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EXECUTIVE

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GUILD PRESIDENT'S

For the past year, I have had the privilege of serving as the 112th President of the UWA Student Guild. It has been an honour to lead a team of passionate student representatives and staff dedicated to ensuring every UWA student feels supported and connected.

In 2025, our focus was on tangible actions and that resulted in real positive outcomes for students. From securing cost-of-living relief and improving academic policy to renewing our infrastructure and rebuilding campus culture, this has been a year of progress for students.

ADVOCACY AND STUDENT VOICE

At the heart of the Guild's work is the belief that students should have a genuine say in the decisions that shape their education. This year, we built on that foundation to deliver reforms that enhance fairness, accessibility, and wellbeing.

A major win for students was assisting with the implementation of the two-day penalty waiver for all assignment submissions, a long-standing priority that recognises the real pressures that UWA students face. We also successfully advocated for free academic transcripts for graduating and Bachelor of Philosophy students, while preventing planned fee increases.

The Guild continued to collaborate closely with the University on broader

assessment reforms, including proposals for a five-day simple extension system, practice exam papers for first-year units, and a 50 percent cap on final exams. These reforms have now been formally advanced through the University's Assessment Review Working Group and the Digital Student Experience Project.

Beyond academic matters, we amplified student voices in key discussions on wellbeing, accessibility, and campus safety. Through regular meetings with senior executives, we raised issues such as the experiences of Palestinian students on campus. A major focus this year was protecting students' freedom of speech, particularly at a time when restrictions on expression through lecture announcements and poster were increasing. The Guild led a successful campaign against this, culminating in a "Club Freedom Festival" that celebrated student culture and resulted in fewer restrictions.

WELFARE AND COST-OF-LIVING SUPPORT

As cost-of-living pressures continued to grow, the Guild made student welfare its top priority. Working in partnership with the University, we secured \$100,000 in funding dedicated to cost-of-living initiatives, ensuring that both immediate assistance and long-term relief reached those most in need.

Throughout the year, the Guild distributed more than 850 Essential Product Packs, served over 4,000 free dinners during exam periods, and provided 900 discounted breakfasts to help students manage financially during high-stress times. We expanded the Food Pantry, introduced free

pregnancy tests and nappies in parents' rooms, and installed period product dispensers across all five UWA libraries.

The Food for Fines program, run in partnership with UniPark, proved to be a major success by allowing students to pay off parking fines through food donations. Due to its strong community impact, the initiative will now continue twice a year.

The Guild Op Shop also played a major role in these efforts. Beyond raising nearly \$10,000 for charity, it provides affordable clothing and household goods for students while promoting sustainability. The Second-Hand Bookshop, Peacock Books, run with the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences, complements this work by providing affordable textbooks and generating nearly \$15,000 for charity.

These initiatives were not only engaging but also meaningful to the student community. Addressing the cost-of-living requires multiple solutions, which is why the Guild continues to offer a range of initiatives to ensure that every student who needs support can access it.

CAMPUS LIFE AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Campus life at UWA has flourished this year. From the largest O-Day in years, attended by more than 10,000 students, initiatives that made for easier access to campus culture and the introduction of a second O-Day in Semester Two, 2025 marked the revival of a vibrant and inclusive campus culture.

We launched the Golden Ticket Program, giving every first-year student a free club

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membership to help them connect with UWA's network of clubs and societies. With more than 2,000 tickets redeemed, the program has broken down financial barriers and made it clear to incoming students that club culture is at the core of the student experience at UWA.

The Tavern's 50th Anniversary was another highlight in 2025, celebrated through alumni events and the first Battle of the Bands. These events honoured the Tav's legacy as the heart of UWA student life while unveiling its modernised interior as part of the Phase One Masterplan renovations.

Our cultural calendar grew more diverse than ever, with the first Diwali celebration on campus feeding nearly 1,000 students and collaborations with Student life, expanding our reach across communities.

INFRASTRUCTURE

This year saw major progress in infrastructure across Guild spaces. The completion of Phase One of the Guild Masterplan transformed the Guild Village into open, student-friendly spaces. This milestone lays the groundwork for future phases that will focus on accessibility, and new collaborative areas for students. We successfully confirmed the funding for the Cameron Hall lift and are working with the Campus Management team to consider timelines and further Masterplan related improvements.

We also successfully advocated for 24/7 access to Reid Library, the expansion of the campus shuttle to Claremont Station, and we have been pushing for 24/7 access to EZONE and Barry J Marshall Library. The Guild continued to work closely

with Campus Management on projects such as lighting upgrades and SafeZone App improvements to make campus safer for students.

REPRESENTATION AND GOVERNANCE

A core part of this year's work has been strengthening representation and governance across the University. We secured a WASAC representative on Guild Council and increased the Albany Students' Association budget to better support regional engagement.

At the same time, the Guild led a comprehensive overhaul of its internal regulations to improve accountability, consistency, and transparency across all Departments. This included a review and update of Department rules, the removal of co-officer positions to ensure clearer responsibility and stronger individual accountability, and the introduction of more standardised governance procedures across the organisation. Together, these reforms have streamlined operations, enhanced transparency in decision-making, and provided a more reliable framework for future Guild Councils to build upon.

CLOSING REFLECTIONS

Serving as Guild President has been the most rewarding experience of my life. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our student leaders, staff, and volunteers who work tirelessly to support their peers.

I am proud of what we have achieved together and confident that the Guild is stronger than ever, ready to carry its legacy of student leadership into the years ahead.



Nikhita Talluri

**112th President
UWA Student Guild**



MANAGING DIRECTOR'S

The UWA Student Guild has had a very prosperous 2025. Through our services, facilities and operations the Guild team of staff and student representatives have worked consistently to achieve the organisation's core goals of positive social engagement, support for students who need financial, academic and wellbeing assistance, and developing creative ideas to capture the student aspiration.

Student Assist, Guild Events, Venture UWA, and Guild Volunteering are at the forefront of the service delivery model of the Guild. I am pleased to report that all these important service areas have again delivered strong numbers and engagement.

Guild student membership is very steady at 96.77% of the 28,741 UWA student population (September 2025 SSAF Reporting).

GUILD STAFF AND DEPARTMENTS

Throughout the year, all Guild Departments have been very productive and maintained strong engagement with our students at the University.

The Guild delivered more than 4,000 events in 2025 and supported student wellbeing through initiatives like the Guild Food Pantry, which assisted 1,931 students. UWA Venture recorded over 1,600 engagements, while the annual Guild All Student Survey received more than 640 responses.

My thanks to our team who are working hard to help students

and drive our services to the UWA student community.

GOVERNANCE, AUDIT & COMPLIANCE

The Guild has successfully undertaken its governance requirements for the year. These include;

- > Held an Ordinary General Meeting in Semester 2
- > Maintained monthly Guild Council Meetings
- > Held fair and equitable election of office bearers for Guild Council in 2026

In 2025, the Guild strengthened its governance framework by introducing a new committee structure, updated Standing Orders, and refreshed Departmental Rules across the organisation. The Guild also rolled out new PROSH Rules and included an enhanced handover document to support future PROSH directors and editors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Aidan Kirby-Smith, the 2025 Governance Chair, and the whole committee for the excellent work done on fully upgrading these Department Rules, setting a standard of excellence.

The Guild's regulation lawyers - Jackson McDonald, have also been working on improving and updating our main Guild Regulations & Election Regulations all which will come into effect in 2026.

The Guild submitted its 2025 SSAF expenditure and externally

financial audited accounts to the UWA Audit & Risk Committee. The Guild's financial audit was undertaken by Nexia Australia. The Guild produced a \$400,000 surplus in its accounts for 2025.

The UWA Senate commended the report and confirmed that UWA Student Guild has met all its compliance and audited obligations.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND NOTABLE MENTIONS

A highlight of 2025 was the UWA Tavern celebrating its 50th anniversary, marking five decades since its establishment in 1975. Alongside a range of student activities in 2025, the Tavern hosted a well-received Guild Alumni event commemorating the milestone and recognising the long-serving members of our Audit & Risk Committee.

Our Special Guest Speakers included The Hon. Madeleine King MP and Ms Kate Chaney MP who presented Guild Honorary Life Associate Membership Awards to Jacquie Baker, Hamish Johnston, Phillip Kemp and Lynsey Warbey. I would like to congratulate these Guild Alumni and sincerely thank them for their many years of commitment and contribution.

The Guild's food and beverage discounts continue to be a strong benefit for members. In 2025, the Guild returned \$367,000 in discounts to students at UWA. In 2026, we aim to expand both the range and value of these offers to deliver even greater benefits to students.

For the first time in 2025, the Guild introduced a mid-year orientation event (O-Day 2) in July, attracting nearly 5,000

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students and featuring more than 100 stalls from clubs, societies, and support services. The event was highly successful and will now become a regular part of the Guild's annual calendar.

GUILD MASTERPLAN

Phase 1 of the Guild's Masterplan was completed in 2025, featuring upgrades to the Tavern (both externally and internally) and improvements to Guild's main Courtyard with enhanced seating and weather protection being added. Phase 1 redevelopment also links the ground floor area, to the Refectory via a new cut-through, creating a seamless connection to the Tavern from the main courtyard in the precinct.

In 2025 we saw three new outlets operating in the Refectory with Paddysmith's Burgers, Tiny Spoons (frozen yoghurt) and Chaffic (bubble tea) all opening to ensure the Refectory is providing a diversity of food offerings for students on campus.

In October 2025, the Guild commenced initial planning and design work for the North Wing of the Guild precinct. The redevelopment is intended to accommodate staff departments, an expanded Student Assist hub, collaborative student spaces, and a new open-plan Guild Student Services Centre (GSC), along with dedicated areas for Guild Events and Guild Volunteering. Construction is targeted to begin toward the end of 2026.

The University is finalising architectural designs for the new Employability Centre, which will include the long-awaited lift for Cameron Hall, significantly improving accessibility for all clubs based in the building. Once construction is underway,

the Guild plans to upgrade club spaces within Cameron Hall. Designs are expected to be completed by the end of 2026, with construction scheduled for 2027.

I would like to note our gratitude to TRCB, the Guild's architecture firm, for their work and guidance on the Masterplan and our future planned projects.

SOLID FOUNDATION

The UWA Student Guild has fulfilled its compliance requirements and obligations under the UWA Act and the Guild Regulations.

I would like to thank all Guild staff across our departments for their significant efforts and contributions this year. Our focus now is on strengthening our team structure to effectively respond to the challenges the University and UWA Student Guild may face in the years ahead.

I extend sincere thanks to the 112th Guild Council, and acknowledge Nikhita Talluri, Guild President, and Charlotte Backshall, Postgraduate Students' Association President, for all their hard work and dedication to the UWA students throughout 2025.

Through ongoing upgrades to its physical facilities, continued support for clubs and societies, and a strong commitment to student welfare and assistance, the Guild is well positioned

to navigate the evolving higher education landscape in Australia and globally.

Tony Goodman
Managing Director
UWA Student Guild



GUILD VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT



BY OLIVER BARRETT

In this role, I've worked as part of the Guild Executive, sitting in the Strategic Resources Committee and the Executive Management Committee. We have seen the Guild Masterplan progressing, with significant renovations to the Guild Village and UWA Tavern, helping to activate these spaces for students. This linked well to my responsibility as the Chair of the Catering and Tavern Committee, where we worked to introduce operational changes at the Guild outlets, as well as introduce new items, including garlic bread, nachos, and budget meals priced from \$4 to tangibly help our students.

I represented student voices to UWA through the Student Experience Committee, where we discussed ways UWA can respond to national and local surveys of student satisfaction. We also explored how AI is shaping both teaching and learning, linking these conversations to the Student Reference Group. Here, I worked with the Student Life team to set the agendas and lead conversation on how UWA can support students through challenges of assessments, the cost-of-living crisis, and AI integration.

On the events side, 2025 was a standout year, which was fitting for the 50th Anniversary of the UWA

Tavern. I loved working behind the scenes on Semester 1 O'Day Afters, where we sold out 760 tickets to see a lineup including our EMAS DJs, Sun After Dusk, and the headliner Dice. This was a great introduction to campus culture for new students, and it didn't stop there. I had the pleasure of MC-ing the UWA Battle of the Bands, which again sold out over 400 tickets. The atmosphere was electric, featuring some of UWA's incredible local musical talent from bands including Magpie Senpai, the Mumbles, and Bribery. We also hosted Semester 2 O'Day for the first time ever, which was a fantastic way to introduce students starting in Semester 2 to campus life. A special shoutout must go to all the Guild staff who have made everything possible this year and have dealt patiently with all of us throughout. Thank you.

I am so proud of all the work the 112th Guild Council has done for students. I've made friends for life and memories to last a lifetime. To echo my favourite Maya Angelou quote, students won't remember what we said, or what we did, but they will never forget how we made them feel. For the 113th Guild Council, keep the students in mind at all times, and leave them feeling better than before.

Through the ups and downs of 2025, I've had the privilege of serving as the Guild's Vice-President, an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. Working alongside the Guild President Nikhi Talluri, the Executive team, the 112th Guild Council, and the dedicated Guild staff, I've seen firsthand the passion that defines our Guild and its relentless focus on improving the student experience. I'm proud to have been a part of a Guild that truly cares about every student who sets foot on the UWA campus.

students facing financial hardship. Most of these packs have been distributed via the Guild's Food Pantry, while additional packs are available through The Living Room and via Campus Security, who can provide them directly to students identified as living on campus or in need. This multi-point distribution approach ensures that support reaches students discreetly and effectively. We'll continue to monitor demand, collect feedback, and adjust the rollout as needed to ensure this initiative remains responsive to student needs.

