the globe faced unprecedented threats to peaceful protest. In 2025, UMSU worked tirelessly alongside a broad coalition of other organisations to protect the right to peaceful assembly, distinguishing between protest that may make our community uncomfortable as opposed to unsafe. UMSU will never support the latter, but our history of activism is built upon the right to peaceful protest.

2025 was also a year of celebration. Farrago celebrated 100 years of publication, with students, staff and alumni coming together to commemorate a century of strong independent student journalism at a time when courageous and unfettered journalism is more important than ever. UMSU's packed and vibrant calendar of events attracted record numbers, and UMSU International's Night Market was a resounding success, showcasing the broad array of cultures that make up our student community.

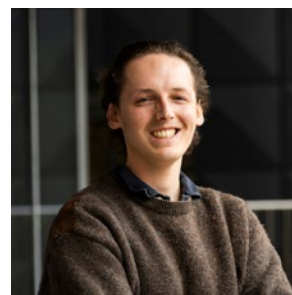
UMSU was active in University of Melbourne governance forums, including the Academic Board, Higher Degrees by Research Committee and the University Executive, to ensure that the student voice is central in decision-making. Further, UMSU extended its advocacy beyond the campus with multiple submissions to parliamentary inquiries, meetings with parliamentarians and ministers, and joining public campaigns with stakeholders to demand reform on matters important to our members.

UMSU recognised that our members struggled with the cost of living all year, so we expanded our free grocery service, Union Mart, to 10 sessions per week. Other departments and collectives, including Queer, PoC, Education, Women's, provided free meals and food, and Activities providing free meals each Tuesday. Further, the Ida Bar in the Student precinct reasserted itself as a hub of social gatherings with a broad range of subsidised food and drinks.

We continued to lead the way in peer-to-peer training for student clubs and societies to ensure safety in our community. In light of the impending new National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based violence, UMSU focused upon ensuring that student leaders were provided with bespoke training to ensure best practice across our organisation.

UMSU is the peak student representative body for all enrolled University of Melbourne students. We represent a community comprising all graduate, undergraduate, research, coursework, domestic and international students across all University of Melbourne campuses, including PhD candidates.

UMSU is exceedingly grateful to all members of our community, from our hundreds of volunteers, to our staff, to our alumni, to our colleagues within the University. None of our activities would be possible without the support we receive from all parts of the University of Melbourne community.



Joshua Stagg



Sara Pheasant

## General Secretary

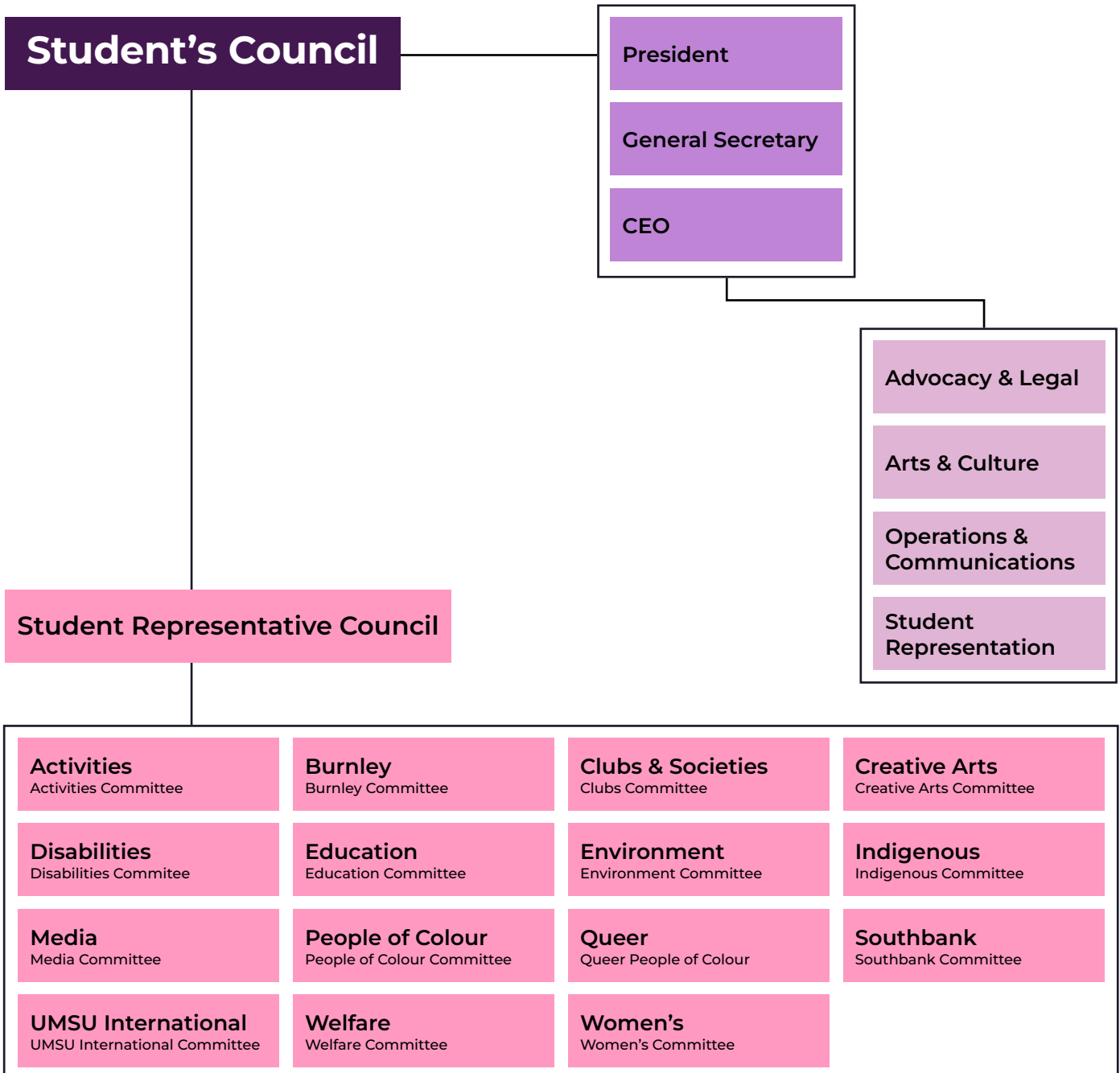
The General Secretary is responsible for Constitutional compliance. The role is responsible for Constitutional compliance, convenes UMSU's Constitution, Regulations and Policy Working Group, oversees publications and the administration of student grants.

