

Hi there!

The USU is holding its elections in May to elect six Board Directors. This email is to let you know that you can have a say by casting your vote. All the details you need are below.

WHAT IS THE USU?

The University of Sydney Union (USU) is the University's student association – run by students for students. We're at the heart of campus life and we aim to provide the best university experience in Australia.

We began in 1874 as a society for student debaters and now we're proud to be one of few remaining independent, student-led organisations in Australia. The USU provides all the things you love about campus life (like Welcome Fest, clubs and societies, parties, gigs and fab food). What's more, all income the USU receives is reinvested for the benefit of current and future students.

USU ELECTIONS ARE SOON

The USU has 11 elected student Directors and two Directors appointed by the University Senate. The USU is holding its elections in May to elect six new Board Directors. This is your chance to have your say in the future of the USU and Uni life. Your vote can make a big difference to your future University experience.

Enrol to vote by: 4:00pm (AEST) Friday 5 May 2023 Voting opens: 9:00am (AEST) Monday 8 May 2023 Voting closes: 5:00pm (AEST) Friday 12 May 2023

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

Voting on the future of the USU is a two-step process.

STEP ONE: YOU NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE USU

If you are a USU member you don't need to do anything. If you're not already a member, you need to join by **4:00pm Friday 5 May 2023**. Becoming a USU member is easy and free. Plus, you get to join over 200 clubs and societies, receive special giveaways, access to comps and loads of events, and much more. Sign up online now

STEP TWO: YOU NEED TO VOTE

When voting opens on 8 May, you will receive your own voting link in your email. It's super easy! Cast your vote before 5:00pm (AEST) Friday 12 May 2023.

WHO SHOULD I VOTE FOR?

Good question. Check out the policies of all the candidates here. There will be an Election Soapbox debate in the Refectory, Holme Building, at 1:00pm (AEST) Wednesday 3 May 2023. You will also be able to watch live on USU's Facebook.

Every USU Member votes once, and it is *your* vote to have *your* say on the future of the USU. Think about your vote. Do not give your voting link to another person. It is a breach of the Regulations if a candidate or supporter harasses or intimidates you; requests or uses your voting link (remember – your voting link is for you only); or attempts to ascertain the way you voted. If you see a breach of the Regulations, report the matter to the Returning Officer <u>here</u>.

Thank you for participating in this important part of Uni life. To find out more about the USU elections, click here.

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