ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Student Representative Council

GUPSA Griffith University Postgraduate Students Association
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Students Associations acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia.

We thank the Yugarabul, Jagera, Yuggera, Turrbal people and the people of the Yugambeh and Meeanjin for nurturing the land on which we meet, work and study on Griffith campuses.

We pay our respects to the connections to Country. We extend our respect to Elders past, present and emerging within the Griffith community.

ALYSIA BUSK 2024 SRC INDIGENOUS OFFICER

Rachel Stewart | Wardandi Noongar
Connected As One, 2024
DIGITAL ART

This piece represents Reconciliation between Griffith Student Associations and the local Indigenous Peoples within the three main areas that Student Associations services — Logan, Brisbane, and Online Campuses.

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MAIN AREAS OF SUPPORT

Together, we proudly represent Griffith University students enrolled at the Logan, Mt Gravatt, Nathan, South Bank, and Online campuses.

- ADVOCACY
- REPRESENTATION
- NETWORKING
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

OUR PURPOSE

To support students and enhance student life

OUR VISION

To create a thriving community where all students feel supported and empowered for their future

GUPSA Board Members

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Online Officer & Co-Chair
(03/24 – 10/24)

Brendan Elliot
Online Officer & Co-Chair
(11/23 – 03/24)

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Sustainability Officer

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Carers Officer

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Kate Kingston
Disability Officer

SRC Board Members

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(11/23 - 06/24)

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(06/24 – 11/24)

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Committee Member

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Committee Member

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Committee Member

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QCGU

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DIGITAL

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President

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Committee Member

INDIGENOUS OFFICER

Alysia Busk

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Student Associations Manager

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GUPSA Support and Events Coordinator

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Student Communities Coordinator

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Marketing and Communications Coordinator

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Events Officer

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Clubs Officer

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Student Associations Officer

Sarah Douglas
Advocacy Officer

Jarla Murdoch
Advocacy Officer

Rebekah Kington
Graphic Design Officer

Alex Marks
Advocacy Officer

2024

GUPSA Board Chair Summary

GUPSA has enjoyed a successful and eventful year, with 2024 being notable for the organisation's innovation and steadfast commitment to enhancing the lives of Griffith's postgraduate students. In response to the challenging economic climate and increasing living costs, GUPSA has introduced several initiatives to support students in overcoming obstacles and achieving their academic and personal goals. This included expanding several services and implementing actions to foster a vibrant campus community. We are proud of the progress made and the lasting impact created.

Our grocery support programs, including the provision of grocery boxes and grocery market initiatives, were highly valued by students. These programs offered a variety of fresh produce and groceries that were tailored to individual needs. These programs have been instrumental in alleviating financial pressures and promoting wellbeing across campuses.

Recognising the pivotal role of academic success in the postgraduate student experience, GUPSA continued to offer the professional editing service to provide invaluable support. These services enhanced the quality of academic writing and boosted students' confidence in tackling complex assignments and research papers.

GUPSA maintained its pivotal role in student advocacy, helping with appeals, grievances, and legal matters. This ensured that students had access to the guidance and support they needed to navigate complex academic and legal challenges effectively. We further strengthened our focus on international student support, offering customised resources to help them adjust to life in Australia, cope with cultural and academic adjustments, and overcome obstacles to success.

A notable highlight in 2024 was the significant level of engagement achieved via various social and recreational activities. For example, trips to Dreamworld, Australia Zoo, and the Tree Top Challenge provided students with opportunities to relax and connect with peers. The continued success of the Trivia Nights events has been instrumental in fostering a strong sense of community among students.

In 2024, we saw further positive developments in our collaborations with Griffith University, notably with the HDR Consultative Committee and the Board of Graduate Research within GGRS. These interactions have the potential to foster new opportunities for HDR support and enable GUPSA and Griffith to work collaboratively on innovative solutions to ongoing issues.

As we close the chapter on 2024, we look ahead with optimism and determination. The foundation laid this year ensure that GUPSA is well-positioned to address emerging challenges and capitalise on new opportunities in the years ahead. We are committed to providing meaningful experiences, robust support and a vibrant, inclusive environment for all postgraduate students. Together, we will continue to make Griffith a place where every student thrives and achieves their fullest potential.

Drishti Madaan
GUPSA Board Co-Chair |
GUPSA Coursework Officer
Master of Information Technology

SRC Board Chair Summary

As 2024 comes to a close, I'm proud of the Student Representative Council (SRC)'s achievements at Griffith University. This year has been one of transformation, with a renewed focus on student support, strategic planning, and a commitment to ensuring the SRC remains agile and responsive to student needs.

A key milestone was the successful implementation of our new constitution, which will guide SRC operations into 2025 and beyond. This new governance structure, developed through extensive consultation, allows for greater engagement and ensures our decisions align with the SRC's long-term vision.

