



Monash Student Association (Clayton) Incorporated

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Monday 9 October – Thursday 12 October 2023

2023 ELECTION REPORT

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1. Background & Introduction

In 2021, the Monash Student Association (**MSA**) undertook a competitive tendering process to select a provider to conduct its 2021, 2022 and 2023 annual elections. OGL Group was appointed through this process to conduct the elections, continuing its provision of these services to the MSA since 2010.

This year saw another year of online voting and on-campus campaigning. In accordance with provisions in the Regulations, the dates of polling were called by the MSC, with other electoral deadlines being consequently set by the Regulations and the Constitution and publicised through the notice of the election.

OGL Group was to run the MSA Annual Elections consistent with the rules and Regulations as set down by MSA and the National Union of Students (**NUS**). OGL was to work with the University and student body to make sure the election process ran as set down, that election participants were well informed, and that good standards of behaviour and participation were expected and enforced.

The MSA contracted *BigPulse* to provide the secure online voting platform for the 2023 MSA Elections.

Jessica Fox was appointed as the Returning Officer (RO) for the 2023 MSA Elections by a resolution of the Monash Student Council (MSC) and is the author of this report.

2. Process

Communication

On the MSA website there was a dedicated election page (<http://msa.monash.edu/elections>) which contained the details of the election, the governing documents for the election (MSA Constitution and Election Regulations) and the contact details of the RO. All notices, forms, rulings and declarations were posted on this page as required.

The RO also frequently communicated with candidates and ticket Authorised Officers (**AOs**) via email, text and phone calls to ensure that all relevant parties were adequately informed regarding the election process.

Election 2023

Election dates, the appointment of the Returning Officer and Election Tribunal were all set by resolution of the MSC as the governing body for MSA.

Notice was given on Monday 21 August 2023 for Annual Elections to be held from Monday 9 October to Thursday 12 October 2023 (**see Appendix 1 – Notice of Election**). In addition to being posted on the MSA website an email was sent to all Clayton students alerting them to the Notice of Election.

An MSA Election Timetable was also published to assist students in meeting the requirements of the Regulations (**see Appendix 2 – Election Timetable**).

Contact was made by the RO with the William Cooper Institute to ensure that all students identifying as Indigenous were informed of the election, informed about the position of Indigenous Officer and how to nominate for the position.

The MSC had also set down a referendum to be run concurrently with the annual election process in line with the provisions for this in the Election Regulations. The referendum question was included on the ballot and the complete wording (and definitions) for this can be found in **Appendix 3**.

Candidates were required to lodge all election forms electronically. All candidate statements, photos and publicity requiring authorisation were also to be lodged electronically throughout the election process.

Tickets

Ticket re-registrations opened at 9am on Monday 21 August and closed 5pm on Friday 25 August. A list of re-registered tickets was then published on Monday 28 August (**see Appendix 4 – List of Re-registered ticket names**).

Registrations for new ticket names opened at 9am on Tuesday 29 August and closed 5pm on Monday 4 September. As per previous practice, it was a 'first in, best dressed' system for similar or identical names, with the one registered first taking precedence (any lodged at open would be treated equally and a draw would occur in that instance). The list of new ticket name registration applications was then published on Tuesday 5 September, including details of re-registered ticket names (**see Appendix 5 – List of all registered ticket names**).

All ticket re-registrations and registrations submitted by the deadline fulfilled the requirements as set down by the Regulations.

Nominations

Nominations opened at 9am on Wednesday 6 September and closed 5pm on Friday 15 September 2023.

Nominations were received for all positions, and the position of Indigenous Officer and all nominations for the Mental Health & Resilience Committee were declared elected unopposed.

A provisional Notice of Nominations Received was posted on 21 September, with a final notice issued on 25 September with university confirmation of all candidates' eligibility.

The University provided an electronic roll to the RO, which enabled the validity of most of the nominations to be checked directly by the RO. In instances where a student did not appear on the roll, the RO determined eligibility based on the information on the statement of enrolment provided by the student and confirmed any checks with the university where necessary. This was the process for ticket registration, nominations and voting.

The final list of nominees was posted in ballot order after the ballot draw and receipt of candidate order forms from the Authorised Officers (**see Appendix 6 – Final List of Nominations Received and Declaration of Positions Elected Unopposed**).

In summary, for the 2023 MSA elections:

- **270 valid nominations were received;**
- **18 nominations submitted were invalid;**
- **1 nomination was withdrawn; and**
- **5 ticket names were successfully registered or re-registered.**

Ballot Draw

Despite the election being conducted online and the *BigPulse* voting platform allowing for randomised ballot order for each candidate (and groups of candidates in multi-member ballots), the Returning Officer determined that a draw was required for the ordering of the election guide and for the ticket order with regard to front page voting as this cannot be randomised under the *BigPulse* platform. Those participating in the election as candidates and ticket registrants were invited to attend, and this was conducted on 22 September via Zoom using a random number generator.

3. Voting, Results, Complaints and Rulings

Polling

Polling in the 2023 MSA Elections was conducted online through the BigPulse voting platform with all eligible students receiving a unique voting link via their student email. This link was sent at the opening of polling and was sent again at 12pm Wednesday 11 October to students that had not yet voted.

Counting

Following the close of polls, the Returning Officer was immediately provided with detailed count sheets from BigPulse that included the number of votes received for each Office Bearer position and quota requirements for all multi-member positions. These vote counts were checked for accuracy before being posted. The Creative and Live Arts Committee and People of Colour Collective results triggered affirmative action counts, which required a recalculation of the count with affirmative action provisions. This process was completed manually by the Returning Officer to ensure the affirmative action considerations were appropriately applied.

Declarations of results

For all contested ballots, barring the contested Creative and Live Arts Committee and the People of Colour Collective, results were declared at 7.46pm on Thursday 12 October 2023 (for full results **see Appendix 7 – Notice of Results**). Committee counts where affirmative actions was required were finalised and declared on Thursday 19 October. Results were posted on the MSA website following the declaration by the Returning Officer and all candidates were notified directly by email.

Complaints, Recounts, Rulings and Appeals

All complaints lodged are compiled in the register provided in **Appendix 8**.

An overview of all appeals and the subsequent Election Tribunal Decisions are provided at **Appendix 9**.

There were no recounts requested. An appeal was lodged against the Election Result, which was dismissed by the Tribunal.

Participation

Participation was much higher in the MSA Elections this year in comparison with 2022 - both in the number of candidates contesting the election (270 nominations received in 2023 compared to 156 in 2022) and the number of voters (5260 in 2023 compared to 2262 in 2022). This represented 12.1% of all eligible voters participating in the election. Overall participation has grown alongside the growth in the scale and breadth of positions to be contested – a growth of over 60% in the number of positions to be elected at the MSA Annual elections has occurred over the last decade.

Given the number of contested positions and multi-member ballots to be filled out by voters, even with a front-page voting option for selecting a ticket in all positions, a steady decline in voter participation across the ballots occurs as not all students complete all ballots (they are not required to vote in all ballots once they begin the process, they can stop at any time). The first ballots listed got the highest participation totals and the last ballots listed and autonomous positions recorded the lowest (the MSA President ballot achieved 4954 votes whilst the People of Colour Collective ballot achieved 443 votes).

The following table summarises the times during which students cast their votes, with spikes in voting following each email being sent.

Time	Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12
00:00-03:00		27	24	39
03:00-06:00		2	2	5
06:00-09:00		21	9	26
09:00-12:00	711	173	318	598
12:00-15:00	452	253	590	506
15:00-18:00	248	155	239	339
18:00-21:00	170	81	119	
21:00-24:00	93	76	101	

Affirmative Action

Affirmative Action provisions were enacted for the Creative and Live Arts Committee and the People of Colour Collective.

4. Issues & Recommendations

This section deals with problems that arose with the election process or logistics, as well as overall commentary about conduct and process. It is not intended to be an exhaustive account of each issue that became necessary for the Returning Officer to consider.

Hybrid Campaigning Conduct – Ensuring secret ballot provisions of voting

The recent introduction of the hybrid model of elections, where large amounts of voting is being conducted on mobile devices whilst there other students are present, has resulted in some campaigning bans being issued to election participants who were witnessed to be guiding the voting of students (by touching their device) or by being in close proximity and having clear sight of their voting screen as they are casting their vote. The MSA Regulations are not explicit, not stating what campaigners can and cannot do when a voter is casting a vote on their personal device in such situations. Rulings have been issued by the Returning Officer guarding against such behaviour which threatens the provision of a secret ballot as required by section 31.2 of the Election Regulations and 38(2) of the MSA Constitution, however giving clear requirements in the Election Regulations would give best guidance and better ensure compliance.

Recommendation 1/2023

To ensure the secrecy of the ballot, MSA give consideration to codifying what actions election participants may or may not take when a voter is casting their vote in the presence of an election participant who is campaigning to them.

