



MONASH STUDENT ASSOCIATION 2014 ELECTION GUIDE

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VOTING

Polling for the MSA elections will be 22-25 September 2014, with the polling times and places as follows:

The main polling place will be open in the Campus Centre foyer

Monday 22 September 9.30am – 4.30pm
Tuesday 23 September 9.30am – 6.00pm
Wednesday 24 September 9.30am – 4.30pm
Thursday 25 September 9.30am – 4.30pm

Remote polling will be open in the Hargrave-Andrew Library foyer

Monday 22 September 11.30am – 2.30pm
Thursday 25 September 11.30am – 2.30pm

And at the Monash Indigenous Centre foyer

Wednesday 24 September 11.30am – 2.30pm

STUDENT ELECTED POSITIONS

Office Bearer positions:

- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Education (Academic Affairs) Officer
- Education (Public Affairs) Officer
- Welfare Officer
- Women's Officer
- Male Queer Officer
- Female Queer Officer
- Environment & Social Justice Officer
- Indigenous Officer
- Activities Officer
- Lot's Wife Editor/s

General Council Representatives and autonomous Committees:

- Monash Student Council (5 General Representatives)
- Women's Affairs Committee (5 Members)
- Indigenous Affairs Committee (5 Members)
- Student Affairs Committee (10 Members)

National Union of Students:

7 Delegate positions.

PRESIDENT

James Wilcox

No speech was submitted



Go!-Sinead Colee

Sinead is a 3rd year Music student from regional Victoria and is currently the MSA's Treasurer. In this position, Sinead has developed as a student representative and can effectively manage the balance between running the MSA as an organisation and representing the needs of students. Sinead has contributed towards an MSA with the highest union membership in a decade and has helped successfully implement programs such as the Household Goods Service, MSA Hump Days and is continuing to introduce the Workers Advice Service.

Sinead also has extensive experience in the management and financial operations of a number of not for profit organisations including World Vision, Red Cross and Headspace and was also Society President of Deakin Hall in 2013.

Sinead has a clear vision for the MSA, which will see the union continue to grow stronger and more vibrant in 2015. If elected, Sinead would like to see the reach of the MSA grow, and continue expanding its footprint. She plans to do this by looking into projects such as the creation of an MSA Food Van to facilitate and increase the MSA's welfare service provision.

Go vote, vote Go!

PRESIDENT



Left Hook - Yasemin Shamsili

The Monash Student Association proves itself when it fights for students' rights. I've been an activist in the MSA for three years now and its Environment and Social Justice Officer throughout 2014. I've been a leader against the \$2.8 billion cuts to education, proposed by the Labor Party in 2013 and recently crushed in the Senate, and have been campaigning against Abbott and his appalling budget throughout the year.

Activism has proven its worth this year at Monash. Student activism has been a leading light for the broader community in paving the way for resistance against Abbott. It's stopped Government policy and has preserved our rights as students. These are rights that can too easily be forgotten or taken for granted. But as students, when we've shown that we're willing to stand up for them, we've shown that they're ours to keep.

My platform is for full education rights for all students, for an accessible and equitable education system, a communal and not a corporatised university. I also stand especially for the rights of Arab and Muslim students and for a student association that stands in support of all the oppressed, of refugees, of Indigenous students and of the Palestinians.

TREASURER



Left Hook - Luca Tavan

I'm running for Treasurer to ensure that activist campaigns are well-financed throughout 2015. I want to be part of a union that centres its activity on defending student rights and is willing to resource campaigns that fight to raise our standard of education and ensure university accessibility is not circumscribed by students' personal wealth.

MSA departments that have devoted themselves to such a goal throughout 2014 have played a huge role in a national campaign that has beaten back much of the Liberals' regressive education agenda. I want to see a healthy and robust activist union in 2015, one that can build upon our successes so far.

Abby is a second year Arts student majoring in Politics and Criminology. She has been involved in the Monash Students Association since she began studying at Monash. She has also been actively involved in NUS, as Victorian state Women's officer for 2014. This involvement has provided Abby with a wealth of knowledge regarding the financial workings of large organisations and working with diverse groups of people.

Abby would like to promote greater transparency and communication between students and the MSA, making sure that MSA campaigns resonate with what Monash students want and need; as well as ensuring that the student services and amenities fee goes towards services that benefit students.

Student funding is an issue that Abby is particularly passionate about, especially considering the potential cuts to education announced in the recent federal budget.

Abby is excited by the challenges she would face as Treasurer – knowing how important the MSA can be for students she's happy to put herself to work making sure that each department operates above board and to the best of their capabilities. In particular Abby is looking forward to working with the Women's department to improve student safety on campus.

Go vote, vote Go!



Go! - Abigail Stapleton

SECRETARY



Go! - Daniel King

Daniel is a second year Arts/Science Student who is active on and off campus and has been involved with the MSA since he first started at Monash. He would like to be involved in an MSA that is transparent and meets the needs of students on campus.

He is serving on the Student Affairs Committee and Monash Student Council this year in which he learnt many of the skills involved with the day to day running of the MSA. He has also been involved in campaigns on education and public transport throughout the past two years. Daniel is a strong believer and will strongly fight for an MSA that fights for students' rights.

If elected, Daniel will work to improve public transport to campus through lobbying. He will also continue to improve student life on campus by growing clubs and societies as well as expanding Hump Days. He would like to see the MSA become more integrated into student's everyday lives by continuing with initiatives like the beanbags on the Menzies lawn as well as providing more services for students who live on or around campus like the Household Goods service.

