

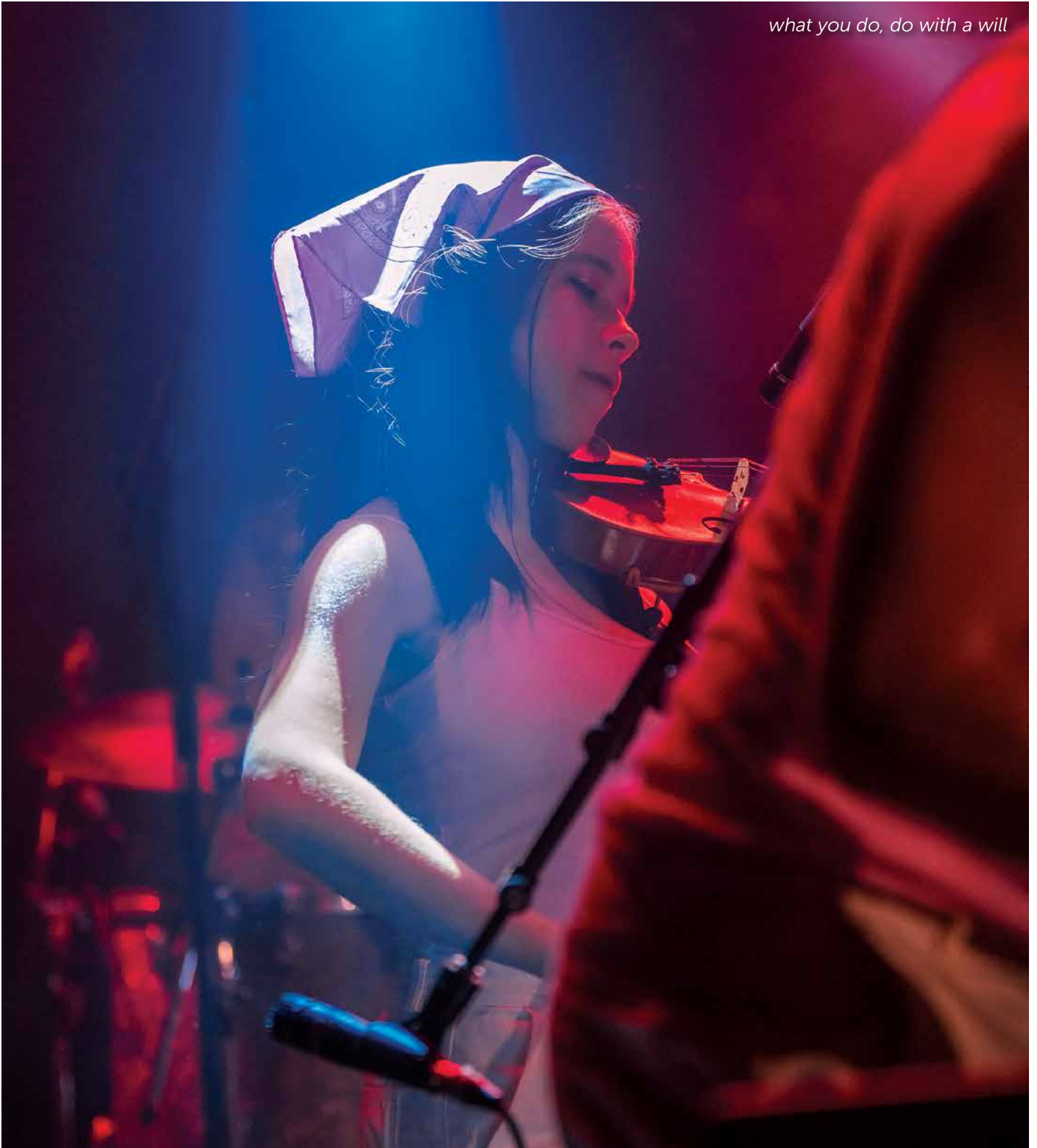


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# Recording the milestones of UC's history

I am sometimes asked: "what are the University College archives and why are they important?"

The archives tell the story of the College. For the foundation and development of University (Women's) College is a compelling story that helps stimulate pride and motivates students, staff and alumni to understand and value our history. It also encourages the wider community to become aware of the importance of University (Women's) College as an institution that has played a key cultural and societal role in reflecting and shifting attitudes around women's education and leadership.

The archives play a key role, not only in recording the milestones of UC's history, but also in the management, retention and disposal of the College's records. Records that need to be retained permanently and retrieved when required are lodged with, and managed by, the archives. In an environment where there are increasing statutory requirements (legal and evidential) for all organisations and institutions to be accountable for their records, this is of critical importance.

The records stored in the UC archives range in date from the establishment of the University Women's College Provisional Committee in 1917 to the present day. During that time, there is evidence of the planned retention of some records and the gathering of others by caring and careful collectors, including former staff, students and others who have served the College as Councillors, Governors, friends or alumni.\*

In the mid-1980s the archives were transferred to the University of Melbourne, presumably for safe keeping, in a more 'archival' environment. The hope was that something might be done about documenting the collection. The material was boxed randomly, and accurate and comprehensive box lists were not compiled at the time. With inadequate staff to manage their own substantial holdings, the University of Melbourne Archives were only able to process less than one fifth of the University College material.

In mid-1996 the decision was made to transfer the College material back from the University's Archives and to develop and implement appropriate strategies for the College to manage its own records. Archival Systems, a leading Australian archives and records management consultancy, undertook an evaluation of the existing collection and developed a strategy for future management. Included in their recommendations was that 'the College should find a professional archivist to develop a control system for the collection.'

In late 1998, a grant was obtained from outside sources for the half-time appointment of an archivist. This was initially for three months and on an unspecified 'as needed' basis thereafter, subject to funding. Ian Forster was appointed in December 1998 for two days per week for three months. Since that time, he has been employed for

one day per week until his retirement in September this year. We thank Ian for his wonderful service to the College over the past 26 years and warmly welcome our new archivist, Dr Elliot Freeman.

