



Victoria University Student Union Board Meeting Report

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ITEMS

ITEM 1 - JANUARY ORIENTATION

I have been in collaboration with the rest of the VUSU team to attend the Orientation Day on campus on the 12th of January. The event was a success as we were able to promote VUSU to new students, give out merchandise, get students to like our Facebook and Instagram page, getting students to sign up to volunteer, liaising with other stalls and building connections.

This also involved packing things to be taken to campuses.

Coordinated with the Student Life team with the events and activities calendar to figure out best possible dates for when VUSU events can be held.

ITEM 2 - ONLINE TRIVIA NIGHT

Shiva (Cultural Diversity Officer) and I worked together to plan and run the Lunar New Year themed trivia night as part of the orientation events planning. This was a good opportunity to not only celebrate the Lunar New Year, but also showcase the diverse range of activities that we can offer to those who are new to the university.

Holding a trivia night online was not as successful as we would have hoped, attendance was very low and so was engagement.

ITEM 3 - STOCKTAKE

I did some stocktake in January, alongside other VUSU members. This was necessary in order to accurately and effectively distribute merchandise, figure out membership prizes and items, and to have a clearer idea on what we have and what we can use for future events.

ITEM 4 - GIVEAWAY FOR FIRST YEARS

I prepared and launched a giveaway in March for first year students to support the impact of COVID 19, and students in need, to kick start their first study year. This consisted of giving away three \$200 Amazon Gift Card vouchers.

The vouchers went to students who were struggling, and positive feedback was received.

ITEM 5 - CANDLE MAKING CLASS

I prepared and hosted a candle making class at Footscray Park campus, encouraging and promoting students to attend in-person events following the impacts of COVID restrictions. This event was pushed back two times due to COVID, but I was able to run it and the turnaround was really great. We had a 100% attendance rate as everyone showed up and everyone was very engaged. The candle making company was also very happy with the event.

ITEM 6 - MID SEMESTER PARTY

I had originally prepared to run a mid semester party, but due to COVID, this had to be pushed back a lot. Eventually, Sarita (the Education Officer) took charge of this event instead.

ITEM 7 - VUSU BBQ

I hosted a VUSU BBQ for orientation at the City Tower Campus. This was a really good event and we had lots of students turn up, we were able to promote VUSU and the events we had coming up. Also had lots of students sign up to become VUSUteers!

ITEM 8 - PACKING FOR ORIENTATION

I spent some time packing for Semester 1- Block 3 orientation for each of the campuses, making sure that we had enough merch and equipment with us at the stalls.

ITEM 9 - AUSCARTING EVENT

Arguably one of my most successful events. The auscarting event was a handover event from the previous Activities Officer - I liaised with Auscarts to prepare a suitable date for the event, advertised the event, and hosted it. We had almost full attendance and those who came really enjoyed the event with highly positive feedback, even asking for another Auscarting event in the future. Food was good and so were the drinks.

ITEM 10 - SIP & PAINT CLASS

The Sip & Paint class was also a success, where students came to the Paint for Fun studio and painted each other. There was lots of laughter and the paintings turned out incredible. They're currently hung in the VUSU office. The attendance rate was also very good, as most people showed up.

ITEM 11 - IN-PERSON TRIVIA

To make up for the poor online trivia night early in the year, I thought of hosting an in-person trivia night as well. The turnaround for this one was a lot better, with a highly active crowd and a very engaging host. The food was also very good and there weren't any complaints.

ITEM 12 - HYDE MAGAZINE

I worked on my section of the Hyde Magazine for 2022 - where I wrote about myself and my department, a top 10 list of my favourite movies, as well as activities to do in Melbourne/in general and sent that to Hannah to edit.

ITEM 13 - BALL PLANNING - CURRENT

The last two months have been heavily ball planning focused. The ball this year is being held on the 22nd of October, at the SeaLife Aquarium. As of now, everything for the ball has been organised and I'm working on some minor final touches.

ITEM 14 - REFLECTION

I would like to say a massive thank you to this year's team, to Kate, to Paris, and to everyone involved with VUSU. Oftentimes I've been very busy and sometimes struggled to juggle a few of my commitments outside of VUSU, but thanks to the team this was made easier. I've enjoyed my time as the Activities Officer for the student union, and I hope to transfer the skills that I've had the opportunity to learn throughout this role with my future endeavours as well. Great work everyone, and I wish you all the best!