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MSD Research Student Association

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1. Executive Summary

The 2025 Research Students Association (RSA) committee was elected to office in February 2025 and since that time it has worked tirelessly to support the research student cohort of the ABP faculty. We hope that the work done this year has helped strengthen the foundation of support and collegiality among graduate researchers, while providing a strong foundation for the 2026 committee to build upon. This year's committee of 10 members comprises an Executive and three sub-committees: Research, Engagement, and Advocacy.

The committee's key areas of focus are:

- Developing a culture of mutual support, collegiality and achievement among graduate researchers;
- Providing opportunities for graduate researchers to share success and develop our skills across research and practice;
- Sharing our collective successes and celebrating our work;
- Providing a constructive voice in working with our faculty colleagues across professional and academic staff; and
- Improving the experience of graduate researchers. Cultivating friendships, establishing a safe environment for graduate researchers, and facilitating connections between new cohort members and their peers.

Despite operating with a tighter budget compared to last year, the committee has managed to run a series of academic and social events for the graduate researchers. The committee managed to hold a series of one-day writing retreats that took place outside of the university: one at The Spot building (Berkeley Street) and the other at the Library at The Dock (Docklands). We also continued the annual GR-favourite cultural dinner event with 'Dinner, et al.' and bringing back casual hangout evenings with 'Peer Reviewed Pints' as our series of social events. This year we also participated in the summer MSDX with a display themed 'Reflections on Research', soft launching the works from our GRs that would be included in the Oculus 2025. Oculus is an MSD RSA publication that celebrates a selection of the diverse research undertaken by postgraduate researchers within the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning. The publication reflects the research outputs of PhD candidates that cross architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, planning and construction. At the end of the year, we celebrated with another collaboration with the faculty on the 'GR Festival', which also marks the hard launch of the Oculus publication.

Sincere thanks go to Professor Anoma Pieris (Associate Dean, Research), Associate Professor Crystal Legacy (Assistant Dean, Graduate Research), Sally Jones (Manager, Research and Industry) and Caroline Deacon (Senior Research Officer), for their responsiveness and consistent support.

The committee has worked seamlessly and with great camaraderie. This report offers a summary of our achievements, along with lessons learned and opportunities for the future.

2. Reading this report

This report is developed to align with the Graduate Student Association's (GSA) reporting requirements. Membership details and requirements are included in the "introducing us"

section of the report. Because of the sub-committee structure of the RSA, each sub-committee's highlights and activities are reported in separate sections.

In addition, the Executive and each sub-committee has provided suggestions for the 2025 committee, with the objective of aiding succession planning and to ensure continuity and further development of initiatives started in 2024.

We thank the GSA for supporting our work and look forward to remaining affiliated with the GSA to advance all opportunities for mutual support and development among graduate researchers.

3. Introducing Us

The 2025 MSD RSA committee was made up of 10 members, which included two domestic and eight international scholars. We are a diverse group, working in a number of disciplines including architecture, planning, placemaking, architectural history and urban design.

Any graduate researcher at MSD is eligible for election to the committee. We run annual elections and conduct our affairs in accordance with our Constitution, which is included in Appendix A to this report. There is no fee to apply or join: we want committee membership to be widely accessible and provide an avenue for graduate researchers to get involved in activities that support one another.

Our committee includes a three-member Executive, as well as sub-committees across three areas: Research, Engagement and Advocacy.

The committee for 2025 includes:

- Eka Kusuma – President
- Alejandro Lara Allende – Treasurer
- Lorenza Lazzati – Secretary
- Michael Mack – Research Committee
- Yixiao Li – Research Committee
- Prerana Chatterjee – Research Committee
- Sam Neave – Engagement Committee
- Archana Ramesh – Engagement Committee
- Johanna Reinhardt – Advocacy Committee
- Ruoxin Liu – Advocacy Committee

4. Executive Committee

In addition to providing support to the sub-committees, the Executive committee of the RSA was particularly focused this year on empowering our Graduate Research cohort to thrive in their research life. In acknowledgement of the stresses and demands that graduate researchers face on their journey, we facilitated opportunities for the cohort to develop both professional and personal skills that will hopefully help them navigate their research pathway. We worked closely with other support groups within the faculty, similarly focused on graduate and early career researchers' welfare and the faculty staff team responsible for GR development.