Elliot is continuing Ian's work in developing a modern, comprehensive records management system across all areas of the College including governance, administration, student services and management, marketing and communications, advancement and community relations. A key component of this system will be the capture and retention of the ever-increasing quantity of digital records.

We remain grateful and respectful of our past, for we stand on the shoulders of those who went before us and in doing so, have a clearer view of what lies ahead. However, we do not ever want to be accused of resting on our laurels or yearning for yesteryear. As a progressive college, it is our future that excites us the most and has always done. Our UC students have such promise and energy, they inspire us and push us to new heights. Next year, as we embark on the 2025-2027 Strategic Plan, we look forward to creating the next chapter in our unique UC story.

**Dr Jennifer McDonald**  
Head of College

\*If you are in possession of any documents you think may be relevant for our archives, please contact us at: [community@unicol.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:community@unicol.unimelb.edu.au)



Dr Jennifer McDonald and Antoinette Boxall

# Friendship, support and nostalgia

2024 at University College has gone by far too fast. This space, which started as a group of strangers trying their hardest to remember each other's names, is now filled with so much love, friendship, support and nostalgia.

The memories I have at UC hold such a special place in my heart. Nearing the end of our year here, it is too easy for time to slip away. But I am so thankful that I got to experience this. Recently, I had my final speech at our annual Valedictory Dinner, which is a celebration of our amazing community and their achievements over the course of the year. I spoke about my main takeaway from two years in this space and that was to just be present.

*Be present when you sit down with people at the picnic benches. Be present in conversation. Be present when you walk out of college and when you return.*

And to just be grateful for the people who surround you. I have so much love for this cohort. Every single person is so inspiring and capable, I cannot wait to see the things we will do.

This experience is one that couldn't be achieved without the immense support all of us receive from the administrative team. Our Semester 1 Dean of Students, Liz, who showed us all what it means to be known and loved and supported. Our Head of College Jennifer, who is so loved by our community for the way she supports us in all facets of college life and beyond. Katie, our wellbeing 'rock' and new Dean of Students, who has taught me it's okay to not really know what you're doing, because no one really does at 18, 19, 20 and 21! And our Dean of Studies, Andre, who has supported all of us academically.

All of the work that goes on behind the scenes at UC is truly inspiring and I am feeling so grateful to have had a glimpse into it all!

This year has been huge at UC. As an executive team, we strived to deliver the most amazing sporting, cultural, wellbeing and social events and I believe we have done just that. Writing this now, I am feeling so grateful to have made the connections and memories I have with everyone at UC. It has been my proudest honour to have been the Student Club President of such an inspiring place.

**Antoinette Boxall**  
Student Club President  
2nd Year Bachelor of Urban and  
Regional Planning Student  
RMIT



*Jack Alexander and Will Pennington with cast*

## From rehearsals to rave reviews

Early this semester, rehearsals began for the highly anticipated UC musical. For 2024, directors Olivia Bowater and Jessica Rothwell undertook the daring, comical and fun show: 'Heathers: The Musical'.

Performed at the University of Melbourne's very own Union House Theatre, this year's musical earned the high praises of audiences and sold the highest number of tickets in UC musical history. Based on the 1989 film, 'Heathers: The Musical' is the story of a mostly normal teenager named Veronica (Ali Jackson) who hustles her way into the most exclusive clique of The Heathers (Angel Lawrence, Samantha Johnson, Mia Sugiyanto). Veronica finds herself torn between their glamorous lifestyle and her feelings for the mysterious JD (Cai Rowland), whose sardonic appeal might hide a much more dangerous side. With its moving love story, satirical comedy, and unflinching look at the joys and anguish of high school, 'Heathers'

was one of UC's best performances yet. Ali Jackson's portrayal of Veronica was not one to be missed, with her captivating onstage presence and outstanding vocals. Cai Rowland played the troubled JD with an intensity that gave instant chills, and it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say he had audiences on the edge of their seats towards the dramatic conclusion of the show.

The remainder of the cast were sensational, with standout performances from Angel Lawrence as Heather Chandler, who commanded the stage with power and attitude and Sam Stumbles whose performance of 'Kindergarten Boyfriend' as Martha was talked about long after the show had ended. Despite their devious nature, Kurt (Jack Armstrong) and Ram (Abbey Thompson) were a clear crowd favourite, keeping audiences in the palm of their hands with their fast-paced wit. Samantha Johnson and Mia Sugiyanto played Heather Macnamara and Heather Duke with flawless emotion and passion.

Beyond the main cast, there were more extraordinary performances amongst the 'adults'. 'My Dead Gay Son' sung by Will Pennington and Jack Alexander was an incredible Act Two opener and Ms Fleming's (Jessica Rothwell) 'Shine a Light' encouraged the perfect level of audience engagement. Not to mention the impressive choreography, executed so well by every single cast member under the direction of Edwina Magnus and Jessica Scott, and expert implementation of lighting (Charlie Rigby) and sound (Jackson Parker).

The entire cast and crew pulled off an amazing accomplishment, getting this production ready in a matter of weeks. Congratulations to everyone who was involved, you helped make it an incredible success.

**Olivia Bowater**  
Co-director, UC Heathers Production, 2024  
2nd Year Bachelor of Arts Student  
University of Melbourne



Samantha Johnson



Ali Jackson and Cai Rowland



Jack Alexander and Will Pennington



Mia Sugiyanto, Angel Lawrence and Samantha Johnson



The whole cast and crew



Olivia Collins and Lulu Morgan

# Art, Music and Design Week

This year's Art, Music and Design Week took place between 18 August and 26 August, ending with a High Table celebrating students who submitted entries and the winners of each category.

The exhibition was set up in Leggatt Hall and demonstrated a wonderful collaboration across our staff departments. Many thanks to James Brown, Tejaswini Srihari and our marketing and facilities teams for assisting with the organisation of the event. Thanks also to our Student Design Representative, Isabella Stone, who worked with Sophie Darroch to promote, collect and organise entries. We received 81 high quality submissions from 32 students this year – a mix of artwork, photography, design pieces, creative writing and music entries.