Go vote, vote Go!

Riley Lenard

No speech was submitted



Left Hook - Dominique Houzet

Keeping the Monash Student Association's wheels running requires a lot of administrative nous. I've been around the MSA for a couple of years, was a delegate to the National Union of Students in 2013, and as a second year Engineering and Arts student have developed a serious understanding of how our student association needs to run.

Student rights are perennially in jeopardy with a Liberal Government in power, and Labor's rarely better. Keeping our student association alive, drawing in new activists and giving breath to the empowerment of students, means maintaining a highly functional union apparatus behind the scenes. I've been an activist and administrator at Monash for two years now; a passionate unionist and a leading campaign organiser.

I want to see the MSA in 2015 become even more relevant to students and capable of organising with maximum effectiveness in defense of our rights.

Vote [1] Dominique Houzet for MSA Secretary!

EDUCATION (ACADEMIC AFFAIRS) OFFICER

Thomas Grant

No speech was submitted



Go! -Amelia Veronese

Amelia is a second year Arts/Education student. She has been very involved with education issues on campus throughout her time at Monash, being an active member on the Arts Better Teaching Better Learning Committee this year and involved with the program, Embrace Education. Amelia is also an advisor for Orion College, involved with the academic portfolio.

This year Amelia has also been actively involved in the MSA, serving on the Student Affairs Committee and has assisted with various MSA campaigns. Through her involvement in these areas, Amelia has a good understanding of the issues students face, and if elected next year she wants to continue to support and expand the English Language Peer Support Program and the 24 hour Libraries Campaign. Amelia also wants to advocate for change in university policy in more equitable and consistent assessment policies across all faculties, student retention and recording of lectures.

Amelia also wants to make the MSA Student Rights Department much more accessible to students and to highlight the assistance this department can offer for students in all areas of their Education at Monash.

Go vote, vote Go!

EDUCATION (ACADEMIC AFFAIRS) OFFICER

Hareesh Mahan

No speech was submitted



Left Hook - Lachlan Petrie

This year I have been involved in the Education Action Group on campus, in the grassroots campaign against the Abbott government's proposed attacks on higher education. The proposed \$5.8 billion dollars' worth of funding cuts to higher education, and moves to deregulate university fees are some of the biggest attacks to threaten students' interests and livelihoods in decades in Australia. These reforms disproportionately impact students from lower socio-economic backgrounds, who will have to deal with the stress and burden of massive debt. The Education (Academic Affairs) Officer has a responsibility and role to stand up for students rights, and campaign against the Liberals' agenda for higher education.

This year the University also notified students of plans to restructure the entire curriculum. At other universities 'restructuring' has meant courses have been cut, faculties merged, and students have lost their majors. It has meant an overall attack on academic freedom and the quality of education.

Overall education and academic issues impact students from lower socio-economic backgrounds and oppressed groups in society. Students deserve a representative who will stand up for quality and accessible education, and campaign against attacks both from our University Administration, and federal government.

EDUCATION (PUBLIC AFFAIRS) OFFICER



Left Hook - Georgia Leng & Liam Parry

Education is increasingly becoming a commodity in Australian society. With our weasel-faced education minister Christopher Pyne leveling attack after attack against students, and the Vice Chancellors of every Group of Eight University espousing the need for deregulated fees, there has never been a better time for student activists to take a stand.

Fortunately, students all around Australia have fought throughout 2014 for their right to a quality and accessible education, sending the Liberals running with their tails between their legs. Tens of thousands of students have protested in a nationally co-ordinated campaign, led by Sarah Garnham, Left Hook member and National Union of Students Education Officer. At Monash it's been our member Declan in the Education office who has led the Monash chapter of this amazing campaign. With university management flirting with the idea of completely restructuring the Monash curriculum and the Liberals still in power, 2015 is gearing up to be a year of intensive campaigning for education. Students have already proven that with activists in our student unions we can keep our rights to a quality education alive. This is a legacy we want to continue.

Vote [1] Liam and Georgia, for Education (Public Affairs)!



Go!/Switch - Sarah Spivak & Mali Rea

Sarah is a second year Arts/ Law student who is eager to participate in a progressive MSA in 2015. After being actively involved in the MSA through the Student Representative Network, the Wom*n of Colour Collective and attending numerous NDAs, she developed a keen passion for advocating for equitable education for all students.

Mali is a second year Arts student, she wants to see a student union that fights the commodification and marketisation of education through grassroots activism. She has been involved in the MSA through the Monash Education Action Group, the Women's Department and as a General Representative on council.

Mali and Sarah see that education is currently under the threat of deregulation, which will undermine the overall quality and accessibility of Australian higher education. Furthermore, G08 universities, of which Monash University is a member, were the original proponents of drastic and unfair higher ed changes.

Further, without elected student representatives on University Council, the fight for fair education is made even more challenging. Fighting these changes requires an active, inclusive and engaging Education (Public Affairs) department. We will fight in solidarity with international students and university staff to create the best learning and teaching environment.

WOMEN'S OFFICER



Go!/Switch - Ellen Flach & Sophie Vassallo

Ellen Flach is committed to making the Monash Clayton as inclusive to all those who identify as or with women as it possibly can be. She has been actively involved in the Women's Department this year, being a member on WAC and attending the NOWSA conference for the second time.

