



10 October 2023

Week 10, Semester 2

Welcome to Week 10! In today's edition, we're excited to share our new brand campaign featuring you, our students, as well as a range of free events and activities happening on campus.

## Top stories this week

### Modern Slavery in Australia: hidden in plain sight

Jiaying and Yuereng, Media and Communications students and interns in the Modern Slavery Unit, take to the streets of campus to [see how much our students know about modern slavery in Australia](#).



### Cheer on USYD in the Australian Boat Race on 14 October

[We chat with three of our inspirational athletes ahead of the Australian Boat Race](#), where the USYD Men's Eight and Women's Eight rowing teams take on Melbourne Uni to continue the 160-year-old rivalry.



## Supporting yourself and others in the lead up to the referendum

Referendum day is on Saturday 14 October. Polling places will be open between 8 am and 6 pm, local time, on voting day.

Over the next few weeks, it's important to keep the wellbeing of yourself and others in mind, and demonstrate respect and sensitivity towards your peers. This includes recognising that Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are not responsible for educating you about the Voice to Parliament. The AEC has a comprehensive resource list on their website, including [where to vote](#), [how to complete the ballot paper](#) and the [official Yes/No cases](#). Elisa Arcioni, Associate Professor in Constitutional Law, is also hosting a drop-in Q&A session at the Law Foyer on Tuesday 10 October, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, to answer any questions you may have on the referendum.

Educational videos are also available in [Traditional Chinese \(Voice Referendum explainer\)](#) and [Simplified Chinese \(Voice Referendum explainer\)](#).

The University is here to support you in the lead up to, during and after referendum day. Connect with the [Student Wellbeing team](#) online or on 02 8627 8433 / 02 7255 1562 to seek or refer a peer to support. The [Gadigal Centre](#) and Aboriginal Support Staff are also available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students to speak with and offer support.

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## You CAN Ask Me That

In our You CAN Ask Me That video series, staff and students from the University of Sydney answer questions and dispel myths about amending the Constitution to include a Voice to Parliament.



## Telling your stories – let's make it happen

If you're catching the tram into the city, heading to Parramatta Westfield, or scrolling through social media, you might notice the University of Sydney suddenly seems to be everywhere. That's because this week we launched our new brand campaign, and this year it's all about telling your stories. Meet the students behind our campaign: Yaser; Maddi; Patrick; and Cameryn.

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## Notices

- Exam timetables for Semester 2, 2023 have been released and are now available. [Visit the exams page](#) to access your exam timetable.
  - The NSW Police has informed us of 'virtual kidnapping' scams that target Chinese students. [Make sure you know how to protect yourself from scams](#). If you receive a call that doesn't seem right, ignore their demands and simply hang up. If you think you've been impacted by a scam, the [Student Wellbeing team](#) can help you.
  - On 11 October we will be conducting a test exercise of our mass messaging system, which we use to communicate with students and staff in the event of an emergency. The message will be sent from +61 439 799 520. We would also like to remind you to [keep your contact details up to date in Sydney Student](#).
  - Voting has closed for a range of student positions on the Academic Board, Faculty Board, University School Board, Faculty and University School. The declaration of results has been published on the [Student Elections webpage](#). Any enquiries should be directed to [secretariat.elections@sydney.edu.au](mailto:secretariat.elections@sydney.edu.au).
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## Free student-led activities at USYD

### Eco-friendly upcycled workshops

Get creative and turn trash into treasure as you [learn how to make your own paper and indoor hanging planters](#) (complete with plant!) all from recycled materials. Choose from four 30-minute workshops on 11 October.

### SUDS Presents: Rabbit + Shower Thoughts

An original work by Felix Tonkin, Rabbit explores themes of masculinity, coming of age, and betrayal. Stylistically dark yet often nonsensical, [the humorous and menacing play is on at The Cellar Door until 14 October](#). Tickets start at \$3.

### Celebrating cultural connections

Join First Nations and Chinese Community Elders on 12 October from 12 pm at the Gadigal Centre as they unveil a new cultural artwork, report and video, while engaging in discussion on the Voice to Parliament.