The exhibition was judged by Dr Di Bresciani OAM, Dr Julie Cotter and Olivia Collins. Results of the judging (and corresponding prizes) were announced at the Art, Music & Design Week High Table on the 26 August. UC very much appreciates the wonderful and continuous support of Dr Di Bresciani OAM and the Youth Music Foundation of Australia, without which this week would not be possible.

**Andre Louhanapessy**  
Dean of Studies

You can view the whole gallery of entries by scanning the QR code:



**Youth Music Foundation (YMF)**  
**Overall Main Prize: 'Winning Hand'**  
by Lulu Morgan

**YMF Music Prize: 'Night (Baal Shem)**  
by Ernest Bloch' by Hannah Phung

**YMF Design Prize: 'Status and Design'**  
by Pip Malbarry

**YMF Honourable Mentions:**  
'The Butterfly Bag' by Noah Corban  
and 'Me and You' by Walter Coop

**YMF Art Prize: 'Winning Hand'**  
by Lulu Morgan

**Photography Category Winner:**  
'Hometown' by Sophie Darroch

**Creative Writing Category Winner:**  
'Two Pipers' by Hannah Phung

**UC People's Choice Award**  
(as voted by students and staff):  
'The Butterfly Bag' by Noah Corban



Dr Di Bresciani OAM



'Metamorphosis' by Wendy Ding



'Upcycled Reef' by Sachi Bridgeford



'Winning Hand' by Lulu Morgan

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Hannah Phung and Olivia Collins



'Status & Design' by Pip Malbarry



Juliette Litver, Lulu Morgan and Sam Stumbles

# A spirited opening

*Claire Coulson, Mackenzie Jacka and Lillie Quinlan*

Once again, second semester flew by in a flurry of activity, and before we knew it our August Open Day was upon us! We had 400 people walk through the doors this year, a mix of prospective students and their friends and families (as well as some inquisitive students from other colleges!)

The coffee cart, popcorn and fairy floss machines were in full swing, and the sausage sizzle and cupcakes did a successful job at luring people across from the other side of the Crescent. This year we also invested in an inflatable tube character (affectionately named Fraser) to attract some attention and direct people towards our main entrance. He was certainly a hit with our students, who made the effort to get a selfie with the new recruit. But we couldn't have done any of it without our amazing staff team and the 70 student tour guides who gave up their time to enthusiastically show around their potential future peers. They are the very definition of the spirit UC is known for!



*Perri McKissack and Pip Malbarry*



Rachel Twaits, Oscar Rayel, Mia DuBourg and Liv Howitt



Kitchen crew-member Shane Tran on the BBQ



Maddy Wilson and Bethany Bulmer



Anna Crameri

# Leave the world a better place

Our Governors High Table was celebrated on 12 August, and continues to be a highlight of the UC community calendar.

Thirty Governors of the College joined staff and students for a two-course meal in the Syme Dining Hall. This High Table celebrated the leadership our Governors give to the College. Our esteemed guests were seated amongst the students, giving them a chance to swap stories about UC over the years, and it was a memorable evening filled with chatter and laughter.

We were delighted to welcome UC Governor and Deputy President of Council, Anna Crameri, as our keynote speaker during the evening's formalities. Anna spoke about the twists and turns of her career since being a Bachelor of Arts student at UC in 2002. She reminded our students of the importance of taking up professional opportunities as they are offered to you, even if they lead you to something you weren't originally expecting. She also challenged them to "leave the world in a better place than you found it" as she too strives to do.

There are currently 107 Governors of the College, located across Australia and the world.



Anna Crameri with her mum Amanda Crameri

**If you would like to nominate a member of the UC community to be named a Governor, please contact [community@unicol.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:community@unicol.unimelb.edu.au)**



*Paul Montgomery and Mackenzie Jacka*



*Bill Mackie, Jenny Stewardson and Andrew Mossman*



*Lyn Howden and Claire Stevens*

## Guests of honour

UC's weekly High Table dinners are not only an opportunity for the student cohort to come together for a special meal and a happy excuse to don their academic robes, they also provide us with an occasion to invite Chancellery, Deans and Deputy Deans from the University of Melbourne and RMIT to join us.

These special guests make themselves available to chat with our cohort and give a speech during the High Table formalities about their area of expertise. They also inevitably offer some words of advice or wisdom they would like to pass along to the current generation of UC'ers.

We thank the following guests who have joined us for High Table this year:

**Professor Margaret Jollands**, Deputy Dean, Learning and Teaching, RMIT School of Engineering

**Professor Alec Cameron**, Vice-Chancellor and President, RMIT

**Professor Paul Jensen**, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Melbourne

**Professor Moira O'Bryan**, Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Melbourne

# Wellbeing reflections

**It has been another incredible and busy semester at UC, full of opportunities to further connection, resilience, and develop new skills.**

As we do each year, we began the semester by providing consent and respectful relationships training (facilitated by Consent Labs) to all new students that arrived in Semester 2. Having a structured training program around these issues has had a significant impact on how our students interact and respect each other within the community.

The Wellbeing Committee organised several important initiatives that received a wealth of positive feedback. Focus was placed on activities that promoted connectedness and belonging. At the beginning of the semester the committee held a gingerbread house-making competition and hosted a Secret Santa event during the annual 'Christmas in July' celebrations.

Week eight was Spirit Week, which was designed to help our residents appreciate one another, and promote positive UC spirit in the lead up to UC Day. Residents were tasked with doing small acts of kindness and appreciation for others throughout the week, by offering small gifts, affirmations, and words of encouragement. The Wellbeing Committee also hosted a games night, trivia, and movie night, which were well attended.

R U OK? Day was on 12 September, and an afternoon tea was put together, offering residents the opportunity to take a break from their studies, and bring awareness to the importance of mental health and checking in on others.