Monthly meetings of the RSA committee have been held. Ad-hoc communication and meetings took place between the RSA committee and faculty staff (Manager, Research and Industry, and Assistant Dean, Graduate Research). These meetings and informal discussions provided an avenue for communicating issues that had arisen amongst the cohort and helped to work through the diverse challenges they faced. The RSA also plays an active role in facilitating and maintaining positive cohort engagement through the MSD RHD Support WhatsApp group.

Achievements and highlights for the Executive of 2025 include:

- Communicating and collaborating with the other sub- committees throughout the year to support the cohort;
- Communicating and collaborating with senior faculty staff to optimize our role as an intermediary between the University and the cohort;
- Maintaining an informal presence in the MSD RHD Support WhatsApp chat group to encourage positive and inclusive cohort engagement for GRs, whether they be located in Melbourne or elsewhere; and
- Individualized communications were sent to welcome and inform every candidate at their commencement.

Challenges included:

- Limited funding opportunities compared to last year limits the financial resource to sponsor a similar number and scale of events.
- The smaller committee size imposed a more challenging environment to balance time commitments between our own PhD candidature, RSA initiatives/works, and life outside of university.
- Several initiatives that were usually done annually had been paused for this year, one of them is the pulse review survey. We argued that there were more pressing needs to allocate the limited amount of the human resource, and discussions of both relevancy and efficiency regarding its future also had been held (see advocacy sub-group section).

Opportunities for the 2026 committee include:

- Focusing towards facilitating research training and networking opportunities for the cohort to develop skills for their GR research journey and the career beyond.

- Continue to encourage cohort engagement and maintain the cohort's sense of connection via social events (especially pub hangouts) and being active in the MSD RHD Support WhatsApp support group chat.
- Explore collaborations or linking up with other groups focusing on graduate/early career researcher development (e.g., ECA Network, the Researcher Development Unit, Graduate Research committees in other faculties).
- Explore means of securing grant funding and growing the RSA reserves to support the planning and implementation of initiatives, while also being more creative in spending funds for events; more money means bigger events, but there is a lot of things you can do with limited funds if you know where to spend it.
- Discuss the things that the committee feel like they're able or not able to handle throughout the year and adjust according to the availability to the committee's human and financial capacity. This is especially important if the committee must work with limited human resources.
- Explore how to streamline the MSD RSA GR directory to improve its convenience to use and manage.
- Continue to actively communicate with the ABP faculty to enhance the visibility of the cohort within the faculty and to support a wider range of activities conducted in collaboration between the faculty and RSA.

Please refer to Appendix B for a financial report from the RSA Treasurer.

5. Research sub-committee

The 2025 RSA Research Subcommittee was focused on the dissemination of GR research at the faculty level through the Oculus 2025 publication, participation in MSDx Summer, as well as highlighting the achievements of GRs at the annual GR Festival.

Oculus 2025 is an annual publication by the Melbourne School of Design RSA that celebrates GR Research. This year, carrying on the theme from the 2025 GR Symposium, we ran a themed version of Oculus titled “Reflections on Research”, which invited short entries responding to self-reflective prompts. There were 16 contributions in Oculus by GR staff. Physical copies were printed and distributed to student contributors, key staff members, and made available in public spaces for perusal. A digital copy is available on the GR Oculus website: <https://msd.unimelb.edu.au/study/research/oculus>

The RSA participated in **MSDx Summer** in November 2025, showcasing publications from Oculus at a faculty-wide exhibition alongside work from the graduate and undergraduate students at the Melbourne School of Design.

The RSA organised the annual **GR Festival**, an end-of-year celebration that invites staff and GR students together to celebrate the academic year. Notable inclusions to this event:

1. A celebration of the graduating cohort of PhD students,
2. A panel talk and discussion. The panel discussion continued the theme of “reflection” and 4 academic staff across disciplines to contribute.
3. A formal launch of Oculus 2025

Challenges, Opportunities, and Notes for 2026 Research Committee:

- Oculus:
 - The onus for editing and formatting is substantial and takes at least a month. Ensure there is substantial support from committee members, and ensure deadlines are appropriate and held to.
 - The themed edition was effective and works well when coordinated with the Symposium or other events. However, be aware that it may be met with some resistance.
 - 2 Months was sufficient time for short, original submissions, but more may be necessary depending on the intended scope of future publications.
- MSDx:
 - MSDx requires substantial planning and coordination alongside the Events & exhibitions team at the faculty. Be mindful that the calls for EOI are quite early, and must be communicated to the team to ensure inclusion.
- Other opportunities:
 - We were a small committee and did not have the chance to investigate other research opportunities this year. However, continuing to look at interdisciplinary relationships and pursue research opportunities to promote within the faculty would be valuable.