Ensuring MSA Election Regulations and related Committee Regulations are fit for purpose

Recent developments in the use of technology, changes in the way students interact with election processes both in person and online, and the growth in the scale of MSA elections, and this has rendered a number of MSA Election Regulations inapplicable, unworkable or out-of-date. The number of positions to be elected at the Annual MSA Elections has almost doubled in less than a decade and the number of candidates showed even bigger growth – more than doubling in this time, from 120 candidates in 2015 to 277 candidates this year.

The specific instructions contained in the Election Regulations around ballot counting and Affirmative Action counting methods were set down with only specifications for physical ballot counts, never having been updated to reflect electronic vote count parameters.

There are incorrect references in the Election Regulations as numbers have not been updated correctly as seen in Reg 25.12.

The University continues to severely limit the spaces available for physical notices and posters and this should prompt the re-evaluation of the mandator provision of paper-based notices, and the limitation placed on campaign material as listed in Regulation 25.12, particularly around music and video, as these regulations were drafted before social media was invented in its current form.

At least two committees that work alongside office-bearers elected in the annual election process now fall outside the annual election framework, with unworkable election stipulations for these committees. These committees are the Disabilities and Carer's Committee and the Queer Affairs Committee election. Compliance with section 38(3) of the MSA Constitution must be considered, as it states that MSA Committees directly elected by students must be elected at the annual elections.

Recommendation 2/2023

That the MSA consider a review of the current setting of the MSA Election Regulations and Committee Regulations to consider:

- ***That the timeframes are appropriate given their purpose;***
- ***All references to other Regulations and the Constitution are numbered correctly;***
- ***Forms of ballot counting practices (and mandatory affirmative action provisions) allowing for electronic vote counting calculations;***
- ***The forms of mandatory paper-based notices, their intended purpose and whether this is effective;***
- ***The forms of campaigning currently stipulated and limits placed on campaign material are appropriate and fit-for-purpose; and***
- ***Ensuring compliance with section 38(3) of the MSA Constitution which states that all MSA Committees directly elected by students must be elected at the annual elections.***

Recommendation 3 – Considering the efficacy of appeals

The principle of having the ability for election participants to have a right of appeal for decisions of the both the Returning Officer and the overall election results are important aspects of administrative justice that serve to protect the governance of the MSA election process and its application.

However, this right is unfettered, and election participants can appeal to any decision (or lack of action) regarding any issue in the election process, resulting in substantial time and expense being incurred by the Tribunal considering matters that do not affect substantive practice or process of the MSA Election. The seriousness of the issues being dealt with by the Tribunal ought to be substantive, in light of the time and expense committed to such an appeals process.

It has also been identified that there is no reference to academic day/s in the appeal rights for decisions of the Returning Officer (Election Regulation section 46), which can lead to decisions made outside of academic days seeing a loss of appeal rights over the course of a Saturday night/Sunday given the 24hr stipulation in this clause. This is at odds with the appeal provisions set down in both Election Regulation 13.4 (Appeals of RO decision on candidate eligibility) and Election Regulation 48.1 (Appeals Against Results of Elections) which both specifically mention academic days in the timeframe provisions.

Recommendation 3/2023

That the MSA consider a review of the current MSA Tribunal appeal settings to evaluate:

- ***Options of appeal rights applying to only substantive issues that concern matters that have a material effect, involve disqualification, or involve campaign suspensions of individuals and tickets of greater than specified number of hours;***
- ***The addition of a reference to academic days in relation to appeal of a decision of the Returning Officer;***
- ***A possible fee to be levied on appeal lodgement and refunded if there is a clear prima facie case or evidence to merit an appeal (not refunded if it is proven there is no prima facie case or insufficient evidentiary basis is provided for an appeal that is lodged).***

5. Conclusion

This year's elections saw the MSA hold their annual elections in a hybrid format with online voting and campaigning occurring in person, with strong participation from students as candidates, campaigners, and ultimately from students as voters given the sheer number who voted for their MSA representatives.

Thanks go to all the staff involved in running the elections, including our OGL Group staff, and especially MSA and University staff who assisted in various ways throughout the election. In particular, my thanks go to MSA staff Lowan Sist, Sylvia Francisca and Addison Hung, as well as University staff Candisse Joseph and the whole team from Student Education and Business Services. As always, you were an excellent example of skilled and helpful staff members, and student elections would not occur without your work.

Thank you to all students who took part, your endeavour and commitment shows how you value your student community. I wish all those taking up their new MSA roles the very best in their positions as they carry out the work of MSA in the coming year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Fox', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jessica Fox
Returning Officer
2023 MSA Election

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Appendix 1 - Notice of Election



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NOTICE OF ELECTION

The following positions are to be elected at the MSA Annual Elections

Office Bearer positions:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Disabilities and Carers Officer
- Education (Academic Affairs) Officer
- Education (Public Affairs) Officer
- Welfare Officer
- Women's Officer
- Queer Officer
- People of Colour Officer
- Environment & Social Justice Officer
- Indigenous Officer
- Activities Officer
- Creative and Live Arts Officer
- Residential Community Officer
- Lot's Wife Editor/s

Monash Student Council and Committees:

- Monash Student Council (5 General Representatives)
- Women's Affairs Committee (9 Members)
- Student Affairs Committee (9 Members)
- Student Welfare Committee (9 Members)
- People of Colour Collective (9 members)
- Creative and Live Arts Committee (9 Members)
- Activities Advisory Committee (9 Members)
- Mental Health and Resilience Committee (20 members)
- Environment and Social Justice Committee (20 members)

National Union of Students:

7 Delegate positions

These elections are conducted using optional preferential voting, and in accordance with other provisions as required under the MSA Election Regulations (eg. only women can stand and vote for the Women's Officer position).

Tickets

Ticket re-registrations open at 9am on Monday 21 August and close Friday 25 August at 5pm. The tickets re-registered will be published before ticket registrations, which are opened 9am Tuesday 29 August and close 5pm Monday 4 September. Applications for candidates to be set out as a ticket open on 9am Wednesday 6 September and close 5pm Friday 15 September.

Nominations

Nomination should be submitted via this [Google form](#). Students wishing to nominate via soft copy form will find a link available on the MSA Elections webpage: www.msa.monash.edu/elections Please note that if you choose to nominate via soft copy form it will take longer for your nomination to be processed.

Nominations open at 9am on Wednesday 6 September and close 5pm Friday 15 September.

Copies of the regulations governing the election are available via the internet at www.msa.monash.edu/elections

Voting

Polling for the MSA elections will be from 9am Monday 9 October until 5pm Thursday 12 October. You will be able to vote online and at voting booths on campus through a voting link sent to your email.

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21 August 2023

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Appendix 2 – Election Timetable

		Action	Clause	
Mon	21-Aug	Notice of election 0900 Send email to William Cooper Indigenous Engagement Unit to send email to all Indigenous students Give notice in each Lot's Wife edition Ticket re-registrations open 0900 Publicity rules apply	10.1 & 10.5 10.3 10.4 20.17	7
Tue	22-Aug			
Wed	23-Aug			
Thu	24-Aug			
Fri	25-Aug	Ticket re-registrations close 1700	20.18	
Sat	26-Aug			
Sun	27-Aug			
Mon	28-Aug	Ticket re-registrations published 1700	20.21	6
Tue	29-Aug	Ticket registrations open 0900	20.4.1	
Wed	30-Aug			
Thu	31-Aug			
Fri	1-Sep			
Sat	2-Sep			
Sun	3-Sep			
Mon	4-Sep	Ticket registrations close 1700	20.4.2	5
Tue	5-Sep	List of ticket registrations received posted 1700	20.6	
Wed	6-Sep	Nominations open 0900 Applications to be set out as a ticket open 0900	9.1 20.9.1	
Thu	7-Sep			
Fri	8-Sep			
Sat	9-Sep			
Sun	10-Sep			
Mon	11-Sep			4
Tue	12-Sep			
Wed	13-Sep			
Thu	14-Sep			
Fri	15-Sep	Nominations close 1700 Applications to be set out as a ticket close 1700 Authorised Officers of tickets to provide the Returning Officer with the order of names of the candidates for multi-member positions	14.1 20.9.2 20.16	
Sat	16-Sep			
Sun	17-Sep			
Mon	18-Sep	Policy speeches and photos due as per specifications by 1700	23.1	3
Tue	19-Sep			
Wed	20-Sep	Ballot draw to be held at 1200	17.1	
Thu	21-Sep	List of candidates with ticket names in ballot order published 1200 on noticeboard and MSA website	18.1	
Fri	22-Sep			
Sat	23-Sep			
Sun	24-Sep			

Action			Clause	
Mon	25-Sep			2
Tue	26-Sep			
Wed	27-Sep			
Thu	28-Sep			
Fri	29-Sep	Election Guide distributed online 1200-1700	23.7.7	
Sat	30-Sep			
Sun	1-Oct			
Mon	2-Oct			1
Tue	3-Oct			
Wed	4-Oct			
Thu	5-Oct			
Fri	6-Oct			
Sat	7-Oct			
Sun	8-Oct			
Mon	9-Oct	Polling opens 0900		E W
Tue	10-Oct	Polling		
Wed	11-Oct	Polling		
Thu	12-Oct	Polling closes 1700 Statement of Preference for Nominated Positions (for candidates who have nominated to multiple positions) to be submitted before polls close at 1700		
Fri	13-Oct	Counting and confirmation of results Results posted as soon as practicable		
Sat	14-Oct			
Sun	15-Oct			

Appendix 3 – MSA 2023 Referendum wording and definition

Question

The current clause 64(1)(d) of the MSA Constitution, “carer” means a person who provides care for a person with a disability or an elderly person, is to be replaced with “carer” has the same meaning as in the Carer Recognition Act 2010 (Cth).