We continued with our weekly Wellbeing eNewsletters, with key topics including setting SMART goals, ketamine and drug use, dating and relationships, STIs and sexual health check-ups, drink spiking, share house conversations,



*Gingerbread house workshop*

R U OK? Day, and having difficult conversations with mates. These tailored newsletters have become an anticipated and well received feature of our wellbeing program.

Throughout the semester our Student Wellbeing Representative, Joy Masek, was a proactive, approachable, and supportive presence who acted as a great source of information and peer support for UC residents – she will be greatly missed. However, we are looking forward to working with our newly elected Wellbeing Representative, Oscar Rayel, who brings many wonderful ideas to our community for next year.

The start of this semester also marked the departure of Liz Agostino, our Dean of Students. I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed as the new Dean, so we are currently undergoing

recruitment for a new Student Wellbeing Coordinator. We aim to fill this position prior to the start of the 2025 academic year, and look forward to continuing with the provision of the comprehensive and accessible wellbeing support that our residents have gratefully accessed throughout the year.

We hope the experience of this year has helped our students to establish new relationships, learn about themselves, know that they are deserving of support, and believe that they can do hard things. It has been a privilege to work with UC students and listen to their stories and see them grow throughout the semester. I look forward to continuing to oversee and develop this area as the Dean of Students.

**Katie Saya**  
Dean of Students



*Christmas in July*



Tom Deane and Jack Burton

## Cultural connections

Part of my role as International Representative is both to help international students discover Australian culture, and to bring international cultures into the College.

This year's highlights included themed dinners, tickets to an AFL game, and most recently a pasta making workshop. Thirty lucky students were able to spend the afternoon learning how to make different types of pasta from scratch thanks to our chefs Tom and Hazel. It was a very enjoyable and interesting afternoon and we had lots of great feedback so I'm sure similar events are on the horizon for 2025.

It's been a great year and I'm looking forward to hearing what our new International Rep, Ella Manning, gets up to next year.

**Walter Coop**  
2nd Year Industrial Design Student  
RMIT



Ben Black, Lachlan Palmer and Tom Brockbank



Lachlan Palmer, Will Hamilton, Tom Boyd, James Steer, Antoinette Boxall and Joy Masek

# Leadership and football

**Mental health and developing resilience remain critical topics for our residents, so following the success of last year's leadership event with Alice Pung, we decided to focus our 2024 event on these areas.**

To connect with a diverse range of students and enhance interest, this year's featured speaker was ex-AFL footballer, Tom Boyd. Many UC residents either play or have an interest in football, so this was an opportunity to meet a role model as well as truly engage with some difficult discussion topics around mental health.

Tom Boyd shared his journey; from his dream career to fighting the anxiety and mental health battles that led to his early retirement, while imparting unique, inspiring and powerful lessons from his experience. In particular, his discussions around prioritising individual needs and focusing on what really matters seemed to particularly resonate with our young residents.

Sixty of our cohort attended the speaking event and the supper reception that followed, and were engaged and inspired throughout the evening. Many students even shared their own stories and asked questions in connection with Tom's important messages about supporting both individuals and community. Tom was hosted by members of our Student Executive Team, including Antoinette Boxall (President), Lachlan Palmer (Vice President), Will Hamilton (Secretary), and Joy Masek (Wellbeing Representative).



# A semester of sound

*Lachlan Palmer*

**Semester 2 was brimming with exciting musical events, showcasing the immense talent within our community.**

The Pleasant Friday Afternoon's (PFAs) this semester provided a laid-back and inviting atmosphere for performers to truly shine. Held in the picturesque Giblein Courtyard (and accompanied by plenty of snacks) these casual performance opportunities encouraged students to share their music in a relaxed and supportive setting. Whether it was soulful solos, duets, or instrumental performances, each PFA offered a unique blend of creativity and talent.

In August, the highly anticipated ICAC Battle of the Bands brought a thrilling competitive edge to the music scene. Our college band, featuring an impressive line-up of Ali Jackson, Lachie Palmer, Mia Sugiyanto, Walter Coop, Samantha Johnson, Niko O'Rourke, Hannah Phung, Ben Black, Jack Forsyth, Dude Kelly, and Hamish Hare, put on a stellar show. After weeks of dedicated rehearsals and preparation, they delivered a high-energy performance that wowed the audience and earned them an impressive fifth place overall. Their music not only brought the crowd to life but also underscored the passion and commitment that our musicians bring to their craft. It was truly a performance to remember.

To cap off the semester, the Valedictory Dinner was a night to remember, featuring outstanding live performances from Aden Chan, Hannah Phung, Lachie Palmer, Ella Bithos, Mia Sugiyanto, Sam Stumbles, and Angel Lawrence. Their dynamic performances had everyone up on their feet, dancing and singing along, creating an unforgettable atmosphere. The music truly set the tone for an evening of celebration, bringing joy and energy to the final gathering of the year.

**Jessica Rothwell**  
**Music Representative**  
**2nd Year Science Student**  
**University of Melbourne**



Hannah Phung



Angel Lawrence

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Battle of the Bands crew



Battle of the Bands



Women's football team

## New look, same UC spirit!

Semester 1 ended with our participation in the Intercollegiate Buroinjin competition – which the colleges ran for the first time. Buroinjin is similar to touch rugby, and is based on a ball game played by the Indigenous Kabi Kabi people of southern Queensland. We secured a spot in the grand final, losing only by a narrow margin in the last few minutes.

In Semester 2, we channelled our passionate commitment to UC sport into the football season. This was marked by a significant milestone, as we proudly wore our new Indigenous jerseys, designed with the help of our Indigenous Representative, Jasmine Glass. Our weekly sausage sizzle after these games fostered community spirit and supported The Ready Foundation, which addresses the challenges faced by disengaged youth. The men's team, captained by James Steer and Will Hamilton, finished third amidst tough competition, while the women's team, led by Jasmine Glass, put forward their best effort.