Photos:

Oculus @ MSDx Summer



GR Festival



6. Engagement sub-committee

Although we couldn't secure a great amount of funding as in 2022, the Engagement sub-committee was still able to hold many amazing social events in 2023 thanks to the GSA grant. The events include:

- International Women's Day gathering for morning tea and discussion on 8th March with 19 GRs.
- 'Share a Plate' cultural dinner on 27th April
- Movie night on 15 June featured the Women King, with around 25 participants.
- 'Talk It Out Tuesday' Session on Tuesday 25th July. The session was attended by around 15 GRs and provided them with an opportunity to discuss issues in an anonymous and informal forum. The conversations at the session were extremely useful & reflected MSD RHD Support Chat WhatsApp group discussion that had occurred at the time. Some key issues discussed included supervisory relationships/issues, pressure in PhD including financial and teaching/PhD balance, and other life issues.
- Interactive Lunch and Talk with Simona Castricum on 29th August. The talk was a great opportunity for the GRs to hear and share their thoughts about the PhD journey and useful tips for candidature management. There were attendance of 20 GRs.
- Impromptu 'Meet-up to have Ice cream' on 23rd September. A random group of 5 GRs joined.
- The Writing Retreat at CERES on 3 November with participation of 29 GRs. The full day retreat consisted of writing sections led by two GRs (Paul and Rebecca); a generous and nutritious lunch funded by the RSA and provided by CERES onsite caterers; lunch time chats; trolling along the Merri Creek Trail; and self-funded evening drink at a local pub.
- End-of-year shared cultural lunch and Oculus launch on 12th December 2023.

Besides the events initiated by the RSA, there were several collaborative events organised with the Academics Anonymous (AA) and ECA Network throughout the year. Members of the RSA's committees were also members of the AA, or created working groups with ECA, and helped to organise guest presenters and coordinate the social and engagement aspects within those events.

Challenges and opportunities for the 2024 committee:

The average attendance of 2023's events was 20 each. This number is encouraging given the regular number of GRs studying on campus remains low. However, considering the total number of current GRs is around 120, with many outside Melbourne, the 2024 committee is encouraged to create initiatives that encourage more engagement from the cohort both on campus and online.

It is strongly recommended that the Engagement Committee and the RSA as a whole seek funding through grants as early as possible in the year, to promote more events for 2024. The GSA grant remains a valuable resource, and self-funded events such as the BYO

Cultural Dinner/Lunch could be promoted more, however additional funding and prompt organisation allows for the continuation of popular events such as the successful 2022 off-site writing retreat, and the 2023 CERES writing retreat.

The social drinks at the Clyde bar have happened now and then during the year and should be maintained because they were great occasions for engagement outside the workplace.



Shared Culture Dinner 27 April

7. Advocacy sub-committee

After a handover from the past advocacy team and an initial meeting with faculty (Crystal, Caroline, Sally) in March 2025, we decided that a meeting once a year between the advocacy team and faculty would be sufficient to discuss issues, with the option to add more meetings if necessary. In the meeting, the faculty stressed the importance of GR students to join the mandatory events (i.e., methods and research ethics). We decided to not continue the Pulse Survey this year as it involved a lot of work and the outcome/benefit of the survey was unclear, especially as the faculty stressed that only the “Melbourne Research Experience Survey” would influence faculty activities.

Toward the end of 2025, we launched an ABP Graduate Researcher Feedback Form to capture GRs’ overall experience (positives and areas for improvement) and better support advocacy. Overall ratings were positive. Positives mainly related to community, supervision, and events (e.g., culture dinner and writing retreat), while key issues raised were office temperature (too cold/limited control), coffee machine improvements, and wellbeing policies.

Furthermore, due to the small size of the RSA team this year, the advocacy team supported social engagement efforts, such as organising the writing retreats. As many of the advocacy issues are also discussed within the meetings between the RSA board and faculty, it should be discussed whether this group is still necessary or should be fused with other RSA groups.

Achievements and highlights for the Advocacy of 2025 included:

- Completed a handover from the previous advocacy team and held an initial meeting with faculty (Crystal, Caroline, Sally) in March 2025
- Organisation of two one-day writing retreats on and off campus
- Launched the ABP Graduate Researcher Feedback Form to capture GR experiences and better support advocacy

Opportunities for the 2025 committee include:

- Based on the 2025 ABP Graduate Researcher Feedback Form, key opportunities are to address several practical issues that negatively affected the day-to-day GR experience
- Discuss goal of this group or whether advocacy topics should be represented by RSA board

8.