Despite not being a public-facing position, the General Secretary still serves as a point of contact for students, and works at a grassroots level to amplify student voice through effective and robust governance. The General Secretary is responsible for facilitating Council and Committee meetings.

## Students' Council and Office Bearers

UMSU is governed by an annually elected Students' Council, with monthly meetings open to all students.

The Council includes 34 non-voting Office Bearers, 22 Voting Councillors, the UMSU International President and one of the UMSU International Vice Presidents. UMSU's Student Departments also hold their own committee meetings and collectives, providing all students with a chance to have their say in the direction and activities of the student union.



# Our 2025 Office Bearers

POSITION	OFFICE BEARER NAME
President	Joshua Stagg
General Secretary	Luv Golecha
Activities Officer	Amy Peters
Activities Officer	Olivia Kulesza
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Ian Adams
Clubs & Societies Officer	Esther Hiu Wai Luk
Clubs & Societies Officer	Ewan Bezzobs
Creative Arts Officer	Riya Gupta
Creative Arts Officer	Tianyi Yu
Disabilities Officer	Denzil Minaar
Disabilities Officer	Nabia Rauf
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Rhea Sankar
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Harrishman Shobanan
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Viraj Patel
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Sonika Agarwal
Environment Officer	Jayde East
Environment Officer	Helena D'Arcy
Indigenous Officer	Noah Kellett
Media Officer	Mathilda Stewart
Media Officer	Sophie He
Media Officer	Marcie Di Bartolomeo
Media Officer	Ibrahim Muan Abdulla
People of Colour Officer	Divyanshi Sati
People of Colour Officer	Wen Hao (Clement) Wu
Southbank Activities Officer	Justine Light De Guzman
Southbank Education Officer	Joobon Kim
Southbank Students Campus Coordinator	Caleb William Jarcevic
Southbank Students Campus Coordinator	Tirion Luff-White
Welfare Officer	Kunal Dewani
Welfare Officer	Filia Cahyadi
Women's Officer	Khwaish Jadeja
Women's Officer	Eya Takrouni
Queer Officer	Ivy Pierlot
Queer Officer	Teddy Peak
International President	Jesslyn Alexis Andriono

## We Represent You — By Students, For Students



**In 2025, as students continued returning to campus for in-person classes and socialising, UMSU played a central role in rebuilding a vibrant and supportive student community.**

The organisation offered opportunities for connection, delivered student-led services, and empowered elected representatives to speak on behalf of their peers. Across departments, student leaders worked to ensure that campus life once again felt active, inclusive and engaging.

A major focus of the year was the campaign for 24/7 study spaces, led by Education Officers Sonika and Rhea. Their advocacy resulted in a trial of extended study access during Semester 2 SWOTVAC and the first week of the examination period. For the first time, students with a valid student card were able to use a shared 24/7 study space in the Baillieu Library from 27 October through to 10 November, which was a significant step toward improving study conditions during peak assessment periods.

UMSU also continued its strong tradition of student representation through campaigns that defended student rights and protected democratic freedoms on campus. Among these was the campaign against proposed anti-protest restrictions, which mobilised students and highlighted the importance of preserving spaces for collective action.

Together, these initiatives showed how UMSU keeps stepping up for students by backing their needs, building real community on campus, and making sure student voices stayed loud and impossible to ignore throughout 2025.

# Who Our Members Are

## Membership Snapshot

CY24 Membership: approx. 56.3k (as of DEC 24)

CY25 Membership: approx. 60.2k (as of DEC 25)

## Membership by course

COURSE (INCL. ALL COURSES GREATER THAN 1% OF TOTAL MEMBERSHIP)	MEMBERS	% OF SAMPLE
Bachelor of Science	9,056	16.50%
Bachelor of Commerce	5,950	10.84%
Bachelor of Arts	5,911	10.77%
Bachelor of Design	1,758	3.20%
Doctor of Philosophy - Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences	1,593	2.90%
Juris Doctor	1,563	2.85%
Bachelor of Biomedicine	1,445	2.63%
Doctor of Medicine	1,319	2.40%
Doctor of Philosophy - Engineering and IT	915	1.67%
Master of Business Administration	814	1.48%
Master of Information Technology	707	1.29%
Master of Teaching (Secondary)	625	1.14%
Doctor of Philosophy - Science	612	1.12%
Master of Education	554	1.01%
Master of Architecture	550	1.00%

## Membership by Fee Status — International/domestic

FEES STATUS	MEMBERS	% OF SAMPLE
Domestic Students	31,866	58.07%
Overseas Students	23,012	41.93%

## Membership by Course Level — Undergraduate/Postgraduate

UNDERGRADUATE, POSTGRADUATE ETC.	MEMBERS	% OF SAMPLE
Postgraduate (incl. HDR)	27,382	49.90%
Undergraduate	26,682	48.62%
Other	814	1.48%

# Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) Breakdown

UMSU is funded by the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) — an amount collected by the University, with rules for use set by provisions under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*. Broadly, it is for “student services and amenities of a non-academic nature”. UMSU received 37.5% of the total revenue pool collected by the University in 2025.

In 2025, SSAF-funded activities helped support students’ physical and mental wellbeing, backed their advocacy efforts and advocated for them, created chances to connect and build community, and sometimes simply gave them space to unwind, have fun and enjoy campus life.

REPORTING CATEGORY	2025 SPEND
Health Services	259,776
Clubs or Other Associations	244,896
Sporting	4,316
Internal Student Politics	1,849
Gender, sexuality, ethnicity, race, or nationality based	54,817
Areas-of-study related e.g. law	128,941
Other activities e.g. music, debate, chess	130,430
Legal Aid	1,319,883
Other Student Amenities	4,139,488
Food or Drink	793,704
Advocating Students	1,633,362
Recreational Activities	4,458
Non Academic Library (Rowden White Library)	612,552
Student Arts	1,170,153
Student Media	97,171
International Student Needs	303,528
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,899,323</b>

# UMSU International

In 2025, UMSU's International Breakfasts remained a key touchpoint for the University's 23,000+ international students, offering a free meal and a friendly space to settle into campus life.