Our netball teams had an impressive season. The women's team demonstrated exceptional skill and teamwork, finishing in a commendable second place. Their hard work and dedication were evident throughout the matches. Meanwhile, the men's team participated in a new gala day competition this year, marking an exciting addition to our calendar. The day was filled with camaraderie and sportsmanship, setting a strong foundation for future years.



New UC jersey design by artist and Dagoman, Wardaman and Gurindji woman, Cortney Glass



Men's football

In basketball, captains Anni Prosi and Alex Russell led their teams nobly, although results were not in our favour this time. Similarly, the men's and women's volleyball teams put up a strong effort, narrowly missing spots in the semi-finals. The teams, captained by Theo Dipane, Jess Rothwell and Anni Prosi, played with heart and determination. Their teamwork and passion for the game made them intimidating opponents throughout the competition.

Badminton and squash were characterised by UC's unwavering spirit. Whilst not always securing the top spot, our teams played with heart and passion, demonstrating UC's sportsmanship and camaraderie.

The Sports & Arts Ball, organised by our ICAC Representative Ellis Dawson, marked the grand finale of the UC social calendar. It honours everyone's involvement in UC events throughout the year, uniting athletes and artists to reflect on their achievements and strengthen our community bonds. The evening was a heartfelt tribute to the hard work and dedication of all participants, showcasing the vibrant spirit of our campus. The highlight of the night included the presentation of awards, recognising outstanding contributions and performances from our talented individuals.

#### **Pip Bull**

Female Sports Representative  
2nd Year Science Student  
University of Melbourne

#### **Theo Dipane**

Male Sports Representative  
2nd Year Science Student  
University of Melbourne



Claire Carboon

# Record-breaking community spirit

## UC Day Charity Auction

This year's annual UC Day auction raised a record-breaking \$4,390 for the Cancer Council! In true UC spirit, students came together to bid on sought after items. Prizes consisted of one-of-a-kind branded merchandise, signed basketballs, photos of our favourite staff and props from our recent production of *Heathers*. We are proud to have raised a significant donation that will better the lives of those impacted by cancer. A massive thank you to all who ensured the auction ran smoothly!

## The Ready Foundation BBQs

The Ready Foundation is a non-for-profit organisation dedicated to assisting vulnerable youth. With the intention to create brighter futures, this foundation provides economic relief, mentorship and opportunities to help disadvantaged young people succeed. During the intercollegiate AFL season, the sports representatives and community service committee hosted numerous barbecues to raise money for this cause. This was a great opportunity to increase community connection and help those in need.

## Future Op Shop Donations

Later in the semester, UCers look forward to donating their unwanted goods to op shops in the local area.



*Lachlan Palmer leading the UC Day auction*

As they move out of college for the year, it's a great opportunity to donate and repurpose clothes and items they may not need. Along with other representatives, I'll collect all donations and give them to surrounding charity shops, where they can distribute items to those who need them most.

## Thank You!

I would like to thank all community service committee members for offering their time this year to help with organising and executing fundraisers. The events wouldn't have been the same without your support and that of the wonderful UC staff team! I congratulate our 2025 community service representative, Maddy Wilson, and wish her all the best for next year's initiatives.

**Edwina Magnus**  
Community Service Representative  
2nd Year Arts Student  
University of Melbourne



*Barbecue fundraiser*



*Lisa Williams and Tanay Sonthalia at Pathways Dinner*

## From the President of Council

*As we bid farewell to another academic year at the College, it is gratifying to reflect on the significant impact the UC experience has on our students. As they transition into their second year, or embark on new journeys beyond our gates, we know they will be well equipped to face the challenges ahead.*

As in past years, Council remains committed to balancing essential strategic planning for the future with effective governance in the present. Recently, we started our collaboration with the leadership team to develop the College's strategic plan towards 2030, focusing on the influence of technology when it comes to connection and community. The College's innovative approach to wellbeing during the pandemic, which emerged in response to unprecedented challenges, has become a standard for today's approach to health and wellbeing. Building upon this, our 2030 emphasis is on fostering an environment where students come together, engage in their academic pursuits, and acquire the skills necessary for successful lives beyond college. We are dedicated to ensuring that the transformative power of the College experience endures in the face of rapid technological change and complexity, and that connection can flourish in an increasingly digital world. The strategic plan is set to be finalised in early 2025.

The Finance, Risk, and Compliance Committee, chaired by our Treasurer, Antony Elliott, provided sound strategic financial and risk oversight in 2024,

ensuring we maintained a superior student experience while being mindful of our responsibilities of prudent financial management. The Governance Committee, led by Council member and alumna Rebecca Lobb, has also provided a contemporary and clear-sighted risk-management approach to the regular review and development of the College's policies.

Under the leadership of past Council President and alumna Jane Peck, the Advancement Committee initiated efforts to increase the sustainability of our scholarship program. Strengthening this program remains a top priority, as these opportunities are vital in enabling deserving students to become part of the UC community and fully benefit from all that the College has to offer. Karyn Sobels, Chair of the Scholarships Committee, oversees this commitment and the assignment of scholarships each year. We sincerely thank our donors for their generosity.

UC is fortunate to benefit from a diverse range of governance skills among our Council members, all of whom contribute generously to the work of the Council and the mission

of the College. This year I would like to particularly thank Anna Crameri, Deputy Chair and alumna, who concludes her nearly seven-year term on the Council. Anna's contributions over that period have been invaluable; we wish her well, and look forward to reconnecting at alumni events.

We extend our gratitude to Dr. Jennifer McDonald for her leadership this year, which has yielded excellent academic results and high levels of student satisfaction. I often refer to UC as "the talk of the Crescent," as students increasingly identify UC as their college of first preference. Jennifer and her team have excelled in attracting a diverse student body, and I am consistently energised and reassured about the future when engaging with the wide range of interesting and impressive students who come through the College doors.

With very best wishes to all as we close out 2024 and embrace the opportunities ahead in 2025.

**Lisa Williams**  
President of Council



Aden Chan

# Toasts and tributes

The Valedictory Reception and Dinner is always filled with enthusiasm, reflection, and appreciation for the year of experiences that we have shared together; this year was no exception.