Sophie Vassallo wants to transform the MSA into a grassroots, progressive union that is accessible to everyone who identifies as or with women, and represents the diversity of Monash. As an active member of the Women's Department Sophie attended NOWSA, participated in weekly discussion groups, craft afternoons and WAC meetings.

Ellen and Sophie are keen to improve security on campus, by getting women identifying security to monitor the Women's lounge, increase security's presence around the bus loop and finding a safe way for women to smoke off campus with Monash's new smoke free policy. Ellen and Sophie want to run campaigns against the slut-shaming and harassment of women on campus and further the existing campaigns focusing on sexual consent.

Further, they will introduce new campaigns supporting those who struggle with mental health and foster a caring Women's community at Monash through support groups and promoting mental health resources.



Left Hook - Kahlani Pyrah & Megan Guy

Despite explicitly sexist, unequal laws having been fought and dismantled, women still face daily instances of sexism and systematic discrimination. In 2014 we have been involved in various campaigns for women's rights, including the pro-choice demonstrations against conservative dinosaurs who would like to see women's rights to abortion removed, and the International Women's Day march promoting gender equality. Kahlani organised a Bust the Budget rally in rural Queensland, while on holidays!

It is appalling that in 2014 women still earn only 80 cents to every \$1 a man earns, and this gender gap is getting wider. We aim to promote these events and support workplace struggles for equal pay of equal value.

Challenging discrimination in this way has become all the more important now that Australia has Tony Abbott as Prime Minister. Not only does he personally have extremely sexist views, including opposing abortion, but Abbott has attempted to declare his jurisdiction over all issues relating to women through making himself Women's Officer.

If elected we will continue to campaign around issues of discrimination and oppression affecting women on campus, and promote protests and actions around women's rights to encourage students to get involved.

WELFARE OFFICER

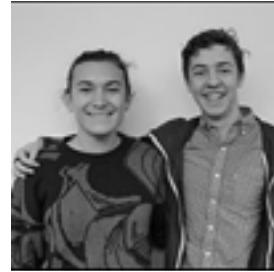


Left Hook - Kim Stern

Student welfare is under attack. Vital services like health and counselling are being cut and undermined. Sexism, racism, and homophobia are pervasive. It's getting harder and harder to be a student--and more and more expensive, as the universities are turned into corporate shopping malls with exams.

Students need advocates who will listen to their concerns, and who will also stand up to those who are responsible for undermining the wellbeing of students. Vice-Chancellors, corporate interests, Liberal governments, and organised racists, sexists, and homophobes, all need to be challenged, so that students can enjoy university life free of intimidation and anxiety. We need to make sure our university is not just for right, straight, white men.

I'm a first-year arts student and an activist, and I've been committed to challenging these problems since I organised my high school's anti-homophobia collective. I spent this year helping organise students to take on the proposed fee hikes and cuts to universities, challenging Islamophobia on campus, and many other issues relevant to students. In the MSA I'll fight even harder to defend student welfare.



Go!/Switch - Jesse Cameron & Rebecca Adams

Jesse is a second year Software Engineering Student from Ballarat who feels strongly about the welfare of students. As the current Society President of Deakin Hall, Jesse has worked with and for Monash students from a diverse range of backgrounds and is well in tune with the struggles students face whilst studying. Jesse is particularly passionate about supporting students who come from rural and regional areas.

Rebecca is a fourth year Arts student majoring in International Studies. Rebecca is excited about ensuring everybody has the freedom to participate in a fulfilling university life. She has volunteered and campaigned with local and international organisations, including the Oxfam Monash Internship program, around the issues of poverty, homelessness and refugee rights.

Jesse and Rebecca are committed to expanding welfare services currently available to students such as Free Food days to students living on residence and expanding the Book Fair offerings, but are also interested in establishing new and exciting student-run services such as Beat-the-Stress evenings; working in collaboration with Monash University Community Farm and Wholefoods to promote nutrition and wellbeing; and working in collaboration with other MSA departments to open dialog around the serious issue of students and mental health.

ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE OFFICER



Go!/Switch - Lauren Goldsmith & Declan Furber Gillick

Lauren and Declan want to rebuild accessible, fun, meaningful and creative activism at Monash

Declan is an Arts/Law student majoring in "Philosophy" and "Sustainability" who believes in empowering communities through political resistance, permaculture, and creativity. Declan has been an Education Activist at Monash. He has worked in Indigenous Legal Advocacy in Alice Springs and in Outdoor Education in Victoria. He wants to build a class-conscious, unifying environmental movement.

Lauren is a 3rd year Arts student, majoring in Politics and Communications. She has been involved in various campaigns on environmental and social justice issues in the community and at Monash. Lauren wants to rebuild an empowered and exciting activist network at Monash with a focus on direct action. Lauren has been a General Representative on MSC and an NUS delegate.

Plans:

- Collaborate with divestment organisations Quit Coal, 350 and Fossil Free to divest Monash from the fossil fuel industry and re-invest in green economy.
- Build on the Wholefoods/RISE (Refugees, Survivors, Ex-detainees) partnership.
- Organise regular talks and workshops relating to the environment and social justice
- Empower Monash students to attend Students of Sustainability Conference 2015 in RAdelaide.
- Build on projects like MUCfarm, The Bikery and Wholefoods



Left Hook - Tess Dimos

Job cuts, course cuts, fee hikes, and an ever-closer relationship to some of the nastiest corporate villains in the world: the future doesn't look bright for Monash University. And to top it all off, Tony Abbott's the Prime Minister. Next year, Monash students need representatives who want to fight to make the world a better place, and who know how to do it.

