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Welcome to Week 6, Mack!

This week is Disability Inclusion Week, and to mark the occasion we spotlight students empowering change and share a variety of ways you can get involved in the Week across campus and online.

We also preview the much-anticipated Book Fair, share an important update regarding the Student Centre, and take a look at some upcoming events that will get you thinking.

Top stories

Telling your stories – let's make it happen

From study abroad opportunities to life-changing scholarships, see [how our students are making it happen at the University of Sydney](#).



Cedric, Bachelor of Engineering (Biomedical) Honours and Bachelor of Science (Medical Science) student.

"I want to change lives with medicine and engineering in remote Australia. By interning in Australia, Denmark, and studying in Japan, I'm finding

innovative solutions across the globe," – Cedric.



Piadora, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Science alumnus.

"Because my mother had to fight for custody of me, studying law and fighting injustice became my dream. With University of Sydney scholarships, and hard work, my dream became reality," – Piadora.



Bag a bargain at the Book Fair

The beloved Book Fair is back! The Fair will take place in the Great Hall from Saturday 14 to Wednesday 18 September. For the first time, we're collaborating with Lifeline Sydney to deliver the event, so in the lead up to the big day we've pulled together [five things you should know about the Book Fair](#).



Ask R U OK? Any day

R U OK? Day on Thursday 12 September is an important reminder to have regular, meaningful conversations every day of the year. [Find out what's happening on campus for R U OK? Day, and how to have life-changing conversations.](#)

Need to know

- From Wednesday 4 September, [the Student Centre will be temporarily relocating](#) from the Jane Foss Russell (G02) building to Fisher Library Learning Hub (F03) for three months.

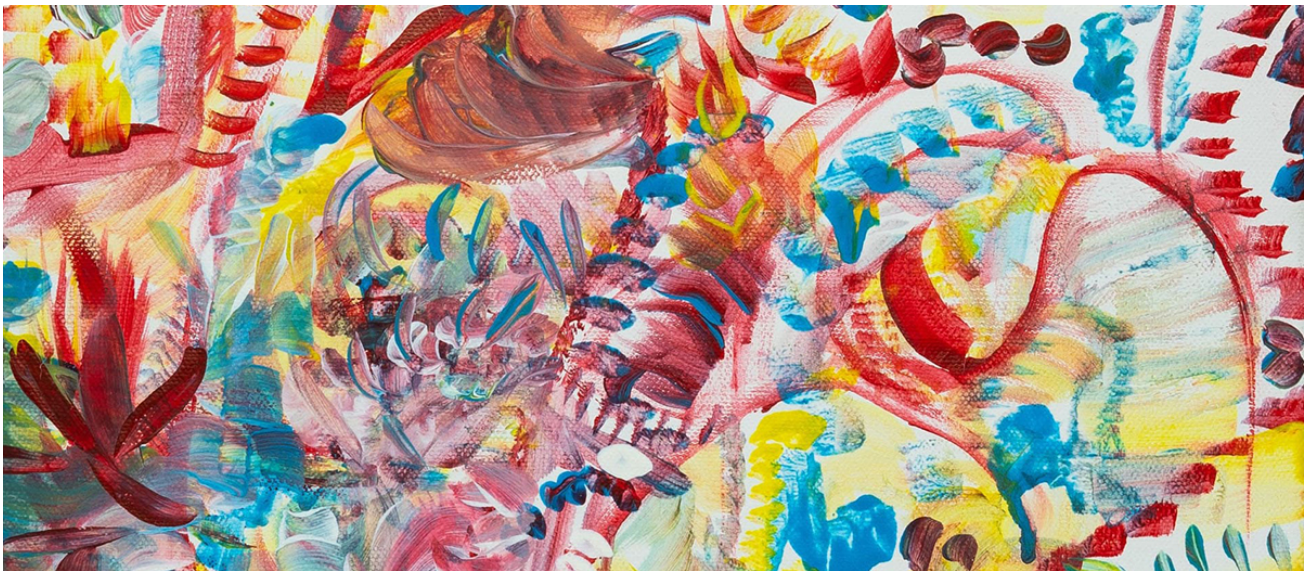
The Student Centre at Fisher Library will continue to operate from 9–5 pm Monday to Friday, with its usual services.

