

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the **Environment Committee**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 22 July 9:30am

Meeting 8(26)

Location: on zoom and outside the Environment Office in BLDG 168 Lvl 3

Zoom meeting on Jul 22, 2026 09:00 AM Australia/Melbourne

Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android:

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1. Procedural Matters

Bella opened the meeting at 9:34am

1.1. Election of Chair

Bella moved a motion to be elected as chair

Emma seconded

CWD

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

Always was, always will be.

1.3. Attendance

Bella, Kay, Rishika, Emma, Pranay, Yas, Kay

Absent - James, Amaya, Chu

1.4. Apologies

Chu

1.5. Proxies

Amaya proxied to Yas

1.6. Membership

Pranay has been appointed to the Environment Committee

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Bella moved a motion to adopt the agenda

Kay seconded the motion

CWD

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The last meeting was inquorate so we need to confirm the minutes from the committee meeting in May.

The committee resolved to revisit this at the next committee meeting and confirm the minutes there.

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

No conflicts of interest declared.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arising from the minutes than otherwise stated above.

5. Correspondence

Kay has met with a few clubs and societies to talk about events including a hiking trip with relevant enviro clubs. Kay has also been in contact with Rising Tide regarding a possible forum / event on campus this semester. And they have been progressing on work with the Sustainability policy 2030, although noted that the University has not been very responsive.

Bella has been in touch with the National Union of Students Education Officer regarding a collaboration on the upcoming National Day of Action against Pauline Hanson and One Nation. Bella is hoping to continue working in collaboration with the NUS Ed Office to mobilise students for a nation-wide protest on August 13.

6. Office Bearer Reports

Kay spoke to the urgency of the climate crisis - the contaminated waterways, the fact that el-nino is approaching and how we need to do what we can to conserve water and that the department will continue to use its platform to educate students about the climate crisis today.

Bella spoke to the intersectionality between the climate crisis and land rights, acknowledging the ongoing fight against weapons companies on our campus and the need to continue mobilising students around these issues.

Bella moved a motion to accept both Office Bearer reports

Yas seconded

CWD

7. Motions on Notice

Yas took up Amaya's moving rights for motions 7.1 - 7.3

Motion 7.1: That the UMSU Environment Committee endorses the upcoming National Day of Action against One Nation and the far right. This is the initiative of the National Union of Students Education Officer.

Moved: Yasmeen Atieh Seconded: Bella Beiraghi

Bella moved to go to a vote

CWD

Motion 7.2: That the UMSU Environment Committee approve \$500 from the events budget line C3840 to pay for a professional banner for the upcoming National Day of Action against One Nation and the far right.

Moved: Yasmeen Atieh Seconded: Bella Beiraghi

Bella moved to go to a vote

CWD

Motion 7.3: That the UMSU Environment Committee approve \$500 from the events budget line C3840 to purchase materials for a collaborative badge and t-shirt making event in collaboration with Students for Palestine. This is part of the department endorsed ongoing Weapons Off Campus campaign.

Moved: Yasmeen Atieh Seconded: Bella Beiraghi

Bella moved to go to a vote
CWD

8. Other Business (Motions without Notice)

Kay moved a procedural that the following motions be heard en bloc, Bella accepted
CWD

8.1 That the environment committee approve \$3370 from budget line Programs for semester 2 Tofu Tuesday at Southbank and Parkville's campus canteens.
Moved: Kay Pritchard, Seconded: Emma N

8.2 That the environment committee approve \$2500 from budget line events for 2 thrift markets at Parkville and 1 at Southbank in semester 2
Moved: Kay Pritchard, Seconded: Emma N

8.3 That the environment committee approves \$500 from events budget line for an Indigenous film screening in semester 2
Moved: Kay Pritchard, Seconded: Emma N

8.4 That the environment committee approves \$500 from events budget line for bagels and badges in semester 2
Moved: Kay Pritchard, Seconded: Emma N

8.5 That the environment committee approves \$750 from events budget line for Environment clubs mixer in week 4.
Moved: Kay Pritchard, Seconded: Emma N

CWD

9. Next Meeting

(Tentatively) Monday the 17th of August at 9:30am

10. Close

Bella moved to close the meeting at 9:57am