



## President's August Memo

August has been a busy month for staff and students alike as we all settle in to the highs and lows of a busy Semester. As winter starts to slowly disappear, the USU has been working on exciting opportunities for students and the campus community!

### **1. USU Festivals**

Radical Sex and Consent Week and International Festival took place this month. Rad Sex was able to attract a diverse range of students and allowed for the much-needed conversations around sexual behaviours and consent. This year International Festival embraced some new themes and flavours - with the presence of some crowd favourites including our own USU Cafe featuring gelato sundaes as well as external partners including Thai rolled ice cream.



### **2. Open Day**

We welcomed many bright-eyed high school students to our campus this month. Thanks to all the clubs and societies who set up stalls alongside our USU Access tent to chat to future students about the opportunities available at USYD.

### **3. Student Leadership Roles**

Congratulations to our newly appointed student leadership roles: the 2019 Director of Debates Viran Weerasekera and the 2019 O-Week Directors Sarah Cutter Russell, Andrew Rickert and Monica Gawas. The USU is excited to introduce our inaugural O-Week Director trio as the organisation felt it was necessary to expand the role to more Directors so that international applicants who were ideal for the position could participate without visa constraints limiting their ability to fulfill the role.

### **4. Food Trailer Capital Expenditure**

In our August Board meeting we approved a capital expenditure request to purchase a food trailer. This purchase will be able to facilitate the USU in expanding the variety of food offerings we provide on campus. The food trailer also provides an opportunity for us to give back to the community through partnerships with external food charities.

### **5. Community Cup**

A number of Board Directors participated in the annual Community Cup soccer fundraiser as part of the USU team. Thanks to the organisers and USU volunteers who made the day

possible. Even USU's last-place finish could not dampen the spirit of the day, with just over \$500 donated to Feel the Magic - an organisation dedicated to supporting grieving children.

## 6. Satellite Campus

Executive Members of the USU sat down in various University meetings this month with students from satellite campuses. In particular, the USU is working closely with the Cumberland Student Guild as they plan to move on to the main campus in the next few years. The USU is also liaising with the Westmead campus as we try to develop a way to support student societies and activity on the satellite campus.

## 7. Laneway

Laneway has seen a significant increase in customers following our renovation. The menu is diverse with toasties available from as little as \$5 and a further 15% discount provided to all Access members.



## 8. Pulp Website Launch

Congratulations to Pulp for launching their new website. The Hermann's launch party was well-attended and gave editors and reporters an opportunity to meet with readers. You can find the new Pulp website here: <https://www.pulp-usu.com/>.