Tess has been leading the campaign against Tony Abbott's horrendous education policies. You might have seen her coming into your lecture to announce the next rally, putting up posters, or organising meetings of the Education Action Group. She's spent all year organising students to take on Abbott--and as a result, thousands of people have got involved, and the government is on the backfoot. Next year, if elected, she'll make sure the MSA keeps the pressure on.

Daniel is a long-time activist for social justice, around issues both local and global. This year he's helped organise the campaign for justice in Palestine, organising campaign meetings, rallies, and public forums to raise awareness and get students involved.

We're committed, experienced activists, and we want to spend next year defending students' rights and fighting for social justice.

ACTIVITIES OFFICER

Xin Sheng Tang

No speech was submitted



Go! - Tahnee Burgess & Jake Krelle

Having spent their first two years "studying" Arts/Science at Monash, instead partying, Tahnee and Krill have resolved to give back to their university by organizing some of the best parties coming up in 2015. Already overqualified for the position, both boast a Bachelor of Inebriation majoring in beer (yes it is a real qualification – they can provide the documentation).

Do you love free BBQs? Insane trivia nights? Massive AXP? Keen for comedy? Does beer make your lederhosen loosen? Have a soft spot for charity? If you answered yes to any of these questions then this dynamic duo has you covered! With a wealth of experience in Monash societies and Host Scheme, they are excited to not only continue current activities events such as hump day and moonlight cinema but also to bring you awesome new events (plus some classics such as Mastermindless and comedy night) all throughout next year! Holy Sh*! - There's going to be so much room for activities!

Go Vote, Vote Go!



Left Hook - Chloe Fuller

The stresses and strains of Uni life can get the better of all of us from time to time. As a student living in Halls and a long way from rural Queensland where I grew up I know this as well as anyone.

I've been a massive part of Halls and campus life from O-Week, from scavenger hunts and flash mobs, to student protests and MSA BBQs. I love the vibrancy and inclusiveness of most of campus life. However, my experiences in Halls have also shown that campus life can at times be subject to an unfortunate kind of jock culture, and even sexism and homophobia. I believe the MSA needs an Activities department that's progressive as well as vibrant and boisterous, to keep our social lives free from discrimination and enjoyable for all.

I'll work all year round to make sure the perks of student life are available to all, that our social events are inclusive and engaging, and that our student association remains a vocal and representative organisation, in the face of potential declines in government funding and management cut-backs.

For a fun and progressive MSA
Vote [1] Chloe Fuller for Activities!

LOT'S WIFE EDITORS

Left Hook - Lucy McNeill

No speech was submitted

Matthew Seymour

No speech was submitted



Go!/Switch - Bill Molloy, Claire Rowe, Anna Hill & Jarrod Verity

Vote Bill, Claire, Anna, and Jarrod for Lot's Wife editors in 2015.

Bill is an Arts student majoring in Journalism. Claire is an Arts student double majoring in Politics and Philosophy. Anna is currently doing her honours in history following a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Politics and History. Jarrod is undertaking a double degree in Engineering (Electrical) and Science (Maths and Psychology).

Together, they are dedicated to offering the opportunity for the broader Monash community across all faculties to engage with their student magazine. They are passionate about the value of fair, balanced journalism and believe these principles will assist in lifting Lot's Wife to a standard you would be proud to contribute to.

Their commitment for 2015 is to reinvigorate the progressive values for which Lot's Wife was originally renowned, while broadening the scope of the magazine to exciting new mediums and fields: a magazine not just for Politics majors, but for students of music, the creative arts, sciences, engineering, education, and all other fields with which Monash students engage.

MALE QUEER OFFICER

Jarvis Sparks

No speech was submitted

Matthew Seymour

No speech was submitted

Christopher Gatt

No speech was submitted

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Carolyn Dunn

No speech was recieved

Xin Sheng Tang

No speech was recieved



Rhian Wilson - Grocery Store On Campus

C'mon Monash! If you're building thousands of beds on campus, we need to be able to get some decent food on campus, and I don't mean cheap spicy chicken, or over-salted chips, we want a Grocery Store on campus!

Time and time again, res students are forced to walk or catch a bus to Pinewood Shopping Centre and lug heavy bags back. This ain't fun, and we reckon the only way to solve it is to get a grocery store on campus. IGA, Coles, Woollies - we don't care, we just want one!



Left Hook - Georgia Leng, Kahlani Pyrah, Liam Parry, Lucy McNeill & Yasemin Shamsili

Left Hook Councillors have provided pivotal input as Monash student reps throughout 2014.

We've moved and debated motions all year round about the importance of demonstrating against the government's education cuts, its regressive budgetary measures for students and its appallingly immoral attitude towards student rights. As the ticket with the most guts to take on the Abbott Government, we've also been the ticket with the greatest moral commitment to make sure our student council doesn't shy away from taking a stand.

It was our members who successfully moved a motion breaking the Student Council's long-held stance of neutrality towards the oppression of the Palestinians. We compiled extensive documents and waged a passionate argument which compelled other members of council to vote to condemn Israel for its war crimes in Gaza and to stand in solidarity with Pro-Palestinian protestors in Melbourne and around the world. This was one of the most important victories to be won against racism at Monash in a long time.

Vote for us for 2015 and we'll continue to hold our representatives to account and to keep activism for student rights at the forefront of campus life. We've had a year of defeating Government policy and keeping Liberal minister on their toes. Let's make it twice as scintillating in 2015.