In response to the rising cost of living, the SRC expanded support initiatives, including food pantries across all campuses and weekly fruit boxes. These efforts aim to support students' wellbeing and to foster a culture of care during their university journey.

Collaboration with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), University Registrar, and the Student Guild at the Gold Coast has also been vital in amplifying student feedback, directly shaping university decisions and improving the student experience.

The SRC also contributed to enhancing campus life, such as the new courtyard furniture at QCAD, and prioritised digital engagement for our growing online campus community, ensuring they too feel connected and supported. The 2024 SRC End-of-Year Ball was a highlight, bringing the student body together to celebrate the year's successes. It was a reminder of the vibrant, engaged community at Griffith.

Our advocacy continued across various issues, from mental health support, course and program advocacy to campus resources. As Griffith approaches its 50th anniversary, students have a unique opportunity to shape the university's future, and the SRC will continue to facilitate that dialogue for students.

As we look ahead to 2025, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the students who volunteer their time to be on the SRC Board and the SRC staff team who enabled us to focus on the core aspects of our role: connecting with students. Your dedication, passion, and willingness to collaborate have been invaluable, and this collective spirit makes the Griffith student experience truly exceptional. As we continue to grow and evolve, I am confident that the SRC will remain a vibrant force in shaping the future of Griffith University.

Serving as Chair this year and being part of the SRC for five years has been a privilege. I encourage all students to stay connected within the Griffith community—the more you engage, the richer your experience will be.

Thank you to everyone who made 2024 memorable. Here's to an even brighter future for Griffith University and its students, with the SRC as an integral element of its future.

Emily Parker

SRC Board Chair and President of QCAD

Bachelor of Visual Art
(Honours)

Wellness HQ

Griffith UNIVERSITY SPORT
Griffith UNIVERSITY SPORT
O WEEK

GU
INFO
HUB

Student Associations Manager Summary

The year 2024 was a transformative one, with the SRC implementing a new constitution and board structure designed to better reflect and serve the diverse needs of our student population. This change marks a significant step forward in ensuring that student voices are more effectively represented and that decision-making processes are more inclusive and strategic. In alignment with this change, SRC launched its Strategic Plan for 2025–2028 that will guide the SRC's priorities and initiatives over the next four years. The Strategic Plan is built on the following vision and mission:

- **Vision**: A university experience that has students at its heart
- **Mission**: A powerful voice in decision making to support all students on their own pathway to success

As Emily and Drishti noted in their summaries, a key focus throughout 2024 was supporting students through the ongoing challenges posed by the high cost of living. Recognising the significant impact this has on students' ability to fully engage in university life, a range of material aid programs were delivered to help ease financial pressures.

Behind all the engagement, support, and highlights of 2024 were the incredibly motivated student representatives from the SRC and GUPSA Boards, who once again went above and beyond in their advocacy for improving the experiences of students at Griffith University. Their drive, passion, and commitment to student welfare and representation have been the backbone of many of this year's achievements. The year also marked the end of an era, with Emily Parker concluding her remarkable five-year tenure on the SRC Board—the longest-serving SRC member to date. Emily's leadership, insight, and unwavering dedication have left a legacy, and we thank her for her outstanding service to the student community.

I also want to highlight the remarkable efforts of our Club Executives. Balancing their studies and other responsibilities while taking on leadership roles is no small feat. Their creativity, leadership, and perseverance have been instrumental in building a vibrant and inclusive extracurricular environment that extends both on and off campus. Their contributions have significantly strengthened the sense of community and belonging.

None of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our outstanding staff team. We had some new staff join the team in 2024, with Rebekah Kington joining as the Graphic Design Officer and Jarla Murdoch joining as Advocacy Officer to expand our capacity in supporting students. In 2024, our team supported over 28,000 students across five campuses. Their commitment, flexibility, and teamwork played a crucial role in maintaining the effective delivery of our programs and services.

Reflecting on the highlights of the year, we celebrated supporting 63 student-led clubs, with seven new clubs being formed in 2024, and awarding nine clubs and 11 student leaders at our annual awards night. To support students at Logan and QCAD, we worked with the Logan Head of Campus' Office and the student community on a refurbishment of the Logan Student Dining Room, and revamped the QCAD Courtyard area, including the opening of a new Chill Out space, providing a meeting/connection space for students. Across all program offerings in 2024, we saw over 50,000 instances of engagement.

We move into 2025 with a new sense of vision and purpose in enhancing the student experience across the Brisbane, Logan, and Digital campuses, and to offer a sense of community and support to students by refining existing offerings and engaging with the student body.

Cory Everdell
Student Associations Manager

Academic and Advocacy

Student Associations continue our commitment to supporting students to navigate their studies as smoothly as possible. The Advocacy Service exists in recognition that sometimes things do not go to plan at university, and it is vital that students have an impartial, professional, and understanding place to seek support for their concerns.