STUDENT INITIATIVE PORTAL

Another major project currently underway is the creation of a Student Initiative Portal, which aims to give students an easy, anonymous way to share ideas, suggestions, or feedback with the Guild. The goal is to remove barriers for students who may not know where to go with their ideas or who feel hesitant to speak up in person. Early discussions with Chloe Bull, Associate Director of Innovation, have been highly productive, and a pilot form (via Microsoft Forms) will soon be launched. If the pilot proves

successful, the long-term vision is to develop a dedicated online platform that makes communication between students and the Guild more accessible and ongoing. Although the portal is still in development, we are excited to continue with this project and launch it next year.

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

In addition to these initiatives, I have also served on the Strategic Resources Committee, contributing to discussions on the Guild's financial and operational priorities.

CHAIR OF GUILD COUNCIL'S REPORT



BY AIDAN KIRBY-SMITH

President, Oliver Barrett (Mr. 113) and General Secretary, Annika Leunig, whose company, counsel, and good humour made the year not only productive but genuinely enjoyable.

Chairing Guild Council itself has been one of the more rewarding aspects of the role. There is a peculiar satisfaction in producing a forum where structured debate can flourish and meaningful change can emerge from the process, and frankly, it has been a great deal of fun.

The Governance Committee sits at the heart of the UWA Student Guild organisation. Chaired by the Guild Council Chair it is where regulatory ideas are debated, refined, and crafted into the Rule and Regulation changes that reach across the entire Guild. The Committee's work this year has been considerable, with achievements including:

- > The removal of "shadow directors" from Guild Council
- > New templates and rules for all Guild Departments
- > New templates and drafts for the Guild Regulations and Election Regulations
- > A revamped Committee structure and refreshed constitutions
- > The "How to Guild" Guide
- > New PROSH Rules

The Election Culture Committee carries the delicate task of approaching changes to Election Regulations and procedure. The Committee strives to balance the

Guild's uniquely vibrant election culture with the modernisation of a system whose rules must apply fairly and justly to every party. Our Returning Officer, Mary Petrou, from the Western Australian Electoral Commission is owed a great deal of thanks; her years of experience, paired with the Election Culture Committee's discussions, proved invaluable in shaping our recommendations.

Among the successful proposals were:

- > Removing the requirement for phone numbers on campaign material
- > Printing "it is not compulsory to vote" signs in multiple languages

None of this would have been possible without the Guild's extraordinary staff. A special thank you to Chloë Keller, who served as my ride or die Regulation editor and personal grammar police; Chloë gives Microsoft Word a run for its money. To Tony Goodman, who was my mentor throughout the year and guided me through what often felt like a sea of the unknown, my sincere thanks.

The Guild endures because each year a new cohort of students chooses to take it seriously. In my case I chose to seriously argue over commas, redraft clauses, and leave the place a little better than I found it. It has been and honour and a privilege to do exactly that.

This year has marked a significant step forward in the modernisation of the UWA Student Guild, and it has been a privilege to serve as its Chair of the 112th Guild Council. With a notable rise in engagement projected throughout 2025, I set out at the start of the year with three goals: to modernise our regulatory documents, sharpen our internal efficiency, and strengthen our legal compliance. I am pleased to say all three were achieved.

The Chair's responsibilities extend well beyond Council itself. As a member of the Guild Executive, I sat on both the Executive Management and Strategic Resources Committees, which afforded me a broader view of the Guild's operations and a meaningful seat at the table on the decisions that shape the organisation. It would be remiss of me not to mention my fellow Executive members: Guild President, Nikhita Talluri (Ms. 112), Vice-

distributed during Semester 2. The initiative was designed to encourage more students to get involved with Guild-affiliated clubs and societies, especially mid-year entrants who might otherwise miss early opportunities to connect. The strong uptake suggests that the program has succeeded in boosting club sign-ups and fostering a greater sense of inclusion and community on campus.

FREE ESSENTIAL ITEMS PROGRAM

In collaboration with the Guild Student Centre, we expanded access to free essential items for

BY ANNIKA LEUNIG

Over the past year, I've focused on several key projects aimed at improving student engagement, accessibility, and wellbeing at UWA. My work has centred around strengthening connections between students and the Guild, whilst also ensuring that practical support systems remain available to those who need them most.

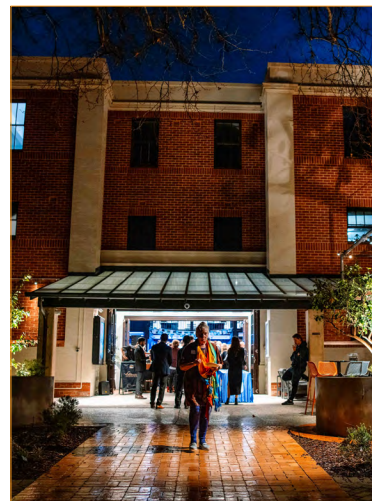
GOLDEN TICKET INITIATIVE

The Golden Ticket program has been one of the highlights of this year, with over 1,000 Golden Tickets



GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

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FINANCE REPORT

The UWA Student Guild delivered a strong financial outcome for 2025, reporting an accounting surplus of \$421,346. This result significantly exceeded the budgeted deficit of \$116,101, demonstrating effective financial management and stronger-than-expected operating performance.

Despite this positive outcome, the surplus represents a decline compared to the result of 2024 of \$1,016,688, primarily due to reduced investment income and increased expenditure across key service areas.

The Guild maintains a strong financial position, with net available cash and investments of \$11.79 million at year-end.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Total operating income for 2025 was \$4,639,816, exceeding the budget of \$4,306,902 and improving on the 2024 result of \$4,337,455.

The primary contributor to income growth was Student Services and Amenities Fees (SSAF), which increased to \$4,514,798. Additional positive contributions were observed in the Catering Division, while Property and Tavern operations underperformed relative to expectations.

Total expenditure for the year was \$4,655,964, slightly below the budget of \$4,684,003 but significantly higher than the 2024 expenditure of \$4,043,055.

The increase in expenditure reflects expanded service delivery and operational costs.

Non-operating income, primarily derived from UWA Pool Investments, totaled \$437,494 in 2025. This is a decrease from \$722,288 in 2024 but exceeded the budgeted amount of \$261,000.

The reduction in investment income is a key factor in the

lower overall surplus compared to the previous year.

FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2025, the Guild's financial position remains strong:

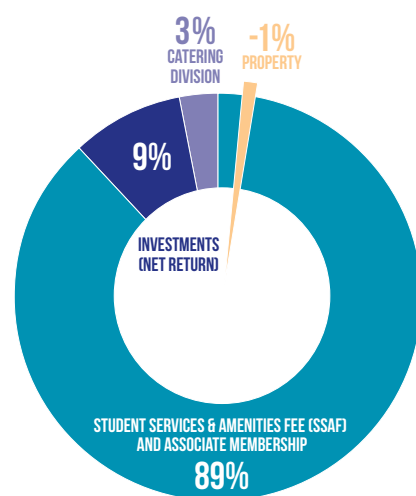
> Total Cash and Investments: \$14,498,615

> Total Liabilities: \$2,709,757

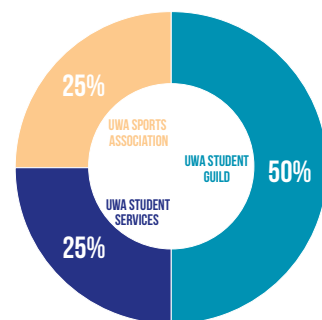
> Net Available Cash and Investments: \$11,788,858

This represents an improvement from the 2024 net position of \$11,367,512.

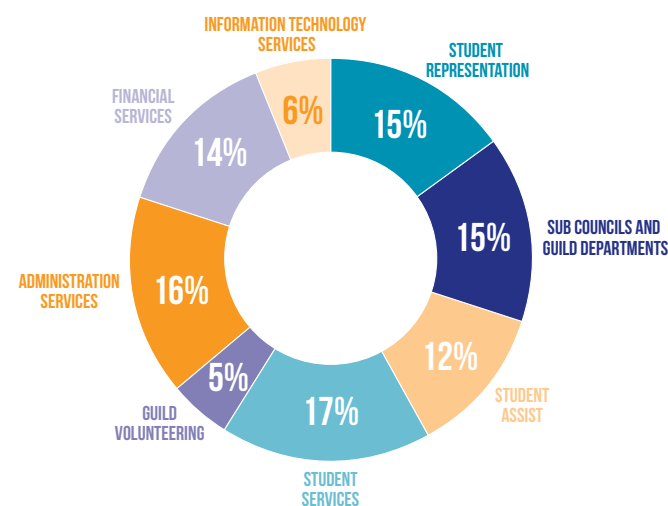
The 2025 financial year reflects solid financial stewardship, with results exceeding budget expectations and maintaining a strong balance sheet. While overall surplus has declined compared to the prior year, the Guild remains financially resilient and well-positioned for future operations.



2025 SOURCES OF OPERATING INCOME

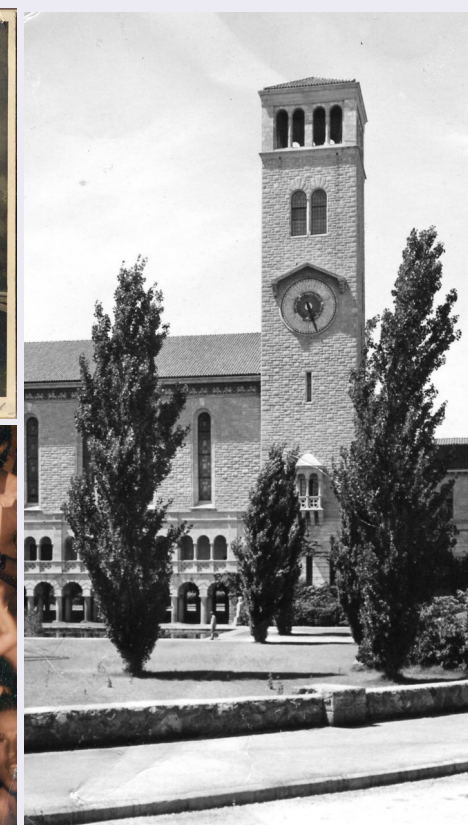
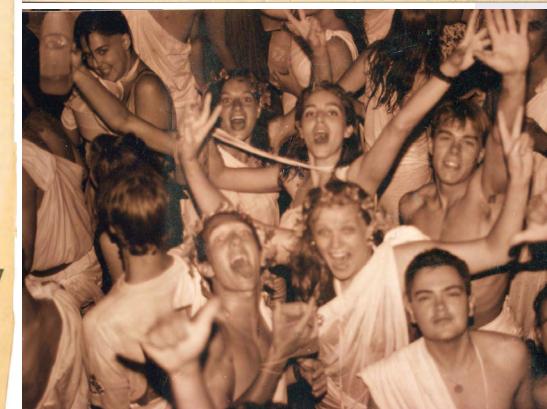
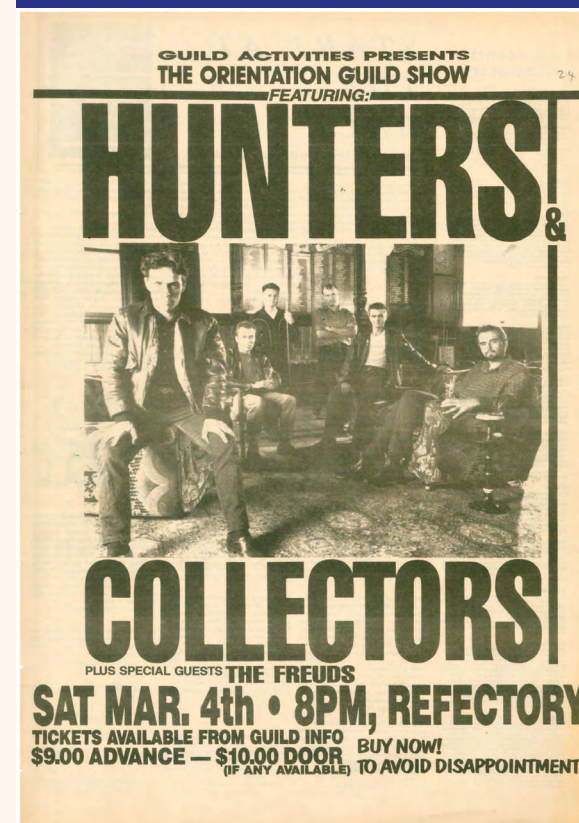


2025 SSAF DISTRIBUTION



2025 AUDITED GUILD EXPENDITURE

ARCHIVING REPORT



The Guild Archives this year were most preoccupied with an influx of external queries and research interests. These requests and projects feed into our ongoing objective of expanding the digital collection of Guild history. There has been a resurgent interest in the history of PROSH, which has helped in consolidating some key documents and opened interesting avenues for continuing to fill in the gaps in our story of the event over the years. Having been able to contribute the Guild's Pelican and Black Swan collections to UWA Collected in 2023/24 has been an incredible boon. People with specific interests or general questions about the publications have been able to go straight to the source, and it has also dramatically improved our ability to research and source information relevant to upcoming events and the Guild's wider history.

