

Meeting opened at 11:07am on 14 April 2023

AGENDA

A. Attendance

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proxy</u>
President	Sebastian Schultz	
Treasurer:	Sidratul Ahmed	
Secretary:	Natasha Tiong	
Education (Public Affairs):	Ann Maria Sabu	
Education (Academic Affairs):	Paris Enten	
Activities:	Claris Yee	Ying Qi Yong
CLA:	Fleur Timmins	Absent
Welfare:	Stuart Gibson	
Indigenous:	John Sopar	
Environment & Social Justice:	Mariam Madiha	
Women's:	Vicky Kwong	
Queer:	Oli Shemmell	
Disabilities & Carers:	Elena Ruefenacht	
People of Colour:	Desna Ramjee	Absent
Res Community Department:	Isla Hickey	
MUISS:	Anshuman Das	Absent
MAPS:	Vick Arjuna	Masum Bin Khalil Seyam
Clubs & Societies:	Arjun Girish	
Radio Monash:	Nick Lazzara	Sarah Stancombe
General Representative:	Isabelle Cummane	
General Representative:	Pranami Gamage	Absent
General Representative:	Sadman Arafat	Absent
General Representative:	Tippi Morgan	Absent
General Representative:	Mahzarin Katrak	

B. Acknowledgment of traditional owners of land

This MSC acknowledges and pays respect to the Bunurong peoples of the Kulin nations as the original and ongoing owners and custodians of this land. The MSA commits itself to actively fight alongside Indigenous peoples for reconciliation and justice for all Indigenous Australians.

C. Confirmation of Agenda Order

Confirmed

D. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion #1:
 This MSC confirms [MSC Minutes 3/23](#) to be the true and accurate recording of the proceedings.
Moved: Isabelle Cummane **Seconded:** Sidratul Ahmed
For: 17
Against:
Abstentions:
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Office Bearer and Divisional Reports

Education (Academic Affairs)
Education (Public Affairs)
Environmental & Social Justice
Indigenous
Lot's Wife
People of Colour
Queer
Women's
Residential

[Welfare](#)

Motion #2:

This MSC accepts all submitted Office Bearer and Divisional Reports en bloc.

Moved: Vick Arjuna

Seconded: Arjun Girish

For: 17

Against:

Abstentions:

MOTION

F. Audit

Motion #3:

This MSC moves to accept the [MSA Financial Statement](#).

Moved: Sidratul Ahmed

Seconded: Natasha Tiong

For: 17

Against:

Abstentions:

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion #4:

This MSC moves to hold an AGM on Friday 28th of April 2023.

Moved: Natasha Tiong

Seconded: Isabelle Cummane

For: 17

Against:

Abstentions:

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Natasha explained that the AGM is different to MSCs, as only one agenda item will be heard and that is to approve the MSA Financial Statement as attached above in Motion #3. She stated that a 21-day notice has already been emailed to all members notifying them of this scheduled AGM.

G. Motion condemning the City of Casey's cancellation of the Art of Drag series

Preamble: The free Art of Drag series, a drag workshop series organised by local drag artists, which was set to begin on the 5th of April has been cancelled by the City of Casey following a barrage of threats and violence from alt-right and self-proclaimed "Christian" groups. This incredibly disappointing outcome reflects on the State and Federal Governments' failing to protect Queer and Trans young people. Those in power have a responsibility to protect our communities and provide structure and resources to local councils that prevent young

people from being exposed to and impacted by violent extremism. This includes robust safety protocols, no-tolerance policies for hate, and thorough community consultation during risk assessments. Historically, the cancellation of otherwise well-protected events has emboldened extremist groups, leading to the current escalation of violence. A blatant example of this is the hate-speech in the form of derogatory comments, slurs and threats experienced by many of the artists involved since the cancellation of the Art of Drag series. The violent threats made are unacceptable and undeserved. Young people are entitled to education, connection to community and opportunities to grow without fear from harm.

Motion #5:

This MSC recognises the importance and value of events such as the Art of Drag to Queer and Trans youth, and the community more widely.

This MSC acknowledges that the current political climate demands creative, new, and innovative approaches to education and community building.

The MSA makes a commitment to facilitate the running of some of the Art of Drag workshops during Monash Pride Week and the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion week at a minimum.

The MSA commits to writing a letter of support for the event to the City of Casey Council.

This MSC expresses its disappointment in the failure of City of Casey to consult with the community when deciding to cancel the Art of Drag series, and their failure to provide adequate protection to Queer and Trans young people intending to facilitate and attend this series of events.

Moved: Oli Shemmell **Seconded:** Isla Hickey

For: 17

Against:

Abstentions:

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

There were no speakers, and Seb moved to a vote immediately.

H. Motion regarding anti-Trans rally dated 18th March 2023

Preamble: On 18th March, Neo Nazis took to the streets of Melbourne CBD to protest against Trans rights. In a show of such appalling views, the group publicly exhibited Nazi salutes and their swastika tattoos on the Parliament's steps. The protest saw members of Victoria Police present in the crowd. However, according to what is observed by persons present at the rally, VicPol directed its resources and attention towards silencing allies of the Trans community by utilising force and pepper spray, when action should have been taken against the Neo Nazis. This MSC has unanimously passed a motion condemning the actions of persons with anti-Trans agendas and demonstrating its support and care for members of the Queer, Trans and/or Jewish community who have been affected by the rally. This motion in MSC 4 focuses on condemning the actions, or lack thereof, of VicPol.

Motion #6:

This MSC expresses its immense disappointment in Victoria Police for failing to prioritise the protection of the Trans and Jewish communities over Neo-Nazis.

Moved: Natasha Tiong **Seconded:** John Sopar

For: 17

Against:

Abstentions:

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

There were no speakers and Seb moved to a vote immediately.

I. General Business

No general business

Meeting Closed at 11:17pm