In 2024, the Advocacy Service provided individual support to 587 students, a significant increase from previous years and approximately 70% higher than the 2019-2023 average. These figures reflect the ongoing pressures that students face and highlight a shift toward more complex and involved cases. While the Advocacy Service aims to empower students to advocate for themselves, the increasing complexity of presenting issues has meant that staff are more frequently required to take direct action on students' behalf.

In addition to individual casework, the Advocacy Service led several initiatives focused on broader student justice. In 2024, this included a continued focus on placement poverty–highlighting the growing inequity experienced by students in nursing, midwifery, social work and human services, psychology, counselling, education, and health sciences as they undertake compulsory unpaid placements. This advocacy informed two key events: the International Women's Day Poverty on Placement Report Launch at Logan Campus and the Picnic with Students Against Placement Poverty at Nathan. The team also helped deliver Night Against Procrastination in both T1 and T2–supportive study evenings that included dinner, advocacy support, editing assistance, and wellbeing resources to help students beat study stress and connect with peer supports.

Students who received individual advocacy support

Undergrad	427 (73%)
Postgrad	160 (27%)
TOTAL	**587****

*39% increase from 2023

+70% higher than the average for the previous five years (2019-2023 case average = 344)

138% increase

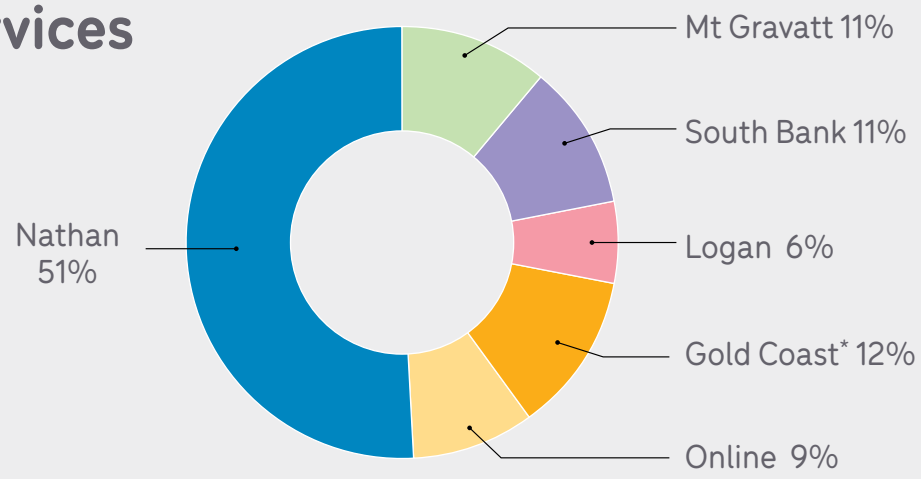
in actions taken on behalf of students (e.g., contacting academic or administrative staff)

Donut Forget Census

Advocacy staff shared donuts and had conversations with 184 students about the importance of Census.

> "You guys do so much for the students and it does not go unnoticed. I never felt this supported before in my whole university degrees... Thank you for your kind words and I will always reflect back on this day when I become a physiotherapist."

Advocacy Services Engagement



Of these numbers:
– Domestic 75%
– International 25%

*Gold Coast students were provided basic information and referred to the Gold Coast Student Guild (GCSG).

TOP 5 ISSUES

20% **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**
20% of students presented with academic integrity as their primary concern. This was an increase on the previous 12 months.

14% **GRADES/MARKS**
14% of students presented wanting to appeal decisions relating to their grades/marks.

14% **COMPLAINTS**
14% of advocacy cases were complaints related to academic decisions or quality of academic experience.

8% **WITHDRAWAL**
8% of students presented with withdrawal due to special circumstances as their primary need for support. Withdrawal was also discussed as a secondary issue for many students, especially those whose primary concern was grades.

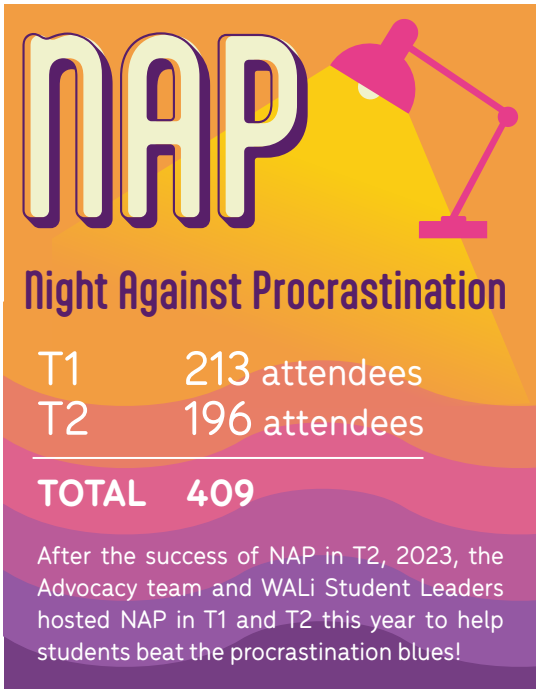
7% **ASSESSMENT APPLICATIONS**
7% of students sought assistance with special consideration, extensions and withdrawals.