As an organisation separate to the University, the UWA Student Guild maintains its own archives containing records such as:

- > Annual Reports of the Guild
- > Guild Council Minutes (Since 1913)
- > Minutes of Guild Subsidiary Councils (Sports, Societies, Public Affairs, Education)
- > Guild Committee Minutes
- > Guild Publications (including Black Swan, Pelican, PROSH)
- > Guild Department Publications (Postscript, Lighthouse, Damsel, Outspoken, Peafowl, etc).
- > Formal Guild Council photos
- > Various other photos and records of historical interest

Inquiries into the Guild's archives remain the main stimulus for expanding the digital collection which is central to our efforts in preserving our history and

making it more accessible. The digital preservation of some of our oldest records remains an ongoing and critical project, along with continuing to catalogue and more comprehensively structure our physical archives.

The Guild Archivist is always looking to improve and fill the gaps in our archive collection. If you – or your family members, or anyone you know – have any Guild records that are gathering dust in a back room (photos, publications, department records, etc) please consider donating them to the Guild Archive. If you have an interest in Guild records from your time at UWA, or any other general inquiries, don't hesitate to contact archivist@guild.uwa.edu.au.

COMMERCIAL

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CATERING 2025

After a disrupted 2024, Guild Catering had a year of reset with the completion of our Stage 1 Masterplan works. Overall, our outlets operated efficiently with good cost management in an environment of lower revenue, and a tight labour market, which made staffing our commercial operations difficult.

Reid Library was reopened fully, and Quobba Gnarning café was again at capacity for students with an increase in seating on the first floor of the library. This had a significant impact on the positive catering result for 2025.

The Student Guild continued to provide value to students across all our outlets. The cafes provided Guild discounts on food and coffee to the value of \$266,525 in 2025. This was a significant increase on the discount provided to students in 2024. The Guild Tavern also introduced discounts for food and beverage in 2025, which amounted to \$102,192 of savings to Guild members.

The Guild Catering team made a significant investment in 2025 to the Guild Functions business with the purchase of a vehicle, an upgrade of equipment, and the addition of the iVvy Customer Relationship Management (CRM)

software. The recruitment of a Sales and Operations Manager in July 2025 was also a significant step to add structure and improve profitability results to the Tavern and Functions areas.

Due to the effort of all at the Guild commercial staff in 2025 the Catering division is well positioned to have a successful 2026.

TENANCIES

2025 saw a large proportion of our Refectory tenants extending, renewing or terminating their leases based on their commercial and brand alignment to our precinct.

Chaffic replaced Utopia as the bubble tea outlet on campus. This was based on Utopia's decision to reduce their outlets in WA and the popularity of Chaffic as the preferred brand by students.

Subway changed ownership and a new agreement was signed with Subway International, with a new franchisee commencing trade in 2025.

Roll'd franchise was transferred to Pattysmith's Burgers with a fit-out completed in October 2025. The new brand was approved and it will add diversity to the student offering in 2026.

Winthrop Australia, a long-term tenant of the Guild, with a significant lease space holding vacated their premises in 2025. The first-floor space is part of the Guild redevelopment plan in 2026. The vacant Winthrop retail space on the ground floor will provide an opportunity for the Village IGA Express (local grocer) to expand their retail floor space with plans in progress.

Our vacant retail locations in the Guild Village were not placed in long term leases based on the development plans for the spaces on the ground floor. The Masterplan Stage 2 planning will provide further direction regarding both the commercial and student spaces in building 329. 2026 should provide a greater opportunity to add services into the precinct once development plans are completed.

The Guild continued to provide support to our tenants. An adjustment to leases continued to recognise the reduced trading weeks available to tenants to operate and provide the very best services to the University long term.

CAPITAL WORKS

The Guild completed Stage 1 works of our Masterplan at the beginning of the year with the Tavern frontage improving

accessibility and appeal to patrons, in line with other licensed venues. The internal bar area was redesigned in 2025, and the bar was upgraded with new bar counters, shelving and extensive upgrade to the lighting. Further work is planned to upgrade the internal Tavern space in 2026 with design of the air conditioning system complete and installation to be added in January.

To complement the Stage 1 works already completed in 2024, further additions to the lighting and CCTV across our building perimeter also occurred in 2025. This will ensure that this area is a safe and well-lit environment for all students that come to our precinct. Further work is planned with UWA to improve external pathway lighting in 2026 around our outlets.

The Guild precinct received a major investment in digital signage to replace static signage in 2025. Additionally digital signage was installed in the Refectory with the inclusion of a large projector screen and an upgrade of lighting and AV equipment to facilitate functions and student events.

Across our café outlets further investment was made in upgrading the equipment in our cafes to improve efficiency and ensure

that the workplaces are safe and free of any potential risk. PUQpress (automatic coffee tamper) was implemented in all 6 cafes to assist staff in making coffees and reducing strain on wrist and elbow for our baristas.

The Guild Masterplan Stages 2 & 3 progressed with UWA in 2025 and are in line to be developed based on further feasibility and funding approvals. The Guild plans will progress in 2026 to ensure that capital expenditure is closely aligned to the student experience on campus.

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Borrow Cups program introduced to cafes to encourage customers to reduce disposals Borrow Cups re-used 2720 times in 2025
- > 30,397 Coffees sold with customers using their own KeepCup
- > Main kitchen produced 82,247 sandwiches/ toasties/ croissants for the cafes
- > Cookie Dough Croissant (which we make ourselves in Catalyst) was a very popular snack & sold 3028 (also available as a combo promo with coffee)
- > 304,586 Coffees sold in 2025

- > 20,584 Red Bulls sold vs 8 388 Monster Energy
- > Quobba Gnarning sold 5339 of the Croissant + Coffee Combo promotions
- > 1643 of the \$3.99 Brekkie Wraps were sold during Semester 1 & 2 Study Breaks + Exams, to support students, subsidised by Grand Challenges
- > 5532kg coffee purchased from Vittoria and \$2400 donated to Oz Harvest
- > New Student App development completed in 2025 and ready to be launched in 2026

STUDENT SERVICES

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GUILD EVENTS

The Events Department works closely with UWA student Guild Departments and Clubs to create exciting, relevant and valuable events to facilitate and build a vibrant and welcoming UWA community.

Continuing the trend of well-attended events in the past few years, the Events Team ran and approved a total of 4,905 student events in 2025, an increase of 794 events from 2024. Events ranged from wellness exam RnR sessions to large music festivals.

The Guild organised low cost and free student events including O-Day (approximately 12,000 students attending), the “Wicked” themed Cruickshank-Routley Memorial Guild Ball, O-Day Afters, Weekly Tav Quiz, Oday Sem 2, O-week events such as Guild on the Green and Chippy Social, Wellbeing events including free weekly Body Pump and Yoga sessions, UDUB Time Machine and Halloween Tav show to name a few.

Guild Events is committed to training students in all aspects of events and leadership with our Student Leadership Training (SLT) providing UWA students with tangible learning experiences. SLT aims to equip student leaders with the tools and confidence to run their Clubs and

events safely and inclusively.

For the fourth year running, the Guild arranged Defamation Training for the PROSH Directors, Pelican Editors and Marketing/ Promotions teams, delivered by an external lawyer.

TOTAL EVENTS FOR 2025

MONTH	GUILD EVENTS	CLUB EVENTS	TOTAL EVENTS
JANUARY	8	46	54
FEBRUARY	19	129	148
MARCH	62	516	578
APRIL	80	602	682
MAY	150	550	700
JUNE	55	160	215
JULY	41	228	269
AUGUST	76	533	609
SEPTEMBER	99	618	717
OCTOBER	59	479	538
NOVEMBER	15	152	167
DECEMBER	45	183	228
TOTAL	709	4196	4905

Guild theme weeks helped to inspire the student cohort across 2025 including:

- > Enviro Week - March 2025
- > Harmony Week - March 2025
- > Social Impact Week - March 2025
- > PAC Fringe Week - April 2025
- > Wellbeing Week - May 2025
- > O'Day Semester 2 - July 2024
- > Pride/National Volunteer Week - August 2025
- > Women's Week - August 2025
- > International Students' Week - August 2025
- > Faith Week - September 2025
- > Multicultural Week / Spring Feast - September 2025
- > Access Week - October 2025

GUILD ENGAGEMENT - MARKETING AND CREATIVE

The Guild Marketing team is responsible for connecting with students. Regular

communications are important to ensure all Guild members are aware of the Guild's services, student discounts, upcoming events and opportunities to get involved.

Marketing's ongoing focus is for all students to feel engaged and stay informed about what's happening around campus and building a sense of community. The Guild provide timely information via key marketing channels.

The Guild's tagline 'get more than a degree' reflects the commitment to providing the best University experience possible - helping students graduate with more than just academic qualifications.

The Creative team manage the design, print and digital production of marketing collateral and publications. Demand for materials is continuing to increase beyond capacity of the team, with students wanting to differentiate their events and initiatives in order to have them stand out in an increasingly saturated social media space.

The Creative department fulfilled over a thousand jobs across 2025, including the major event projects of O-Day, PROSH and the 50th anniversary of the Tavern, plus laying out and print managing publications

- six editions of Pelican across the year, Damsel Magazine & Lighthouse. In addition to these projects, the team provided designs for events such as the 2025 Guild Ball, signage for Guild Volunteering and next to the Guild Student Centre, completed the 2026 Guild Diary layout, produced updated branding for Guild Volunteering and their suite of programs, as well as posters, stationery, flyers, signage, maps and stickers for a range of departments.

2025 Highlights

- > **Guild Weekly** e-newsletter sent to all Guild members every week during Semester 1 and 2.
- > A jam-packed **O-Week** in February with 'Guild on the Green', the UWA Tavern Grand Re-Opening, Tav Lunch Quiz, Chippy Social, O-Day and O-Day Afters.
- > The first ever **O-Week 2** in July, a successful Semester 2 event that boosted engagement and connection for students.
- > After a million-dollar makeover, Marketing managed a campaign to mark the **UWA Tavern's 50th Anniversary** in July. This involved a new logo, social media tiles, the release of historical photos, special merchandise and events.
- > The UWA Tavern hosted a 50th Anniversary event in August for the **Guild Alumni Network** which featured special guest speakers (and UWA Alumni); the Hon. Madeleine King MP and Kate Chaney MP. They both reflected on their time at UWA and the iconic Tavern, highlighting its enduring role in student life and central place in Perth's cultural and social landscape.
- > A new initiative between the Guild and UniPark **'Food for Fines'** resulted in \$6,900 worth of food donations to the Guild Food Pantry. Throughout September a \$35 carpark fine could be swapped for \$25 worth of non-perishable food items, donated to the Guild Student Centre (GSC). Pre-made hampers could also be purchased from IGA. 276 fines were processed throughout the campaign.
- > **International Coffee Day** in October raised \$6,600 for the Food Pantry with 114 donors and 2,000 coffees sold across campus. These funds will provide 1,015 hot dinners, 132 pantry parcels, and 880 packs of sanitary products to students in need.
- > Created and distributed an **'All Student Survey'** in October with 640+ responses. The feedback will help the Guild better understand

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students to provide the services and advocacy needed.

- > Continuing on from the success in previous years, we launched our annual **'Design the Diary Cover'** competition, selecting 4 winning artwork covers designed by students, to feature on the 2026 Guild Diary.
- > Produced promotional materials for all **Guild Cafés** and the UWA Tavern in collaboration with the Commercial team throughout the year.
- > Supported various **Volunteering** Department initiatives such as PROSH, Relay for Life, pop-up op shops, the student market stall and the Volunteering Awards.
- > Supported the **Events** Department and provided promotional materials for all Guild led and supported events such as Guild Ball, Club Carnival, Exams RnR and the first Diwali Festival of Lights to name but a few.
- > Collaborated with **external organisations** to bring extra value to students including McCusker Centre for Citizenship, Red Bull, NRC Agency, UWA Sport and many more.
- > **Marketing inductions** for Guild Council and selected committee members to ensure they are equipped to work with Marketing and promote their own Departments and

Club initiatives accordingly.

- > Promoted Guild affiliated committee nominations, Annual General Meeting, Special General Meeting, **Guild Election coverage** and election result communications.
- > **2025 was the Guild's strongest digital year**, with video reels driving engagement.

STUDENT ASSIST (WELFARE, SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY)

Key Achievements & Impact (2025)

The UWA Student Guild - Student Assist team remains a critical pillar of student wellbeing, delivering high-impact, trauma-informed support to a diverse and increasingly complex student cohort. As a free, independent and confidential service, Student Assist supports domestic and international students across academic, financial, and welfare domains.

In 2025, the team included three Social Work Officers, two Wellbeing Counsellors, and a Financial Officer, reflecting a strategic response to sustained growth in student demand. Student Assist continues to operate as a low-barrier service, ensuring

students can access timely, holistic, and student-centred support.

Service Demand & Delivery

Demand for Student Assist services continued to increase throughout 2025, driven by cost-of-living pressures, mental health concerns, and increasing academic complexity. During the year, the team delivered:

- > 1,903+ case management and social work interventions supporting students experiencing academic misconduct allegations, crisis, hardship, and complex needs.
- > 1,000+ counselling sessions, addressing presentations including anxiety, low mood, isolation, trauma, neurodiverse presentations, and stress.
- > Ongoing academic advocacy and representation, including appeals, misconduct processes, and Exceptional Variation of Assessment applications.
- > Crisis intervention and emergency relief, including financial assistance, safety planning, and referrals.