- NSW Health is asking the community to be aware of symptoms of Mpox following a recent increase in infections, mostly impacting men who have sex with men (MSM). Mpox often starts with small pimple-like sores and symptoms can also include mild fever, headache, fatigue, or swollen lymph nodes. For more information visit the [Mpox page on NSW Health](#).
- If you have a disability, medical condition, or carer responsibilities (temporary or ongoing) which may disadvantage you in your formal examinations, you may be eligible for reasonable adjustments through [Inclusion and Disability Services \(IDS\)](#). You will need to apply to register, book a consultation appointment, and be registered with Inclusion and Disability Services by Wednesday 25 September to be approved for adjustments.
- The Australian Red Cross Lifeblood will be operating a [mobile blood donation centre](#) on Eastern Avenue 8.30 am–2:30 pm from Monday 2 September to Friday 5 September.
- The Services Portal will be unavailable from 1–3 am on Sunday 8 September for an annual upgrade of our University systems. Please avoid submitting any forms or support tickets during this time.

Update on the University's Investment Policies Review Working Group

The membership of the University's Investment Policies Review Working Group has been finalised and will be chaired by Dr Simon Longstaff AO. Bryson Constable and Muhammad Yaseen are the Working Group's student representatives. The full list of members can be found below:

- Dr Simon Longstaff AO (Chair)
 - Major General Paul Symon AO
 - Stephen Dunne
 - Professor Lisa Jackson Pulver AM
 - Professor Justine Nolan
 - Bryson Constable
 - Muhammad Yaseen
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Disability Inclusion Week

Today marks the start of our tenth Disability Inclusion Week! This year, we highlight inspiring students making a difference and empowering change as well as some fun and inclusive events across campus. For the full list of activities, visit the dedicated [Disability Inclusion Week homepage](#).

Artwork credit: Wendy Riley, 'Dreaming – Day dream', 2023.



Umar, PhD student and disability advocate.

The Sydney student fighting for disability rights around the world

Growing up in Saudi Arabia as the son of Indonesian migrant workers, Umar was refused entry to school because of his disability. Now 28, he is completing a PhD at the University of Sydney and campaigning for equal rights for people like him. [Learn about Umar's journey and disability advocacy](#).

The students making our digital spaces more accessible

While studying a Bachelor of Music, Leila works at the University as a User Experience Tester, ensuring our sites and systems meet international usability standards and are accessible and

user-friendly for everyone.



Leila (Bachelor of Music student and User Experience Tester) playing the piano at an event.

Hear from Leila about her experience as a student with a disability and her role at the University:

“As disabled students, we frequently need to find creative solutions to complete the same tasks as our peers. We become very good at overcoming and adapting to challenges in both digital and physical spaces.”

“In the User Experience Tester role, we use these unique perspectives and experiences to provide feedback and insights on the accessibility of a wide range of systems, sites and technology.” – Leila.



DisCo's Open Mic Night

Hosted by the SRC Disability Collective (DisCo), The [DisCo Open Mic Night](#) kicks off at 5:30 pm Thursday 5 September with a poetry writing workshop at Hermann's Bar and is capped off with a pilgrimage to Newtown Hotel. In between, witness or partake in the open mic while enjoying some free pizza!



Assistive Technology Expo

Drop by the Susan Wakil Building Event Space from 10–3 pm Wednesday 4 September to see and try assistive technology that supports people with disability to participate in their communities. No registration necessary.



Parasports showcase

Speak to the teams across the University who support staff and students with disability, order a coffee using Auslan, or play some parasports on the lawns near Fisher Library from 10–2 pm on Thursday 5 September.

AHEM...

No, we're not clearing our throat.