We gathered in the Giblin Courtyard to commence the event, which was highlighted by a beautifully warm day with clear blue skies. The sun shining down on UC made the event feel particularly joyous and highlighted the attributes of our beautiful campus.

The formalities began with some speeches from the Ellis Wing balcony. Dr Jennifer McDonald, Head of College, introduced Wurundjeri man, Uncle Daniel Ross, who gave us a wonderful Welcome to Country. In his speech, Uncle Daniel spoke of his people's connection to land and themes of renewal and appreciation. He was hosted and thanked by our Student Club Indigenous Representative, Jasmine Glass.

2024 Student Club Vice President, Lachlan Palmer, then made a speech highlighting his experience and reflections on the past two years. He ended with a toast and tribute to UC, encouraging us all to celebrate together and be grateful for the unique experience of living in a residential college and building lifelong friendships.

In a demonstration of ceremony, first year resident and bagpipe player, Hannah Phung, then piped residents into the Syme Dining Hall, playing the familiar marches of 'Scotland the Brave' and the 'Badge of Scotland.'

This year we welcomed back some musical acts while we enjoyed our main course, with Aden Chan playing a classical piece on the piano, and Hannah Phung delighting us with a violin solo.

Dr Jennifer McDonald then spoke about the significance of Valedictory; a time to celebrate our year together, honour certain outstanding individuals, and mark the significance of one Student Club Executive formally handing over to the next. She also emphasised that the defining feature of UC is the quality of its people and the life of the College. She acknowledged what a special group of people this cohort are and thanked everyone for their contributions throughout the year. Special mention was given to our third-year residents: Gene Heng, Tom Mowbray and Ged Vaughn for their time at UC.

The leadership awards were then presented to 2024 Student Club President, Antoinette Boxall, and Vice President, Lachlan Palmer.

Senior Common Room President, Tejaswini Srihari, followed with the announcement of the winner of the Senior Common Room (SCR) Award, which recognises a person who has worked collaboratively with both senior and undergraduate students. This year's award was presented to our Art and Design Representative, Isabella Stone.

The final award for the evening was the Valedictory Award. This award is voted on by the undergraduate community and presented to the person who has 'made the most significant contribution to the student body as a whole during their residency.' This year's honour went to Pip Bull, whose contributions throughout her residency included participating as the 2023 Student Club First Year Representative, an Orientation Week Leader and the Student Club Sports Representative for 2024. It was through these roles that Pip demonstrated an unwavering



Joel Ashburner-Hill, Jack Alexander, Jessie Elliott and Kiyara Pretorius



Joy Masek, Dr Jennifer McDonald and Antoinette Boxall



Valedictory Reception



Jas Stevens and Georgie Norris

commitment to upholding the values and reputation of the College, encouraging others to strive for the highest standards of excellence.

This was followed by more musical entertainment provided by some of our incredibly talented students, with vocal performances from Lachlan Palmer, Ella Bithos, Sam Stumbles, Mia Sugiyanto, and Angel Lawrence. Our residents were lively and excited throughout the entertainment, with many being inspired to break into song and channel our enthusiastic UC spirit.

It was then time for this year's Student Club to officially hand over to the incoming one. 2024 President, Antoinette Boxall, spoke about what an honour it had been to lead the Student Executive, before passing to newly elected 2025 Student Club President, Alexia Bennett. Alexia shared how much she values those she has met at UC so far, and her excitement to welcome a new group of UCers next year.

**Katie Saya**  
Dean of Students



Isabella Stone



SCR members Jess Lang and Josh Thompson at the Basketball and BBQ event

## Conversations and community building

After the excitement brought by Semester 1 (with events like pizza and boardgame night and basketball and barbecues), anticipation was high for what Semester 2 would bring to the Senior Common Room (SCR). We continued to foster strong connections between the SCR's graduate community and the Junior Common Room (JCR), enriching the overall college experience through a variety of initiatives.

One standout event was a career development workshop, focusing on optimising LinkedIn as a professional networking platform, while integrating profiles with students' CVs. The workshop was part of UC's ongoing commitment to offering holistic development opportunities to the student community, beyond academics. First and second-year undergraduates were given the chance to engage in discussions about entry-level job applications and personal branding, providing them with valuable insights for their professional journeys.

Halfway through the semester, the SCR introduced a welcoming tradition of Tuesday and Thursday gatherings, featuring snacks and beverages in the Senior Common Room courtesy of the amazing kitchen team. This initiative brought non-resident tutors together with SCR members, creating a warm space for casual conversations and community building. Additionally, the longstanding tradition of Monday High Table dinners provided another platform for SCR members to engage with the wider college community.

The semester concluded on a high note with Valedictory Dinner, a cherished event celebrating the year's academic and extracurricular accomplishments. A key highlight of the evening every year is the presentation of the SCR Award, recognising a student for their outstanding contributions to the College and the student experience. This year, the award was presented

to second-year student Izzy Stone, whose leadership in organising the popular Art and Design Week earned her special recognition.

**Tejaswini (TJ) Srihari**  
Senior Common Room President  
Master of Global Media  
Communication Student  
University of Melbourne



CV workshop



*Joe Shuangjia, Dr Jennifer McDonald, Emily Cox, Mia DuBourg and Hamish Cameron*

# Mentors and Men-teas

Four mentor group afternoon teas were hosted this year in an effort to continue facilitating connections between the Senior Common Room (which includes the senior College staff, resident tutors and our graduate students) and our first-year students at UC.

These afternoon teas took place at the Head of College's residence on 18 April, 9 May, 8 August and 29 August, and provided a wonderful opportunity for our first-year students to learn from and chat with our Head of College as well as our Senior Common Room members.



*Afternoon tea at the Head's Residence*



Mietta Hellmann, Sydney Rice, Lily Hall  
and Joy Masek on the boat cruise

## Beats, boats and ball

There were many fabulous social events at UC this semester, organised by our Student Club Social Representatives.