A suite of preventative wellbeing initiatives focused on early intervention, resilience-building, and mental health awareness

Financial Hardship & Food Security

Food insecurity continues to significantly impact student

wellbeing, retention, and academic engagement. The Student Assist Food Pantry has experienced sustained growth in demand, with utilisation increasing substantially over recent years:

- > 126 visits (2022)
- > 982 visits (2023)
- > 2,004 visits (2024)
- > 2,011 visits (2025)

In response, Student Assist strengthened funding opportunities and expanded cross-campus partnerships to support continuity of service delivery. Despite operational limits being introduced to manage demand within existing budget allocations, utilisation continued to increase, reinforcing the ongoing financial pressures experienced by students.

Recognition & Sector Leadership

In 2025, Student Assist received the Mental Health Education Award from the Western Australian Association for Mental Health. This recognition reflects sector-leading practice in mental health promotion, early intervention, and inclusive, trauma-informed service delivery.

The award acknowledged the teams:

- > Leadership in integrated wellbeing support models
- > Commitment to equity, cultural safety, and inclusion

- > Evidence-based approaches to mental health promotion and stigma reduction
- > Strong advocacy outcomes for vulnerable and marginalised student cohorts

This recognition aligns with Student Assist's strategic focus on combining individualised support with broader systemic and preventative wellbeing initiatives.

Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships

Throughout 2025, Student Assist delivered a range of targeted initiatives designed to strengthen student capability, wellbeing, and community connection, including:

- > Mental health and leadership training delivered to 500+ student leaders.
- > Ongoing wellbeing programming, including exam support initiatives such as "Hot Chocolate and a Chat" during Guild Exam Week R&R activities and Guild on the Green events.
- > Financial accessibility initiatives, including the Graduation Gown Assistance Program, Food for Fines, and partnerships with Foodbank WA.

The Student Assist team continued to strengthen collaborative relationships with UWA Wellbeing Services, Faculty Student Advising teams, the UWA Medical Centre,

UniAccess, and Guild Student Representatives to improve communication, streamline referral pathways, and enhance student support outcomes.

Service Innovation & Future Focus

Looking ahead to 2026 and beyond, Student Assist will continue to prioritise:

- > Scalable and sustainable service delivery models
- > Early intervention and preventative wellbeing strategies
- > Data-informed decision-making and continuous service improvement
- > Strengthened cross-institutional collaboration and integrated support pathways

With demand expected to remain high, Student Assist remains well-positioned to deliver impactful, student-centred support that enhances wellbeing, retention, and academic success across the UWA student community.

GUILD COMMITTEE

AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

The Guild's Audit & Risk Committee continues to play an important role in supporting the Guild President, Executive Team, and senior staff by providing independent insight and guidance informed by extensive professional experience outside the university sector. This Committee assists in strengthening governance, oversight, risk management, and financial accountability across the organisation.

Throughout 2025, the Audit & Risk Committee reviewed the Guild's financial statements and considered the outcomes of the external audit process, while also providing advice and feedback on key operational and strategic matters. The external members of the Committee continued to offer valuable perspective through constructive discussion and informed questioning, while maintaining a strong understanding of the Guild's role within the University community and its ongoing commitment to students.

A highlight of 2025 was the celebration of the UWA Tavern's 50th anniversary, marking five decades since its establishment in 1975. As part of the celebrations, an Alumni event was held in August where the Guild was honoured to present Honorary Life Associate Membership Awards to our long-serving Audit and Risk Committee members: Phillip Kemp, Jacquie Baker, Hamish Johnston, and Lynsey Warbey. The Guild sincerely acknowledges and thanks them for their dedicated commitment, valued expertise, and many years of service to the organisation.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Corporate Services Committee (CSC) oversees the Guild's internal operations, including Human Resources, IT, administrative processes, and organisational systems. Its role is to make sure these functions run smoothly and support the wider work of the organisation.

In 2025, the Committee supported a range of improvements to internal processes, from updates to administrative systems to refinements of internal policies. It also continued to monitor how corporate services were operating across the Guild to ensure they effectively supported both staff and student-facing areas.

The Committee remains an important part of maintaining a strong operational base for the Guild and helping the organisation deliver services and initiatives that meet the needs of UWA students.

EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

The Equity and Diversity (E&D) Committee advises on Guild initiatives that aim to improve inclusion, access, and wellbeing for all students. It provides a space for Departments to raise issues around equity, accessibility, safety, and representation, and helps ensure Guild policies take the needs of diverse student groups into account.

In 2025, the E&D Committee continued to support work across the Guild related to

accessibility in student services, cultural safety, and inclusive event planning. It also provided guidance on matters brought forward by equity departments and contributed student perspectives to broader policy discussions.

The Committee remains an important part of the Guild's efforts to promote inclusive practice and ensure that the organisation reflects and supports the full diversity of the UWA student community.

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Executive Management Committee (EMC) brings together the Student Executive and Guild Directors to set organisational

In 2025, the Committee reviewed its own role in ensuring it is effectively driving strategy, supporting collaboration across Departments, and helping both staff and student representatives build the skills they need. This included introducing clearer reporting processes, improving communication between teams, and making processes more efficient.

Throughout the year, Guild Directors provided regular updates to the EMC, which helped keep major projects aligned with Council priorities and ensured steady progress across portfolios. The Committee also contributed to early work on Phase Two of the Guild Masterplan, including discussions about layout changes and functional improvements needed to support the organisation's operations.

The EMC continues to play an important role in making sure the Guild operates smoothly, remains

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responsive to students, and is well positioned to meet the challenges of the higher education sector.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Publications Committee oversees Guild publications, including Departmental outputs and Pelican Magazine.

In 2025, the Committee supported Pelican through another strong publishing year, with regular print editions and a growing online presence. The editorial team continued to produce thoughtful and engaging content across news, culture, and commentary, and maintained strong connection with the student community. The Committee also oversaw publications from student Departments to ensure they met Guild standards and followed relevant policies.

Across the year, the Publications Committee focused on maintaining accuracy, quality, and responsible editorial practice, while supporting student writers and editors to produce work that reflects the broad range of experiences and voices within the UWA community.

STRATEGIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Strategic Resources Committee (SRC) is responsible for guiding the Guild's financial management and long-term planning. In 2025, the SRC focused on strengthening the Guild's internal systems and supporting several major projects across the organisation.

One of the most significant improvements this year was the rollout of the new accounting system, Wiise. This upgrade has

made financial processes more efficient, improved transparency, and ensured clearer reporting across Departments. The SRC also guided the completion of Phase One of the Guild Masterplan, which delivered the Tavern renovation and the redesign of the Guild Village precinct. As part of this work, the Committee supported negotiations that brought new tenants into Guild Village, including UWA Sport's Pilates studio, and secured Chaffic as a new Refectory outlet, which has already proven very popular with students.

The Committee also tracked progress on the Guild's digital transformation. This included the development of a new club portal, substantial improvements to the Guild website, and major steps toward launching the Guild App. Once released, the app will bring together services such as memberships, events, club engagement, and student support in a single platform.

Across these projects, the SRC helped ensure the Guild remained on stable financial footing whilst preparing the organisation to meet the expectations of current and future students.

STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Student Services Committee (SSC) oversees the frontline services of the Guild, including the Student Assist Team, Events, Marketing, and Volunteering. The committee works closely with elected student representatives and portfolio managers to guide key initiatives, develop new ideas, and ensure that services are well-known and accessible to UWA students.

A major responsibility of SSC is advising on the annual Cruickshank-Routley Memorial Guild Ball. In 2025, the Committee selected the theme 'Wicked' in response to student feedback and coordinated efforts across student representatives, the Events department, and Guild Marketing to ensure the event was successful.

The SSC also focused on enhancing the broader student experience throughout 2025. The Committee established a Food Pantry Working Group and led initiatives such as a food drive in collaboration with the Convocation Council, collecting over 40 bags of non-perishable food items. Additionally, the Guild Food Pantry partnered with Foodbank WA and Allianz for a Student Market Stall, distributing over 7,444kg of food and supporting 1,292 students facing food insecurity.

Alongside these initiatives, the SSC continued to oversee existing events including O'Day, O'Day Semester 2, O'Day Afters, and Oktoberfest, ensuring they remained engaging and well-managed experiences. The committee regularly reviewed the operations of the Guild's Marketing, Public Relations, Student Assist, Events, and Volunteering portfolios, fostering collaboration between students and staff to deliver high quality services for the students at UWA.

Through these efforts, the SSC has strengthened the visibility and effectiveness of Guild services, addressing student needs, and providing meaningful opportunities for engagement, support, and community building. The Student Services Committee's work in 2025 reflects a commitment to enhancing the overall UWA student experience and ensuring the Guild remains responsive and inclusive in its service delivery.

VOLUNTEERING

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53,000
VOLUNTEERING
HOURS

3382
STUDENT
VOLUNTEERS

**MONEY RAISED
FOR CHARITY**

**PROSH
\$30,000**

**POP-UP OP SHOPS
\$10,000**

**RELAY FOR LIFE
\$64,338**

Guild Volunteering and volunteering at UWA more broadly, experienced one of its strongest years since 2020, with students contributing over 53,000 hours across all programs, including those delivered by Guild Volunteering.

The year began with a vibrant O'Week and the launch of our new program, the Pop-up Op Shop, which invited local op shops to campus throughout the year. Together, these pop-ups raised \$10,000 for local charities, created new community partnerships, and gave students the opportunity to manage a project from initial planning through to delivery.

SARC GRANT

Receiving the Strong and Resilient Communities (SARC) grant enabled us to develop engaging and informative activities for students. We delivered a 'Power of Volunteering Workshop', equipping students with the skills to recognise and communicate the value of volunteering beyond university. We also hosted a community workshop for HDR students to build social connection and learn sewing skills. In addition, we offered free self-defence classes and trained 40 students in First Aid and/or Mental Health First Aid. This enabled us to relaunch the Wellbeans Program, which aims to provide non-judgmental, peer to peer support at Guild and club events, strengthening student wellbeing and safety across campus.

VOLUNTEERING WEEKS

Across National Volunteer Week and Student Volunteer Week,

we celebrated the contributions of our volunteers, coordinators, and partners with a community picnic. Throughout the weeks, we also delivered a series of on campus activations including a sausage sizzle, a charity partner exhibition, and a Micro Volunteering activity designed to engage students who are not typically involved in volunteering. These activities generated strong engagement and led to several new students getting involved in volunteering for the first time.

VOLUNTEERING COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERING CHAIR

Casey Taylor served as the 2025 Volunteering Chair, leading the committee and supporting key initiatives such as the expansion of the Bread Run, championing partnerships with groups like Ocean Heroes, and leading UWA students in the Inter University Beach Clean Up Competition. With the support of the Volunteering Committee, Casey helped drive the visibility and impact of Guild Volunteering across campus and the wider community resulting in strong student engagement in activities and events.

GUILD VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMS AND LEADERSHIP

28 Student Coordinators led and delivered ten strong programs throughout the year. Working closely with students and external partners, they created a welcoming and inclusive calendar of volunteering events and activities. This year's

programs included: Bread Run, Micro Volunteering, Perth Homeless Support Group, Swan Estuary Reserve Action Group, Wellbeans, Pop-up Op Shop, Tax Help, Repair Lab, PROSH and Relay for Life.

PROSH AND UWA RELAY FOR LIFE

In its 94th year, the satirical paper PROSH, themed 'PROSHBUSTER', paid tribute to Hollywood and the film industry. Students took to the streets in March dressed as iconic screen characters, selling the paper and raising \$30,000 for the selected charities: Man Up WA and The Essential Collective.

A very wet October weekend brought Relay for Life to campus, with students completing laps around the oval in the rain and mud, with plenty of enthusiasm. 35 teams walked, ran (and slid) their way through the event. The College Row mascots joined in for a lively mascot race, which increased everyone's spirits and music from some UWA bands carried runners into the night. Through sponsorships and donations, the event raised an outstanding \$64,338 for the Cancer Council.

Thank you to every student who contributed through volunteering leadership and committee work, helping UWA students get involved in meaningful service and raising significant funds for Perth charities.



"Being involved with Guild Volunteering as a coordinator has been an enriching experience for me. I'm quite reserved compared to other coordinators, but surrounding myself with kind-hearted people helped me believe in my own potential and to lead others with the same kindness. It's always fulfilling and inspiring to see how much care and effort the volunteers I guide put into their work."

—GENNA, MICRO VOLUNTEERING COORDINATOR



"The Essentials Collective is incredibly grateful to partner with the UWA Student Guild this past year through several micro volunteering events and the generous support of PROSH. Guild volunteers helped us sort and pack essential hygiene items for distribution to people experiencing hardship and disadvantage across Perth. These hands-on sessions are an important part of our "people-powered" process, ensuring donations from the community quickly reach the organisations supporting vulnerable Western Australians.

We were also honoured to be selected as one of the charities supported through the 2025 PROSH fundraising campaign. The Guild's commitment to community impact and student-led volunteering continues to make a meaningful difference, and we sincerely thank the UWA community for their generosity and enthusiasm."