The International Student Ambassador program continued to grow, with 60 ambassadors helping run events and support their peers, alongside major highlights like the vibrant Night Market and the annual International Student Survey. Students also received practical support through our popular permanent residency and visa workshops.

Events like Food Adventure gave students a fun way to explore Melbourne's multicultural food scene, travelling in small groups along curated foodie trails to discover the city's hidden gems. Meanwhile, more than 200 international students boosted their employability through our heavily subsidised Get Certified courses, including the \$20 Barista Course, \$15 First Aid Course, and \$10 RSA Course.



## Arts Programs

In 2025, Arts Programs delivered a diverse and high-engagement program of exhibitions, workshops, and creative initiatives across the George Paton Gallery and the Arts Lab.

The year supported student participation, experimentation, and skill development, underpinned by a collaborative ethos that strengthened partnerships across the student union and the wider university. New relationships led to publications and temporary public art projects that amplified student practice on campus and beyond.

The UMSU Art Collection expanded with the acquisition of student works by Kate Murrell, Jya-Ruby Nation, Freja Innes-Ker, Perin, and Moira Burke.



*Sêmeiōsis*: GPC x MPavilion Parkville, 2025. Workshop documentation. Photography by Astrid Mulder.



*Remote Sensing: Identity, Place, and Culture in Contemporary Japanese Art*, curated by Hina Omukai, 2025. Installation view. Photography by Astrid Mulder.

## George Paton Gallery



Caoife Power, *MURKY WATERS CRYSTAL HORIZON 2025*. Installation view.  
Photograph by Astrid Mulder.

The George Paton Gallery presented a dynamic program of solo and curated exhibitions reflecting the breadth of student practice at the University of Melbourne.

Highlights included:

- *Farrago 100*, a centenary exhibition combining archival material with contemporary responses, reaffirming the significance of independent student journalism.
- *Spectrum*, presented as part of MUDfest, showcasing emerging student artists across a wide range of media and perspectives.
- *Bells and Whistles*, a major exhibition of postgraduate student artwork highlighting advanced research, experimentation, and professional practice.

Through this program, the Gallery continued to provide a rigorous and supportive platform for student artists at all stages of their practice.

16 exhibitions with 13,860 visitors

8 UMSU partnerships

49 artist fees paid to participating artists

1 Alumni Award and 3 special projects

3 printed publications

5 student art acquisitions

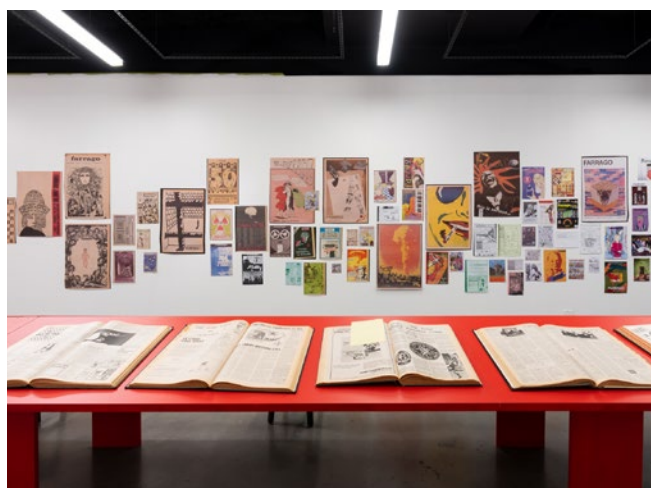
135 participating artists & curators

## Farrago 100 celebrations

A series of three events in our *Farrago 100* program celebrated the centenary of Australia's oldest student publication, the *Farrago Centenary Gala*, a *Dinner Club* in-conversation event, and an art exhibition.

The 2025 editors Sophie He, Mathilda Stewart, Ibrahim Muan Abdulla and Marcie Di Bartolomeo hosted the *Farrago Centenary Gala* at Trades Hall on Thursday 11 September. More than 220 guests, including past *Farrago* editors attended the event, which featured reflections, festivities, and conversations that honoured the legacy of Australia's oldest student publication and looked ahead to its future.

George Paton Gallery presented an exhibition of previous editions showcasing a century of student media, *Farrago 100*, from September 18 to October 10, and on 25 September at a *Dinner Club* night, Christos Tsiolkas and Ben Eltham reflected on how student media and the press have challenged ideas of what's considered "rational" in politics, culture, and public debate.



## MUDfest

**MUDfest 2025 *Refractions: One Self, Many Reflections*** ran as a five-day multidisciplinary arts festival from 19–23 August, activating more than 10 campus locations with visual art, film, theatre, dance, music, workshops and live performance.

Across the week, the festival drew an estimated 2,500 attendees, with a strong turnout at major social and performance events, especially free and drop-in sessions.

250 student artists and performers took part across more than 20 events and activations, supported by continuous exhibitions and daytime participatory spaces. Delivery of the festival relied on a large volunteer team of 150 students, alongside Creative Arts Office Bearers, Festival production and technical staff, artist liaisons and UMSU staff.

Underpinned by a clear curatorial vision, MUDfest positioned itself not just as an arts showcase but as a space for reflection, experimentation and connection. Guided by the theme *Refractions*, the festival program encouraged students to explore identity, multiplicity and lived experience through diverse creative forms and interdisciplinary collaboration.



## Arts Lab



The Arts Lab remained a highly active open-access creative space, supporting more than 128 student bookings across craft, textiles, ceramics, and merchandise production.

Arts Programs collaborated with 39 practitioners, speakers, and facilitators to deliver 52 workshops and programs, engaging more than 1,300 students. These activities spanned artmaking, writing and criticism, professional development, and public programs, fostering inclusive participation and creative community on campus.

In 2025, the Arts Lab launched the Winter Residency for students, introduced a new annual talk series, *Held-Together by a Half Thought* at the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA), and developed two new publications.

52 workshops engaged  
1,300+ workshop participants

38 workshop presenters

1 artist residency

128 Arts Lab bookings

2 University partnerships

... and countless loans of paper,  
pens, textiles, badge makers and  
more to UMSU's creative community

## Union House Theatre



In 2025, Union House Theatre (UHT) continued to thrive as the creative heartbeat of extracurricular theatre and performance at the University of Melbourne, empowering thousands of students to make, experience and celebrate theatre and dance.