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## Free events on and around campus

### 14 October | Submit to the Fisher Library memory book

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of Fisher Library, [share your memories or photos of the library](#) by 14 October to be featured in a memory book. Keep an eye on the [Library's](#)



[Instagram](#) for upcoming activities and events to mark the milestone.



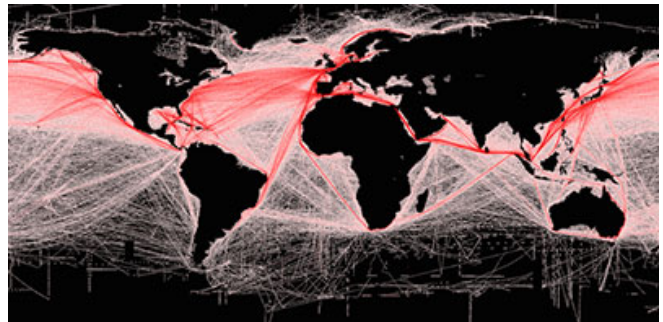
## 15 Oct | Living on the Edge: River Country Community Day

The Sydney Environment Institute has partnered with the National Museum of Australia to celebrate the launch of [Living on the Edge: Caring for Australia's Threatened Place](#), a series of talks, walks and creative activities suited to all ages.



## 19 October | Ethical fashion: fad or reality?

Hear from a diverse range of speakers, including Clare Press, ethical fashion journalist and author, as they [explore issues in ethical fashion](#). A Fashion Swap hosted by the USYD Fashion Revolution Society will follow the panel discussion.



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## Social and community-focused opportunities

### Receive up to \$2500 in funding for your sustainability initiative

Make a difference to campus life and the environment with a [Sustainability Action Grant](#), providing funding and mentorship to innovate projects that enable and embed sustainability in our community. Applications are open until 2 November.



## Sharing knowledge for mutually beneficial outcomes

Applications for our Service Learning in Indigenous Communities (SLIC) program are open. SLIC students will have the opportunity to collaborate on essential projects co-designed and led by Indigenous communities in North Queensland. [Learn more about the SLIC program and apply online.](#)



## Win a \$5000 travel and adventure voucher

Someday Soon is less than three weeks away. To celebrate, USU are giving away a \$5000 travel and adventure voucher to one lucky USYD student. [Secure your tickets to Someday Soon](#) before 15 October for your chance to win. Winners will be contacted via email on 16 October.



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## Study and career development opportunities

### Gain experience with a Master of Management, ranked #1 in Australia

Acquire practical business and industry experience with our Master of Management degree. [Join the Master of Management webinar](#) on Thursday 12 October at 6:30 pm to learn more about the course, entry requirements, application process and graduate opportunities.

### Explore how co-design works in the field of digital health

On Wednesday 18 October, Leigh-Anne Hepburn, Kara Burns and Mahima Kalla will [discuss how co-designing research works](#), how co-design differs when carried out in digital health, and how we can best connect and support powerful co-design practice.

### Learn about the remarkable contributions of women in science

Attend the [Women in Science panel discussion](#) on Tuesday 24 October to hear from women about their experiences entering the workforce and building their careers. The event will be followed by a

networking session, giving you the opportunity to ask the panellists questions over light refreshments.

## Improve the experience of our University community

Join the Student Voice Group and take a hands-on role in improving life at the University. Share your insight into University life, gain experience in co-design, ideation and research techniques and see the impact your voice has on future improvements for the student experience. [Fill out a form online to register your interest in being part of the Student Voice Group.](#)

## Thinking of changing courses or redefining your academic goals?

The Student Advising team are here to help with your study-related decisions. [Book a 1-on-1 consultation with the Pop-Up Course Transfer Hub](#) to learn about the course change process, where to seek further academic advice and support, and how to get the most out of your degree.

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## Social shoutout

World Teacher's Day was on 5 October. We celebrated by reading out your kind comments to your favourite professors and tutors – [tune in to watch their reactions!](#)

We love to see what you get up to during the semester, so tag [@sydney\\_uni](#) or [#usyd](#) for your chance to be featured.

Don't forget to join us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#) and [WeChat](#) to stay up to date on the latest news and events.



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## Student resources

[Student website](#) | [Canvas](#) | [myUni](#) | [Sydney Student](#) | [Key dates](#) | [Student life, wellbeing and support](#)

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