24hr Libraries - James McGinely

At the Clayton campus, there are no open and accessible 24 hour study spaces to all students. This is absolutely ridiculous, consider-

ing the amount of fees students already pay, and how pressured students are to complete the large study load. 40+ hours a week on study, when we already have to work part-time, and are pressured to complete extra-curricular activities?! Yeah right! To ensure that all students get a fair and equitable education, Monash should implement a 24 hour library service to acknowledge how difficult it can sometimes be to manage time. Many students come from rural areas and are forced to work long hours instead of study, some students don't have adequate study spaces, or wireless access at home, and depend on these services.

Considering Universities within the Group of 8, in Australia, and around the world, are implementing these services, we're calling on Monash to become a modern institute, and provide this essential service to students.

Vote [1] 24 Hour Libraries to put pressure on Monash, and to see this happen



Free Parking - Kevin Duong

C'mon Monash, \$370 for a patch of bitumen in the middle of Clayton? How much money can the Uni possibly hope to scam out of students? Enough is enough! We want the Uni to expand free parking, improve lighting to free parking and we want it now! If elected for 2014, we will be working to ensure that the university:

- Expands free parking
- Reduces the cost of parking

Referendum 2014

A Disabilities Officer for the Student Union

If you have been a regular reader of Lot's Wife this year (and why wouldn't you be, it's an excellent publication) you will have read in the first edition of the year a piece about the need for a Disabilities Officer in the MSA.

As it stands the MSA isn't well equipped to assist students with disabilities and carers at Clayton, and these students are far more likely to run into trouble with special consideration for assessments, financial and job stress, access to educational resources and university social life. In order to address this a constitutional amendment has been submitted to you – the student body – for approval to create a Disabilities department to address these problems.

Further this amendment would establish a Disabilities and Carers collective which as a body would help steer the department and serve as a platform of empowerment for students who are normally spoken for or ignored as a niche concern. It is sad to see that even within the student movement, the difficulties faced by people who live with disabilities are spoken about by (albeit well meaning) able bodied and neurologically normal individuals, and student actions such as rallies are often inaccessible to those with mobility issues.

The creation of a disabilities department is about elevating these issues to above those of a small minority concern to primary considerations, to change issues of ensuring 'disabilities access' to ensuring universal access for all students first and foremost.

The department would hold the university accountable in ways that the Disability Liaison Unit can't. If university infrastructure had inadequate or no access for students with mobility problems the department would take action to change that. If lecturers refused to record their lectures because they thought they were only used by lazy students the department would engage with the faculty and staff to change this and ensure universal access to a vital resource.

Per the submitted amendment, the 2015 Disabilities Officer(s) would be elected by the 2014 MSC no later than the 1st of January next year. From 2015 onwards though the Disabilities Officer(s) would be elected from students within the collective in a manner similar to the Women's and Queer departments. This transitional arrangement has been proposed because the alternative, which would be to take the election of the officer(s) to a by-election in March, puts the department at a severe disadvantage in its first year of operation. By March you've missed O-Week and the first round of Academic Progress Hearings which are two places this department needs to be present if it is to have a successful year and be taken seriously in its own right.

The La Trobe University Student Union, the University of Melbourne Student Union and the National Union of Students all have disabilities departments and have achieved successes for the students they represent. There is no doubt that such a department would be a boon to those at Monash Clayton who need it but, in the spirit of due process the approval should come from you the student body to create one. Voting in the referendum is simple, just a "yes" or "no" on a smaller ballot which is available during the MSA election week.

The choice is in your hands. The need for this department is now pressing more than ever and it is well past time that such a department existed. Take a stand for yourself or someone you may know who needs this and vote "yes" on the referendum.

For more information on the referendum, please contact MSA Returning Officer Will Fowles via email: msa.returningofficer@gmail.com

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permits

- Ensure parking permits can be used across all Monash campuses
- Secure free parking during exam periods



Switch - Melodee Ried, Phoebe Lorenz, James Grout, Thien-An Tran & Clare Luxford

Melodee Ried

Melodee Ried is a third year Arts student, majoring in Society, Cities and Sustainability and minor in Visual Culture and Literary Studies. She has been involved with the Women's department and Wholefoods. She has also been involved in campaigns surrounding education, the environment and women's issues.

Phoebe Lorenz:

Phoebe is a second year Arts/Law student doing a major in philosophy and a minor in history. She is interested in advocating for women on campus whilst ensuring the transparency of the MSA.

James Grout:

James is completing a Masters of Teaching, following his Honours thesis in History. He is the Wholefoods Staffing Coordinator and has been heavily involved in the Wholefoods Collective during his time at Monash. James was an integral part of the Save Whole-

foods campaign in 2012, and played a role in exposing dodgy deals in the MSA that year. On student council, James is keen to continue holding the MSA to account.

Thien-An Tran:

R-Coo is an Arts student majoring in Criminology, Geography and Environmental Science. She is the Volunteers Coordinator at Wholefoods and has worked closely with the MSA Finance department, Short Courses and the John Medley Library. She is a member of RISE and helped establish the RISE/Wholefoods partnership. She is also active in the Monash Wom*n of Colour Collective.

R-Coo is concerned with the increasing corporatisation of the university and is excited to work with the 2015 MSC.