Yes

No

Explanation

Please find the hyperlink to the relevant definition as stated under section 5 of the Carer Recognition Act 2010 (Cth) below:

http://classic.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/cth/num_act/cra2010179/s5.html

This definition is also reproduced below:

Meaning of carer

1. For the purpose of this Act, a carer is an individual who provides personal care, support and assistance to another individual who needs it because that other individual:
 - a. Has a disability; or
 - b. Has a medical condition (including a terminal or chronic illness); or
 - c. Has a mental illness; or
 - d. Is frail and aged.

2. An individual is not a carer in respect of care, support and assistance he or she provides:
 - a. Under a contract of service or a contract for the provision of services; or
 - b. In the course of doing voluntary work for a charitable, welfare or community organisation; or
 - c. As part of the requirement of a course of education or training.

3. To avoid doubt, an individual is not a carer merely because he or she:
 - a. Is the spouse, de facto partner, parent, child or other relative of an individual, or is the guardian of an individual; or
 - b. Lives with an individual who requires care.

Appendix 4 - Notice of Re-registered ticket names



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NOTICE OF RE-REGISTERED TICKETS

In line with Election Regulation 20 and subject to checking of eligibility by the University, the following tickets have been successfully re-registered for the 2023 MSA Annual Elections:

Ticket	Authorised Officer
Student Voice	Chloe Ward
Climate Action	Allyssa Gardner
Together	Joshua Strauss

If there are any spelling errors or grammatical changes, please let me know as soon as possible. A full list of registered ticket names will be published after the new ticket registration period has concluded.

Jessica Fox

Returning Officer

28 August 2023

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Appendix 5 – Notice of all registered ticket names



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In line with Election Regulation 20, the following tickets for the 2023 MSA Annual Elections have been provisionally accepted pending eligibility checks with Monash University:

Ticket	Authorised Officer
Student Voice	Kristen Dodson-Geary
Climate Action	Allyssa Gardner
Together	Joshua Strauss
CHANGE!	Matthew Davis
Social Justice	Luka Kiernan

If there are any spelling errors or grammatical changes, please let me know as soon as possible.

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Appendix 6 - List of Nominations Received and Declaration of Positions Elected Unopposed



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LIST OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED AND DECLARATION OF POSITIONS ELECTED UNOPPOSED

All nominations received by the deadline have been listed by position and in election guide order below. This list has been subjected to eligibility checks by the University and is now final.

The order for front page tickets appearing on the ballot is as follows:

- Together
- Change
- Social Justice

I declare the following candidates elected unopposed to the positions as listed below. Candidates for all contested positions follow on this notice.

Positions declared elected unopposed:

First Name	Last Name	Position	Ticket
Marlley	McNamara	Indigenous Officer	CHANGE!
Ellie	Crouch	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Hoi	Chan	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Kavinayan	Thevashangar	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Manav	Bansal	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Mohannad	Budair	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Munjerin	Ulvi	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Polly	Lewis	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Reuben	Song	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Shirin	Kothari	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Sofiia	Sigal	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Subashri	Selvarajan	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Tahlia	Jackson	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Yitu	Wang	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together

Nominations Received for all other positions:

First Name	Last Name	Position	Ticket
Bhavya	Pathak	Activities Committee	Together

First Name	Last Name	Position	Ticket
Loris	Bayly	Activities Committee	Together
Madeline	Cariss	Activities Committee	Together
Sneha	Singh	Activities Committee	Together
Patrick	Porter	Activities Committee	Together
Arwen	Judge	Activities Committee	Together
Sandra	Samuel	Activities Committee	Together
Fletcher	Smith	Activities Committee	Together
Minkyun	Chai	Activities Committee	Together
Randal	Wallace	Activities Committee	CHANGE!
Efe	Okan	Activities Committee	CHANGE!
Yash	Mourya	Activities Committee	CHANGE!
Tayla	Husband	Activities Committee	CHANGE!
Lyla	Danish	Activities Committee	CHANGE!
Kit	Message	Activities Officer	Social Justice
Peter	Wang	Activities Officer	Social Justice
Claris	Yee	Activities Officer	Together
Mia	Heanly	Activities Officer	Together
Fatima	Iqbal	Activities Officer	CHANGE!
Reggie	Noor	Activities Officer	CHANGE!
Pippin	Vaughan	Creative and Live Arts Committee	Social Justice
Numa	Lemoh	Creative and Live Arts Committee	CHANGE!
Cass	Chellis	Creative and Live Arts Committee	CHANGE!
Fahad	Alghamdi	Creative and Live Arts Committee	CHANGE!
Thomas	Russo	Creative and Live Arts Committee	CHANGE!
Diva	Bhatia	Creative and Live Arts Committee	CHANGE!
Alexandria	Campbell	Creative and Live Arts Committee	Together
Monica	Mockiewicz	Creative and Live Arts Committee	Together
James	Whitford	Creative and Live Arts Committee	Together
Taksheel	Prakash	Creative and Live Arts Committee	Together
Tristram	Macfarlane	Creative and Live Arts Committee	Together
Aneirin	Galloway Mclean	Creative and Live Arts Committee	Together
Benjamin	Keu	Creative and Live Arts Committee	Together
Vijayant	Sharma	Creative and Live Arts Committee	Together
Diyara	Jaswar	Creative and Live Arts Officer	Together
Ying Qi	Yong	Creative and Live Arts Officer	Together
Haider	Shah	Creative and Live Arts Officer	CHANGE!
Gina	Ford	Creative and Live Arts Officer	CHANGE!
Liam	Kruger	Creative and Live Arts Officer	Social Justice
Charlotte	Sutton	Disabilities and Carers Officer	Together
Gerardien	Afifah	Disabilities and Carers Officer	Together
Thien	Autran	Disabilities and Carers Officer	CHANGE!
Sadman	Arafat	Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Together
Takudzwa	Chitambo	Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Together
Grayson	Low	Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	CHANGE!
Naomi	Drego	Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	CHANGE!
Beck	Riches	Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Social Justice
Colton	Senior	Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Social Justice

First Name	Last Name	Position	Ticket
James	Knight	Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	-
Flynn	Brouwer	Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Together
Srirama	Shraddha Iyer	Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Together
Nafiz	Islam	Education (Public Affairs) Officer	CHANGE!
Sahar	Farukh	Education (Public Affairs) Officer	CHANGE!
Josiah	Downey	Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Social Justice
Samuel	Allan	Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Social Justice
Alyx	Clatworthy	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Mahdir	Hasan	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Liam	Bowman	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Hannah	Bailey	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Noah	Loven	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Manya	Bhatia	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Ashley	Curry	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Samuel	Lundberg	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Adithi	Srinivasan	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Millie	Forwood	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Elena Rae	Rufenacht	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Charles	Connell	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Chirag	Purohit	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Levente	Zoltan	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Otto	Cox-Martino	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Attaul	Tahir	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together
Josiah	Downey	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Social Justice
Emma	Chamberlain	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Social Justice
Samuel	Allan	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Social Justice
Madeline	Curkovic	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Social Justice
Nathan	Hannah	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Social Justice
Amit	Samuni	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Social Justice
Janset	Selbas	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Social Justice
Emma	Ashmore	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Social Justice
Jason	Albury	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Social Justice
Tom	Halfpenny	Environment and Social Justice Committee	CHANGE!
Zain	Khan	Environment and Social Justice Committee	CHANGE!
Konda	Chilekampalli	Environment and Social Justice Committee	CHANGE!
Alanah	Alsop	Environment and Social Justice Committee	CHANGE!
Aishwariya	Subramanian	Environment and Social Justice Committee	CHANGE!
Joshna	Baskar	Environment and Social Justice Committee	CHANGE!
Sasha	Braybrooke	Environment and Social Justice Committee	CHANGE!
Sophie	Allen	Environment and Social Justice Officer	CHANGE!
Thomas	White	Environment and Social Justice Officer	CHANGE!
Asadullah	Jan	Environment and Social Justice Officer	Together
Nick	Fallow	Environment and Social Justice Officer	Together
Luka	Kiernan	Environment and Social Justice Officer	Social Justice
Shannon	Sinclair	Environment and Social Justice Officer	Social Justice
Jay	Davis	General Representative	CHANGE!
Anban	Raj	General Representative	CHANGE!