Over the year, UHT supported 23 autonomous Student Theatre Groups (with 29 productions!) alongside an expansive UHT-led program of over 80 workshops, residencies, events and performances. UHT reached over 13,800 audience members and participants, and engaged nearly 6,000 students across campus.

From bold student-led productions and dynamic dance programs to writing initiatives, industry pathways and large-scale events, UHT fostered creativity, collaboration and professional development at every level.

Students explored new artistic forms and built lasting creative communities and UHT's production and mentorship support further assisted students at all stages of their creative journeys.

With expanded dance programming, strong industry connections and vibrant campus activations, 2025 reaffirmed UHT as a vital hub where students discover their voices, develop skills and friendships, and shape the future of theatre, dance and performance.

13,812 total audience reached

1,292 cast, crew and creatives

5,943 students involved  
in Union House Theatre

20 Student Theatre productions

23 Student Theatre Groups  
supported by UHT

82 workshops and  
events hosted by UHT

STUDENT THEATRE GROUPS	
Above Sea Level	A new student theatre group who launched their debut production in 2025.
Blue Collar Improv	UniMelb's finest (and only!) improv troupe. Time to clock in for your theatre shift.
Cipta Theatre Company	A new student theatre group focusing on nurturing new writers and staging new work.
Element Theatre Company	A student-run theatre group that creates Mandarin plays.
Eleven Eleven	Award-winning Naarm-based theatre company celebrating emerging theatre makers and creating raw, intimate Australian performances.
Flare Dance Ensemble	A student-run dance group that aims to provide ample opportunities for students to learn, teach, choreograph, and perform dance across stage and street styles.
Four Letter Word	Producing provocative contemporary theatre, tackling challenging material and unearthing fresh talent.
Melbourne University Sri Lankan Students' Association (MUSLSA)	An honorary Student Theatre Group who produce a fundraising production each year.
Melbourne University Street Dance	Offers a piece of culture and an outlet for self-expression for students through street dance at UniMelb.
Chinese Theatre Group	Established in 1993, CTG presents two productions each year in Chinese with English subtitles.
Melbourne University Shakespeare Company	MUSC has been an active part of the Uni Melb's theatre community for over a decade. Performance season is semi-annual.
University of Melbourne Music Theatre Association (UMMTA)	UMMTA produce a full-scale musical production each semester, as well as running smaller projects and holding fun events.

COLLEGE AND STUDY-SPECIFIC STUDENT THEATRE GROUPS		
Intercollegiate Activities Council (ICAC)	Newman College Theatre Association	St Hilda's College Drama Society
International House Theatre Group	Ormond College Drama Club	Trinity College Dramatic Society
Medleys – Med Revue	Queen's College Music and Drama Society (QCMADS)	University College Theatre Company

## Rowden White Library



### It was another successful year for the Rowdy (Rowden White Library).

Most notable were increases across loans and new borrower metrics. There was a 2.9% increase in the number of loans and an impressive 28.4% increase in new sign-ups

The Rowdy was home to an array of exciting events and workshops throughout the year. In total, the Rowdy hosted 78 events, from student-performed live music to arts and craft workshops, there were so many opportunities for students to engage and fire their creativity and self-expression.

The UMSU Archive had an exciting year with the engagement of the *Farrago* 100 celebrations and fielded just under 30 archival inquiries throughout the year.

The Spydus Library Management System has provided new ways to engage with the collection this year. This will further cement the Rowdy as a unique destination with a mix of books, games, and activities you'll find in no other library on campus.

172,283 people through the door

2,669 total accounts registered  
(28.4% increase on 2024)

4,984 total computer users

2,437 PS5 uses

78 events and workshops

21,359 total book and e-book loans  
(2.9% increase on 2024 loans)

30 individual archival inquiries  
to the UMSU Archive

205,564 total recorded  
interactions for the year

## Events



**In 2025, the Events department supported over 464 events and delivered 15 major cultural events on campus.**

The Events department plays a key role in building a strong campus culture and delivering a diverse range of events that bring students together, foster connections, and enhance university life. Working closely with student departments, the Events team create inclusive and engaging experiences that reflect the needs and interests of the student community.

Across two orientation periods UMSU welcomed approximately 13,000 students to campus in 2025. Mid-year orientation presented an After Dark program, evening social events that gave students a fun, low-key way to connect with campus life and each other from the start of semester.

Throughout the year, Events supported a growing number of bigger and more complex student-led events. This included our major cultural celebrations — Holi, Eid, the Grand Iftar, MUDfest, the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, and Diwali — as well as flagship student events including the *Farrago* Centenary Gala, Welcome Blak, and the UMSU Ball.

We also introduced free pop-up comedy events on campus, bringing something different to the student calendar.

2025 marked the launch of Dinner Club, a new graduate program bringing students together with external speakers and industry guests over a shared meal. Across seven sessions, Dinner Club partnered with nine organisations including Museums Victoria, Zoos Victoria, the National Gallery of Victoria, Creative Victoria, Melbourne Design Week, *The Guardian*, Science Gallery Melbourne, *Farrago* Magazine, and the Bob Brown Foundation. Attendees rated the experience 8.1 out of 10 and 86% said they would recommend it to another student.

Ida Unplugged was also launched, a live music series at Ida Bar showcasing student and emerging artists throughout the semester. The series will continue in 2026.

## Audio Visual Melbourne (AVM)

In 2025, AVM had great success in expanding its operations and client network across the University.

The team were entrusted with providing technical support and recording of the Beyond Dhoombak Goobgoowana Truth Telling Symposium, MSDx Flagship Winter and Summer events, Melbourne Connect Innovation Week, Naarm Scholars and Wominjeka welcome events and dozens of high-profile events and conferences.

This high-pressure work generated \$223,574.02 of income to the organisation.

At home at UMSU, AVM oversaw the installation of the Amphitheatre summer shade structure, dome winter structure, outdoor lighting installations and provided technical support and equipment for O-Week, student rep events, film screenings, bands, Night Market, dance parties while maintaining a busy equipment hire service and keeping the Ida Bar looking and sounding just right.



# Volunteering



UMSU Volunteering in 2025 was all about providing invaluable volunteer work to ensure that there were benefits for all students. With over 1,000 student volunteers on the books, Volunteering facilitated a wide range of UMSU events, activities and programs.