Claire Luxford: Claire is a second year Arts/Law student majoring in Literary Studies who wants to see an open and accountable



Free Beer - Timothy Beasley

Every year we have to fight our way through the frothing hippies to get to our frothy beers. That's why, as a MSC Gen Rep, I intend to replace MSA elections. The President will be determined by an all-out CENTURION and the rest of them will be involved in some sort of ROGAINING/ IRONGUT

round robin. FREE BEER we will also be demanding that the MSA build a MICROBREWERY in order to supply the copious amounts of FREE BEER we will also be demanding. FREE BEER promises you that we will vote down any budget that does not include this awesome idea. But where on earth will the MSA fit this brewery, you ask? Well in one of the really big car parks you idiot (because we all know drink driving is unsafe and you should be drinking, not driving). Further benefits of this MICRO-BREWERY idea that I just came up with include:

- Porters, stouts, lagers AND ales on tap (for \$0)
- It will sit halfway between Sir Johns and the Nott
- It will be really close to Halls
- It's f**king awesome
- BEER! (Hefe)weizen up.

When we are elected to MSC we will only promote FREE BEER and getting more FREE BEER as quickly as possible. We will abstain from anything that is not



Go! - Isabelle Willis, Guy Aharoni, David Power, Adrienne Bicknell & Glen Donahoo

Isabelle Willis is an Arts student who is passionate about social issues, especially on campus. She strongly believes in having an open mind when it comes to new ideas and different opinions. Isabelle believes that being a successful representative requires communication between many different group interests. She feels she can speak out for underrepresented groups so everyone has a say.

Guy Aharoni is a passionate and

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progressive individual who believe he posses the right skills to effectively represent students on student council. He believe MSC has the role in ensuring political representation is well balanced with service provisions and programs to support student life and wellbeing on campus.

David Power is a first year Arts (Global) student majoring in International Studies who has been broadly involved in campaigns against budget cuts and their effects on students, as well as refugee rights campaigns. He is committed to increasing the transparency and accountability of the MSA to the student body at large, while ensuring the rights of students and the services provided to them are protected.

Adrienne Bicknell is a first year Arts student with a history of involvement in progressive campaigns. She believes strongly in an MSA that is an advocate for accessible education fro everyone and a representative voice for all students.

Glen Donahoo is a Science/Engineering student who is involved in the MSA. He is concerned about the deregulation of university fees and will fight to ensure quality education is available to everyone, not just those that can afford it.

Go vote, vote Go!

WOMEN'S AFFAIRS COMMITTEE



Grocery Store On Campus - Kim Chibnall

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Switch - Anjali Walisinghe, Britt Jeffs, Tina Evans, & Claire Luxford

Anjali Walisinghe:

Anjali is a third-year Psychology student who has recently become involved with the Women's Department as well as being a member of the Monash Women of Colour Collective since its inception at the beginning of 2014. She was also a Monash delegate for NOWSA 2014. She is eager to become a more dedicated member of the department in order to promote issues surrounding women of colour and queer women of colour.

Britt Jeffs:

Women's rights and empower-

ment are very central to who Britt Jeffs is as a person. The issues that she sees as the most important and that she hopes to create change for on WAC are equal pay, the shaming women for expressions of their sexuality and rape culture in universities.

Tina Evans:

Tina Evans is a third year Arts student double majoring in Psychology and Criminology. She has been involved in the women's department and was a delegate for NOWSA 2014. She wants to continue to be an active member of the department while aiding the Women's Officers in keeping a safe space for all women on campus.

Claire Luxford:

Claire is a second year Arts/Law student majoring in Literary Studies. She is involved in the Women's Department and attended NOWSA 2014. She wants to promote the women's department and space and support the Women's Officers in advocating for all women identifying students on campus.



24 Hour Libraries - Anna Collopy

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Ezra Kneebone - Free Parking

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Go! - Tamsin Peters, Lauren Arnett, Adrienne Bicknell, Isabelle Willis & Edie Shepherd

Tamsin Peters is a third year Arts student majoring in Musicology and English Literature. Tamsin has been involved in the Peers, Ambassadors and Leaders programme for two years as well as teaching comprehensive gender neutral sex education. She is passionate about sex positivity, creating safe spaces for women on campus and combatting slut-shaming.

Lauren Arnett is new to the Women's Department this year, but wishes to learn more about the power of feminism and ways to celebrate and support women in higher education. Lauren hopes to do so by way of helping with awareness campaigning and encouraging women to feel comfortable and safe within the community.

Adrienne Bicknell is an Arts student who is passionate about women in education and the promotion of women's rights. She wants to ensure women-identifying students are adequately represented by a visible department and have the best possible experience on campus throughout their education.

Isabelle Willis has always been passionate about women's rights and gender equality. She is currently studying feminism and is enthusiastic to experience more about it. Isabelle would love to see greater recognition of women's issues around campus especially in male dominated areas. She would also like greater visibility of the women's room

and safe spaces on campus.

As one of the current Women's Officers, Edie is committed to the Women's Department, and understands the need for a passionate and dedicated committee. You'll probably find her in the Women's Lounge laughing at cat videos.

Go vote, vote Go!

STUDENT AFFAIRS COLLECTIVE

Xin Sheng Tang

No speech was recieved



Free Beer - Thomas Green

Everyone hop on board, it's time for FREE BEER!!! VOTE FREE BEER because we know what issue is really plaguing students at Monash these days - the price of beer - which we hear is currently more than \$0. Vote for FREE BEER and I will make sure your Student Affairs Committee meetings will be held in Sir John's Bar (where the real students are) until the MSA has developed the new brewery we will also be demanding. I will also ensure that every event run out of the Education (Public Affairs) and Welfare departments will include 15, no wait, 50 slabs of FREE BEER! And if I think that the Ed Pub and Welfare officers aren't doing enough then I will make sure they drink a beer for every hour they have not worked then make sure they give everyone else a beer as well.