First Name	Last Name	Position	Ticket
Milika	Nayak	General Representative	CHANGE!
Beck	Riches	General Representative	Social Justice
Aisha	Khodary	General Representative	Social Justice
Ashleigh	Butcher	General Representative	Social Justice
Benjamin	Tory	General Representative	Social Justice
Paris	Enten	General Representative	Together
Stella	Robinson	General Representative	Together
Aashna	Shah	General Representative	Together
Jude	Bachelet	General Representative	Together
Fatima	Ayub	General Representative	Together
Marlley	Mcnamara	Indigenous Officer	CHANGE!
David	Williams	Lot's Wife Editor	Social Justice
Luca	Brown	Lot's Wife Editor	Social Justice
Annabelle	Cavanagh	Lot's Wife Editor	Together
Eric	Stone	Lot's Wife Editor	Together
Kasey	Mcclay	Lot's Wife Editor	Together
Kate	Patten	Lot's Wife Editor	Together
Sithmi	Mudiyanselage	Lot's Wife Editor	Together
Hiru	Dandeniya	Lot's Wife Editor	
Angus	Duske	Lots' Wife Editor	CHANGE!
Mandy	Li	Lots' Wife Editor	CHANGE!
Samantha	Hudson	Lots' Wife Editor	CHANGE!
Ellie	Crouch	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Hoi	Chan	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Kavinayan	Thevashangar	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Manav	Bansal	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Mohannad	Budair	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Munjerin	Ulvi	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Polly	Lewis	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Reuben	Song	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Shirin	Kothari	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Sofiia	Sigal	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Subashri	Selvarajan	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Tahlia	Jackson	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Yitu	Wang	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Madeline	Curkovic	NUS Delegate	Social Justice
Luka	Kiernan	NUS Delegate	Social Justice
Connor	Knight	NUS Delegate	Social Justice
Josiah	Downey	NUS Delegate	Social Justice
Shannon	Sinclair	NUS Delegate	Social Justice
Max	Tory	NUS Delegate	Social Justice
Kelly	Cvetkova	NUS Delegate	Social Justice
Grayson	Lowe	NUS Delegate	CHANGE!
Kristen	Dodson-Geary	NUS Delegate	CHANGE!
Campbell	Frost	NUS Delegate	CHANGE!
Asadullah	Jan	NUS Delegate	Together
Flynn	Brouwer	NUS Delegate	Together

First Name	Last Name	Position	Ticket
Javier	Belmar Osborn	NUS Delegate	Together
Jude	Bachelet	NUS Delegate	Together
Alyx	Clatworthy	NUS Delegate	Together
Harleen	Singh	NUS Delegate	Together
Shokaria	Kamali	NUS Delegate	Together
Rene	Chebet	People of Colour Collective	Together
Zainab	Chowdhury	People of Colour Collective	Together
Ashhar	Hassan	People of Colour Collective	Together
Langning	Bao	People of Colour Collective	Together
Hamid	Mahir	People of Colour Collective	Together
Mahathir	Lutfullah	People of Colour Collective	Together
Mevni	De Silva	People of Colour Collective	Together
Harnoor	Aneja	People of Colour Collective	Together
Dustin	Kim	People of Colour Collective	CHANGE!
Jun	Gao	People of Colour Collective	CHANGE!
Mohsen	Karimi	People of Colour Collective	CHANGE!
Arit	Ador	People of Colour Collective	CHANGE!
Aishwariya	Subramanian	People of Colour Collective	CHANGE!
Peter	Wang	People of Colour Collective	Social Justice
Mika	Supershad	People of Colour Collective	Social Justice
Shayaki	Niranjan	People of Colour Collective	Social Justice
Safwan	Aziz	People of Colour Collective	Social Justice
Javier	Belmar Osborn	People of Colour Officer	Together
Taru	Panjikar	People of Colour Officer	Together
Aisha	Khodary	People of Colour Officer	Social Justice
Mika	Supershad	People of Colour Officer	Social Justice
Anshuman	Das	People of Colour Officer	CHANGE!
Tooba	Javed	People of Colour Officer	CHANGE!
Isla	Hickey	President	Together
Chloe	Ward	President	CHANGE!
Connor	Knight	President	Social Justice
Kelly	Cvetkova	Queer Officer	Social Justice
Madeline	Curkovic	Queer Officer	Social Justice
Alannah	Hunt	Queer Officer	-
Oli	Shemmell	Queer Officer	-
Ariq	Ilham	Residential Communities Officer	CHANGE!
Aylin	Vahabova	Residential Communities Officer	CHANGE!
Joanna	Denoual	Residential Communities Officer	Together
Prashansa	Singapuri	Residential Communities Officer	Together
Mahmoud	Anwar	Secretary	Together
Zareh	Kozanian	Secretary	CHANGE!
Allyssa	Gardner	Secretary	Social Justice
Emma	Shorten	Student Affairs Committee	Together
Harleen	Singh	Student Affairs Committee	Together
Owen	Wallace	Student Affairs Committee	Together
Shokaria	Kamali	Student Affairs Committee	Together
Julian	Bowling	Student Affairs Committee	Together

First Name	Last Name	Position	Ticket
Hannah	Ingram	Student Affairs Committee	Together
Anurag	Rawat	Student Affairs Committee	Together
Maisha	Tasnia	Student Affairs Committee	Together
Caitlin Wan Sze	Por	Student Affairs Committee	Together
Connor	Knight	Student Affairs Committee	Social Justice
Luka	Kiernan	Student Affairs Committee	Social Justice
Antony	Wendel	Student Affairs Committee	Social Justice
Liam	Kruger	Student Affairs Committee	Social Justice
Grady	Tyson	Student Affairs Committee	Social Justice
Damian	Aleksic	Student Affairs Committee	CHANGE!
Felix	Hughes	Student Affairs Committee	CHANGE!
David	Dau	Student Affairs Committee	CHANGE!
Shouryan	Navit	Student Affairs Committee	CHANGE!
Lyla	Danish	Student Affairs Committee	CHANGE!
Kelly	Cvetkova	Student Welfare Committee	Social Justice
Max	Tory	Student Welfare Committee	Social Justice
Charli	Culliver	Student Welfare Committee	Social Justice
Jeffrey	Santris	Student Welfare Committee	Social Justice
Cooper	Finnigan	Student Welfare Committee	Social Justice
Herny	Cristillo	Student Welfare Committee	Social Justice
Vu	Le	Student Welfare Committee	Together
Tian Ru	Er	Student Welfare Committee	Together
Talia	Janssen	Student Welfare Committee	Together
Jarrold	Smyth	Student Welfare Committee	Together
Lily	Rose	Student Welfare Committee	Together
Jarin	Jannat	Student Welfare Committee	Together
Jun Feng	Lim	Student Welfare Committee	Together
Nerida	Willis	Student Welfare Committee	Together
Campbell	Frost	Student Welfare Committee	CHANGE!
Jay	Davis	Student Welfare Committee	CHANGE!
Thomas	Russo	Student Welfare Committee	CHANGE!
Bilal	Raja	Student Welfare Committee	CHANGE!
Krish	Rajavel	Student Welfare Committee	CHANGE!
Tyra	Jones	Student Welfare Committee	CHANGE!
Joshua	Walters	Treasurer	CHANGE!
Matthew	Pine	Treasurer	Together
Nathan	Hannah	Treasurer	Social Justice
Duc-Tri	Bui	Welfare Officer	Together
Vanessa	Swarens	Welfare Officer	Together
Max	Tory	Welfare Officer	Social Justice
Jesse	Fraser	Welfare Officer	CHANGE!
Teagan	Hayward	Welfare Officer	CHANGE!
Izzy	Carmody	Women's Affairs Committee	CHANGE!
Tayla	Husband	Women's Affairs Committee	CHANGE!
Sasha	Braybrooke	Women's Affairs Committee	CHANGE!
Molly	Calderwood	Women's Affairs Committee	CHANGE!
Ella	Ng	Women's Affairs Committee	CHANGE!