—ELLEN SLOBE, THE ESSENTIALS COLLECTIVE

"This year, I've truly seen the power of volunteering in action. Watching coordinators grow into confident leaders—and seeing volunteers show up week after week—has been inspiring. Their commitment and heart have made a real difference to the department and the wider community."

—LIZZIE MOORHOUSE, GUILD VOLUNTEERING MANAGER



VENTURE

OVERVIEW

BY JAMES LE & ASH ITHAPE



Venture exists to better prepare students for the future of work, for the jobs that don't exist yet, either by building them or providing opportunities to develop the skills to thrive in them.

This consists of a series of events designed to inspire and showcase, a suite of industry led skills development workshops, a co-working space, an entrepreneur in residence and 3 flagship programs: Ventures Innovation Consultancy, Venture's Incubator and Venture's start up internships.

Venture is a Guild Department co-funded by UWA and the Malka Foundation and delivers innovation consultancy projects to industry partners in a paid capacity.

In 2025, Venture UWA has grown exponentially. Our brand, programs and services have all seen improvements.

IMPACT 2025

- > We have engaged with 1,554[CK1.1] students in 2025 (to date). 2024 was just over 1,100 in comparison.
- > We have generated 7 job opportunities for students through our initiatives.
- > Our website has had over 15,000 visits with over 5,000 of those unique interactions.
- > Our Instagram has grown to 1,218 followers and our LinkedIn is reaching 1,300 followers.

PROGRAMS

This year has been exceptionally eventful when it comes to our innovation consultancy programs. We have held/sponsored a total of 5 Hackathons and programs ranging from social isolation within the elderly community to improving the accessibility of applications that support domestic violence victims and more.

We have been fortunate enough to see repeat students go through the various programs run, exposing them to the many skills and experiences only possible with the experienced we have been able to offer.

Our hackathons and programs have been all delivered at a high level and the support from both the staff and student committee teams make it possible for us to hold these types of initiatives. These include:

- > In collaboration with Brightwater: "Tech Innovate Challenge - Bridging the Gap against Social Isolation"
- > In collaboration with Genvis: "Hack for Impact: an Innovation Challenge to Empower and Protect"
- > In collaboration with WeMoney: "A Financial Wellness Hackathon with WeMoney | Build with Us"
- > In collaboration with The City of Joondalup: "Joondalup Innovation Challenge (JIC)"
- > Sponsoring Coders for Causes (CFC): "Hack for Homes Hackathon"

EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT

In the last 5 years since Venture UWA has been active, we held our highest number of events in 2025. The quality of the events we have been able to hold has been the most consistent over those years as well.

None of this would be possible without the direction set from the Venture UWA Student Committee team with the support and guidance from the Venture UWA staff.

Semester 1 we held 6 on-campus engagements (not including Brightwater and Start-up Weekend):

- > Kick-Off Night
 - > Unlocking Visa Pathways
 - > Student Solutions to Grand Challenges
 - > Sustainable Start-up Panel Night
 - > Beyond the Hype: AI in Industry Panel Night
 - > Venture UWA x Enitiate Case Night
- Semester 2 had a stronger focus on our Hackathons, but the Venture Committee still wanted to drive event initiatives as well:
- > Venture UWA Social Night
 - > Hack for Impact Hackathon
 - > Financial Wellness Hackathon
 - > Joondalup Innovation Challenge (JIC)
 - > Exploring Alternative Careers Panel Night
 - > 180DC Networking Night
 - > Hack for Homes Hackathon
 - > Venture UWA x UWAMS x Women's Department Panel Night

SUMMARY

Venture UWA is now the biggest it has ever been. Not without the support of our stakeholders, most notably the Guild and the encouragement from Guild President and all the Guild Departments we have had the pleasure to work with in 2025. We hope to continue furthering impact and delivering practical experiences that utilise the skills and knowledge learnt at UWA to prepare students for the changing work economy.

TESTIMONIALS:

James Le (Venture Co-Chair 2025):

It's been a whirlwind year, and I can't think of a better experience to have had than being a Venture UWA Chair. There has been so much growth all around both personally and within Venture UWA. It gives me hope to know that what we do genuinely provides a positive impact to our community.

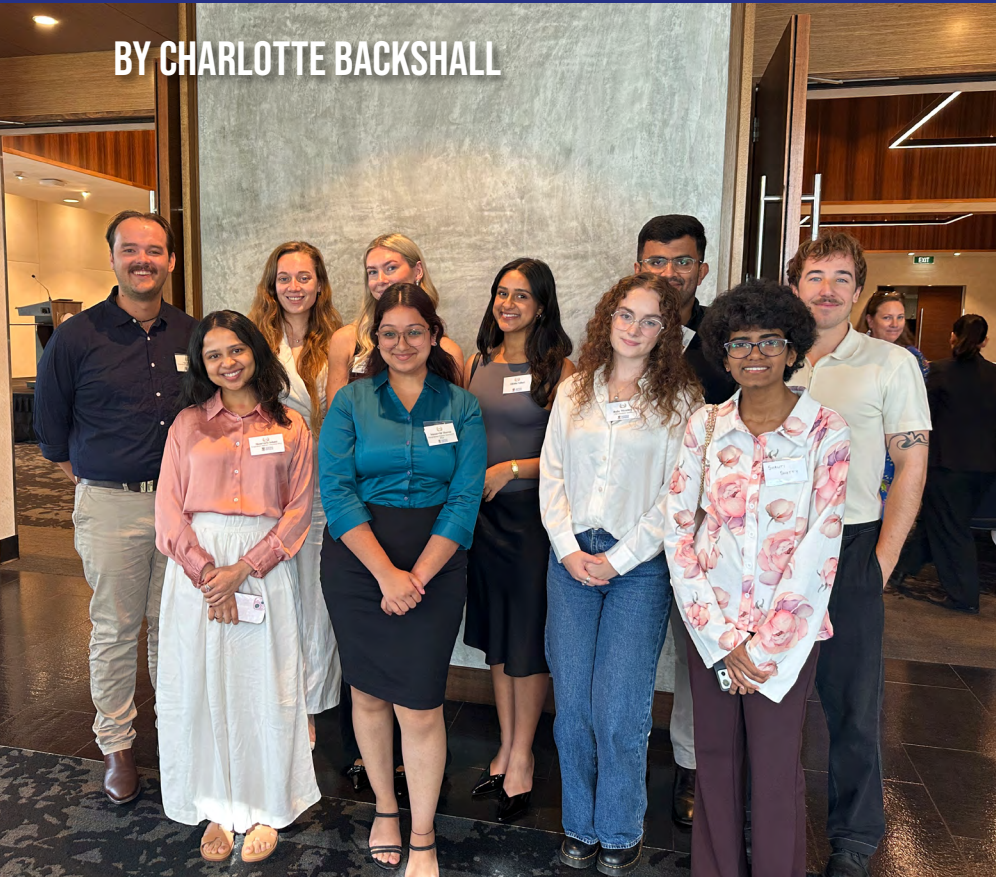
Ash Ithape (Venture Co-Chair 2025):

Watching the committee proactively taking the lead to run high impact events is remarkably satisfying. Individuals involved in Venture UWA (in any capacity) experienced opportunities full of professional and personal growth. Whether that was through networking, tackling industry challenges, growing their startup idea or joining an innovative one. There is no doubt Venture UWA will be known not only as a hub for innovation, but a place that creates resilient leaders.

POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS'

ASSOCIATION

BY CHARLOTTE BACKSHALL



This year I had the privilege of serving on the 112th Guild Council as President of the Postgraduate Students' Association (PSA). It was the first time in 13 years that the role was held by a woman, and the first time in a decade that both the Guild President and PSA President were women, an important milestone for representation and the culture we're building. In this capacity, I served on several boards and committees, including the UWA Senate, the University Club Board of Advisors, and Academic Board.

My vision for 2025 centred on visibility. If students didn't know the PSA existed (or what we could do) then they couldn't reach out for support. I began the year by meeting with almost every club and Faculty Society president representing postgraduate students so they knew my name, my face, and precisely how

we could partner. This simple step lowered the barrier to seeking help, and I'm pleased that many of those leaders continued to engage with the PSA throughout the year.

To better support postgraduate students' needs, I established the PSA's welfare portfolio, led by a newly appointed PSA Welfare Vice-President. The portfolio focuses on maintaining and activating the common room, and practical cost-of-living supports. This work became PhD candidates who spend integral as the current cost-of-living crisis continues to disproportionately affect postgraduate students, particularly long hours on campus and face work-hour limitations under Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship conditions.

My attendance at the Council of Australian Postgraduates' Association (CAPA) conference

in Brisbane deepened our advocacy on this front. Nationally, the average RTP stipend remains below minimum wage and often restricts students' external employment. While UWA's stipend sits slightly above the national average, it is still worryingly close to the poverty line. CAPA's Council agreed to pursue a submission to the Senate advocating that the RTP stipend be lifted to at least the minimum wage. This is a long-term reform, but it is a necessary one, and I look forward to seeing the impact of continued advocacy.

Locally, we focused on transport affordability and campus accessibility. We secured a capped daily parking fee of \$1.50 at the Claremont campus for postgraduate students, paired with a free shuttle service to Crawley. While we were unable to progress the Multi-Storey Carpark proposal this year, however there is

promising movement for 2026. Thanks to the Guild President's advocacy, the University has converted approximately 100 staff bays to student bays in the Reid Library carpark. That shift would materially ease parking pressure for students and represents a meaningful, student-centred change.

We also delivered two new practical initiatives in 2025: free nappies in the parents' rooms at Barry J Marshall Library and Reid Library, and free exam-period study snack runs during the day. Our social and community programs exceeded expectations. Between 200 and 300 students attended our first PSA Connect event, prompting us to reformat the model to ensure accessibility and quality as demand grew. We maintained a strong presence at both O-Day Semester 1 and O-Day Semester 2, hosted a

well-attended quiz night with the International Students' Department, and partnered with UniHall to deliver the PSA's first-ever Speed-Friending event. We were also grateful to the University Club for its warm invitation to every Breakfast by the Bay, where we ensured consistent PSA representation.

To close the year, I travelled to our Albany campus to reconnect with the community there. We hosted a series of social events, spent time networking with students, and met with Campus Management to outline how the Guild can better support local needs. The visit allowed us to re-establish a closer working relationship and set clear communication channels for 2026.

Looking back, what makes me proudest is not just the list of initiatives, but the thread that ties them together: listening first, then acting

on what we heard. I want to extend heartfelt thanks to the 2025 PSA Committee for their energy, creativity, and persistence. Thank you to our Guild colleagues, University partners, and staff across UWA who opened doors, shared insights, and helped turn ideas into outcomes. And to our UWA postgraduate community: thank you for trusting us with your stories, your challenges, and your hopes. Your feedback made us better advocates and better neighbours.

Serving as PSA President has been an honour. We have made tangible progress, and we have laid foundations for more. I leave this role confident that the PSA is more visible, more connected, and more responsive, thus I am deeply optimistic about what comes next. Here's to a community where postgraduates feel seen, supported, and celebrated.

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GUILD DEPARTMENTS & SUB-COUNCILS

Guild departments represent the unique needs of groups of students, or work on special interest areas, and run regular social and educational events, produce informational resources and advocate on issues in their area. The three sub-councils are run by student committees to support clubs and societies on campus and make sure students are getting the most out of their time at university.



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EDUCATION ACTION

NETWORK (EAN)

BY JAY WILLIAMS

The Education Action Network (EAN) is the activism arm of the Education Council that aims to unite all UWA students who care about their education and wider social issues. It facilitates students who want to be informed on issues relating to higher education and helps them to get involved in pushing for change through targeted, on-the-ground campaigns here at UWA. In 2025, the EAN was coordinated by Lauren Kohlen.

Unlike in previous years, the EAN's focus was on an issue here at UWA. It wasn't a state or federal Government decision, this time it was a call by the University Executive to ban lecture announcements, poster and flyer around campus that became the main focus of the Network. This announcement was a major concern for us as students and student leaders as it signalled a

restriction of freedom of speech on campus and would stem the vibrant campus culture that we've come to know and love here at UWA.

In response to this, the EAN formed a battle group comprised of current Guild Councillors and sub-Council executives to plan and execute a campaign to push back against the University. This included targeted social media posts, liaising with the National Union of Students, poster in non-banned areas, and advocating to senior University executives to roll back these restrictions. We had some small wins with Faculty Societies and degree-specific clubs being granted permission to speak at lectures, but more work needed to be done.

We got to work organising the Club Freedom Festival, a major celebration of our vibrant campus culture and diverse club life. Club Freedom Festival was held on the

13th of May on the lawn next to Reid Library (a symbolic stand against club activity extending beyond the confines of the Guild Village). We had over 40 clubs turn up and great student engagement for this event. It was a respectful, peaceful show of how amazing and vibrant our club and campus culture is and what the University were threatening to wreck with their new restrictions.

The EAN regained its spark this year around the lecture and poster restrictions and we hope to see strong, continued advocacy from the body heading into 2026.