MSD Research Student Association Constitution

NAME

1. That the name of the **Group** shall be the "MSD Research Student Association" Graduate Student **Group**.

Definition

2. **Group** refers to the MSD Research Student Association Graduate Student Group.
3. **GSA** means the University of Melbourne Graduate Student Association Incorporated.
4. An **academic day** is a working day on which teaching occurs during first and second semester and the summer and winter terms of the University's **academic year** that is not a Saturday, Sunday or University holiday.
5. **Academic year** means the period commencing on and including the Monday falling on or closest to the first day of March of each calendar year and concluding at the end of the summer term.

AFFILIATION

6. When the MSD Research Student Association Graduate Student Group is affiliated to **GSA** anything contained in this constitution that conflicts with the Constitution of **GSA** or with any regulations shall be null and void. In all matters not specifically provided for herein, the Constitution of **GSA** and any regulations shall apply.
7. The Graduate **Group** may choose to re-affiliate or affiliate from time-to-time by special resolution.

AIMS

8. The aims of the MSD Research Student Association Group are:
 - a. To enhance the academic and professional life of students of the "Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning."
 - b. "To provide academic support to fellow graduates and thus foster communication of research ideas and collaborations."
 - c. To promote interaction, welfare and cohesion between graduate students.
 - d. To support the academic endeavours of graduate students and to act as a representative group of graduates within the faculty.

MEMBERSHIP

9. There must be a minimum of six University of Melbourne graduate student members to constitute the MSD Research Student Association Group.
Membership shall be open to:
 - a. All graduate students of the University of Melbourne who subscribe to the aims of the **Group**;
 - b. Other persons who subscribe to the aims of the **Group**.
10. To maintain affiliation with GSA, the Group's membership must be composed of a minimum of 75% Graduate Students from the University of Melbourne.
11. Associate membership can be offered to those persons who share the **Group's** aims, but these members shall not be counted as members for the purposes of clause 6.
12. A person can be considered a member on having:

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- a. Paid a membership fee as exacted at the committee's discretion; OR
- b. Completed a membership form as prepared by the committee.

COMMITTEE AND MEETINGS

13. The committee shall have the following members:
 - a. An executive committee consisting of:
 - I. The President/Chair, who shall be a graduate student, is the representative of **Group** who shall liaise with **GSA**.
 - II. The Secretary, who shall be a graduate student, is responsible for maintaining a current membership list, constitution and minutes of any meetings held.
 - III. The Treasurer, who shall be a graduate student, is responsible for maintaining the financial records of the **Group**.
 - b. The Engagement Committee, with at least one member, responsible for organising the social events for the members of the **Group**.
 - c. The Research Committee, with at least one member, responsible for the research events for the members of the **Group**.
 - d. The Advocacy Committee, with at least one member, working to advance student rights and welfare for the members of the **Group**
 - e. Each committee may recruit volunteers for support with specific events.
14. The committee shall meet at least twice a semester and have the following powers:
 - a. Control over the finances of the **Group**; and
 - b. Control over the activities of the **Group**.
15. A committee meeting may be called by any member of the committee, with a minimum of five days' notice.
16. The committee is at all times bound by the decisions of a **Group** general meeting. Any committee decision may be overturned by an **Group** general meeting.

ELECTIONS AND VOTING

17. Annual elections shall be held online once a year. The announcement of the elections shall take place on the 20th of December, and online nomination forms shall be made available. Nomination period shall close on 23rd of January 12 Noon. The election period shall begin on the 24th of January 9:00 AM and end on the 31st of January Midnight.
18. There shall be a transition period of three weeks, when the incoming committee shall coordinate the handover with the outgoing committee.
19. To optimise continuity of governance, the role of President will be filled from within the ranks of the previous year's committee. In this case, the role of President will be absent from the nomination form circulated prior to the AGM. Where no members of the previous year's committee are available to take up the presidency, new recruits to the committee will be permitted to the role. In this case, the role of President will be included in the nomination form. It is the responsibility of the outgoing President to clarify which of these scenarios will be in effect in the lead-up to the AGM to enact the appropriate nomination approach to be adopted.
20. If vacancies come up in the middle of an academic year, the positions may be kept vacant if possible or they may be filled with a simple majority vote of the committee members. This shall not cause any change in the annual election cycle.