First Name	Last Name	Position	Ticket
Mehak	Kapoor	Women's Affairs Committee	Together
Amy	Aisbett	Women's Affairs Committee	Together
Grace	Binns	Women's Affairs Committee	Together
Imogene	Jones	Women's Affairs Committee	Together
Hannah	Perry	Women's Affairs Committee	Together
Zhafira	Aulia	Women's Affairs Committee	Together
Chloe	Lalor	Women's Affairs Committee	Together
Anastasia	Winnell	Women's Affairs Committee	Together
Grace	Rafferty	Women's Affairs Committee	Together
Shannon	Sinclair	Women's Affairs Committee	Social Justice
Ayda	Arya	Women's Affairs Committee	Social Justice
Sophie	Norman	Women's Affairs Committee	Social Justice
Ayda	Arya	Women's Officer	Social Justice
Shannon	Sinclair	Women's Officer	Social Justice
Kristen	Dodson-Geary	Women's Officer	CHANGE!
Phoebe	Cotton	Women's Officer	CHANGE!
Katya	Spiller	Women's Officer	Together
Zoe	Binns	Women's Officer	Together

Nominations Received that were ruled ineligible:

First Name	Last Name	Position	Ticket Name	Reason
Olivia	Aju	Environment and Social Justice Committee	CHANGE!	Eligible seconder not provided.
Aaron	Sharkey	Environment and Social Justice Committee	CHANGE!	Secunder had seconded more than one nomination.
Kit	Message	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Social Justice	Eligible seconder not provided.
Luka	Kiernan	General Representative	Social Justice	Eligible seconder not provided.
Chloe	Bisset	Lot's Wife Editor	Social Justice	Eligible seconder not provided.
Raheel	Bostan	People of Colour Collective	Together	Secunder had seconded more than one nomination.
Ming-Shing	Fan	Student Welfare Committee	Together	Secunder is not a student.
Randal	Wallace	Student Affairs Committee	CHANGE!	Secunder is not a student.
Veespathip	Chandrakumaran	Creative and Live Arts Committee	Together	Secunder is not a student.
Michaela	Posar	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together	Nominator is not a student.

First Name	Last Name	Position	Ticket Name	Reason
Ryan	Brown	Indigenous Officer		Nominator is not a student.
Kumarage	Fernando	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together	Nominator had nominated more than one candidate.
Lucy	Connelly	Student Affairs Committee	Social Justice	Nominator had nominated more than one candidate.
Emma	Chamberlain	Welfare Officer	Social Justice	Nominator is not a student.
Yeshani	Weerakkody	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together	Candidate is not a student.
Duc	Nguyen	Environment and Social Justice Committee	Together	Candidate is not a student.
Jayda	Abu Musa	People of Colour Collective	Social Justice	Candidate is not a student.
Rachel	Davidson	Women's Affairs Committee	Social Justice	Eligible seconder not provided.

Nominations Received that were Withdrawn:

First Name	Last Name	Position	Ticket Name
Annabel	Quinlivan	Creative and Live Arts Committee	CHANGE!

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Appendix 7 – Notice of Results



Monash Student Association (Clayton) Incorporated
2023 ANNUAL ELECTIONS
Monday 9 October – Thursday 12 October 2023

NOTICE OF RESULTS

The following candidates have been declared elected unopposed at the close of nominations to the positions as listed below. Results for all contested positions follow on this notice. 5260 students cast their vote in this election representing 12.1% of eligible voters.

Positions declared elected unopposed:

First Name	Surname	Position	Ticket Name
Marlley	McNamara	Indigenous Officer	CHANGE!
Ellie	Crouch	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Hoi	Chan	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Kavinayan	Thevashangar	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Manav	Bansal	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Mohannad	Budair	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Munjerin	Ulvi	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Polly	Lewis	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Reuben	Song	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Shirin	Kothari	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Sofiia	Sigal	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Subashri	Selvarajan	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Tahlia	Jackson	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together
Yitu	Wang	Mental Health and Resilience Committee	Together

Results for contested positions are below:

President

Candidate	Ticket	Primary Vote	After Preferences
Isla Hickey	Together	1806	1897
Chloe Ward	CHANGE!	1737	1970
Connor Knight	Social Justice	1411	Eliminated
Total		4954	1087 exhausted

After preferences were distributed from the elimination of Connor Knight, Chloe Ward was declared elected.

Secretary

Candidate	Ticket	Primary Vote	After Preferences
Mahmoud Anwar	Together	1801	1894
Zareh Kozanian	CHANGE!	1723	1966
Allyssa Gardner	Social Justice	1426	Eliminated
Total		4950	1090 exhausted

After preferences were distributed from the elimination of Allyssa Gardner, Zareh Kozanian was declared elected.

Treasurer

Candidate	Ticket	Primary Vote	After Preferences
Joshua Walters	CHANGE!	1750	1983
Matthew Pine	Together	1783	1882
Nathan Hannah	Social Justice	1421	Eliminated
Total		4954	1089 exhausted

After preferences were distributed from Nathan Hannah, Joshua Walters was declared elected.

Residential Community Officer

Candidate	Ticket	Result
Ariq Ilham & Aylin Vahabova	CHANGE!	1974
Oanna Denoual & Prashansa Singapuri	Together	1894
Total		3868

Ariq Illham & Aylin Vahabova were declared elected.

Lot's Wife Editor/s

Candidate	Ticket	Result	After Preferences
David Williams & Luca Brown	Social Justice	1420	Eliminated
Annabelle Cavanagh, Eric Stone, Kasey McClay, Kate Patten and Sithmi Mudiyansele	Together	1807	1901
Angus Duske, Mandy Li & Samantha Hudson	CHANGE!	1720	1956
Total		4947	1090 exhausted

After preferences from David Williams & Luca Brown were distributed, Angus Duske, Mandy Li & Samantha Hudson were declared elected.

Education (Academic Affairs) Officer

Candidate	Ticket	Primary Vote	Elimination Knight	Elimination Riches & Senior
Sadman Arafat & Takudzwa Chitambo	Together	1751	1755	1842
Grayson Lowe & Naomi Drego	CHANGE!	1727	1740	1980
Beck Riches & Colton Senior	Social Justice	1391	1396	Eliminated
James Knight		27	eliminated	Eliminated
Total		4896	5 exhausted	1074 exhausted

After preferences were distributed from James Knight, Beck Riches and Colton Senior, Grayson Lowe & Naomi Drego were declared elected.

Education (Public Affairs) Officer

Candidate	Ticket	Primary Vote	After Preferences
Flynn Brouwer & Srirama Shraddha-Iver	Together	1774	1868
Nafiz Islam & Sahar Farukh	CHANGE!	1684	1927
Josiah Downey & Samuel Allan	Social Justice	1412	Eliminated
Total		4870	1075 exhausted

After preferences were distributed from Josiah Downey & Samuel Allan, Nafiz Islam & Sahar Farukh were declared elected.

Student Affairs Committee

First Name	Ticket	Primary votes
Emma Shorten	Together	1730 (elected 1st)
Harleen Singh	Together	3 (elected 4th)
Owen Wallace	Together	5 (elected 7th)
Shokaria Kamali	Together	0 (elected 9th)
Julian Bowling	Together	7
Hannah Ingram	Together	14
Anurag Rawat	Together	3
Maisha Tasnia	Together	7
Caitlin Wan Sz Pore	Together	2
Connor Knight	Social Justice	1396 (elected 3rd)
Luka Kiernan	Social Justice	2 (elected 6th)
Antony Wendel	Social Justice	1
Liam Kruger	Social Justice	3
Grady Tyson	Social Justice	7
Damian Aleksic	CHANGE!	1678 (elected 2nd)
Felix Hughes	CHANGE!	5
David Dau	CHANGE!	9 (elected 5th)

First Name	Ticket	Primary votes
Shouryan Navit	CHANGE!	5
Lyla Danish	CHANGE!	2 (elected 8 th)
Total		4883

Emma Shorten, Damian Aleksic, Connor Knight, Harleen Singh, David Dau, Luka Kiernan, Owen Wallace, Lyla Danish and Shokaria Kamali were declared elected. Lyle Danish and Shokaria Kamali were elected upon the application of an affirmative action count in accordance with schedule 1.1 of the election regulations.

Welfare Officer

Candidate	Ticket	Primary Vote	After Preferences
Duc-Tri Bui & Vanessa Swarens	Together	1769	1860
Max Tory	Social Justice	1406	Eliminated
Jesse Fraser & Teagan Hayward	CHANGE!	1708	1947
Total		4883	1076 exhausted

After the distribution of preferences from Max Tory, Jesse Fraser & Teagan Hayward were declared elected.

Student Welfare Committee

First Name	Ticket	Primary votes
Kelly Cvetkova	Social Justice	1391 (elected 3 rd)
Max Tory	Social Justice	5 (elected 6 th)
Charli Culliver	Social Justice	7 (elected 9 th)
Jeffrey Santris	Social Justice	0
Cooper Finnigan	Social Justice	3
Herny Cristillo	Social Justice	2
Vu Le	Together	1723 (elected 1 st)
Tian R Eru	Together	3 (elected 4 th)
Talia Janssen	Together	6 (elected 7 th)
Jarrood Smyth	Together	4
Lily Rose	Together	1
Jarin Jannat	Together	1
Jun Feng Lim	Together	8
Nerida Willis	Together	2
Campbell Frost	CHANGE!	1668 (elected 2 nd)
Jay Davis	CHANGE!	11
Thomas Russo	CHANGE!	6 (elected 8 th)
Bilal Raja	CHANGE!	7
Krish Rajavel	CHANGE!	18 (elected 5 th)
Tyra Jones	CHANGE!	6
Total		4872

Vu Le, Campbell Frost, Kelly Cvetkova, Tian R Eru, Krish Rajavel, Max Tory, Talia Janssen, Thomas Russo and Charli Culliver were declared elected.