FINANCIAL STRESS ON STUDENTS

Two events were held to amplify the ongoing financial stress experienced by students studying programs with compulsory placements:

78 students attended the **International Women's Day** (IWD) **Poverty on Placement Report Launch** at Logan Campus

57 students attended the **Picnic with Students Against Placement Poverty** at Nathan Campus



Wellbeing

Student wellbeing underpins all programs and events run by Student Associations. What makes our Wellbeing initiatives different is an intentional approach to holistically supporting our students through incorporating multiple aspects of wellbeing into each project.

Now in its sixth full year, the Wellness Advocacy and Leadership Initiative (WALi) continued to facilitate one-on-one conversations with students about mental health, help-seeking, and navigating university life. The most common themes raised in 2024 included academic stress, financial stress, general mental health and wellbeing, disability and accessibility, and homesickness.

WALi Student Leaders continue to play a vital peer-support role, creating safe, informal spaces for students to connect.

In 2024, equity and diversity events remained a key feature of our wellbeing offerings, including International Women's Day, IDAHOBIT, Wear It Purple, and Reconciliation Action Week. This reflects our continued belief that the overall wellbeing of our community is only possible when the experiences of marginalised students are acknowledged and supported.

This year also saw a continuation of smaller wellbeing activations, including student-led flower-making workshops that transformed personal stories of prejudice and loss into a vibrant collective display. Activities like these are recognised as valuable contributions to student wellbeing, offering moments of creativity, meaning-making, and emotional connection beyond traditional social events.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Week (MHWW) returned with a diverse program of events, including Sound Healing, Wellness Walk and Reflection, Flower Making, Yarn and Yammer, and Polaroids and Picnics. The Wellness Walks initiative was especially well received, with students expressing a strong interest in more regular walks through Toohey Forest as a meaningful way to reconnect with nature and manage stress.

166 students shared their **commitment to justice** and the **rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people** with WALi Student Leaders during Reconciliation Action Week.

149
WELLNESS HQ STALLS

4,146
CONVERSATIONS
WITH STUDENTS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Top 5 conversation themes:

- Academic stress
- Financial stress
- General mental health & wellbeing
- Disability and accessability
- Homesickness

Flower Making for Change

Students transformed personal stories of prejudice and loss into a colourful act of resistance during flower making workshops throughout T2

254 flowers were made.

4 events, 370 students:
Drag Bingo, Wear it Purple, IDAHOBIT, Flower Making

Mental Health and Wellbeing Week

250+ students, 7 events

across Nathan, South Bank, and Online

Events such as: Sound Healing, Wellness Walk and Reflection, Flower Making, Yarn and Yammer, Polaroids and Picnics

Students rated the MHWW events: ★★★★½

Main suggestion from students is for more wellness events and more often!

"I don't get many opportunities to go into the forest so this was really nice."

International Women's Day

100 students

2 EVENTS

75 students

registered to attend the **Welcome to Uni with WALi and Clubs**

Collaboration with the Rainbow Society, Indigenous Students Association, and Disability Collective

Welfare

In a year marked by increasing financial pressure and the deepening cost-of-living crisis, student welfare was more important than ever. Student Associations continued to prioritise practical, student-centred initiatives that directly responded to material needs while still prioritising dignity, inclusion, and wellbeing.

In 2024, key welfare initiatives transitioned from pilot programs to permanent services. The Student Pantry and Fruit and Vegetable Program remained at the heart of welfare efforts, with thousands of students accessing the pantry and over 15,000 instances of students receiving free fresh produce. These services were especially critical for placement students, international students, and those juggling full-time study with limited income. The way these initiatives were delivered also played a key role in reducing stigma by creating visible, inclusive spaces where students could access support without hesitation.

The Period Positivity program continued to grow, with free menstrual products made widely available across all campuses to ensure no student missed out on education or university life due to lack of access.

While the challenges facing students in 2024 still remain, the collective efforts of welfare initiatives helped ease financial burdens, reduce stress, and make sure no student had to go without essentials. These supports remain a vital part of enabling students to stay engaged, succeed academically, and feel connected to a community that truly cares.