21. Voting shall be conducted democratically. A simple majority of members present shall see any motion passed. All tied motions are lost.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

21. Special resolutions may be used by the committee in order to undertake the following changes:
 - a. Affiliate, disaffiliate or re-affiliate;
 - b. Constitutional amendments or changes;
 - c. Elections;
 - d. Other motions that the committee has agreed to send to special resolution by simple majority voting.
22. The procedure for a special resolution is that the committee must agree to it by simple majority voting.
23. The special resolution can then be sent to all members, with at least **five academic days'** notice between sending the special resolution and a taken on the resolution.
24. Voting shall take place on the special resolution according to the elections and voting procedure above, save that an online voting method may be used.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

25. There shall be one Annual General Meeting (AGM) every calendar year, which shall be held during the three weeks of transition period following the elections ending on the 31st of January. **Five academic days'** notice must be given.
This meeting:
 - a. Shall be open for all members of the **Group**. If all positions on the committee are not filled up during the election, additional committee members may be recruited during this meeting.
 - b. Reports shall be presented by all three committees: Executive, Research, Social, and Advocacy.
 - c. Full financial reports shall be presented and adopted. They shall report on finances from the previous AGM to the present AGM.
 - d. Other motions on notice may be discussed and voted upon.
 - e. General business may discuss motions that are not on notice and vote on them.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

26. The committee may call a Special General Meeting (SGM) as it sees fit or if they are petitioned. The form and procedure of general meetings shall be consistent with the AGM except that committee elections shall not be held unless notice is given specifically calling for them.
27. If one-third of the membership should petition the committee for a general meeting, such meeting must take place within **twenty academic days**. **Five academic days'** notice must be given.

QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

28. The quorum for meetings shall be:
 - a. At a committee meeting, three committee members of which at least one must be an executive member.
 - b. At the AGM, ten members, including at least seven University of Melbourne graduate students.

- c. At a general meeting, ten members or one-third of the **Group**, whichever is the lesser.
29. The committee shall be required to give **five academic days'** notice of a general meeting or AGM.

CHANGING THE CONSTITUTION

30. Constitutional changes require a simple majority of members present voting at a SGM, AGM, or by Special Resolution. Any changes can take effect from the conclusion of the meeting or voting.

Constitutional motions must be presented in writing to the committee at least **ten academic days** before the meeting and notice of these should be sent by mail to the membership **five academic days** before the general meeting to change them.

ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS

31. Any committee member absent from two consecutive committee meetings without apology or due cause may, at the committee's discretion, be deemed to have resigned their position.

IMPEACHMENT

32. If it is deemed that a committee member should be stood down, by a motion of the committee, or a petition bearing the names of at least two-third of members, impeachment proceedings shall take place against the nominated committee member.
33. At an SGM or AGM, or via special resolution, a motion shall be put to impeach the committee member, provided that at least **five academic days'** notice has been given to the membership and to the member concerned in writing.
34. If this passed by a two thirds majority, that committee position shall become vacant and a new election held immediately.
35. The committee member to be impeached shall be given at least five minutes to speak or a statement can be sent before the vote is taken.

DISCIPLINE

36. A Graduate Group may take disciplinary action against a member if it is determined that the member has failed to comply with the rules of this Constitution; or refuses to support the aims of the **Group**; or has engaged in conduct prejudicial to the **Group**.
37. Disciplinary action may be taken on the terms above if it is deemed by a motion of the committee, or a petition bearing the names of at least two-third of members, any member of the club can be expelled.
38. The Committee must appoint a disciplinary subcommittee to hear the matter and determine what action, if any, to take against the member.
39. The members of the disciplinary subcommittee may be Committee members, members of the Association or anyone else; but must not be biased against, or in favour of, the member concerned.
40. The subcommittee must give the member an opportunity to be heard; and consider any written statement submitted by the member. The disciplinary subcommittee may (a) take no further action against the member; or (b) reprimand the member; or suspend the membership rights of the member for a specified period; or expel the member from the **Group**.

41. The suspension of membership rights or the expulsion of a member by the disciplinary subcommittee under this rule takes effect immediately after the vote is passed.
42. A person whose membership rights have been suspended or who has been expelled from the **Group** may give notice to the effect that he or she wishes to appeal against the suspension or expulsion. The notice must be in writing and given to the disciplinary subcommittee immediately after the vote to suspend or expel the person is taken; or to the Secretary not later than 48 hours after the vote.
43. A disciplinary appeal meeting must be convened in not less than 21 days and all members entitled to vote must be notified about the meeting.
44. At the meeting the committee must state the grounds for expelling the member and the reasons for taking action. The member whose membership has been suspended or who has been expelled must be given an opportunity to be heard.
45. Following this, the members entitled must vote by secret ballot.
46. The decision of the discipline committee shall be upheld if not less than three quarters of the members voting at the meeting vote in favour of the decision.