From Bites & Bustles every Tuesday afternoon, to Exam Support at the end of each semester (including challenging 7am starts during exams for volunteers), and everything in between, our volunteers were out and about in their cool new purple Volunteering vests on a weekly basis.

Volunteers supported student arts through a huge program for MUDfest in 2025, in addition to their contributions to the George Paton Gallery and Union House Theatre, and the pilot of the new Peer Safety Crew kept partygoers informed. Volunteers in the Welfare Department played an integral role in doubling the capacity of Union Mart in 2025, which positively impacted food security for students.

1,100+ volunteers on record

UMSU Volunteer Program featured 2197 hours worked by 247 volunteers

UMSU Welfare Program ran aimed to run 12 Union Mart shifts per week each semester (up from 5 per week in 2024), meaning their capacity was over 1,000 people per week in 2025

180+ students achieved Melbourne Plus accreditation through UMSU Volunteering

## Clubs and Societies (C&S)



In 2025 the C&S department once again gave timely governance and administrative support to over 230 clubs. The year included the following highlights:

- Affiliated 34 new clubs, with a net increase of 19 affiliated clubs. We look forward to the contribution these new clubs will make to student life on campus
- Facilitated two recruitment expos for 193 clubs in Semester 1 and 160 clubs in Semester 2. The expos provide an opportunity for new students to meet the club committees and find out what is on offer. They are the days that attract the highest membership sign-ups for our clubs.

Paid out \$277,717.12 in grants to clubs. This was made up of 1,678 individual grants and financially supported over 1,100 club events.

There were 62,449 club memberships purchased, and 21,402 students were members of at least one club in 2025.

COMMUNITY SERVICE		
AIIESEC in Melbourne	Embrace Education	Robogals Melbourne
Amnesty International University of Melbourne	Friends of Vet Beyond Borders Student Chapter	Rotaract Club
Asia-Australia Youth Association UniMelb	Global Consulting Group	Social Impact Investment Fund
Asia-Pacific Development Initiative	Global Health Society	Very Special Kids Society
CastOn Charity Group	Habitat for Humanity	Wildlife Conservation Society
Effective Altruism	Oxfam Group	Youth Charity Society

COURSE RELATED		
Accounting Students Association	Design Student Society (DES)	Optometry Students Society
Actuarial Students' Society	Earth Sciences Students Society	Physics Students Society
Aerospace and Rocket Engineering Society (ARES)	Economics Student Society of Australia	Physiotherapy Students' Society
Agricultural and Food Sciences Society	Engineers Without Borders	Postgraduate Environment Network
Arts Students Society	Environmental Engineers Society	Postgraduate Physics Students' Society
Australia Chinese Student Psychological Association	Finance Student Association	Pre-Law Society
Banking on Women	Financial Management Association of Australia	Psychology Association
Beta Alpha Psi – UniMelb Chapter	Future Doctors Society	Queer Commerce Club
Biomedical Engineering Society	Geomatics Society	Radiology and Medical Imaging
Biomedicine Student Society	Gleam Up Beauty, Business and Science	Robotics, Engineering & Competition Society
Business Analytics Students Society	HackMelbourne	Science Students Society
BusinessOne Consulting University of Melbourne	History Society	Speech Pathology Students' Society
CAINZ	Indian Graduate Researchers Society	Statistics and Mathematics Postgraduate Society
Chemical Engineering Students Society	Interprofessional Education and Practice Health Students Network	Students Association of Management and Marketing
Civil and Structural Society	Linguistics Society	Students in Renewable Energy
Classics and Archaeology Society	Marketing Intelligence	University Network for Investing and Trading (UNIT)
Clinical Audiology Students' Association	Mathematics & Statistics Society	Urban Collective
Commerce Students Society	Mechanical Engineering Student Society	Women in Commerce and Politics
Competitive Programming Club	Melbourne Microfinance Initiative	Women in Economics Students' Society
Computing and Information Systems Students Association	MUR Motorsports	Women in Technology
Construction Students Association	Music Students Society	Women* in Science and Engineering (W.I.S.E.)
Data Science Student Society	NEMO - Networking for Ecological and Marine Opportunities	
Electrical Engineering Club	Nursing Students' Society	

## CULTURE & LANGUAGE

Afghan Club	Hispanic Culture and Language Society	Mandarin Language Club
Arab Student Association	Hong Kong Students Association	Myanmar Students Association
Australia-China Youth Association	Indian Club	New Zealand Students Society
Bangladeshi Student Society	Indian Graduate Students Society	Pacific Islands Student Association
Cambodian Student Society	Indonesian Students Association	Pakistani Society
Cantonese Students Association	International Vietnamese Students at the University of Melbourne	Punjabi Student Association
Chinese Calligraphy Club	Iranian Society	Saudi Students Association at Melbourne University
Chinese Culture Society	Italian Social Club	Singapore Students Society
Chinese Students and Scholars Association	Japanese Club	Slavic Languages Club
Egyptian Club	Jewish Students Society	Sri Lankan Graduates' Society
Filipino Students Association	Korean Students Society	Sri Lankan Students Association
French Club	Language Exchange Club	Student Exchange Society
German Club	Lebanese Students Society	Tamil Sangam
Greek Association (MUnGA)	Let's Talk Conversation Group	Thai Student Association
Hanfu Association	Macau Students' Association	Turkish Society
Hispanic Culture and Language Society	Macedonian Student Society	Vietnamese Students' Association
Hong Kong Students Association	Malaysians of Melbourne University	

## FOOD & BEVERAGES

Beer and Cider Appreciation Society	Chocolate Lovers Society	Consistently Amazing Kitchen Endeavours
Bubble Tea Society	Coffee Appreciation For Enthusiasts	Healthy Eating and Nutrition Society

## MUSIC & DANCE

Apollo Music Society	Engineering Music Society	Rock and Metal Society (RAMS)
Biomedicine Students' Orchestra	Kpop Club	Swifties' Society (Taylor's Version)
Bollywood Club	Piano Society	VCA Music Theatre Society
Chinese Music Group	Ring of Choir	

## POLITICAL & ACTIVIST

ALP Club	Greens Club	Liberal Club
Animal Protection Society (UMAPS)	International Youth and Students for Social Equality	Socialist Alternative
Global Affairs Society	Labor Club	

