

**University of Melbourne Student Union
Clubs and Societies Report
Ewan Bezzobs
To Clubs & Societies Committee 14(25)
22/08/2025**

This report must be completed according to instructions outlined in R11(f) of the Council Charter

Hey all,

Really short OB Report today. Cannot believe we are already more than a month into semester two, all the best on any upcoming assignments that people have.

Key Activities

Summary of actions and achievements since last report:

1. C&S Awards Night,

- a. Awards Night planning is running smoothly and so far within budget, there has been a couple logistical delays in terms of Food and drink catering not on our end but from the Ida Bar, however from my understanding there has been some turnover across the Bar that has led to this occurring. At time of writing this report, I should have just received a quote from Ida for catering services. So far we've seen 125 or so tickets secured which is awesome and it would be incredible to see 100+ people show up for Awards Night next week and celebrate C&S achievements. Unfortunately, no musical clubs got back to me within the window to try and organise any performances for the event so Esther and I are brainstorming alternative entertainment activities we may be able to do. Looking forward to seeing everyone there next Tuesday if you can make it.

2. Pakistani Society Disaffiliation Appeal

- a. We recently received a late appeal from the Pakistani Society regarding their disaffiliation for insufficient activity reporting in Semester One. The late appeal was not a fault of the club, but a fault of the Outlook web services/our General Secretary missing the appeal from the club. As such as we will here the appeal at our next Students Council which may be either this month or next month.

3. German Club AGM Issues

- a. Esther and I met with outgoing executives from the German Club who wished to submit a formal complaint regarding the conduct of attendees of the German Club's AGM and potential issues of Club stacking. I won't go into too much detail in my OB Report as the complaint will be in the papers and we'll discuss it in our meeting however it is important to recognise and remember the grounds by which AGM's can/should be overturned and when it is appropriate to ask the club to complete a new one.

4. C&S Application for Payments.

- a. I have been assisting our C&S staff members in completing a large range of applications for payments of grants to our affiliate clubs. So far this year we have paid out/calculated over 826 applications with a further 149 waiting to

be calculated. The calculated grant summary YTD paid to our clubs sits at \$170,310.

5. Budget

- a. As requested by the Committee, I sort some guidance from the General Secretary about the likelihood of what the state of the Semester Two Budget council may look like. The General Secretary advised me that due to lower SSAF enrolments amongst other things, they may look to institute a % cude across every department to repay the necessary amount. The C&S Committee should be prepared for a cute anywhere between the range of 10% - 15% (\$29,000 - \$43,000) although depending on voluntary budget cuts from other departments the amount could be less. Fiona has also advised me that the department retains around \$12,000 in GST repayments that we also have at our disposal. As it stands, and until the financial position of C&S is clear after a Budgetary Students Council, I would not recommend significantly increasing the Grants Cap of clubs and societies.

All the best team, see you in the meeting 😊

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Esther Luk
To C&S Committee 14(25)
21 Aug 2025**

I've mostly been focused on all the little things we can do to improve the department, but have also been trying to get Awards Night in order. The department is also in the process of affiliating new clubs, so there will be quite a bit of work to do in the coming weeks regarding that. For now, I am also doing a lot of thinking about ways to improve our resource management, based on all the discussions we have been having.

1. **Awards Night:** Ewan and I picked the winners on the 18th of August. We tried to vary the winners so that not one club would win too many categories. We then sent a reminder email to all clubs on the 18th of August, which is what prompted the event to sell out so quickly. Currently, there are 124 tickets sold, and I have set the capacity at 150, even though we only have 129 chairs. I have been in contact with UMSU Design to get the certificates prepared, been in contact with UMSU Events to increase our capacity after we hit 100 tickets, and been in contact with AVM regarding the technical requirements of the event, which just include some lighting, microphones and sound, and projection.
2. **New club applications:** I wrote and sent off emails to all rejected, deferred, late, and merge request clubs. For the rejected clubs, I briefly explained the reasoning behind the committee's decision. Clubs have responded to us for various reasons, and we will be discussing that in our meeting.
3. **Regulations:** I have continued to propose regulation changes in line with our discussions. I have also written in reasons for all the regulation changes we have recommended to Students' Council.
4. **Clubs Online GM submission:** Fiona and I finally met regarding my proposed change to make the general meeting submission page more of a chronological checklist. We are checking with the website provider to see whether documents can be retained through this change, and hopefully I will be able to action this change soon.