DISPUTES

47. Disputes may arise that involve: (a) a member and another member; (b) a member and the Committee; (c) a member and the **Group**.
48. Any disputes must be resolved internally by the **Group**, and an informal resolution should be sought, save where there are serious allegations that should be referred to the appropriate authorities.
49. The procedure for handling disputes is separate from discipline, and any member subject to a discipline committee must not pursue a dispute until the conclusion of the discipline process.
50. If an informal resolution is not reached within 14 days of the parties becoming aware of dispute, the parties must notify the committee of the dispute, agree to or request the appointment of a mediator, and attempt in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation.
51. The mediator must be (a) a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or (b) in the absence of agreement (i) if the dispute is between a member and another member—a person appointed by the Committee; or (ii) if the dispute is between a member and the Committee or the Association—a person appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria.
52. A mediator appointed by the Committee may be a member or former member of the Association but in any case, must not be a person who (a) has a personal interest in the dispute; or (b) is biased in favour of or against any party.
53. The mediator to the dispute, in conducting the mediation, must (a) give each party every opportunity to be heard; and (b) allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and (c) ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties throughout the mediation process.
54. The mediator must not determine the dispute and must keep the dispute confidential.
55. If the mediation process does not resolve the dispute, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute at law.

WINDING UP

56. A motion to wind up the MSD Research Student Association **Group** must be written and notice of the motion is to be given in the agenda for the General Meeting at which

the winding up motion is to be decided. A winding up motion is carried by a simple majority.

57. In the event of the **Group** being dissolved, the amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to any association with similar purposes which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members.

NON-PROFIT CLAUSE

58. The profits (if any) or other income and property of the club must be applied solely towards the promotion of the aims of the club as set out in this Constitution and no portion of it may be distributed, directly or indirectly, to any member of the group whether by way of dividend, bonus or other profits. This does not prevent any payment in good faith by the group for the payment or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by a member of the group on behalf of the group.

Constitution approved on the 12th of February 2022 by the committee of the MSD Research Student Association Group, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, University of Melbourne, Australia



Jarrod Haberfield

(President)



Savindi Perera

(Secretary)



Katrina Ganzon

(Treasurer)

10. Appendix B – 2025 Financial Report

Overview

- The MSD-RSA account balance on 1 March 2025 at handover was \$1,280.00. The account balance as of 11 February 2026 is \$1,243.75
- Over that period, the account earned \$13.27 interest.

Incomings and outgoings

- The account received fundings from the Graduate Students Association (GSA) totalling \$556.68
- In total, an annual funding claim of \$616.20 for different RSA events was approved by the GSA over this period. It was credited to the account and transferred to the students affected.
- The table below contains a detailed breakdown of the transactions through the 2025 Committee period.

MSD RSA BALANCE SHEET

Date	Item	Credit	Debit	Balance
	Funds at 2024	\$1,280.00		\$1,280.00
26/2/2025	GSA Credit	\$96.44		\$1,376.44
5/3/2025	GSA Credit	\$100.00		\$1,476.44
12/6/2025	Refund Sam Neave for Clyde Snacks		-\$196.80	\$1,279.64
17/7/2025	Refund Eka Darma Kusuma for Cultural Dinner		-\$54.35	\$1,225.29
28/07/2025	Refund Alejandro Lara for Writing Retreat		-\$58.20	\$1,167.09
28/07/2025	Refund Johanna Reinhardt for Writing Retreat		-\$90.45	\$1,076.64
13/10/2025	Refund Alejandro Lara for Writing Retreat 2		-\$103.20	\$973.44
13/10/2025	Refund Sam Neave for Clyde Snacks		-\$54.37	\$919.07
27/11/2025	Refund Alejandro Lara for Writing Retreat 2		-\$41.53	\$877.54
28/11/2025	Lazzati for GR Festival Drinks		-\$17.30	\$860.24
3/12/2025	GSA Credit	\$370.24		\$1,230.48
	Interest over 1 year	\$13.27		
		\$1,859.95	-\$616.20	\$1,243.75