## READING, WRITING & WATCHING

Book Club	Creative Literature and Writing Society
Chariot Journal	Film Society

## SPECIAL INTEREST

AniManga Society	Google Developer Groups on Campus	SMART Consumers
Australian Wall Street	Information Security Club (MISC)	Society for Astronomy at Melbourne University
AWS Cloud Club	Jewellery and Culture Society	Society for Transportation Enthusiasts At Melbourne (STEAM)
Blockchain Association	Lost & ReFound	Soil and Plant Society
Car Club	Model United Nations Society	StartUp Link UniMelb
Ceramics Club VCA	Multi Art and Culture Association	Synthetic Biology Society
Character-Creator and Worldbuilders' Guild	Next Generation Trading Club	Technology Consulting Club (Mtech)
Chinese Debating Group	Philosophy Society	TEDxUniMelb
Cubing Club	Photography Club	Television & Streaming Society
Debating Society	Pirates	Trivia Club
Drawing and Painting Club	Pokemon Observation, Knowledge and Evolution Nation	Venture Capital and Innovation Laboratories
Drone Aviation and Racing Engineering Society	Quantitative Trading Society	Sri Lankan Students Association
Eurovision Social Club	Quantum Club	Student Exchange Society
Excel Club (MEC)	Real Estate Investment Student Association	Tamil Sangam
Fashion In Commerce Association (FICA)	Reels Club	Thai Student Association
Filmmakers Collaborative	Responsible Artificial Intelligence Development	Turkish Society
Friends of Unnatural Llamas (F.O.U.L.)	Sexpression	Vietnamese Students' Association

## SPIRITUAL

Adventist Students on Campus	Catholics of One Spirit Down Under (COSDU)	Overseas Christian Fellowship (O.C.F)
Buddhist Society	Christian Union	planetUNI
Catholic Society	Islamic Society	Power to Change

## SPORTS & GAMES

Arknights Enthusiasts Club	Esports	Melbourne Sports Business Society
Bhakti Yoga Club	F1 Club	Student Institution of Mihoyo Players
Card Crew	Game Makers' Club	Tabletop Gaming Society
Chess Club	Golf Appreciation Society	World of Mahjong Club

## Ida Bar

Ida Bar's first year of trading in 2025 marked a genuine milestone for the Student Precinct.

The \$1.5 million investment, designed with student input and built by Sibling Architecture, delivered a professionally run bar and kitchen and relied on our hard-working student casuals to keep it running smoothly.

The Ida Bar demonstrated its value as both a social hub and a platform for student-led programming. Across the year, Ida hosted a diverse calendar of events designed to foster community, support networking, and showcase student talent.

These included the Graduate Dinner Club series, Paint & Sips, Open Mics, live musical performances, and comedy nights, each contributing to a vibrant and inclusive campus culture. Attendance remained strong throughout, reflecting sustained demand for accessible, low-cost, student-led social experiences at the University of Melbourne.



# Student Support Services

## The Advocacy & Legal Division

The Advocacy & Legal Division encompasses a co-located Community Legal Centre, an Advocacy Service, and a Sexual Harm Response team that are available to provide support and assistance to all students at the University of Melbourne.

### Sexual Harm Response Coordinators (SHRC)

#### Support to Individual Students

Our team provides support and advice to students impacted by gender-based violence. This includes support with navigating university processes, making reports, and accessing counselling and academic support.

Case numbers 39 students

#### Workshops

Our team delivers workshops which aim to prevent gender-based violence on campus. This includes workshops for student leaders on bystander intervention and responding to disclosures. In 2025 we also piloted a program which focused on young men and the role they play in the prevention of gender-based violence.

65 workshops on bystander intervention and responding to disclosures

733 Students attending workshops

### UMSU Legal Service

The UMSU Legal Service is an accredited community legal centre providing free and confidential legal and financial counselling help to current University of Melbourne students. Its activities include direct advice and casework, law reform and advocacy work, community legal education, and collaboration with the broader legal sector in relation to student legal issues.

In 2025, the UMSU Legal Service engaged in a wide range of advocacy and collaborative activities which continued to raise the profile of the service; reviewed our practice management compliance and policy systems to ensure alignment with the new sector Risk Management Guide; and built further professional connections to expand capacity and promote students' legal rights.

#### 2025 Stats

The UMSU Legal Service delivered approximately 498 advice, casework and legal information and referral services in 2025. Approximately 65% of services delivered were to graduate students (35% to undergraduate students), and around 62% were to international students (38% to domestic students).

The UMSU Legal Service also provided assistance with approximately 59 financial counselling matters.

In 2025, the top areas for legal advice were:

- Renting
- Criminal
- Employment
- Consumer & contract
- Motor vehicle accidents
- Discrimination
- Social security
- Intellectual property

## 2025 Highlights

### Financial Counselling

Our Legal Service team continued to help students in difficult financial circumstances by providing supermarket vouchers and PTV travel passes, support in seeking debt waivers and reduction in settlement amount, as well as providing guidance in budgeting/debt management/saving processes and Graduate Access scholarship applications.

### Legal sector collaboration

#### National Student Legal Services Network (NSLSN)

The UMSU Legal Service continued to co-chair the NSLSN in 2025, facilitating this space for student legal services around Australia to connect, share information, and collaborate on advocacy and law reform initiatives which benefit students.

The NSLSN was co-created in 2023 by our Principal Lawyer Isabelle Butler together with lawyers from the ANU Students' Association Legal Service and the Youth Law Australia/Tasmania University Students' Association Legal Service. Since its inception, the NSLSN has achieved many important goals, including providing expert advice on the creation of several proposed new student legal services in Australia, which were partly inspired by the NSLSN's work.

### Pro bono partnerships

The UMSU Legal Service continued to operate its expanded pro bono partnerships in 2025, including a secondment program with the law firm HWL Ebsworth and a pro bono tenancy law clinic in partnership with the firm Maddocks.

Through these programs, the Legal Service has been able to increase capacity for direct advice and casework. Leveraging pro bono engagement programs like these mean the Legal Service can directly help more students with more legal matters.

These pro bono relationships also allowed us to tap into private firm's specific expertise, which led to us providing a more comprehensive service to students.

### Law reform and advocacy work

In 2025, the UMSU Legal Service continued our advocacy efforts across areas of law that's important to students. To advocate students' housing rights, we made submissions to the Consumer Affairs Victoria's Rental Taskforce to ensure better compliance and enforcement with Victoria's tenancy laws. We also supported the CEO in her meeting with the Minister for Consumer Affairs to advocate for the removal of the unfair exemption that the University has in its accommodations.