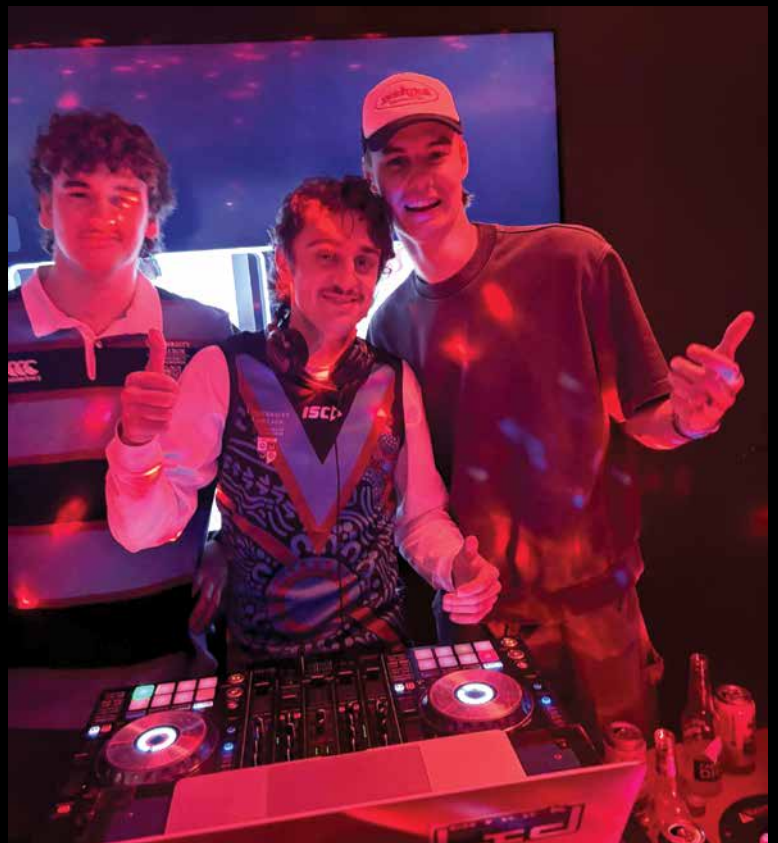
Early in the semester, students departed on the annual UC Boat Cruise. This year the theme was 'Drop it Like it's Yacht' with our students sparing no effort on costumes. The scenic three-hour trip around the river was paired with hot food and cracking dance music.

UC Day was jam-packed with activities. It kicked off with a scavenger hunt, where teams were frantically running around the College and College Crescent trying to rack up as many points as possible. Then during lunch there was the annual UC Day auction, featuring legendary items up for grabs. The day ended with a lively Tern held at the College.

Late in the semester we had our Sports and Arts Ball at The Toff in the city to celebrate the dedication and involvement of students who have participated in our intercollegiate sport events, theatre production and/or UC's Art and Design Week.

As students enter the busy exam period, the social scene quietens down at college, and we look forward to another fun year in 2025.

**Claire Stevens**  
2nd Year Arts Student  
University of Melbourne



Walter Coop, James Steer and Ned Bainbridge



# UC Scholarship Appeal

Did you know about one-third of students need significant financial support to come to UC? However, due to limited funding, we are only able to provide scholarships to about half this number, meaning that prospective students are missing out on the opportunities that university and our college offer.

Students from low socio-economic or Indigenous backgrounds, government schools and rural areas are most at risk of not embarking on tertiary education, and accommodation costs are a big factor for those moving away from home.

Our long-term aim is to have sufficient scholarship funds to enable the most deserving students to come to college regardless of their capacity to pay.

Since 1937, our scholarship program has played an integral role in improving accessibility to University College for those students requiring fee relief and financial support. We need your help to increase the number of scholarships we are able to award, and even the playing field for all students.

“ I’ve loved having the support of UC behind me and being surrounded by those who have made Melbourne feel like a home for me. Thank you so much for allowing me to experience college life... it’s something I’m so grateful for, and I will carry these experiences with me for the rest of my life.”

Ben Black (2023-24 UC student)

## Make a donation today

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*Rachel Faggetter, Barbara Howlett and Ada Winter-Irving*

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Kerry Lovering



## What an honour!

UC congratulates Helen Murray (UWC 1958), who was named a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Australia Day 2024 Honours. Helen was recognised for her significant service to the community, particularly as a social worker and educator.



Rosemary Kiss

## VALE

We pay tribute to members of the University College Community, whose passing we have been informed of in the past six months.

**David Adams** (27/02/1930 – 03/09/2024)  
College Governor

**Brenda Irwin** (28/09/1943 – 27/06/2024)  
University College Deputy Principal 1989-1997  
and College Governor

**Marjorie Roberts** (25/01/1936 – 05/05/2024)  
UWC alumna, 1953

**Judith Ryles OAM** (30/07/1938 - 12/08/2024)  
College Governor



62 years of UC friendship, left to right Betty, Annette, Trish, Wendy and Helen

# A marvellous milestone

## Celebrating 62 years of UC friendships

In 1962, five women from the rural regional reaches of Victoria, most on Commonwealth scholarships of the time, were buoyed with excitement heading to the big smoke with the determination to gain themselves an education of excellence at the University of Melbourne. They enrolled as Annette Martin (Science), Betty Bourke (Arts and Education), Helen McIntyre (Arts and Education), Trish Tippett (Biochemistry) and Wendy Wood (Vet Science).

University Women's College (UWC) was to be their warmly welcoming home for the next three years and they were to meet and form life-long friendships. They were there to make the most of the opportunity they had to gain an education. All had notable career achievements in their fields and forged their way to be exceptional, independent and professional women. Little did they know the enduring friendships that they would all enjoy, never missing each others birthdays, weddings and watching their children grow up. They were bridesmaids, godmothers and each other's accidental mentors.

In October this year, they all met at Wendy Wood's farm in Anakie, Victoria, with Helen flying across from Perth, to celebrate their 80th birthdays together and to reflect on their stellar milestone of 62 years of friendship.