EDUCATION

COUNCIL

BY JAY WILLIAMS

The Education Council serves as a formal body for student leaders, including Faculty Society leaders, to gather and voice their issues or concerns and collaborate on initiatives. In 2025 the Education Council led several advocacy campaigns, delivered some wins for students, helped fund and run various events, and still have some projects planned for the remainder of the year. So far, we've distributed \$30,308.60 in base funding and grants with another \$33,000+ to be distributed before the end-of-Semester. The Education Council have started and accomplished a lot as a team for which we are proud, including but not limited to:

- > **Free Transcripts for BPhil Students going on exchange:** Secured free academic transcripts for BPhil Students who must go on exchange as a mandatory part of their degree. Working on extending this to a further range of the student population.
- > **2-Day Simple Extensions:** Secured 2-Day Simple Extensions (or penalty waivers) for students to reduce the pressure of study and their workload in these tough times, reducing the need for a special consideration.

- > **Implementing Ed Survey Feedback:** Met with every FacSoc possible and went through the results from the Education Survey, running through what students thought about their representation and what could be done better. As a result, FacSocs took this feedback on board and ran some really great career and education events this year.
- > **Study Abroad Handbook:** Studying abroad can be a very exciting, scary and isolating experience. We wanted to create a handbook to help students with their experience. This handbook has been a massive undertaking, and we are in the process of working and finalising it now to hopefully be published for exchanges in 2026 and beyond.
- > **Club Freedom Festival:** The Club Freedom Festival was an incredible showing of over 40 clubs all coming together and standing against UWA's restrictions on freedom of speech and expression. This was a huge labour of love from the Education Council Committee and others and required extraordinary planning and logistics! More info on this festival in the EAN report.

- > **EVA Information Campaign:** Exceptional Variation of Assessment (EVA) (previously known as Special Consideration) allows the University to consider significant factors which may impact your studies and then provide adjustments to assessments. Work has begun on a communications plan through the Guild social media channels to inform students on the dos and don'ts of the EVA policy.
- > **Refreshing the Best Units Guide:** It was flagged by some Faculty Societies that the Guild's Best Units Guide was a little outdated and thus we have begun reviewing the Guide, seeking to update the information and potentially add a few more units to it based on student and FacSoc feedback.

Massive shoutout and congratulations to the entire Education Council Committee for their tireless work in 2025 and for helping to bolster our FacSocs and support students. Another shoutout to our great Faculty Societies who have all done such a wonderful job this year as well. All the very best to the incoming 2026 UWA Student Guild team and Education Council.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

COUNCIL

BY AIMEE CHAN

Our University is a diverse community filled with people from different backgrounds and cultures. Furthermore, UWA is home to many clubs, which enhance the rich club culture we have here. This year, the Public Affairs Council was dedicated to supporting these clubs and creating events for the students to enjoy, ensuring that there is something on campus for everybody.

In 2025, we continued to run theme weeks that align with our 4 pillars; Multiculturalism, Social Impact, Faith and Arts. Focusing on collaborating and connecting, we aimed to create and run unique and diverse events with clubs and departments. As a result, we managed to run 10 collaborative events with departments and clubs throughout the 4 theme weeks. We also distributed 6 grants to PAC affiliated clubs under theme week grants.

We are proud to have helped

different clubs run innovative events this year, strengthening the relationships between PAC and the clubs on campus. One event we helped with was Sikh Society Langar event, which was the first Langar held on a Western Australian campus. The event was a huge success, allowing for Sikh Society to not only share their culture but also aid in the cost-of-living crisis by providing free hot meals to students. Another event we helped with was Speakers Union Semester 2 Debate Night. The event brought together students interested in debating from across the campus for a fun and exciting night. Other events PAC has helped with include the 2025 Variety Night, Mid-Autumn Festival and Diwali.

Our biggest standout event this year was Spring Feast, a multicultural festival celebrating the food, arts and activities from around the world. The event was proudly

student-focused, with all performers being UWA students as well as 10 clubs participating as stalls. Spring Feast was a huge success this year, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback from vendors and attendees, as well as a huge turnout.

PAC had also taken on a few internal projects, aiming to refine our operations. We had changed the affiliation process for clubs aiming to be PAC-affiliated to streamline to process and encourage eligible clubs to get affiliated. This has resulted in 4 new PAC clubs and hopefully many more in the years to come!

Overall, PAC was able to continue our job of nurturing and supporting the UWA community. Through the events and collaborations we have done throughout the year, we managed to strengthen our connections within the community and create meaningful experiences for the students and clubs at UWA.

SOCIETIES

BY ETHAN TAN

2025 has been another successful and strong year for the Societies Council (SOC). This year has seen 13 clubs affiliated with the Council so far, which makes the Council 145 clubs strong.

Alongside the normal administrative work and the disaffiliation of inactive clubs throughout the year, improved grant funding for clubs, updating multiple documents, innovation in club executives training and improved events and communications allowed the Societies Council to help other clubs and societies achieve their full potential.

This year the Societies Council restructured the grants policy, allowing clubs to claim more funding without penalties. The SOC Treasurer, Nic Charnley, deserves significant commendation for the work he has completed this year. Alongside the policy restructuring, Nic has ensured clubs received their \$140,000 worth of grants in a timely manner, shared information regarding grants clearly and efficiently, and updated the Treasurers' Training for the new financial system.

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Updates to the Societies Council Rules, the Club Grants Policy, the template Club Constitution, and the Club Affiliation Guide have already been implemented and welcomed by clubs.

Additionally, upcoming changes to various SOC documents will help establish the Societies Council in the years to come. These include the second edition of the "How-to-Clubs" Guide, the new Club Engagement Officer in the Societies Council Rules, and the New Club and Stall Engagement Grant in the Club Grants Policy.

Student Leadership Training has been redesigned to fit a one-day format. From the five one-day sessions held this year, the Societies Council has received strongly positive feedback from UWA students.

The Societies Council improved upon multiple events and assisted with multiple Guild events, including but not limited to, O'Day, O'Day Afters, Guild on the Green, Tavern's Battle of the Bands and Sundowners, which was spearheaded by SOC Vice-President, Emilia Marshall.



Highlights for this year include the Club Carnival in April, which saw a record breaking 89 clubs register and attend and the Semester 2 O'Day, the first of its kind which saw over 100 clubs attend alongside different activations throughout the day.

Lastly, communications between the Guild and clubs have seen massive improvements thanks to SOC Secretary, Amir Cooper. Alongside Amir, the Societies Council has received and sent over 7,000 emails to clubs, ensuring communication is maintained at a high quality.

Clubs are, and continue to be, the lifeblood of campus culture. It has been a privilege to serve this community of dedicated student volunteers over the course of 2025.

TENANCY

COMMITTEE

BY RITIKA MENON

The Tenancy Committee has performed well in building and revitalising the foundations of the Committee to ensure that current and future tenants have adequate support from the Guild. We have worked towards streamlining the administrative and maintenance role that the Committee plays towards tenant support. The Committee worked closely with Guild Staff to ensure that any urgent repair or maintenance jobs were addressed as soon as possible.

The Tenancy Committee has also been working on rewriting the Tenancy Agreement to better represent current regulations and standardise previous versions. We have also allocated additional locker

spaces to clubs that require storage on campus. All lockers have also had their broken locks fixed and old keys renewed to ensure security of stored goods. Alongside Guild Volunteering, we hope to repurpose goods stored in old lockers and club rooms by finding charities or op shops that would accept them.

The Committee has worked to encourage clubs to use the allocated space as a collaborative and welcoming place for all their member students to use. One of the ways the current Committee has tried to achieve this is by introducing the "Best Clubroom Award" which aims to foster a strong sense of community and collaboration among clubs to better utilise their rooms!

The Committee will also have completed two Tenancy Consultation meetings and two rounds of inspection by the end of November this year. These meetings give club executives an opportunity to interact with the Tenancy Committee and offer suggestions on how they can help.

The current Tenancy Committee has endeavoured to establish a healthy connection between the Guild and the Tenant Clubs. We hope the foundation established this year is used to further build the committee as a hub of support to clubs that use the Guild space to enhance student experience.

ALBANY STUDENTS'

ASSOCIATION

BY NIKHI TALLURI

The Albany Students' Association provides services and representation for the nearly 250 students studying at UWA's regional campus in Albany. The Association works with the Guild and the University to ensure Albany students have access to essential support and a functional campus environment.

Throughout 2025, the Guild maintained ongoing engagement with the Albany campus, meeting regularly with the Albany Students' Association Committee to identify priorities and address gaps in support. This work informed the mid-year budget review, which resulted in the Albany Students'

Association receiving double its previous funding. The increased budget will allow for an expanded Food Pantry, more frequent social events, and improvements to the shared student space.

Following these decisions, the Guild visited the Albany campus to meet students directly, discuss the upcoming changes, and deliver a social event aimed at building engagement and gathering further feedback.

These actions strengthen the support framework for Albany students and give the Association the resources it needs to better meet student needs.



ACCESS

DEPARTMENT

The Access Department is the peak representative body for UWA students with lived experiences of disability and/or as carers. In 2025, the Department remained committed to advocating on issues affecting these students while fostering a supportive, inclusive and accessible community on campus. Throughout the year, the Access Department continued its advocacy work with the University, Guild representatives and relevant stakeholders to raise concerns surrounding accessibility, inclusive learning environments, campus facilities and awareness of student support services. This ensured that the student voices and experiences remained central to ongoing discussions about equity and inclusion at UWA.

Community engagement was also a major focus in 2025. Through regular

low-barrier social and wellbeing events, UWA students were provided with opportunities to connect, access peer support and build a stronger sense of belonging within our community. These events also helped to increase the Department's visibility and encourage greater student participation.

Access Week remained the flagship initiative of the Department, delivering a range of social, educational and advocacy-focused activities aimed at promoting awareness of disability, caring responsibilities and the importance of accessibility on campus. The week provided an important platform for both celebration and conversation, and was a highlight of the Department's calendar.

The Department also continued to strengthen collaborations with other

Guild departments, allowing for broader programming and stronger advocacy outcomes. Alongside this, social media remained an important tool for promoting disability awareness, sharing support resources and keeping students informed of Department initiatives. Overall, 2025 was a year of continued advocacy, connection and growth for the Access Department. The Department would like to sincerely thank its committee members, volunteers, collaborators and students for their support throughout the year, and looks forward to this important work continuing in 2026 with Access Officer, Blake Mercer, leading the Department.



ENVIRONMENTAL

DEPARTMENT

BY JULIA SUFFELL

The Environment Department had a fantastic year, hosting 35 events and collaborating with many environmental charities and clubs. We kicked off Semester 1, running EnviroFest – a festival to celebrate the environment and sustainability, with over 40 stalls of environmental charities, sustainable small businesses and nature-based clubs on Oak Lawn. EnviroFest was the highlight of Enviro Week, which saw 6 events in 1 week – including a Nature Walk and Picnic around Kings Park and a Sustainable Start Ups Panel.

In collaboration with Guild Volunteering, we ran a Pop-Up Op Shop series, raising \$10,000 for charity. The op shops quickly gained popularity, with massive lines of students waiting for it to open. We concluded the series with a Ball Boutique so students could access affordable second-hand ball dresses or suits, just

in time for 2025 Guild Ball!

We hosted a Federal Election Candidate Panel focused around climate change, featuring MP Kate Chaney, Josh Wilson (Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy of Australia) and Senator Jordon Steele-John. This saw 70 students become more informed on making their vote count this year. We also ran a film screening of 'Rising Up', featuring a panel discussion with the directors, a workshop on ocean gratitude and a giveaway of over \$2000 of donated prizes from local sustainable businesses.

Semester 2 saw the launch of the Guild x UWA's Keep Cup Library in Guild Cafes. We ran an Inter-Club Clean Up, where 25 clubs compete to pick up the most rubbish. In just one hour, 112 students managed to pick up 225kg of rubbish. The event was followed by an awards ceremony at the Tav, where participants enjoyed free food and drinks for their hard work.

The Environment Department hosted a Fossil Fuel Divestment Protest, to communicate that UWA students do not want their money invested in the fossil fuel industry, as well as a Woodside Energy protest against the North West Shelf extension.

We continually advocated for UWA to install Containers for Change bins, and hosted a talk with Ross Belton, the Principle Policy Advisor for the Environment Minister who implemented Containers for Change. We also hosted a Nature Walk for National Science Week, and finished the year off with a film screening of Corals' Last Stand, followed by a panel discussion with some incredible experts and a giveaway.

The Environment Department had an amazing year full of action and advocacy. We would like to thank the Guild staff members, Guild Council and the Environment committee for making this possible.



ETHNOCULTURAL

DEPARTMENT

BY SELINA AL ANSARI & REIHANEH REZAGHOLLOU

This year, the Ethnocultural Department has collaborated with a variety of cultural clubs to create a broad community representing and advocating for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) students on campus.

The Department has strongly committed to connecting with students to ensure they feel a sense of belonging on campus and show them the Guild is here to amplify their voices. Our presence at Guild on the Green and O'Day engaged students from all backgrounds. Students were pleased to see their own cultures reflected on campus, as well as gain insight into other cultures. The Ethnocultural Department provided cultural snacks, interactive games, free henna and ethnocultural themed stickers, paving the way for our Department's work through out 2025.

We kicked off the year with Harmony Week, running a suite of events boosting tolerance and education. The week included a CaLD and Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Presentation Night, and a documentary screening with the Palestinian Cultural Society and Amnesty International UWA. We

also ran a Poetry Picnic with the International Students' Department to link culture with community building, exhibiting art from around the world. The highlight of the week was our annual Harmony Day Festival, hosting 12 cultural clubs to run stalls and share their food, music and culture to hundreds of students.