Environment & Social Justice Officer

Candidate	Ticket	Primary Vote	After Preferences
Sophie Allen & Thomas White	CHANGE!	1707	1956
Asadullah Jan & Nick Fallaw	Together	1741	1828
Luka Kiernan & Shannon Sinclair	Social Justice	1429	Eliminated
Total		4877	1093 exhausted

After the distribution of preferences from Luka Kiernan & Shannon Sinclair, Sophie Allen & Thomas White were declared elected.

Environment and Social Justice Committee

First Name	Ticket	Primary votes
Alyx Clatworthy	Together	1709 (elected 1st)
Mahdir Hasan	Together	5 (elected 4th)
Liam Bowman	Together	7 (elected 7th)
Hannah Bailey	Together	5 (elected 10th)
Noah Loven	Together	1 (elected 13th)
Manya Bhatia	Together	1 (elected 16th)
Ashley Curry	Together	3
Samuel Lundberg	Together	2
Adithi Srinivasan	Together	8 (elected 20th)
Millie Forwood	Together	0
Elena Rae Rufenacht	Together	4
Charles Connell	Together	3
Chirag Purohit	Together	3
Levente Soltan	Together	0
Otto Cox-Martino	Together	2
Attaul Tahir	Together	2
Josiah Downey	Social Justice	1409 (elected 3rd)
Emma Chamberlain	Social Justice	3 (elected 6th)
Samuel Allan	Social Justice	0 (elected 9th)
Madeline Curkovic	Social Justice	4 (elected 12th)
Nathan Hannah	Social Justice	2 (elected 15th)
Amit Samuni	Social Justice	2 (elected 18th)
Janset Selbas	Social Justice	2
Emma Ashmore	Social Justice	1
Jason Albury	Social Justice	5
Tom Halfpenny	CHANGE!	1665 (elected 2nd)
Zain Khan	CHANGE!	2 (elected 11th)
Konda Chilekampalli	CHANGE!	2 (elected 17th)
Alanah Alsop	CHANGE!	3 (elected 19th)
Aishwariya Subramanian	CHANGE!	5 (elected 5th)
Joshna Baskar	CHANGE!	2 (elected 14th)

First Name	Ticket	Primary votes
Sasha Braybrooke	CHANGE!	4 (elected 8 th)
Total		4866

Alyx Clatworthy, Tom Halfpenny, Josiah Downey, Madhir Hasan, Aishwariya Subramanian, Emma Chamberlain, Liam Bowman, Sasha Braybrooke, Samuel Allan, Hannah Bailey, Zain Khan, Madeline Curkovic, Noah Loven, Joshna Baskar, Nathan Hannah, Manya Bhatia, Konda Chilekampalli, Amit Samuni, Alanah Aslop and Adithi Srinivasan were declared elected. Alanah Aslop and Adithi Srinivasan were elected upon the application of an affirmative action count in accordance with schedule 1.1 of the election regulations.

Activities Officer

Candidate	Ticket	Primary Vote	After Preferences
Kit Message & Peter Wang	Social Justice	1403	Eliminated
Claris Yee & Mia Heanly	Together	1755	1846
Fatima Iqbal & Reggie Noor	CHANGE!	1703	1939
Total		4861	1076 exhausted

After the distribution of preferences from Kit Message & Peter Wang, Fatima Iqbal & Reggie Noor were declared elected.

Activities Advisory Committee

First Name	Ticket	Primary votes
Bhavya Pathak	Together	1808 (elected 2nd)
Loris Bayly	Together	5 (elected 4th)
Madeline Cariss	Together	5 (elected 6th)
Sneha Singh	Together	5 (elected 8th)
Patrick Porter	Together	3
Arwen Judge	Together	6
Sandra Samuel	Together	5
Fletcher Smith	Together	9
Minkyun Chai	Together	3
Randal Wallace	CHANGE!	1927 (elected 1st)
Efe Okan	CHANGE!	2 (elected 3rd)
Yash Mourya	CHANGE!	5 (elected 5th)
Tayla Husband	CHANGE!	4 (elected 7th)
Lyla Danish	CHANGE!	8 (elected 9th)
Total		3795

Randal Wallace, Bhavya Pathal, Efe Okan, Loris Bayly, Yash Mourya, Madeline Cariss, Tayla Husband, Sneha Singh and Lyla Danish were declared elected.

Creative and Live Arts Officer

Candidate	Ticket	Primary Vote	After Preferences
Diyara Jaswar & Ying Qi Yong	Together	1746	1835
Haider Shah & Gina Ford	CHANGE!	1700	1933
Liam Kruger	Social Justice	1393	Eliminated
Total		4839	1071 exhausted

After the distribution of preferences from Liam Kruger, Haider Shah & Gina Ford were declared elected.

Creative and Live Arts Committee

First Name	Ticket	Primary votes
Pippin Vaughan	Social Justice	1388 (elected 3 rd)
Numa Lemoh	CHANGE!	1670 (elected 2 nd)
Cass Chellis	CHANGE!	9 (elected 5 th)
Fahad Alghamdi	CHANGE!	6
Thomas Russo	CHANGE!	6 (elected 7 th)
Diva Bhatia	CHANGE!	7 (elected 9 th)
Alexandria Campbell	Together	1717 (elected 1 st)
Monica Mockiewicz	Together	5 (elected 4 th)
James Whitford	Together	5 (elected 6 th)
Taksheel Prakash	Together	5 (elected 8 th)
Tristram Macfarlane	Together	1
Aneirin Galloway-Mclean	Together	4
Benjamin Keu	Together	1
Vijayant Sharma	Together	3
Total		4827

Alexandria Campbell, Numa Lemoh, Pippin Vaughan, Monica Mockiewicz, Cass Chellis, James Whitford, Thomas Russo, Taksheel Prakash and Diva Bhatia were declared elected.

An insufficient number of women nominated for this position and thus all needed to be elected. In accordance with schedule 1.1 of the election regulations, all remaining men were excluded from the count after the election of Taksheel Prakash and Diva Bhatia was the only woman candidate left in the count once this occurred.

Disabilities & Carers Officer

Candidate	Ticket	Result
Charlotte Sutton & Gerardien Afifah	Together	120
Thien Autran	CHANGE!	102
Total		222

Charlotte Sutton & Gerardien Afifah were declared elected.

Women's Officer

Candidate	Ticket	Result
Kristen Dodson-Geary & Phoebe Cotton	CHANGE!	207
Katya Spiller & Zoe Binns	Together	237
Total		444

Katya Spiller & Zoe Binns were declared elected.

Women's Affairs Committee

First Name	Ticket	Primary votes
Izzy Carmody	CHANGE!	163 (elected 2nd)
Tayla Husban	CHANGE!	1 (elected 5th)
Sasha Braybrooke	CHANGE!	0 (elected 8th)
Molly Calderwood	CHANGE!	3
Ella Ng	CHANGE!	1
Mehak Kapoor	Together	192 (elected 1st)
Amy Aisbett	Together	5 (elected 4th)
Grace Binns	Together	12 (elected 7th)
Imogene Jones	Together	5
Hannah Perry	Together	0
Zhafira Aulia	Together	5
Chloe Lalor	Together	0
Anastasia Winnell	Together	2
Grace Rafferty	Together	5
Shannon Sinclair	Social Justice	156 (elected 3rd)
Ayda Arya	Social Justice	2 (elected 6th)
Sophie Norman	Social Justice	1 (elected 9th)
Total		553

Mehak Napoor, Izzy Carmody, Shannon Sinclair, Amy Aisbett, Tayla Husban, Ayda Arya, Grace Binns, Sasha Braybrooke, Sophie Norman were declared elected.

Queer Officer

Candidate	Ticket	Result
Kelly Cvetkova & Madeline Curkovic	Social Justice	608
Alannah Hunt & Oli Shemmell		331
Total		939

Kelly Cvetkova & Madeline Curkovic were declared elected.

People of Colour Officer

Candidate	Ticket	Primary Vote	After Preferences
Javier Belmar Osborn & Taru Panjekar	Together	155	160
Mika Supershsad	Social Justice	141	Eliminated
Anshuman Das & Tooba Javed	CHANGE!	172	183
Total		468	125 exhausted

After the distribution of preferences from Mika Supershad, Anshuman Das & Tooba Javed were declared elected.