Betty, Annette and Wendy on the roof of Fraser building, 1962



Fraser Wing, 1960s

We asked them what some of the highlights of their time at UC were. Here are some of their favourite reflections.

- ‘Vegemiting’ the toilet seats at Ormond College to play a prank on the boys.
- Rowing in the inter-college competition, where the rules were ‘that you were not allowed to have rowed previously’. Training was practicing on the floor beforehand. The crew of 8 and coxswain were flour bombed in full competition flight from the Swanson Street bridge and the photo made the *Herald Sun*.
- Triggling – the practice of parading in academic gowns around College Crescent after dinner, with the UWC ladies going clockwise and the Ormond lads going anti-clockwise. The ladies thought it marvellous if they were asked out for a coffee.
- The potency of the college sherry and smell of fish down the corridors on Fridays.



Main entrance, 1960s

- The milk delivery alcove at the front door, the last opportunity for an undercover embrace with a new beau.
- The twin sets, kilts and pearls that were university gear of the day.
- The washing line on the roof of Fraser and the smalls blowing away.

Congratulations and happy birthday Annette, Betty, Helen, Trish and Wendy from the UC Community. You are remarkable.

**By Felicity Koch (née) Morrison  
(UC 1988-1990)**

**Daughter of Betty Bourke**

# Celebrating a quarter century of service

In September we bid farewell to Ian Forster, our long-serving College archivist, who officially retired after 26 years at UC. Ian joined us in 1998 and has worked extensively to build our archival space into what it is today, overseeing many student interns along the way.

Over the years he has hosted several talks and fireside chats for the community, including his presentation on Eveline Syme during our Afternoon Tea with the Archivist event in 2021. His attention to detail also made him an ideal proofreader for *Frappe Fort* and other UC publications.

Our staff held a morning tea to celebrate Ian, with speeches from Dr Jennifer McDonald, Head of College, and Ian's colleagues in the marketing and advancement team. Ian then gave his own speech, the first portion of which was written entirely by artificial intelligence (which was Ian's cheeky way of reminding us to question everything we hear, because he certainly fooled us!) As always, Ian continues to learn about new technological developments and consider their potential impact on the archival space. Once there were no dry eyes left in the house, it was time to enjoy the fabulous spread prepared by our kitchen team, alongside a delicious cake and gifts.

We thank Ian for his many years of service. He is a true gentleman, and the staff team will miss him greatly. We wish him all the best for his retirement! We also welcome Dr Elliot Freeman, who has been appointed to build on the foundations Ian has put in place in this important field.



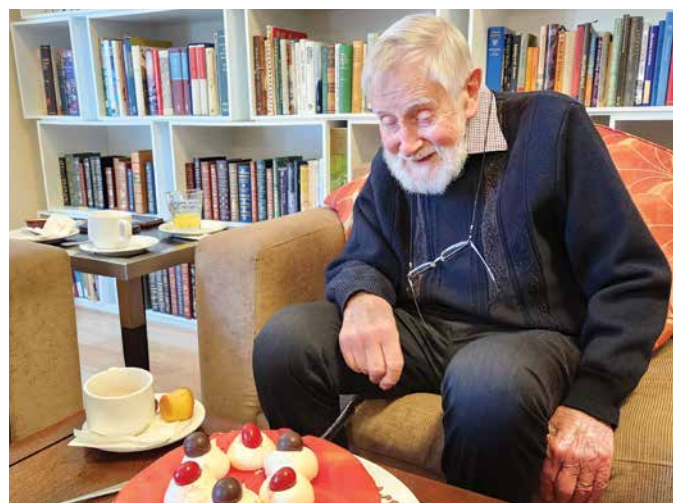
Ian Forster and Rebi Houlihan



Jas van de Veerdonk, Ian Forster and Elliot Freeman



Dr Jennifer McDonald and Ian Forster



Celebrating with a cake

# 2025 Student Club Executive



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**Alexia Bennett**

Bachelor of Arts, University of Melbourne

*I'm so excited to be a part of welcoming new students into the UC community – something which I'm so passionate about.*



**Wellbeing Representative:**  
**Oscar Rayel**

Bachelor of Fashion (Enterprise), RMIT

*I'm most excited for Step Up and crafting an inclusive and warm wellbeing committee!*



**Sports Representative:**  
**Dude Kelly**

Bachelor of Design (Communication Design), RMIT

*I'm excited to be more involved with the UC community and getting to make decisions that can have a positive impact on the College.*



**Vice President:**  
**Finn Love**

Bachelor of Commerce, University of Melbourne

*I am most excited to perpetuate the welcoming and friendly culture of UC.*



**ICAC Representative:**  
**Pip Malbarry**

Bachelor of Fashion (Enterprise), RMIT

*I am excited for Step Up and Battle of the Bands 2025!*



**Sports Representative:**  
**Alexandra Jackson**

Bachelor of Nursing, ACU

*I have absolutely loved participating in sport during my first year here at UC and can't wait to make sure everyone has fun and comes to support all of the sports events.*



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Bachelor of Commerce, University of Melbourne

*I'm excited to help with the funding for all the exciting events next year.*



**International Representative:**  
**Ella Manning**

Bachelor of Arts, University of Melbourne

*I'm most excited to host the international dinners throughout the year.*



**Social Representative:**  
**Patrick Hayes**

Bachelor of Commerce, University of Melbourne

*I'm really excited to organise new and innovative social events building on what worked well this year.*



**Secretary:**  
**Sam Vea**

Bachelor of Arts, University of Melbourne

*I'm really excited to run the AGM!*



**Equity Representative:**  
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Bachelor of Arts, University of Melbourne

*I am excited to organise lots of super fun events as equity representative.*



**Social Representative:**  
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*I'm most excited about planning events at UC and creating a fun, welcoming environment for newcomers.*

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*Wurundjeri man, Uncle Daniel Ross, addressing the crowd at the Valedictory Reception*



*Finn Love, Mia DuBourg  
and Mimi Pickford  
supporting UC  
at the football*