In addition to our own advocacy work, we also endorsed submissions made by the sector such as in employment law (on non-compete clauses) and discrimination law (on Disability Discrimination Act review).

### Community legal education

The UMSU Legal Service continued to deliver legal education services in 2025, proactively helping students to identify and respond to common legal issues.

We delivered two sessions on housing rights to students on Australian Awards Scholarship.

Our financial counsellor took part in six training sessions for new and outgoing executives of UMSU clubs and societies. The topics discussed included budgeting, sponsorship, grants, banking, receipts, record-keeping and who is responsible for financial decisions. These comprehensive and practical training sessions included materials such as budget templates and spreadsheets for the executives.

Additionally, we distributed approximately 125 written resources on areas of law relevant to students, including police powers and bike law.

### Practice management work

#### Comprehensive Policy Review

In 2025, the UMSU Legal Service continued the work commenced in 2024 to comprehensively overhaul our practice management processes, creating a more robust service to improve service delivery and facilitate future expansion.

Throughout 2025, our Principal Lawyers managed a project to undertake a compliance and policy review of the Service to ensure alignment with the new CLC Risk Management Guide released in late 2025.

# UMSU Advocacy Service

We help address the inherent power imbalance between students and the University by providing expert, independent advice to students on their rights and obligations on a range of academic and administrative issues. We also use this casework to inform and support the work of elected student representatives in identifying and addressing systemic problems to manifest meaningful change.

In 2025 the Advocacy Service has continued to refine and develop its service delivery model, restructuring and expanding resources to increase our capacity to meet demand.

Service demand rose significantly in 2025, particularly in the second half of the year.

- **Jan–June 2025:** 514 total cases
- **July–August 2025:** 491 cases in just two months
- **Sept–Dec 2025:** 548 students assisted (54% increase on same period in 2024)
- By August, the Service had nearly matched six months of activity in only eight weeks. Demand remained high through semester two, indicating sustained structural pressure rather than a temporary spike.
- In total, we assisted 1,553 students in 2025. Proportion of student cohorts by percentage includes:
  - Undergraduate: 55%
  - Postgraduate: 45% (with 3% graduate researchers)
  - International: 51%
  - Domestic: 49%

The majority of matters involved core academic and regulatory processes with significant consequences for student progression, enrolment and wellbeing.

## May–August 2025 primary issues:

- Special Consideration: 22.9%
- Academic Misconduct: 19.7%
- Assessment Disputes: 12.9%
- CAPC (Academic Progress): 10.2%
- Fee Remission: 8.6%

## Sept–Dec 2025 highlights:

- Assessment Disputes: 18.25%
- Special Consideration: 11.31%
- AI-related Academic Misconduct: 9.12%
- Fee Remission (initial applications): 7.12%

The rise in AI-related misconduct matters represents a developing area of complexity requiring specialist expertise and increased case preparation time.

## Significant University Referral Pathways

In January–August 2025 27–28% of cases were referred directly by the University and during the last part of 2025, 63% of our exit evaluation survey respondents reported being referred by the University.

## Service Quality Remains High Under Demand

Despite increased demand:

- 83–90% of respondents to exit evaluations reported being “Very Satisfied”
- In the period September to December, 100% of respondents indicated they would use or recommend the service

However, at the same time, response-time dissatisfaction emerged (8% unsatisfied), directly correlating with demand almost doubling compared to the same period in 2024.

## Advocacy Service Achievements

- Assisting students with issues ranging from misconduct, assessment and grades, special consideration, show cause / Course Academic Progress (CAPC), complaints about student support services, complaints about the nature of teaching or assessment, complaints relating to computer and IT infrastructure and RHD supervision.
- Completing a refresh of our website, which receives 13,971 of active users across all Advocacy pages, through the Students@Work program to improve and develop self-help resources, checklists and tool-kits, and enhance student accessibility.

The Service continues to take a lead role in the Alliance of Student Advocacy Services Australasia (ASASA) to share best-practice standards for service delivery with other Australian tertiary advocacy services.

The Service engaged in public advocacy activities, including providing feedback to the University of Melbourne directly on the:

- New Vice-Chancellor Rules – March 2025
- Enrolment & Timetabling Policy Reforms Proposal – May 2025
- Proposed Changes to the Privacy Management Policy – July 2025
- Provision and Acceptable Use of IT Policy – October 2025
- Renamed Sexual Misconduct and Gender-based Violence Prevention and Response Policy – December 2025
- Proposed amendments to the Research Integrity and Misconduct Policy

We also made a number of submissions to the Senate, the Department of Education, the Attorney General's Department and Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA), promoting the rights and the voice of students. These submissions were as follows:

- Senate Submission: Quality of Governance at Australian HE Providers – March 2025
- Feedback on TEQSA's Regulatory Expectations: Students Grievances & Complaints Mechanisms – March 2025
- Feedback on TEQSA's Regulatory Expectations: Managing External Actors – March 2025
- Response to the Modernising and Strengthening TEQSAs Powers Consultation Paper – October 2025
- Response to Attorney General's Disability Discrimination Act 1992 Review Issues Paper – November 2025
- Response to the Department of Education's 2025 Review of the Disability Standards for Education Discussion Paper – November 2025

## How Students Engaged With Us



**2,761** Clubs emails sent



**44** UMSU eNews sent



**UMSU Website**

**3,163,935**  
Page views

**771,004**  
New visitors

## Social Media Growth and Engagement



**Instagram**

**26,330**  
Followers

**23.25**  
Average monthly reach

**1,030,616**  
Total reach

**412**  
Static posts

**472**  
Stories



**Facebook**

**32,000**  
Followers

**220,100**  
Views



**LinkedIn**

**3,665**  
Total followers

**21,160**  
Members reached

**43,013**  
Impressions

**413**  
New followers

# Our Governance

## Students' Council and Department Committee Meetings

In addition to regular Students' Council and Committee meetings, UMSU has a wide range of working groups to examine and refresh UMSU's internal policy and regulations. These include:

- Students' Council Working Groups**  
 In addition to regular Council and Committee meetings, our General Secretary convenes other working groups at the direction of Student's Council to examine and refresh UMSU's internal policy and regulations. They include:
- Constitution, Regulations and Policy Working Group (CRPWG)**  
 This working group examines the current Constitution, Regulations and Policy of UMSU and reviews and recommends any changes that may be needed.
- Ethical Sponsorship Working Group**  
 This group is responsible for updating UMSU's Ethical Sponsorship register to facilitate UMSU's commitment to ethical standards of conduct and procurement.
- Ethical Sponsorship Working Group**  
 This internal group is responsible for updating UMSU's Ethical Sponsorship register to facilitate UMSU's commitment to ethical standards of conduct and procurement.
- Financial, Audit and Risk Sub-Committee**  
 The Finance, Audit & Risk (FAR) Sub-Committee was established in 2025 as a subcommittee of Students' Council. The Sub-Committee functions to assist Students' Council in relation to its oversight responsibilities relating to all material aspects of UMSU's financial management and reporting, accounting policies and internal controls that promote probity and good financial stewardship. It also makes recommendations to Students' Council in respect of financial audit and risk management matters and determining how the organisational risks of UMSU are to be planned for and managed.

## 2025 Meetings

STUDENTS' COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD
Students' Council	16
Operational Sub-Committee	14
Activities	11
Clubs & Societies	19
Creative Arts	14
Disabilities	6
Education	19
Environment	12
People of Colour	11
Southbank	5
Burnley	8
Welfare	12
Women's	10
Queer	10

## Our 2025 Councillors

POSITION	VOTING COUNCILLOR NAME
General representative	Wasif Rahman
	Lola Bowers (Dec 2024–July 2025)
	Bella Beiraghi (July 2025–Nov 2025)
	Joseph Z Y Li-Sculli
	Kerry Sun
	Stefan Gavrilov
	Enzhe (Kevin) Li
	Yasmeen Atieh
	Rachael Hynds (Dec 2024–Aug 2025)
	Daniel Motika
	Amaya Castro Williams
	Lottie Jenkins
	Anndrya Chua
	Yashesvi Verma
	Niya Chopra (Dec 2024–Aug 2025)
	Maria Carolina Lourenco Quartel
	Lushomo Chinganya (Sept 2025–Nov 2025)
Tobias Putland (Sept 2025–Nov 2025)	
Students of colour representative	Bingchan Zhou
Queer students' representative	Semin (Sam) Park
Indigenous students' representative	Oskar Martin
Students with disabilities' representative	Cornellius Salim (Dec 2024–Aug 2025)
	Marc Khor (Sept 2025–Nov 2025)
International students' representative	Junaid Mohd Qamar
Southbank representative	Zoriana Stephanie Krupa (Dec 2024–Aug 2025)
Graduate students' representative	Om Deshpande

## Our Staff

In 2025, the organisation had approximately 146 employees — 36 full-time; 23 part-time and 87 casuals. 65% were University of Melbourne students and 35% were non-students. A comprehensive casual staff audit conducted in December 2025 has provided greater clarity and confidence in our staffing profile.

Our focus throughout the year was to cultivate a safe, respectful, and harmonious work environment. We continued to prioritise initiatives that strengthen wellbeing, communication, and early resolution of workplace concerns, reinforcing our commitment to ensuring every member of our community feels valued, supported, and empowered to thrive.

## Our Financial Information

UMSU's 2025 result shows a total income of \$10.41m income and \$10.90m expenditure, which is a deficit of \$493k against a budgeted deficit of \$250k.

The \$243k variance came from two sources: the first full year of Ida Bar operations, where staffing and running costs were unavoidable as the venue established itself in the Student Precinct, and SSAF income that came in below the University's original enrolment forecast, a factor outside UMSU's control.

UMSU carries net assets of \$3.5m and holds \$2m in short-term investments, maintaining a stable base to fund student services into 2026 and beyond.



# Financial Summary

## Statement of Profit or Loss

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Sale of goods	407,802	354,455
Student services and amenities fee funding	9,336,267	9,694,505
Equipment/theatre hire	126,858	152,542
Grants received	5,272	15,003
Interest received	73,463	104,413
Other income	456,400	30,635
	<b>10,406,062</b>	<b>10,351,553</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Depreciation and amortisation expense	161,748	63,459
Finance costs	6,320	3,873
Consumables and Supplies	239,398	37,416
Employee costs	7,779,245	7,535,924
Grants	255,454	268,480
Audit fees	19,250	18,750
Equipment hire	150,133	201,788
Administration	201,860	239,033
Marketing	57,063	46,248
Department costs	204,471	244,445
Events	1,333,982	1,277,043
Artist fees	120,578	106,939
Sundry expenses	369,821	339,392
	<b>10,899,323</b>	<b>10,382,790</b>
Profit/(loss) before income taxes	<b>(493,261)</b>	<b>(31,237)</b>
Income tax expense	-	-
Profit/(loss) after income tax	<b>(493,261)</b>	<b>(31,237)</b>

# Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	3,452,417	4,010,385
Trade and other receivables	4	143,935	160,584
Inventories	5	10,502	8,213
Prepayments	6	163,404	94,844
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>3,770,258</b>	<b>4,274,026</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Plant and equipment	10	1,382,996	1,593,209
Right-of-use assets	7	83,663	98,875
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>1,466,659</b>	<b>1,692,084</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>5,236,917</b>	<b>5,966,110</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	8	353,455	635,366
Lease liabilities	7	11,572	9,111
Employee benefits	9	1,080,472	1,110,151
Other accruals	8	87,937	32,531
Other liabilities	11	-	12,000
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,533,436</b>	<b>1,799,159</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Lease liabilities	7	88,577	100,150
Employee benefits	9	111,921	70,557
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>200,498</b>	<b>170,707</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,733,934</b>	<b>1,969,866</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>3,502,983</b>	<b>3,996,244</b>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
General reserve	16	892,707	834,847
Retained profits		2,610,276	3,161,397
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		<b>3,502,983</b>	<b>3,996,244</b>

## Responsible Persons Declaration

The responsible persons declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2022*

President .....  
Lushy Chinganya

General Secretary .....  
Daniel Motika

Dated 17 April 2026

# Independent Audit Report to the members of University of Melbourne Student Union


## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial reporter, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

  
ACCRU MELBOURNE (AUDIT) PTY LTD

  
P P DELIYANNIS  
Associate Director

Dated 17 April 2026





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