People of Colour Collective

First Name	Ticket	Primary votes
Rene Chebet	Together	141 (elected 2nd)
Zainab Chowdhury	Together	1 (elected 5th)
Ashhar Hassan	Together	2
Langning Bao	Together	0
Hamid Mahir	Together	1
Mahathir Lutfullah	Together	2
Mevni De Silva	Together	3 (elected 8th)
Harnoor Aneja	Together	0
Dustin Kim	CHANGE!	2 (elected 4th)
Jun Gao	CHANGE!	147 (elected 1st)
Mohsen Karimi	CHANGE!	2 (elected 7th)
Arit Ador	CHANGE!	0
Aishwariya Subramanian	CHANGE!	8 (elected 9th)
Peter Wang	Social Justice	131 (elected 3rd)
Mika Supershad	Social Justice	0 (elected 6th)
Shayaki Niranja	Social Justice	0
Safwan Aziz	Social Justice	3
Total		443

Jun Gao, Rene Chebet, Peter Wang, Dustin Kim, Zainab Chowdhury, Mika Supershad, Mohsen Karimi, Mevni De Silva and Aishwariya Subramanian were declared elected. Mevni De Silva and Aishwariya Subramanian were elected upon the application of an affirmative action count in accordance with schedule 1.1 of the election regulations.

General Representatives

First Name	Ticket	Primary votes
Jay Davis	CHANGE!	1681 (elected 2nd)
Anban Raj	CHANGE!	8 (elected 5th)
Milika Nayak	CHANGE!	6
Beck Riches	Social Justice	1386 (elected 3rd)
Aisha Khodary	Social Justice	4

First Name	Ticket	Primary votes
Ashleigh Butcher	Social Justice	10
Benjamin Tory	Social Justice	3
Paris Enten	Together	1720 (elected 1st)
Stella Robinson	Together	15 (elected 4th)
Aashna Shah	Together	7
Jude Bachelet	Together	4
Fatima Ayub	Together	2
Total		4846

Paris Enten, Jay Davis, Beck Riches, Stella Robinson and Anban Raj were declared elected.

National Union of Students Delegates

First Name	Ticket	Primary votes
Madeline Curkovic	Social Justice	1405 (elected 3rd)
Luka Kiernan	Social Justice	2 (elected 6th)
Connor Knight	Social Justice	3
Josiah Downey	Social Justice	0
Shannon Sinclair	Social Justice	4
Max Tory	Social Justice	2
Kelly Cvetkova	Social Justice	4
Grayson Lowe	CHANGE!	1664 (elected 2nd)
Campbell Frost	CHANGE!	7 (elected 5th)
Kristen Dodson-Geary	CHANGE!	9
Asadullah Jan	Together	1704 (elected 1st)
Flynn Brouwer	Together	7 (elected 4th)
Javier Belmar-Osborn	Together	8 (elected 7th)
Jude Bachelet	Together	0
Alyx Clatworthy	Together	6
Harleen Singh	Together	3
Shokaria Kamali	Together	0
Total		4828

Asadullah Jan, Grayson Lowe, Madeline Curkovic, Flynn Brouwer, Campbell Frost, Luka Kiernan and Javier Belmar-Osborn were declared elected.

Referendum Question

The current clause 64(1)(d) of the MSA Constitution, “carer” means a person who provides care for a person with a disability or an elderly person, is to be replaced with “carer” has the same meaning as in the Carer Recognition Act 2010 (Cth).

Option	Result	Result (%)
Yes	700	91.03
No	69	8.97
Total votes	769	1.77% of eligible students

As the referendum failed to meet the threshold of at least 5% participation from eligible students, I declare the referendum failed.

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19 October 2023

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Appendix 8 – Complaints Register

2023 MSA Election Complaint Register

Complainant	Complainant Ticket name	Date	Respondent Ticket	Issue Category	Issue details	Actions/notes	Date Actioned
Jay Davis	Change!	27-Sep	Social Justice	Unauthorised Campaign Material	Monash Socialists campaigning on Facebook for Social Justice	Social Justice required to instruct Monash Socialists to remove all material by 5pm 2 Oct	1-Oct
Jay Davis	Change!	5-Oct	Social Justice	Unauthorised Campaigning	Campaigning on campus before polling	Campaign ban against SJ ticket registrant, Luka Keirnan, for 24 hours from midnight Sunday 8 Oct until midnight Monday 9 Oct	7-Oct
Joshua Strauss	Together	5-Oct	Social Justice	Unauthorised Campaigning	Campaigning on campus before polling	Campaign ban against SJ ticket registrant, Luka Keirnan, for 24 hours from midnight Sunday 8 Oct until midnight Monday 9 Oct	7-Oct
Joshua Strauss	Together	5-Oct	Change!	Non-student campaigner	Non-student (probably CHANGE! Aligned) commenting on Together's facebook posts	RO issued reminder to ticket registrants that tickets can face sanctions for non-students campaigning on their behalf	9-Oct
Joshua Strauss	Together	6-Oct	Change!	Non-student campaigner	Non-student (probably CHANGE! Aligned) commenting on Together's facebook posts	RO emailed Change! Ticket registrant directly to advise that tickets found to be benefitting from non-student campaigning can face ticket-wide sanctions	6-Oct
Joshua Strauss	Together	8-Oct	Change!	Unauthorised Campaign Material	A student (who was not officially affiliated with a ticket, but was most likely Change-aligned) posted on Monash Stalkerspace against Together	Change! Ticket registrant advised that the student in question is in no way affiliated with their ticket. No sanctions issued, however the RO monitored whether this student was involved in the Change! Campaign throughout polling week	8-Oct
Joshua Strauss	Together	8-Oct	Change!	Unauthorised Campaign Material	Change! Posted a video on Instagram	This was approved by the RO, however in the past videos have been interpreted as being prohibited under regulation 25.12.1. The RO advised the complainant that this was approved, but required the ticket to remove the video to align with past rulings	8-Oct
Joshua Strauss	Together	8-Oct	Change!	Unauthorised Campaign Material	Change! Posters on bins	Change! Ticket registrant required to remove posters by midday	9-Oct
Joshua Strauss	Together	9-Oct	Change!	Misleading/Deceptive conduct	Change! Campaigning that Together ran a \$1.5M deficit	RO investigated and did not agree that a breach was made	9-Oct
Kelly Cvetkova	Social Justice	9-Oct	Change!	Unauthorised Campaigning	Change! Posters on buildings	Change! Ticket registrant required to remove posters by midday	9-Oct
Student		9-Oct	Social Justice	Campaigner Conduct	Complaint about 'harassment'	RO issued reminder to campaigners about requirement to abide by code of conduct during election week	9-Oct
Luka Kiernan	Social Justice	9-Oct	Rainbow Collective (Oli and Alannah)	Misleading/Deceptive conduct	Potentially deceptive material	Rainbow Collective asked to respond to the complaint. Complaint dismissed as RO did not agree that it violated the regulations.	9-Oct
	Social Justice	9-Oct	Change!	Unauthorised Campaign Material	Use of 'independent' in HTV material	Change! Required to remove the word 'independent' by 2pm	9-Oct
Student		9-Oct	Change!	Unauthorised Campaign Material	Change! Posters on buildings	Change! Ticket registrant required to remove posters by midday	9-Oct
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Student		9-Oct	Change!	Unauthorised Campaign Material	Change! Posters on buildings	Change! Ticket registrant required to remove posters by midday	9-Oct
Joshua Strauss	Together	9-Oct	Change! - Dilhan Simsek and Kristy Le Gear	Misleading/Deceptive conduct	Comments while campaigning (re: 5 day extensions)	Ro advised complainants that the evidence provided did not offer enough context to impose sanctions	9-Oct
Joshua Strauss	Together	9-Oct	Change!	Non-student campaigner	Non-student campaigning for Change!	Related Change! Campaigner banned from campaigning for four hours	10-Oct
Joshua Strauss	Together	9-Oct	Social Justice	Secrecy of Ballot	Alleged interference with ballots	SJ was asked to respond to the complaint and said that 'there is insufficient evidence to say that [the campaigner] was looking at the ballot'. The RO agreed that the standard of proof was not met, but advised the ticket registrant that as the week progressed that evidence of campaigners looking at voters' phones would result in sanctions	10-Oct
Joshua Strauss	Together	9-Oct	Social Justice	Unauthorised Campaign Material	Failure to authorise HTV	SJ required to include authority on HTV by 5pm	10-Oct
Joshua Strauss	Together	9-Oct	Social Justice	Misleading/Deceptive conduct	Alleged misleading information on HTV 'if you want to vote for autonomous departments'	RO did not agree that the HTV was misleading	
Joshua Strauss	Together	9-Oct	Change!	Ticket Name	Complaint against Change! Ticket name	RO advised that the time to appeal an admitted ticket registration is within 24 hours of the Notice of Ticket Registrations being received. Complaint rejected	11-Oct
Jay Davis	Change!	10-Oct	Social Justice	Unauthorised Campaign Material	Complaint against use of Indigenous Flag on SJ HTV	RO determined that this is not in breach of any regulation	10-Oct
Luka Kiernan	Social Justice	10-Oct	Rainbow Collective (Oli and Alannah)	Misleading/Deceptive conduct	Dishonest publicity - 'Keep our queer officers queer and autonomous'	RO instructed Oli and Alannah to remove all publicity with this wording	10-Oct
Joshua Strauss	Together	10-Oct	Change!	Unauthorised Campaign Material	Change! Candidates campaigning using music over their instagram stories	Ticket-wide ban issued for Change! From 4-6pm on Tuesday	10-Oct
Jay Davis	Change!	10-Oct	Together	Secrecy of Ballot	Alleged interference with ballots	RO investigated and did not agree that a breach was made	10-Oct
Jay Davis	Change!	10-Oct	Social Justice	Non-student campaigner	Alleged non-student campaigning	RO investigated and determined that the campaigner is a Monash student	10-Oct
Jay Davis	Change!	10-Oct	Social Justice	Secrecy of Ballot	Alleged interference with ballots	RO did not agree that the evidence provided showed a breach of the regulations	10-Oct
Jay Davis	Change!	10-Oct	Together	Misleading/Deceptive conduct	Allegedly misleading information on HTV	Ro sought a response from Together and were comfortable with the claims made by Together as being defensible	11-Oct
Dilhan Simsek	Change!	10-Oct	Together	Secrecy of Ballot	Alleged interference with ballots	RO investigated and issued a 3-hour campaign ban to Asad Jan	11-Oct