OVER 50,000
free pads and tampons given away to students

50 students received
free legal advice
from McInnes Wilson Lawyers

Emergency Support

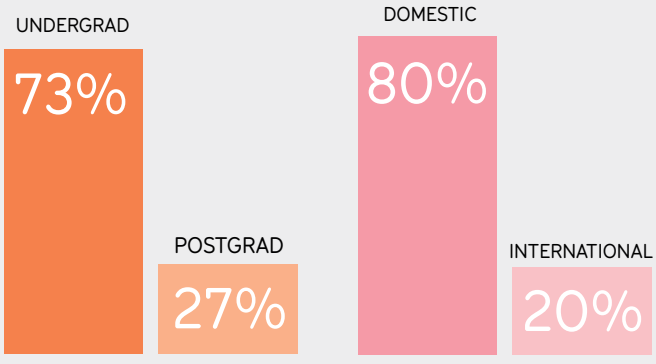
130 students received **emergency grocery or transport vouchers**

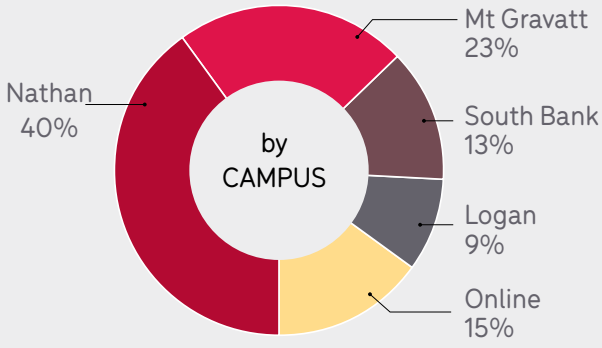
180 vouchers distributed*

7 students experiencing or at risk of homelessness **received accommodation related funding**

*some students circumstances required additional assistance

Below shows the breakdown of the students receiving this support:





Food Support

FRUIT + VEG

5,610 boxes given to students

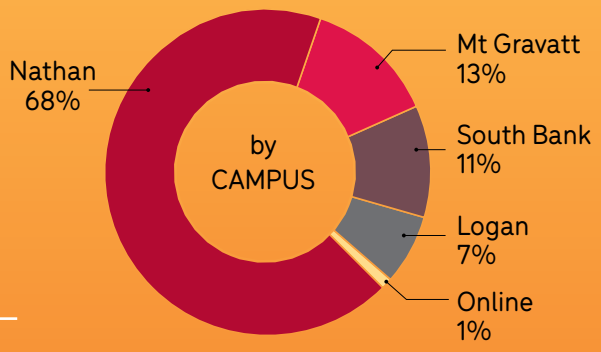
10,000+ students at Market Days

MORE THAN **15,000** instances of students receiving FREE fresh fruit and vegetables.

Below shows the breakdown of the students receiving this support:

UNDERGRAD 36%

POSTGRAD 64%



24% of students reported relying on free fruit and veg as their main source of food

"This initiative has been a life saver! With just two items I can make up to 3-4 meals, which has been hard with life costs going high. I'm super grateful!"

STUDENT PANTRY

2,400+

students access the pantry

16% of students reported relying on the student pantry as their main source of food.

The majority of Mt Gravatt students accessing support reported the impact of unpaid placements as contributing to their financial stress.

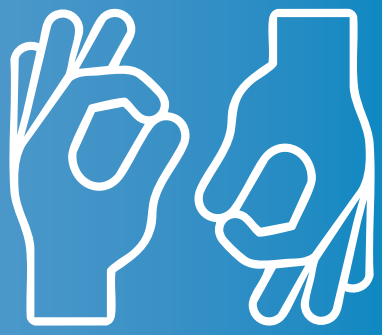
"Brilliant. As a student on full-time placement I need to be able to save all of the money I can. This has helped me make sure I have meals throughout the week..."

Professional Development and Courses

In 2024, the SRC and GUPSA provided a range of valuable professional development opportunities for students. These included courses designed to enhance students' skillsets for casual employment during their studies, as well as programs tailored to help them meet the requirements of their professional degrees. A key focus was also on preparing students for post-graduation employment, through initiatives such as our Immigration Seminars and the award-winning Resume Review Program.

22 students received subsidised access to

AUSLAN COURSES



1,196

students trained in First Aid & CPR

17%

INCREASE

21 students trained in
Mental Health First Aid

95
STUDENTS

undertook subsidised training for
Responsible Service of Alcohol/Gambling

110
students engaged in
BARISTA COURSES

79
STUDENTS RECEIVED

SELF DEFENCE TRAINING

Student Engagement Activities

Social and Community Events

In 2024, both on- and off-campus events continued to play a vital role in helping students relax, recharge, and connect with their peers. These events create meaningful opportunities for socialising, networking, and engaging with the broader university community. On-campus events remain especially convenient, allowing students to participate around their class schedules—often at no cost.

Subsidised off-campus activities have enabled students to experience unique local attractions they may not otherwise afford, such as visiting Australia Zoo, shows at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC), or Whale Watching. These experiences promote connection among both domestic and international students while showcasing some of Southeast Queensland's popular locations.

