



USU's PRESIDENT REPORT:

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I am incredibly honoured to be serving as USU President over the next year working alongside a fantastic Executive and Board to serve our 42,000+ members. I am enthused to see our new Directors transition so smoothly into their roles and I know we will be achieving great outcomes for the USU, its members and staff over the coming months and into the new year.

July has been a big month of learning and ensuring we have the right expectations for Board, understanding what the right support is for our staff and where we can better serve our members. USU's calendar for the remainder of the year is equally exciting as we continue some of our biggest events and programs starting with Welcome Fest, Someday Soon Music Festival and Battle of the Bands. Excitingly we will be having our inaugural Festival of Creativity in September to celebrate and platform the remarkable talent of our members.

I have been engaged in numerous introductory meetings with our key stakeholders and am excited to continue building upon our strong existing relationships whilst fostering new ones. There has been a lot of momentum brought forward from the previous Executive and Board in Working Parties, Committees, and we will continue building on their efforts. I want to also welcome the new team of PULP editors as well as our new CFO Michelle Tonge, very keen to work with them over the next year.

The next few months will be one of steady growth and change and I am cautiously optimistic about the direction we are heading. I look forward to setting the right tone for Board and ensuring we have the right people, governance structures, vision to plan well into the future. There is a lot in store for the USU and I am excited for everything in store.



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President