

**University of Melbourne Student Union
Clubs and Societies Report
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To C&S Committee 9(25)
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Feels like my life is just one report after another. Don't feel like I did much since last report, but here is my list of achievements. Also wow this report is only one page long!

1. **Training & Resources webpage:** I have copied the content of this page and a few other resource pages into a document and am in the process of restructuring and consolidating all of it. In addition, the UMSU website is more for public-facing content, while Clubs Online is more for internal content, so the Training & Resources page on the UMSU website shouldn't be so geared towards executives. I am looking at only retaining the regulations and policy, along with a few links, on that page, and moving everything else to subpages or to other websites.
2. **Grant appeals:** Fiona has sent me a few documents from more than a decade ago about the requirements they had to put into place when transitioning from paper forms to Clubs Online. I will be using them as a basis to write up a grant appeals policy in preparation for the grant deadline being reduced.
3. **IGMs:** I am continuing to schedule ROs and IGMs.
4. **Winterfest:** I attended the first planning meeting and let the UMSU Events team know that we really need to have a strong plan for directing students between Market Hall and Building 168 if we are to use both buildings for the Clubs Expo. Some of the ideas included flags and decorations along the pathway between both buildings, activating the staircases to show that Summerfest continues upstairs, floor decals pointing the way, and potentially two info stalls, one in each building. I will continue to attend the planning meetings if I am free.
5. **Rewording template emails:** I have reworded the activity reporting invitation email to sound nicer, as I personally felt like I had done something wrong when my club received that email two years ago. I will be going through the other email templates as part of our efforts to foster friendlier and clearer communication.
6. **Circula:** Two students contacted the C&S department through UMSU President Joshua Stagg about their website product that is in beta testing. It is a club event list with pins on a map and filters to sort events by interest, date, or location. They are interested in collaborating with UMSU, and I told them to email C&S asking to collaborate with the C&S committee. They haven't sent us anything yet though.
7. **UMSU website proposed changes:** Viraj from Education Public mentioned wanting to propose changes to the UMSU website for usability, and I let him know that I was interested in helping out. I have since sent him a list of things that I believe could be

improved, focusing on the main page and C&S pages. Not sure if this will come to fruition as is difficult to update the website, but we can try.

**University of Melbourne Student Union
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Ewan Bezzobs
To Clubs and Societies Committee 9(25)
19/05/2025**

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Hey team, we're so back (it's Week 11 wth) and just wanted to give a big thanks to all of you awesome people for being so darn helpful across Semester 1 of 2025. The support has been incredible, and I know last year's OBs are looking on in jealousy about how great you have all been. Cheers 😊

Summary of actions and achievements since last report:

1. Inaugural General Meetings,

- a. As of me writing this report we have had 9 of 10 successfully quorate IGMs with the Melbourne Excel Club failing theirs but having another chance to complete a quorate IGM in week 12 of this semester. I attended the Steak Enjoyers IGM on May 14th and thank you to all Committee Members who have put their hands up and helped in IGM season. Over the coming Week 11 and Week 12 there will still be another 14 IGMs for clubs to attempt to complete.

2. Clubs Council

- a. Esther and I and the C&S Department have successfully run our Semester One Clubs Council of which I chaired, thank you to all Committee members who were able to attend and partake in the Council, the Council successfully elected the Astronomy Society's representative Joshua Solomon to the vacant Committee position and we are looking forward to having him on board. I attempted to discuss the current state of C&S funding and clubs management with Club representatives at the council although it was hard to get a proper discussion/exchange of ideas, I plan to explore other ways of continuing discussion of C&S changes with all affiliated clubs who may be interested.

3. Non-Semester Meetings

- a. We have our final scheduled Committee Meeting coming up after this one during SWOTVAC Week for Semester One, while we anticipate that Semester Two subject timetables will not be released for a little while we will need to meet probably monthly over the non-semester period. Dates can be confirmed at a later date but Esther and I anticipate a C&S Committee meeting at the end of June likely in Week 3 of exams, and another Committee Meeting in the second or third week of July after which we can switch to the normal Semester Two timetable.

4. Mid-Semester Budget Review

- a. Esther and I have pencilled in Tuesday May 27th for a mid-year budget review with UMSU Financial officer Deanna Yong, we'll discuss the needs of the C&S department, how we are tracking in terms of budgetary spending and so on, after those meetings are conducted there will be a special Students Council Budget review council to repurpose and reallocate UMSU funds across the departments. We will report back on those discussions to committee.