This year saw the continued popularity of on-campus activities such as movie nights at the Nathan campus–still the most attended events, drawing hundreds of students to each event. Attendees at Nathan enjoyed free dinner, hot drinks, and dessert, and helped select the movie via social media polls, further boosting engagement. New events introduced in recent years, such as Southbank cinema movie nights, karaoke nights and "GUPSA Trimester Socials" at the Nathan Uni Bar, have grown in popularity and added even more variety to the student experience.

Altogether, the on- and off-campus events attracted 12,587 student attendees, providing a welcome break from academic pressures and significantly contributing to student wellbeing. These events also continued to enrich campus life by fostering inclusive, supportive environments for students to connect outside the classroom.

30 off-campus EVENTS
2,621 participants

55% increase
IN THE AMOUNT OF OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS HELD COMPARED TO 2023

Australia Zoo · Dreamworld · Whitewater World · Story Bridge Adventure Climb · Topgolf · Qpac Queensland Performing Arts Centre

39%
INCREASE
in attendence at the on-campus movie nights from previous year

762 students
attended cinema movie nights

28 on-campus EVENTS **9,966** participants

Clubs Coordinator Summary

As I reflect on 2024, I am filled with pride at the remarkable progress we've made in enriching the Griffith community and contributing in such a meaningful way to the student experience. The year saw significant growth and the beginning of a new direction for the Clubs at Griffith Program.

This year, we supported 63 clubs, including 13 new clubs joining the program, which is the largest increase in new clubs since the pandemic. Our clubs supported 4,983 members and organised over 1,100 events with over 16,000 participants.

Holly Hawkins
Student Communities Coordinator

Professional Development

We kicked off the year with the Clubs Leadership Conference, designed to foster networking and relationship development among club executives across Griffith Clubs. The conference also aimed to educate club executives on the key foundations and responsibilities associated with their roles as student club committee leaders. Representatives from almost all our registered clubs participated in the conference, and it was a great way to connect and start the year.

In T1, we ran a club executive night, with the focus of connecting club executives in a relaxed environment. It was a great way to connect with student leaders who might be deterred from attending an event aimed at networking. By removing the 'professional' focus, our student leaders connected pizza and games, and it led to several joint club events throughout the year.

Additionally, we ran three in-person training sessions and four online training sessions, focused on club administration and system support.

We also supported 15 student leaders to complete their first aid training by covering the cost of this course for them.

Strategic Goals

A major focus for the year was to partner with our student leaders more meaningfully and ask them to help us shape the strategic focus for Clubs at Griffith in 2025 and beyond. With this in mind, we ran two in-person sessions in June, with 23 student leaders from 19 clubs participating, sharing a broad range of experience and perspective. With the results of these sessions, we created an online brainstorming space for student leaders to further contribute to and provide feedback to us.

As a result of the focus sessions, the following six core values have emerged that will provide the focus for the Clubs program in 2025 and beyond:

- Accessible Leadership – all students have the opportunity to lead clubs.
- Representation Matters – All students have equal opportunity to be represented.
- Community – We want to create an accessible and robust community for our student leaders to connect.
- Recognition – Student leaders will be recognised and celebrated for their contribution.
- Support to Succeed – Our student leaders will be given opportunities to improve their skills and grow within our program.
- Continuous Improvement – We will work to ensure that our student leaders are at the core of what we do, and we will work collaboratively with them to generate ideas and solutions, and to adapt our aims.

Club Grants

Funding is crucial to supporting initiatives that enhance the student experience through our clubs, and this year we were thrilled to support clubs with a total of $101,851.90 in funding. Providing funding to student led events and initiatives empowers students to enrich their non-academic experiences, contributing to campus vibrancy through original and engaging events. We saw a range of activities throughout the year, including Buy Nothing Markets, Twighlight markets, CosCon and weekly coffee catch-up and study sessions, just to name a few.

Awards Recognition

Rounding out the year, we hosted the Student Leadership Awards night, on Friday 27 October, on campus in the N11 Club space. We celebrated the incredible impact and contributions of our student leaders and clubs. This year we received 51 nominations, and we proudly recognised nine clubs and 11 individual student leaders with awards. It was an incredible evening, and we enjoyed celebrating together.

To wrap up, 2024 was a big but rewarding year.

The Clubs at Griffith student leaders continued to make a positive and valued impact upon the Griffith University community, driven by a commitment to improving the student experience, making friends and having fun. I would particularly like to recognise the tremendous efforts of Isabella Schulz, who joined my team this year in a permanent role. She has provided support and leadership to our student leaders and is a key driving force behind our goal of continually improving the Clubs at Griffith program. As a team, I am proud of our efforts to continue to make a positive and tangible impact upon student life at Griffith University. I continue to be grateful to have the privilege of working alongside our dedicated student leaders, and I look forward to the continued growth of Clubs at Griffith in 2025.