Joshua Strauss	Together	10-Oct	Change!	Unauthorised Campaign Material	Campaigning in group chats	Three campaigners were banned from all forms of campaigning for the remainder of the election period (as at 1.12pm on 12/10)	12-Oct
Deputy RO		11-Oct	Social Justice	Campaigner Conduct	Campaigner campaigning within exclusion zone	Campaigner seen campaigning within the exclusion zone by the Deputy RO. 3 hour campaign ban issued	11-Oct
Jay Davis	Change!	11-Oct	Together	Unauthorised Campaign Material	Together candidate using music over instagram stories	RO investigated and issued a 3-hour campaign ban to the campaigner	11-Oct
Jay Davis	Change!	11-Oct	Social Justice	Misleading/Deceptive conduct	Complaint against SJ using wording 'If you wish to vote for autonomous positions...' in publicity. Allegedly misleading	Ro determined that this is not misleading as the HTV included a screenshot of the checkbox voters are required to complete to vote in autonomous positions which states that the vote identifies as queer/woman	11-Oct
Jay Davis	Change!	11-Oct	Together	Campaigner Conduct	Allegedly soliciting votes in Airport Lounge	The RO and DRO investigated this claim. Determined that there was no breach of regulations, but advised Together against using airport lounge as a ticket table	11-Oct
Jay Davis	Change!	11-Oct	Together	Unauthorised Campaign Material	Allegedly unauthorised image on social media	The RO determined that the image was incidentally cropped by Instagram, as the alt text included the wording of the authorisation. Complaint dismissed	12-Oct
Jay Davis	Change!	12-Oct	Together	Misleading/Deceptive conduct	Allegedly misleading information - Together candidates with inaccurate voting times on their social media	RO advised Together ticket registrant to ensure that campaigners are advertising the closing of polls accurately. Complaint dismissed	12-Oct
Student		12-Oct	Together	Unauthorised Campaign Material	Vote for Together' written on a communal refrigerator at Normanby House	No action taken due to the time the complaint was lodged and prioritising investigating more substantial complaints	12-Oct
Joshua Strauss	Together	12-Oct	Change!	Secrecy of Ballot	Alleged interference with ballots	Change! Campaigner banned for campaigning for the duration of the election period	12-Oct
Jay Davis	Change!	12-Oct	Social Justice	Secrecy of Ballot	Alleged interference with ballots	RO investigated and found no wrongdoing. Complaint dismissed	12-Oct
Bella Lamb		12-Oct	Social Justice	Unauthorised Campaign Material	SJ using posters created by and for NUS Queer Office	RO determined that this is not in breach of any regulation	12-Oct
Bella Lamb		12-Oct	Social Justice	Non-student campaigner	NUS office bearer talking to SJ campaigners	RO determined that the photo provided did not meet the standard of proof to show that the NUS office bearer was communicating with campaigners	12-Oct
Jay Davis	Change!	11-Oct	Together	Unauthorised Campaign Material	Alleged use of MSA logo	Ro dismissed complaint due to the logo (on a tshirt within a photo) being an incidental partial appearance and not being prominent	12-Oct
Joshua Strauss	Together	12-Oct	Social Justice	Campaigner Conduct	Campaigners allegedly blocking entrances	RO spoke to campaigners at the time of the complaint and did not observe them blocking the doorway. The doorway in question was in direct view of election staff	12-Oct
Student		12-Oct	Social Justice	Campaigner Conduct	SJ campaigner allegedly saying 'Well, it doesn't really matter' (or something to that effect) in relation to the requirement to identify as queer to vote in the queer ballot	Complaint provided approximately 1 hour before in person polling closed. RO acknowledged the complaint and requested further information from the complainant. This complaint is part of an appeal	16-Dec

Appendix 9 – Election Tribunal Rulings



Monash Student Association (Clayton) Incorporated
2023 ANNUAL ELECTIONS
Monday 9 October – Thursday 12 October 2023

2023 MSA Election Tribunal Rulings

Ruling 1 – Appeal of Decision of Returning Officer

As RO I received an appeal to my ruling regarding postering. The ruling was issued at 12:57am Monday 9th October and stated the following:

Ruling regarding postering

Due to a large number of queries relating to requests for excessive postering, I am issuing a ruling restricting promotional material to University noticeboards, notice poles and poster kiosks. This ruling does not supersede the forbidden practices outlined at 43.4.20.'

Appeal from Jay Davis on 9 October:

"In accordance with election regulation 46.1. I am appealing your ruling restricting promotional material to university noticeboards, notice poles and poster kiosks."

Election Tribunal Decision:

"I rule as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to r 45.5, I decline to hold a hearing, as I am on the view that is unnecessary that a hearing be held.*
- 2. I dismiss Jay Davis' appeal against the 'Ruling regarding postering' issued at 12.57am today."*

Ruling 2 – Appeal of Decision by Returning Officer

As Returning Officer, I authorised election material from candidates Oli Shemmell and Alannah Hunt that bore the words:

"Chosen by, for, and from the MSA Queer Community as a 2024 MSA Queer Officer" and

"For the past 6 years, all political parties have agreed that the Queer Officers should be selected from, by, and for queer students.

This is no longer the case.

With the 'Social Justice' ticket running candidates unknown to the MSA Queer Community, it is more important than ever that our representatives are fellow queer people who place queer issues above political motivation and gain.

Authorised by Oli Shemmell & Alannah Hunt

The only candidates selected by, for, and from the MSA Queer Community".

Appeal from Luka Kiernan on 10 October:

'We would like to appeal that decision on the following basis. There is a clear distinction between the rainbow collective or queer department, and the "Queer Community". The "queer community" includes all queer people. The use of the phrase "queer community" is dishonest, as it implies a much wider group than the group which did endorse the Rainbow Collective (RC) candidates. The MSA queer community includes all queer people involved in the MSA and MSA activities, which as a group have not endorsed the RC candidates. The assertion that this ticket has the endorsement of the queer community is a claim that the ticket has the endorsement of all Monash or MSA queer people, which it clearly does not. To be adhering to 24.2.3, 4.2, and 42.3, the material would have to state that the candidates have been endorsed by the queer department, NOT by the monash queer community. We request that a ruling be made to require the RC material to be amended so as to comply with the regulations.'

Election Tribunal Decision:

"I rule as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to r 45.5, I decline to hold a hearing, as I am of the view that is unnecessary to do so.*
- 2. I dismiss Luka Kiernan's appeal against the ruling issued by you on at 4.41 pm on 9 October and set out below.*

Ruling 3 – Appeal Against Results of Election**Appeal from Oli Shemmell and Alannah Hunt (Notice on 13 October):**

"Please take this as written notice of Oli Shemmell and Alannah Hunt to contest the election result as per reg 48.1.

We contend that there has been a defect in the conduct of the election which has materially affected the result in the conduct of Social Justice in encouraging students who were not queer or questioning that they should vote in the queer election, hence undermining the autonomy of the department.

We also contend that the secrecy of the ballot was continuously undermined such that ballot was materially affected."

Election Tribunal Decision:

"Having considered the appellant's submissions (and the further material provided by the Returning Officer), together with the Returning Officer report, I am not satisfied that there is a prima face case that there has been a defect in the conduct of the election which has materially affected the result. Pursuant to reg 48.4, I thus decline to hear the appeal against the result of the election."