We continued our momentum over the year through events that connect students with art, languages, and community, such as our book clubs where students have a space to discuss and learn from their peers. Other highlights include our Languages Workshop where cultural clubs taught students accessible introductory lessons of their languages, and the annual Soccer World Cup with the Sports Department and the European Cultural Clubs which boosted students' interactions with these clubs.

The Department has worked to ensure students of all CaLD backgrounds are advocated for, presenting motions to Guild Council affirming support services and communicating on behalf of students facing distress. We have also ensured students can access Special

Considerations during cultural and religious holidays and created a Ramadan Guide to link students with support services. The Department helped connect students to the Racism @ Uni survey and collaborated on a Public Forum to facilitate discussions on how to work as a community to stand against racism. Furthermore, our campaigns have informed students on issues that affect CaLD communities, such as on Invasion Day and National Reconciliation Week.

Through our 15+ events this year and our campaign and advocacy work, the Ethnocultural Department has created space on campus for people of all backgrounds to feel safe, heard and welcome.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS'

DEPARTMENT

BY ARCHIT MENON

The International Students' Department (ISD) of the Guild serves as the peak representative body for all international students on campus. ISD is furthermore divided into 4 departments, namely Education, Social, Welfare and Public Relations. This is to ensure that as a Department we cover all aspects of student life.

ISD has seen a boost with regards to engagement with our socials and events. We have grown in 2025 with over 500 followers on socials; this has translated to a better awareness of the ISD and an increase in attendance at our events. Semester 1 Orientation Week is when we started welcoming more students to campus and increasing awareness through our Lighthouse Magazine as well. Taking part in all themed

weeks from other departments has increased our visibility. At the end of Semester 1 we distributed over 150 welfare packs to international students to better equip them for their University preparation.

Semester 2 saw us celebrating ISD Week in Week 6, which was a weeklong celebration of international students and their contributions to campus culture at the University. We started with a quiz night followed by movie nights, welfare lunches and we ended it with the ISD Mixer at the UWA Tavern. This year we were able to increase our collaborations with other departments and clubs.

Advocacy and representation have been a key focus in 2025, working with the 112th Guild Council to establish stances against racism to protect our student population. I have been fortunate enough to have

had opportunity to interact with my counterparts from over east to work together as student unions. This has led to us being able to create a new national body for all international students across Australia called the International Students' Representative Council for Australia. Given the current environment, national representation is crucial for the International Student voice to be heard on a national level.

The ISD committee has worked tirelessly this year for the betterment of the UWA student cohort. ISD has one of the highest engagements on social media of all Guild departments and has been continuously growing. Our attendance at IDS events has also significantly increased. 2025 has been a tremendous year and the future years for the International Students' Department look just as promising.

NUS

NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS

BY NIKHI TALLURI

The National Union of Students (NUS) is the peak representative and advocacy body for all tertiary students in Australia. The UWA Student Guild has been an affiliated and accredited member of the NUS for several years, ensuring that UWA students continue to have a strong national voice on key issues affecting higher education.

In 2025, the Guild actively participated in national advocacy through the NUS, attending the National Conference in December, and the Education Conference in July. Guild representatives also met quarterly with the NUS WA State Branch, working collaboratively with other Western Australian universities to strengthen our shared advocacy on student issues.

These engagements provided valuable opportunities to exchange ideas, coordinate campaigns, and represent the views of UWA students at a national level. Key themes discussed throughout the year included the rising cost of living, academic integrity and assessment reform, freedom of expression on campus, and the implementation of the Australian Universities Accord.

PRIDE

DEPARTMENT

BY ARYAMAN BHOOSREDDY AND ASHEL SILBY

2025 has been a momentous year for the Pride Department. We have built on the strength and efforts of the previous committees to ensure that all the initiatives of the Pride Department and the events held have been successful. This year's committee has also led the charge on creating new opportunities for LGBTQ+ students to connect and find a community on campus. Our biggest focus of 2025 is to foster this sense of community and create a safe space for all queer students, especially in light of growing intolerance at home and abroad. This was achieved through active collaboration with various clubs, social media engagement, active advocacy, strategic sponsorships, and accessible events. The highlight of the year was Pride Fest, a celebration of queer identity on campus that saw students from all walks of life congregate on Oak Lawn for an amazing night of camaraderie.

The ability to be this active was solely thanks to a dedicated committee that went above and beyond to ensure Pride had a positive impact on the lives of as many students as possible. We restructured our committee this year to more accurately represent the needs of our Department, and we hope that new student leaders enter these positions with the same zeal and determination to effect change in 2026 and beyond. Our time at the helm of the Department was marked by several high-profile events. The Pride Quiz Night had 100 attendees, resulting in a packed Tavern. It was successful largely

due to the tireless efforts of our Events and Social Media Managers and the active participation of UWASCA. Attendees had a great time, although several of them noted our Event Manager's poor choice in music. Let that be a warning for future committee members: our community has discerning taste! Retrograde was transformed this year into a charity party for the Freedom Centre. With over 90 tickets sold, we raised a healthy amount for them while still ensuring a fun night for the attendees at The Court. We hope that future committees continue this new tradition of donating the proceeds from Retrograde to a LGBTQ+ not-for-profit operating in Perth.

Finally, it would be remiss of us not to talk about Pride Week. Week 3 of Semester 2 was full of activities and events organised by the Pride Department in collaboration with other clubs. We are especially thankful to Science Union for their active support throughout the year. The Department considers our crowning achievement this year to be Pride Fest, which saw musical performances, small businesses, and food trucks descend on Oak Lawn for a night celebrating LGBTQ+ communities. While it is challenging to organise something of this magnitude, we hope that future committees ensure that Pride Fest remains a visible annual celebration of queerness on campus.

Lastly, we would like to note the amazing support provided by the Access Department this year to ensure our events remain as accessible as possible. The 2025



Access Officers have also actively aided our advocacy efforts this year. We hope that this close connection between the two Guild departments remains intact in the coming years. Nothing about us, without us.

Our greatest regret this year has been our failure to resurrect Outspoken, the Pride Department's annual magazine. The committee hopes to see Outspoken return in 2026, bigger and better than ever before!

We leave to future committees a renovated and more accessible clubroom, a new library, and a more prominent social media profile. We hope that the Pride Department maintains the new connections established with organisations and businesses in Perth, builds on our successes and learns from our mistakes. We can't wait to see what 2026 brings!

RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS' DEPARTMENT



BY BRECHTO BEZUIDENHOUT

For the Residential Students' Department (RSD), 2025 was especially significant. Our objective stayed the same: to establish a lively, secure, and welcoming intercollegiate community while improving the calibre of events and student participation throughout College Row. To balance high-profile events with low-barrier socials, we combined a larger events program with transparent risk protocols and more incisive communications. The outcome was our most ambitious year to date, with record engagement throughout 2025.

We began the year with our consistently popular Fresher Fest, a specially designed welcome event that combined friendly competition with encouraging programming. Kudos to St. Catherine's College for a fantastic performance and a well-earned win that set the tone for the year for the second consecutive

year. A successful Inter-College Acoustic Night and a sold-out Tav Show maintained the momentum, providing up-and-coming musicians with a stage and attracting sizable crowds. Our creative flagship, LipDub, returned with its signature and unforgettable energy, with University Hall winning the title with a passionate, well-executed production that embodied College Row spirit. We have also planned the first-ever Inter-College Lawn Bowls, a new initiative that will end the year with a much-needed mental break and fortify friendships across colleges, with an eye towards resident wellbeing during the crux of the academic calendar.

Over 800 residents attended Battle of the Bands, which featured creative soloists and tight ensembles. The size of the audience indicates a strong student base and a self-assured intercollegiate culture. A record-breaking 480 residents attended the 2025 RSD Ball, the

social year's centrepiece, at Crown Perth. From the first arrival to the last bus home, the event was of excellent quality thanks to careful theming, reasonable prices, and obvious welfare supports. These flagship events, along with the intentional blending of social, athletic, and artistic events, kept the calendar accessible, cohesive, and truly student-centred.

Thanks to the hard work of our Committee, the Inter-College Council (ICC), and the numerous student volunteers who made these projects a reality, 2025 has been a huge success. By building on what worked: solid collaborations, efficient communication, and well-thought-out planning, we'll keep the momentum going. We're prepared for an even more robust and interconnected College Row in 2026 with the same vigour and student leadership that characterised this year.

SPORTS DEPARTMENT



BY DAMIEN ZHANG

The Sports Officer is an elected member of the Guild Council with the responsibility of representing the interest of all UWA students in everything related to sport. The Sports Officer has two major roles: one being the Chair of the Student Stakeholder Reference Group (SSRG) and the other directly helping with Inter-Faculty sport.

In 2025, the focus of the Sports Department was to build pride and campus spirit through sport, while promoting an active and inclusive campus life. A key priority was creating low-barrier social competitions and student-friendly events that encouraged greater participation and connection across the University.

STUDENT STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP (SSRG)

Launched in April 2025, the SSRG has provided students with a direct avenue to share ideas with UWA Sport. The group included representatives from across campus life - including interfaculty, inter-college, student-athletes, and social sport - and

discussed important areas such as participation, inclusion, facilities, and new opportunities. This group has been a valuable platform to ensure student voices actively shape the direction of sport on campus.

INTERFACULTY AND PARTICIPATION

Interfaculty Sport (IF) continued to be a cornerstone of student life in 2025. Outreach to clubs and societies led to greater participation across both semesters, with catering organised at events to add to the atmosphere. A new initiative in 2025 was an Esports Interfaculty event in collaboration with UWA Esports Club, hosted at EZONE on 26th August.

SPECTATOR AND SPORTING CULTURE

A key success this year was strengthening the spectator culture on campus, particularly through the University Basketball League (UBL). Average home game attendance grew to around 150 spectators (up from fewer than 40 in 2024),

alongside a strong boost in social media engagement. Themed rounds (including International Student, College vs Campus, Women's, Pride, and Indigenous), brought vibrancy and inclusivity and featured highlights such as Pride markets, Indigenous cultural performances, and international food activations. Collaborations with the UWA Tavern included home-game activations, away-game streams, and meal deals, making sport a more social and accessible experience. The University Tennis League (UTL) also returned for its second year in Australia.

CAMPUS-WIDE EVENTS

Major 2025 events included the Sports Carnival at James Oval, Water Awareness and World Drowning Week, the Vaathi Cup volleyball tournament, the Ethno Soccer World Cup, and an equipment-hire initiative through UWA Libraries. These projects showcased the diversity of UWA's sporting culture and ensured opportunities for all students to engage.

Overall, 2025 was a year of building inclusivity, boosting participation, and growing campus spirit through sport.

WASAC

DEPARTMENT

BY ASHLEIGH PETKOVIC

An incredible achievement for 2025 saw the Semester 2 revitalisation of the WASAC (Western Australian Student Aboriginal Corporation) Department, after some time of being inactive. In the short time that it was active, WASAC has aimed to focus on the engagement of the University and the wider community with the Department, so that there can be a proud expression and representation of First Nations culture both on and off the campus.

In celebration of NAIDOC Week (Sun 6th – Sun 13th of July), WASAC partnered with the Reid Library to advise them on resources available and ways that the library can further express and incorporate Noongar culture throughout. Suggestions included:

- > Use Indigenous artwork and graphics on the Library website and OneSearch.
- > Display Noongar graphics and seasons on Library PowerPoint templates.
- > Invite Indigenous students to decorate and create artwork in

the dedicated study room for School of Indigenous Studies (SIS) students in the Library.

- > Include Noongar language in Library closing announcements (or create a version entirely in Noongar language and play both).

And many more!

NAICD (National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day) struck a growing relationship between WASAC and the wider community. This day aims to celebrate First Nations children and recognise the importance of protecting and supporting the future generations of our culture. NAICD creates a foundation in which our children can express pride in themselves, their family and culture. In light of this, on 4th of August, WASAC visited Nollamara Primary School and spent the day doing cultural bonding activities with the Indigenous students, which included dot and body painting, and bracelet making. This day was incredibly successful in creating a bond between the Guild and the wider community. This connection has even continued further outside

of the Guild, between the WASAC Chair and Nollamara Primary School. Whilst the focus is on First Nation children, the WASAC Department wanted everyone to be able to cheer for and experience Aboriginal culture, so during the recess and lunch period, WASAC was set up to do face and hand paintings for all students that wanted to be included! This activity was a huge hit, and it was beautiful to see the exciting engagement of non-Indigenous students with Aboriginal culture!

Overall, starting up and managing the WASAC Department after several years of it being inactive was challenging, but seeing the growth in engagement of the University in Noongar culture and the Guild with the wider community is something to truly be proud of. I am excited to see the Department develop further in 2026 and continue building positive relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students. Most importantly I hope to see the WASAC Department continue to advocate for and represent the best interests of the Indigenous students on our campus.

WELLBEING

DEPARTMENT

BY JEFFREY TANG

As the academic year draws to a close, it has been a privilege to reflect on a remarkably successful and rewarding period for the Guild's Wellbeing Department. This year has been marked by proactive engagement, tangible support, and increased visibility, which have significantly strengthened the University's presence. The culmination of our efforts was visible in the positive feedback from students and the increased awareness of the wellbeing services that the University offers.