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24hr Libraries - Sean Hammond

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Go! - Adrienne Bicknell, Lauren Arnett, Isabelle Willis, Adam Jaylil Ahmed, Guy Aharoni, Adrian Tran & Sarah Christie

Lauren Arnett is greatly invested in the value of education, and particularly the importance of equity of access for students of all backgrounds. If elected to the Student Affairs Committee, Lauren hopes to make sure that every student feels as safe and supported as possible in their university life.

Adrienne Bicknell is an Arts student who is passionate about issues affecting higher education. She is particularly keen to ensure that quality of education is maintained and that everyone gets the chance to study.

Isabelle Willis is passionate about equality for all students. She is a member of many student representative networks and has also attended the national day of action. Isabelle is dedicated to fighting for a student voice to be heard.

Adem Jaylil Ahmed is an energetic and motivated advocate for fairness. He strongly believes that a university education is something that should be accessible to all people regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation or socioeconomic background.

Guy Aharoni is a passionate and progressive advocate for a fair and accessible education, as well as providing relevant welfare programs and services on campus. He would like to see the expansion of welfare programs on campus like the MSA Breakfast Club.

Adrian Tran is passionate about

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student welfare and equality, especially advocating for better public transport for Monash students. Adrian believes that it needs to be more efficient, more accessible and more affordable for all students.

Go vote, vote Go!



Switch - R-Coo Tran, Melodee Ried, Tina Evans, Anthony Taylor, & Sanja Stapar

Thien-An Tran: R-Coo is a Criminology, Geography and Environmental Science student. She is heavily involved in Wholefoods and is the Volunteers Coordinator. She is a member of RISE and helped to establish the RISE/Wholefoods partnership. She is active in the Monash Wom*n of Colour Collective and helped coordinate the I, Too, Am Monash campaign with the MSA Indigenous Department. In 2015 R-Coo will work closely with other departments to tackle the corporatisation of the university; help establish a student housing co-operative; and bring back grassroots activism and participatory democracy.

Melodee Ried: Melodee Ried is a third year Bachelor of Arts student, majoring in Society, Cities and Sustainability and has completed a minors in Visual Culture and Literary Studies. She has been involved with the women's department and Wholefoods. She has also been involved in campaigns surrounding education, the environment and women's issues.

Tina Evans: Tina Evans is a third year Arts student double majoring in Psychology and Criminology. She

has been actively involved in the women's department and MQD. She has been involved in charity fundraising on campus and awareness campaigns surrounding mental health, queer and women's issues.

Anthony Taylor: Anthony is a 5th year Arts/Law student, majoring in Indonesian. He is currently president of the Progressive Law Network at Clayton and has been involved in education campaigns over the past few years. Anthony is looking forward to undermining the shortsighted and foolish policy changes proposed for the tertiary education sector in 2015.

April Luong: April has been a committed volunteer in Wholefoods over the past two years. She is also involved with the english program through the Wholefoods/RISE (Refugees, Survivors and Ex-detainees) partnership.

Sanja Stapar and Josh Vertin Sanja and Josh are committed to ensuring that students at Monash Clayton receive the best education possible. They believe in an inclusive, transparent and accountable MSA and are excited to support student-run services.



Grocery Store On Campus - Bhavraj Thethy

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Riley Lenard

No speech was submitted

Xin Sheng Tang

No speech was recieved



Students for Palestine - Yasemin Shamsili

Israel's massacre in Gaza and the Australian Government's tacit support of the Israeli state demonstrates that the oppression of the Palestinians is a curcial issue of social justice for supporters of human rights the world over. Vote Students for Palestine for an MSA and a National Union of Students that takes a firm moral stand on this issue.



Left Hook - Declan Murphy, Dominique Houzet, Georgia Leng, Lucy McNeill, Megan Guy, Simon Ashby

Left Hook member Sarah Garnham was last year elected to the national Union of Students and became the national education officer.

She has since led a campaign that has been enormous in its scope and influence, combatting Liberal Party education policy and turning public opinion overwhelming against Abbott, Hockey and Pyne's attempts' to transform our education experience into a private enterprise.

This is because Left Hook as a whole maintains a perspective that activism, street demonstrations and creative direct actions must be absolutely pivotal if students' rights are to be defended. This is a perspective that we've carried out nationally as well as at Monash, and it has resulted in the most vibrant student movement in a generation.

This year our candidates promise to continue prosecuting the argument for student radicalism and resistance. We want a confident student movement that believes that its interests are worth defending against the government and has a moral commitment to fighting for social justice in society as a whole.



Free Beer - Ben Young

It's time. It's time to get pissed. And there's nothing better for getting pissed than a truckload of FREE BEER!!! Until NUS is able to secure an increase in Youth Allowance, they should be concentrating instead on making sure Monash is sent a truckload of FREE BEER!!! If elected, I'll ensure that Monash gets at least 5 slabs per EFTSL of FREE BEER from NUS. A vote for me is a vote for FREE BEER.