NEW CLUBS IN 2024

CAIA
Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art
Griffith University, Queensland College of Art & Design

Griffith University Poker Society

GRIFFITH Medical Science Society

Griffith Rising Artists Gathering and Engaging

tuneIN
for conscious living

Brick BUilders Griffith

Griffith Public Speaking Society

63 CLUBS

6% increase from 2023

12	Arts, Hobbies and Recreation
3	Collectives
2	Community Services and Causes
9	Nationalities, Cultures and Diversities
3	Political
28	Professional and Academic
5	Religious

Awards in 2024

Best Marketing and Promotional Design

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

- Griffith University NAKAMA Japan Society

WINNER

- Griffith Anime & Manga Association

Best Event

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

- Griffith University Forensic Science Society – Murder Mystery

WINNER

- Griffith Languages Club – Industry Night

Best Community Focused Club

WINNER

- Griffith Rising Artists Gathering and Emerging

Best Cultural Club

WINNER

- Griffith University NAKAMA Japan Society

Best Professional & Academic Club

WINNER

- Griffith Journal

Best Special Interest Club

WINNER

- The Hive

Clubs at Griffith Outstanding Student Leaders

1. Chantel Nguyen
2. Sam Perkins
3. Claire Jukes
4. Charlie Tran
5. Mia Smith
6. Maryam Rezayi
7. Tamryn Agostan
8. Laura King
9. Cathy Luong
10. Nina Christ
11. V Morgan

People's Choice Award

WINNER

- Griffith University NAKAMA Japan Society

Best New Club

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

- Griffith Journal

WINNER

- Women in Engineering

Club of the Year

WINNER

- Griffith Anime & Manga Association

Student Leadership Awards Night

Financials

2024 Clubs Operational Spend

CLUBS AT GRIFFITH

CATEGORY	$ SPEND	% TOTAL SPEND
Club Grants	101,851	66.5%
Club Training/Development		
Annual Leadership Training	3,970	2.6%
Additional Training	2,602	1.7%
Exec First Aid, CPR & Mental Health First Aid Courses	800	0.5%
Clubs Office Events		
Student Leader Awards Night	8,909	5.8%
Club Exec Night	932	0.6%
Admin & Marketing		
Clubs Software System	23,549	15.4%
Admin Costs	1,259	0.8%
Marketing	4,856	3.2%
Equipment & Furniture		
Club Spaces/Equipment	4,537	3.0%
TOTAL	**153,265**	

Financials

2024 GUPSA Operational Spend

CATEGORY	$ SPEND	% TOTAL SPEND
Income		
Event Ticket Sales & Locker Hire	14,690	
Services		
Editing Service	(105,296)	32.2%
Printing Credit	(1,640)	0.5%
Grammarly	(5,009)	1.5%
Sponsored Student Events	(3,471)	1.1%
Meal Discounts	(11,165)	3.4%
Workshops & Seminars		
Academic Skills Workshops	(10,871)	3.3%
Professional Skills Workshops	(2,200)	0.7%
Immigration Seminars	(1,019)	0.3%
Courses		
First Aid & CPR Courses	(2,560)	0.8%
Barista Courses	(6,771)	2.1%
Mental Health First Aid Courses	(336)	0.1%
AUSLAN Courses	(1,240)	0.4%
RSA/RSG Courses	(795)	0.2%
Self Defence Classes	(1,983)	0.6%
Events, Activities & Excursions		
On-Campus Events	(62,241)	19.0%
Off-Campus Events	(72,328)	22.1%
Affiliations		
Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA)	(11,706)	3.6%
Hidden Disabilities Sunflower	(500)	0.2%
Admin & Marketing		
Administration Costs	(1,109)	0.3%
Merchandise	(22,022)	6.7%
Marketing	(3,500)	1.1%
TOTAL	**(327,261)**	

Financials

2024 SRC Operational Spend

CATEGORY	$ SPEND	% TOTAL SPEND
Income		
Event Ticket Sales & Locker Hire	36,936.57	
Student Support		
Emergency Support	(15,780)	1.8%
Student Pantry	(24,683)	2.8%
Meal Discounts/Vouchers	(68,090)	7.8%
Frozen Meals	(9,169)	1.0%
Exam Food Support	(10,967)	1.3%
Indigenous Nationals Sponsorship	(570)	0.1%
Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Membership	(500)	0.1%
Programs		
Fruit & Veg Program	(118,966)	13.6%
Period Positivity Program	(15,214)	1.7%
Resume Review Program	(15,000)	1.7%
Wellness, Advocacy, and Leadership Initiative (WALi)	(72,123)	8.2%
Courses & Development		
First Aid & CPR Courses	(27,205)	3.1%
Barista Courses	(11,087)	1.3%
Mental Health First Aid Courses	(2,000)	0.2%
RSA/RSG Courses	(3,280)	0.4%
AUSLAN Courses	(2,659)	0.3%
Self Defence Classes	(2,220)	0.3%
Grammarly	(14,667)	1.7%
Events, Activities & Excursions		
On-Campus Events	(96,849)	11.0%
Off-Campus Events	(128,438)	14.6%
Awareness Events	(20,417)	2.3%
Event Sponsorships	(3,384)	0.4%
Campus Upgrades		
QCGU Outdoor Furniture & Student Lounge	(7,091)	0.8%
QCAD Courtyard Chairs & Chill Out Space	(13,757)	1.6%
Nathan BBQ Area, Picnic Tables & Arena Power	(80,390)	9.2%
Mt Gravatt Student Lounge Tables	(1,320)	0.2%
Admin, Equipment & Marketing		
Admin	(28,456)	3.2%
Marketing	(20,565)	2.3%
Equipment	(11,135)	1.3%
Merchandise	(88,001)	10.0%
TOTAL	**(877,047)**	