Our commitment to student support was demonstrated early on with the distribution of **1,000 essential product packs** to students in need. This initiative set a powerful tone for the year, establishing trust and providing immediate, practical relief. Another standout initiative that captured our community-

focused approach was the **free cup noodles for all students during exam periods**. This popular initiative provided warmth and sustenance during late-night study sessions, offering a moment of comfort and reinforcing that our support extends to all aspects of the student experience.

Building on this foundation of essential support, the Guild's **Food Pantry** took a significant step forward by launching a dedicated Working Group. This team is already actively planning to expand the range and availability of products, ensuring this service becomes an even more robust and sustainable resource for students in the coming years.

Engagement and outreach were central to our mission. We hosted two highly successful **Wellbeing Weeks**, alongside **Mental Health pop-up stalls in the library** and

other locations across campus. These events created crucial touchpoints for conversations about mental health and self-care. To further amplify our reach, we leveraged our **social media channels** to broadcast our events and services to a broader audience. This has resulted in students being noticeably happier and more aware of the support available to them.

Serving as your Wellbeing Officer has been an immense privilege. It is incredibly fulfilling to see the direct impact of our work on student happiness and wellbeing. The initiatives and momentum built this year have laid a strong foundation for an even more successful 2026. I am proud of what my team has accomplished together, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have contributed to making this a worthwhile and memorable year for our UWA students.



WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT



YOUNG LEADERS' COUNCIL



BY RUBY MEMBRY

In 2025, the Women's Department dedicated itself to fostering a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for women and non-binary students on campus. Guided by student voices, we advanced key advocacy efforts and introduced vital resources to strengthen equity, wellbeing, and community belonging.

This year we hosted 25 events including:

- > International Women's Day events
- > Women of Colour picnic
- > Public Speaking competition
- > Women in Entrepreneurship panel night
- > Movie nights
- > Women's Health Seminars
- > Vision board making
- > Journaling nights

One of the standout achievements of 2025 was the launch of the Libra Period Positivity Program.

This initiative saw the installation of five accessible sanitary product dispensers across the ground floors of all UWA libraries, including Reid Library, Beasley Law Library, Barry J. Marshall Library, J. Robin Warren Library, and the Education, Fine Arts and Architecture Library, ensuring students have accessible essential products whenever they need them.

One of the most meaningful initiatives of 2025 was organising the 'What Were You Wearing' Survivor Art Exhibition, in collaboration with a PhD student from the UWA Law School and supported by UWA Grand Challenges. The exhibition provided a powerful platform to challenge victim-blaming narratives around sexual assault, presenting survivor stories alongside recreated outfits with dignity and care. We worked with great sensitivity to create a safe and supportive environment, partnering with the UWA Safer Communities Team and the Guild Student Assist team to ensure professional support was available. Trigger warnings and accessible resources were provided throughout, and we were honoured to have the WA Commissioner for Victims of Crime deliver a thoughtful and moving

speech at the opening night.

Following this, we proudly launched the 2025 edition of Damsel Magazine: The Body. The launch night was a vibrant celebration, with more than 80 attendees gathering to hear directly from the talented authors featured in this year's edition. Damsel Magazine remains an integral part of the Women's Department, providing students with a creative platform to share their voices through art, poetry, and short stories. The works featured in The Body edition were powerful and thought-provoking, sparking meaningful conversations and reflections within our community.

To conclude the year, we collaborated with Sea Gals and The Salty Blond for a refreshing early morning event that combined journaling, a dip in the ocean, and a Daisies coffee catch up. This uplifting experience encouraged mindfulness, connection, and community care, leaving participants with a renewed sense of energy and belonging as we closed out the year.

BY JULIA SUFFELL

This year, we ran a Young Leaders' Council Conference focusing on mental health, accessibility and inclusivity. The day-long conference featured multiple workshops and talks from mental health professionals and UWA alumni. A special thanks to Ethan Tan, Lachy Flavel and Naveen Nimalan who helped me, as Chair of Young Leaders' Council in 2025, organise and run the event.

The morning started off with an insightful talk from Emma Buitendag, the Chief Executive Officer of Epilepsy WA. Emma shared her knowledge and experience, growing up with a family member having epilepsy. Her talk highlighted the importance of raising awareness and fostering inclusivity, and how to support those living with epilepsy. Emma also underscored the role that education and advocacy play in improving quality of life, and how organisations like Epilepsy WA provide resources and guidance, for people living with epilepsy.

After a short break, the students heard from Helping Minds about how they can not only take care of themselves but be leaders in their communities around mental health awareness. The students were provided with practical tools for managing stress, building resilience and supporting their wellbeing. They learnt how to recognise the signs of mental health challenges, reduce stigma and access support services. The workshop emphasised the importance of early intervention, self-care, and creating safe, supportive environments.

After lunch, the students listened to John Williams, a mentor at Zero 2 Hero, share his mental health journey and how the Zero 2 Hero program can greatly benefit young leaders. His workshop encouraged participants to build a culture of openness around mental wellbeing, and equipped students to recognise when someone may be struggling, and to know how to respond and connect them with support services.

Students then heard from Shruthi Ganesh, a Psychology

and Neuroscience graduate from UWA, about her experience navigating university life, and her role as a Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) Clinician.

The day concluded with a Guild Departments Q&A panel, featuring Access, Ethnocultural, Public Affairs Council, Pride and the Women's Department Officers. It provided the opportunity for students to see there are many Guild Departments focused around supporting an inclusive environment at UWA.

Overall, the Young Leaders' Council successfully delivered an engaging conference that empowered students to become advocates for mental health, accessibility, and inclusivity within their communities. The conference highlighted the importance of awareness and leadership and demonstrated the wide range of opportunities available to students who wish to make a positive impact. We look forward to hopefully seeing the incredible things these students get up to at UWA!

2025 GUILD BALL

2025
CRUICKSHANK-ROUTLEY
MEMORIAL PRIZE WINNER
JULIA SUFFELL

EDUCATION COUNCIL

BEST FACULTY SOCIETY
ECONOMICS AND COMMERCE
STUDENTS SOCIETY (ECOMS)

BEST EVENT (EDUCATION)
MUSIC STUDENTS SOCIETY (MSS)
MUSIC EDUCATION
OUTREACH PROGRAM

EDUCATION COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

BEST EVENT (COMMUNITY)
UNIVERSITY ENGINEERS' CLUB (UEC)
WELFARE DAYS

BEST STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
SCIENCE UNION

FACSOC CHOICE AWARD
UNIVERSITY ENGINEERS'
CLUB (UEC)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

BEST PAC CLUB
AUSTRALIA-CHINA
YOUTH ASSOCIATION

BEST EVENT
SIKH SOCIETY
BEST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
PERTH INTERNATIONAL

SOCIETIES COUNCIL

BEST CLUB
THE JAPANESE STUDIES SOCIETY OF UWA

RUNNER-UP BEST CLUB
UNIGAMES

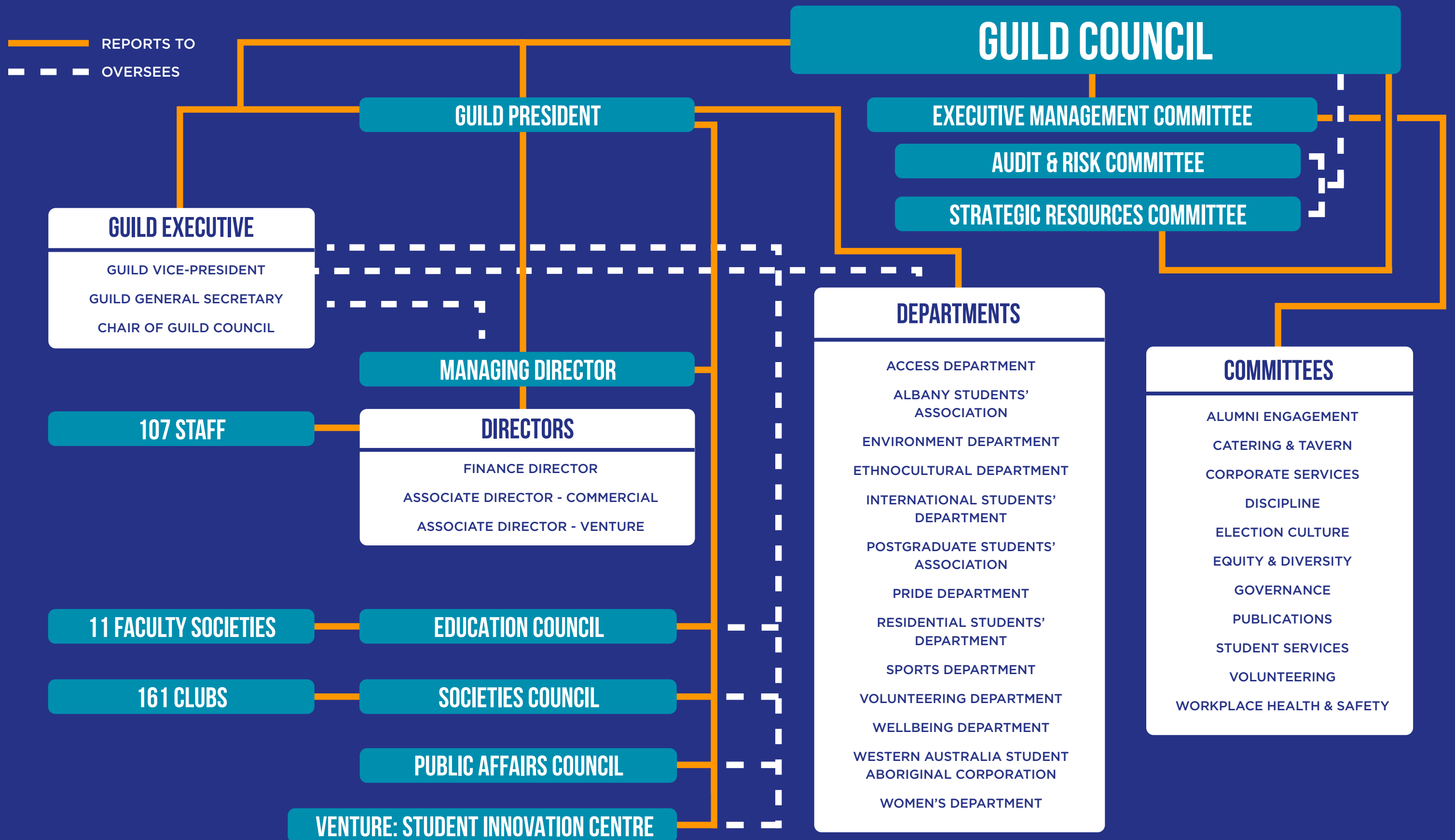
BEST NEW CLUB
UWA SPEAKER'S UNION CLUB

MOST INCLUSIVE CLUB
UNIVERSITY SCIENCE FICTION
AND FANTASY ASSOCIATION

SOCIETIES COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
SANSKRITI
ASSOCIATION FOR INDIAN CULTURE
AND STUDENT SUPPORT

BEST CLUB PRESIDENT
CONNOR BRENNAN
UNIGAMES



2025

FINANCE

SUMMARY

STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS	AUDITED 2025	BUDGET 2025	AUDITED 2024
Student Services & Amenities Fees (SSAF) and Associate Membership	4,514,798	4,003,000	4,248,334
Property (net return)	(28,490)	99,721	28,006
Catering Division (net return)	163,606	117,447	82,077
Tavern (net return)	(10,098)	86,734	(20,962)
Total Operating Income	4,639,816	4,306,902	4,337,455
Student Representation	(701,989)	(667,169)	(611,307)
Sub Councils and Guild Departments	(685,461)	(566,353)	(411,862)
Student Assist	(547,134)	(593,888)	(474,944)
Student Services	(805,472)	(954,875)	(783,801)
Guild Volunteering	(236,974)	(266,063)	(207,468)
Administration Services	(755,231)	(682,992)	(693,639)
Financial Services	(664,090)	(674,597)	(608,896)
Information Technology Services	(259,613)	(278,066)	(251,138)
Total Expenditure	(4,655,964)	(4,684,003)	(4,043,055)
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FROM OPERATING ITEMS	(16,148)	(377,101)	294,400
Non-Operating Income - Mainly UWA Pool Investments	437,494	261,000	722,288
REPORTED ACCOUNTING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	421,346	(116,101)	1,016,688

CASHFLOW SUMMARY	AUDITED 2025	BUDGET 2025	AUDITED 2024
Accounting Surplus (Deficit)	421,346	(116,101)	1,016,688
Add Back Depreciation (non-cash)	463,302	456,391	426,755
Add Non-Operating Loss (Income)	(474,328)	(261,000)	(724,071)
Changes in Assets and Liabilities	402,053	-	501,922
CASH SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FROM OPERATING ITEMS	812,373	79,290	1,221,294
(Deposits)/Withdrawals in Investing Activities	(47,199)	700,000	1,252,092
CASH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	(47,199)	700,000	2,473,386
Capital Expenditure	(834,317)	(690,000.00)	(1,701,507)
NET CASH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(69,143)	89,290	771,879

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES	AUDITED DECEMBER 2024	AUDITED DECEMBER 2023
Current Assets	5,459,534	5,251,949
Non-Current Assets	9,039,081	8,668,066
Total Assets	14,498,615	13,920,015
Current & Non-Current Liabilities	(2,709,757)	(2,552,503)
Total Liabilities	(2,709,757)	(2,552,503)
Total Net Assets	11,788,858	11,367,512



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