I'll also make sure that NUS extends the FREE BEER policy from Monash to Canberra to ensure our politicians get on the piss too, to better understand students' needs. With weak shandy sippers like Tony Abbott running around and a lack of top Aussie pissheads running the joint, it's pretty clear we need more FULL STRENGTH FREE BEER sent direct to the House of Reps! You wouldn't see Domestic Undergraduate Full Fees reintroduced, Abstudy slashed, HECS increases or Youth Allowance cut if our politicians could see the world through our lens. Let's all view the world through amber tinted glasses, with a frothy head on top!

FREE BEER, awesome idea!



24hr Libraries - Thomas Green

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420 Blaze It - Simon Ashby

No speech was recieved



F*** Tony Abbott - Emma Palackic

The current Liberal government has been such a disaster for students that Tony Abbott is now a universal hate figure. Students are fed up with this stuttering dick-head of a prime minister, who is committed to destroying the lives of everyone who's not a banker, mining baron or media mogul.

Tony abbot is a foul smelling weasel who should be drowned in a

toilet, along with the rest of the reptilian overlords in the Liberal Party



Free Parking - Joe Connell

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Go! - Sarah Spivak, Abigail Stapleton, Amelia Veronese, Claire Rowe & Ben Knight

Sarah Spivak believes it is imperative to represent Monash Clayton students' voices to the NUS. She believes her experience as a woman of colour will lend her an added sensitivity that is needed to address issues faced by students who feel culturally marginalized on campus.

Abby Stapleton believes that the

National Union of Students provides the best medium for uniting student around Australia against cuts to education. Abby has been involved in NUS for 2 years and is currently the Victorian state women's officer for the union.

Amelia Veronese considers the National Union of Students to be a significant body being the overarching student union. She wants to be part of NUS to ensure that they continue running campaigns and creating policy that fight for better quality education and continue to be progressive.

Claire Rowe, a second year Arts student would like to be an NUS delegate because she considers it important to represent Monash students nationally. She believes it to be of great importance that campuses coordinate their efforts in fighting for better education.

Ben Knight has been the President of the MSA for 2014, vote Ben for experienced representation.

Go vote, vote Go!



Switch - Melodee Ried, Glenn Donhoo, Sarah Christie, Mali Rea, Lauren Goldsmith, Anthony Taylor

Melodee Ried: Melodee Ried is a third year Bachelor of Arts student, majoring in Society, Cities and Sustainability and minoring in Visual Culture and Literary Studies. She has been active in education campaigns including against deregulation and budget cuts. She has attended NUS national conference as an observer previously.

Glenn Donahoo:

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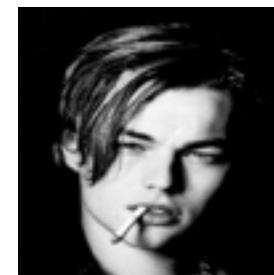
Glenn is a Science/Engineering student who is involved in the MSA. He is concerned about the deregulation of university fees and will fight to ensure quality education is available to everyone, not just those that can afford it.

Sarah Christie: This year as MSA Secretary, Sarah has worked with NUS on campaigns, particularly against the cuts to higher education. She is passionate about quality education on campus, as well as nationally, and will work to ensure the national union is a strong platform for student representation in 2015.

Mali Rea: Mali is a second year arts student, majoring in history. She has been involved in the Education Action Group, attended the Network Of Women Students Australia (NOWSA) conference and has been a general representative on the Monash Student Council this year.

Lauren Goldsmith: Lauren is a 3rd year Arts student, majoring in Politics and Communications. She has been involved in various campaigns on environment and social justice related issues both in the community and on campus and was very inspired by the Students of Sustainability conference 2014. Lauren has in the past been a General Representative on MSC and an NUS delegate.

Anthony Taylor: Anthony is a 5th year Arts/Law student, majoring in Indonesian. He is currently president of the Progressive Law Network at Clayton and has been involved in education campaigns over the past few years. Anthony is looking forward to undermining the shortsighted and foolish policy changes proposed for the tertiary education sector in 2015.



Allow Smoking On Campus - Chloe Fuller

Smoking has been banned except for in titchy little enclaves around the campus centre (and God knows where else). What a pathetic joke. Vote Allow Smoking on Campus to win back our right to enjoy a bleeding little cigarette without being shepherded around like llamas. You know they're just one step away from banning it and sending us off into the godforsaken wilderness of Clayton. Oppose this atrocious violation of civil liberties.

ELECTED POSITIONS

NO NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

FEMALE QUEER OFFICER

INDIGENOUS OFFICER



Viv Stewart – Go!

Viv Stewart is a second year nursing student who grew up in Germany. She adopts an empathic person-centered attitude and enjoys assisting people and activities from all diversities. She strives to advocate for anyone in need, especially those who are sex and gender diverse.

Viv transferred to Clayton Campus to become more involved in the Clayton Queer Community. Throughout the Queer Collaborations conference 2014 Viv became highly involved in assisting the organizing committee, acting as a mental health first aider and grievance officer. Viv was also elected co-treasurer of the Australian Student Queer Network. Viv has also been actively involved in both the Queer and Women's department. Viv is also a Resident Advisor and the Secretary of the Monash Residential Services Diversity and Social Inclusion committee.

Viv is passionate about furthering the growth of the queer department, as well as educating new people to the department. She is committed to making the community a welcoming place as well as creating opportunities to learn for those who don't. The queer department needs an open-minded delegate that will ensure the voice of the students it supports is heard; Viv believes she can provide that and more.

Go vote, vote Go!

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