Engagement

2024 SRC + GUPSA Courses and Workshops

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS	TRIMESTER	LOCATION	ATTENDANCE		
			SRC	GUPSA	TOTAL
Auslan 8 Week	T1, T2	Online	10	12	22
First Aid & CPR	T1, T2, T3	Nathan	1,080	77	1,157
Education First Aid	T1, T2	Nathan	48	36	84
MHFA	T1, T2	Online	16	5	21
RSA & RSG	T1, T2	Online			95
Barista	T1, T2, T3	Off-Campus	65	45	110
Self Defence	T1, T2	Nathan	40	39	79
Grammarly Premium	T1, T2	Online	160	222	382
Post Study Visa	T1, T2	Nathan/Online	120	220	340
Financial wellness	T2	Nathan/Online	8	8	16
				TOTAL	**2,261**

2024 GUPSA Specific Events and Workshops

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS	TRIMESTER	LOCATION	ATTENDANCE
GUPSA Editors – Academic Writing	T1, T2, T3	Online	85
GUPSA Editors – Productive Editing	T1, T2, T3	Online	65
GUPSA Editors – Power of Punctuation (1 & 2)	T1, T2, T3	Online	105
		TOTAL	**255**
SOCIAL FUNCTIONS			
Trimester Social	T1	Nathan	133
GUPSA EoY Function	T3	Southbank	60
		TOTAL	**193**
SERVICES			
Editing	T1, T2, T3	Online	254
Printing Credit	T1	Online	140
		TOTAL	**394**
SCHOOL / STUDENT FUNDING – EVENTS			
Griffith Business School PhD Journal Club – Researcher Wellbeing Session	T3	Online	20
Griffith Institute for Drug Discovery (GRIDD) – Annual Student Symposium	T1	Off-Campus	80
		TOTAL	**100**

Engagement

2024 Off-Campus Joint Events Engagement

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS	TRIMESTER	SRC	GUPSA	TOTAL
Event				
Arcade & Bowling	T1	22	22	44
Byron Bay Trip	T3	50	56	106
Bounce & Lazer Tag	T1, T2	40	33	73
Dracula Show	T2	20	23	43
Dreamworld & Whitewater	T2	70	70	140
Eumundi Markets & Noosa	T1, T2	50	100	150
Kayak & Climb	T1, T2	30	34	64
Moreton Quad Bike	T1	20	29	49
Movie Nights – Cinema	T1, T2	355	407	762
Rage Cage	T1	20	8	28
QPAC Musical	T1	25	25	50
Q1 Tower	T1	15	15	30
Go Karting	T2	15	15	30
Story Bridge Climb & Dine	T1, T2	47	48	95
Sea World	T2	40	60	100
Surf Trip	T1, T3	44	48	92
Tamborine Treetop	T2, T3	24	30	54
Top Golf	T1, T2	48	50	98
Whale Watching	T2	20	30	50
Zoo Trip	T1–T3	120	133	253
SRC EOY Social	T3	310		310
TOTAL		**1,385**	**1,236**	**2,621**

Engagement

2024 On-Campus Joint Events Engagement

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS	TRIMESTER	SRC	GUPSA	TOTAL
Event				
Against Placement Poverty Picnic	T1	60	5	65
Board Games	T1, T2	160	80	240
Bogan Bingo	T2	100	70	170
Candle Making	T1	20	10	30
Comedy Show	T1, T2	300	120	420
Flower Making	T1, T2	22	10	32
IDAHOBIT Drag Bingo	T1	102	98	200
IWD Breakfast	T1	10	10	20
Karaoke Nights	T1, T2	185	260	445
Leadership Awards Night	T2	50	20	70
Magic Show	T2	121	91	212
Movie Nights	T1, T3	745	835	1,580
Night Against Procrastination	T1, T2	286	133	419
Orientation	T1, T2	5,000		5,000
O-Week Beach Party	T1	460	N/A	460
Painting Class	T1, T3	15	27	42
Polaroids and Picnics	T2	60	10	70
Trivia Nights	T1, T2	200	276	476
Yarn & Yammer	T2	10	5	15
TOTAL		**2,446**	**2,060**	**9,966**

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