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Week 11, Semester 2

We're in Week 11, which means there's only three weeks of classes left. You're on the home stretch! In today's edition, we hero the incredible students making an impact in our community through innovation, charity and advocacy.

## Top stories this week

### Vote in the 2023 Student Innovation Awards

The Student Innovation Awards celebrate student-led projects creating real-world solutions and positive change. [See the list of finalists](#) across a range of categories on our website, and don't forget to [nominate your favourite project for a People's Choice Award](#).



2022 Student Innovation Awards finalists

### How our students are raising awareness of homelessness in Australia

Supported by our [Student Life Grants](#) program, the Vinnies Winter Sleepout is an annual community event to raise awareness of homelessness in Australia and what we can all do to help. [Hear from the students who participated in the Sleepout this year](#).



### Meet the students driving the sustainable fashion movement

We spoke to Lily about [the work USYD's Fashion Revolution Society does to](#)

[advocate for environmentally friendly fashion](#), what her fashion red flags are, and simple ways to make our wardrobes more sustainable.



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## Support following the referendum outcome

On Saturday 14 October, the [AEC announced the preliminary outcome of the referendum](#). In the coming days and weeks, we encourage you to look out for one another and seek support if you need it. First Nations students seeking support for yourself or your peer can connect with the [Gadigal Centre](#) and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander support staff. The [Student Wellbeing team](#) is also available to support all students.

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## Notices

- Your [Semester 2 exam timetable](#) is now available. Make sure you check your timetable for the type of exam you are sitting and where it will be taking place. [More information about exams](#) is available on our website.
  - The Student Centre will be available to approve [calculators and linguistic dictionaries to use in exams](#) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, between 9 am and 12 pm.
  - With the Redfern Station Upgrade Project complete, the station is now more accessible to people with a disability, limited mobility, parents/carers with prams and people with luggage. The new Southern Concourse provides easy access to Platforms 1 to 10, with six new stairs and lifts, and improves connectivity between South Eveleigh and our Darlington campus. [View the station map \(pdf, 284KB\)](#) or learn more on our [getting to campus page](#).
  - We wholeheartedly support the SRC and SUPRA's call for the State Government to extend the transport concession program to all students, including part-time and international students. [Sign the ePetition](#) to show your support for making transport concessions available to all students in NSW.
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## Help protect our Christmas beetles

Our scientists are calling for volunteers to identify and record Christmas beetles, so they can understand the current population and combat potential issues in order to secure the beetles' future. [Become a citizen scientist to help spot these beloved beetles and contribute to their protection.](#)



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## Mental Health Month activities at USYD

### Picnic on Cadigal Green

Hosted by the Faculty of Engineering, come and enjoy a picnic on Cadigal Green on Wednesday 25 October from 11 am to 2 pm. The team from [Bike n' Blend](#) will be on site so you can cycle your way to a delicious, pedal-powered smoothie.

### Supporting your wellbeing on campus

Join us at JFR Plaza from 11 am on 25 October for a Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony, and a range of activities to support your mental health and wellbeing. Chat to the team at [Sonder](#), create a photo booth pledge with [batyr](#), and more.

### Watch WhiteStickFest live

Held in the Law Foyer on 20 October from 12:30–3:30 pm, [WhiteStickFest](#) is a live, online music festival that celebrates blind and low vision artists and audiences. Proudly sponsored by SUPRA, it's free to attend and food and refreshments are provided.

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## Free events on campus

### Enjoy live music in the Botanic Gardens

Students from the [Sydney Conservatorium of Music's Brass Division](#) will perform a suite of [new works](#) and classic repertoire renditions in the newly built Garden Amphitheatre in the Royal Botanic Garden on 17 October at 12:30 pm.



### End-of-year party for LGBTQIA+



## students

Celebrate the end of semester with a [pizza party for queer, trans, and gender-diverse students](#). Hosted by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the event will be held on 17 October from 11 am in Room 460, (Level 4, A02) Social Sciences Building.



## Be inspired at the Sydney Innovation Festival

Join us at the [Sydney Innovation Festival](#) on 26 October from 12:30 pm on campus. The annual festival features a series of in-person talks by thought leaders and successful entrepreneurs, immersive booths and plenty of opportunities to network and connect.



Sydney Innovation Festival 2022

## Celebrate Fisher Library's 60th anniversary

Since 1963, Fisher Library has been an important aspect of student life at the University. [Enjoy a range of festivities in the Fisher forecourt](#) from 12–4 pm on Thursday 2 November, including free desserts and a photobooth.



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## Sport and fitness at USYD

### 2023 UniSport Nationals highlights

On 23 September, over 6000 university students travelled to sunny Surfer's Paradise on the Gold Coast (Kombumerri land) for the 2023 UniSport Nationals competition. Over 400 of our student-athletes represented 22 sports. [See how we performed at the UniSport Nationals](#).



## Sydney wins the Australian Boat Race on the Yarra River

Congratulations to our University of Sydney Men's and Women's Eight teams for once again taking the trophies at this year's Australian Boat Race. Held on 14 October, the women claimed the title for 5th year in a row while the men kept the title for their 8th consecutive year. [Re-live the victory and watch a recording of the event.](#)



## Try out gymnastics at SUSF's beginner-friendly workshop

Ever wanted to try gymnastics? Now is your opportunity! [Register for SUSF's beginner-friendly gymnastics workshop](#), held in the Activity Hall at the Arena Sports Centre from 11 am to 1 pm on 27 October. Tickets are just \$10.

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## Study and career development opportunities

### Study with New York University at Sydney

Experience a unique local [exchange opportunity with New York University \(NYU\)](#) at our Camperdown/Darlington campus. Take NYU units, connect with NYU students and learn from NYU academics, all from Sydney. Applications close 1 December.



### Learn about pathways to employment in academia

Interested in a career in academia? Join us for an [interactive workshop on 19 October](#), 12–1 pm, to hear from academics about how they progressed their career and how you can do the same.

### Explore postgraduate study at Sydney

Whether you're looking to future-proof your career or explore new areas of interest, learn everything you need to know about postgraduate study at our [Postgraduate Information Series](#) throughout October.

### Ideas and actions for climate researchers

### Network with the next generation of innovators

At this free [Grounded Conversations event](#) on 24 October from 9–10 am, hear from experts about the practical transformation of unjust systems in relation to climate change and exciting possibilities for our rapidly changing world.

Join the Parliament of NSW on 25 October for a morning of networking, sweet treats and learning at [The Breakfast Club: Hansard](#). This inaugural event is a unique opportunity to gather, network and gain invaluable insights into the world of Parliament in NSW.

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## Social shoutout

It's that time of year again, where our campuses are painted purple! Thanks [@infitsummer](#) for capturing this season's jacaranda bloom.

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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