

USU's PRESIDENT REPORT:

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Dear USU community

It is a pleasure to be serving as your President for 2024-25. As I reflect on the first two months of the new Board, I am incredibly pleased with the inroads we have been able to make on issues of significance to students, and the growth that the current Board and executive has undergone. Over the next year, and indeed well after I am gone, as part of our strategy refresh, the USU will be committed to:

1. Becoming a more sustainable organisation beyond SSAF;
2. Evolving our model to a more sophisticated membership and student engagement approach;
3. Developing a high-performance team culture; and
4. Making the student experience, and engaging with the USU, our primary value proposition.

The USU has hit a number of milestones over the past two months. We celebrated our **150th anniversary** and engaged the community in a number of events including archival tours, a gala celebration, and of course the *Union Made* exhibition at the Chau Chak Wing Museum. The USU also hit 50,000 members, a record in the VSU era.

Although there have been several significant events in July-August, including Welcome Fest, Battle of the Bands, Revues, Someday Soon, and thousands of other club events and weekly offerings, there is much to look forward to in remaining months. In particular, I welcome the new PULP editorial team to the USU and am highly anticipating issue #17.

Further, the Board is working hard to ensure the structures of the USU are fit-for-purpose to develop a sustainable and efficient organisation. I am committed to significant governance reform over the next ten months, and continued dialogue with important student, staff, and alumni stakeholders. In keeping with the principle of radical transparency, I will be holding the following consultation hours, open for all in our community to raise issues of importance in person, for the rest of my term:

Mondays: 3.00-5.00pm | Thursdays: 11.00am-1.00pm | Fridays: 4.00-6.00pm

Please do not hesitate to also reach out via email to president@usu.edu.au with any matters of note.

I want to thank each of you for your support and for your contribution to the USU. Your passion and commitment are what makes this student union special, and I look forward to working for you for the next year.



Bryson Constable
USU President