If you started an undergraduate or postgraduate degree this semester, you're required to complete the [Academic Honesty Education Module \(AHEM\)](#). The module outlines the importance of academic integrity and your responsibilities as a student in this regard. You will have been enrolled in the module if you're required to complete it, and it will appear on your dashboard in Canvas.

What's happening at Sydney



May Day March 1974, John Young, oil on canvas.

Union Made USU exhibition at CCWM

Celebrating USU's 150th anniversary, [Union Made: Art from the University of Sydney](#). [Union](#) features selections from the Union's stunning collection of 536 works. The free exhibition at the Chau Chak Wing Museum (CCWM) celebrates the collection's diversity in four themes: student activism, modernism, Indigenous works and historic works.

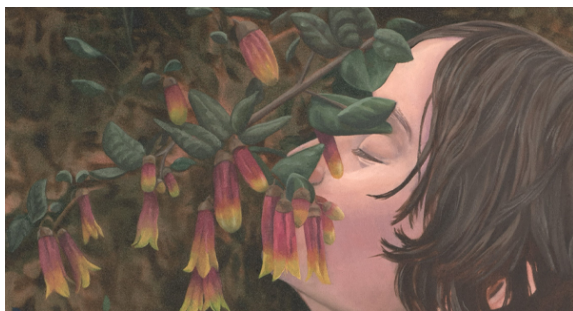
While the exhibition will be running in the Power Gallery until June 2025, on Thursdays 5, 12 and 26 September from 12:30 pm is a series of student-led talks discussing works in the exhibition. To register for the free event and find out more about the talks, visit the [Fresh Perspectives](#) event page.



Hear from your community at the Student Voice Australasia Student Summit

Join us on Thursday 19 September for the [Student Voice Australasia \(SVA\) Student Summit](#), hosted by our University.

Student representatives and leaders from across Australia will exchange knowledge, tackle challenges, and gain inspiration from engaging speakers under the theme 'Agents of Transformation.' This hybrid event offers both in-person and online sessions, allowing you to connect with peers and contribute to discussions on the future of education, so register now to avoid missing out.



Kylie Banyard, *Hal with a face full of correa*, 2024, acrylic and oil on hawthorn dyed canvas, 53 x 71cm. Image courtesy of the artist and Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne.

New exhibition at Verge

Join Verge and Kylie Banyard in celebrating the opening of new exhibition, [soft landing](#) from 5:30 pm Thursday 5 September.

Earlier in the day from 11 am–12 pm, Kylie Banyard and accessibility consultant Sarah Empey will be facilitating a [Slow Looking Workshop](#) featuring guided slow looking activities. The perfect opportunity to pause and practice mindfulness.

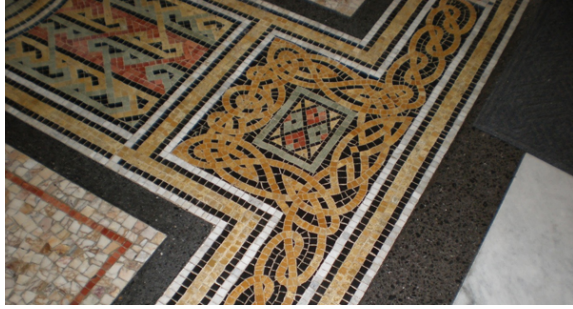
"Made in response to the challenges of raising boys within a violent world in deep social and ecological crisis, the works in this exhibition represent an urgent desire to shower my children in flowers and a sense of radical hope for their futures." – Kylie Banyard.



Victor Steffensen

2024 Winch Lecture

This year's [Arthur and Hilda Winch Lecture](#) will take place on 11 September and will be delivered by Victor Steffensen, an Indigenous filmmaker, musician and consultant dedicated to reapplying traditional knowledge in today's society.



Library Talk | Book of Kells

The Friends of the Library warmly invite you to a talk by Dr Lynette Olson at Fisher Library, which will explore a great multicultural story of [how a family of Sydney-based Italian craftworkers \(the Melocco Bros\) were inspired by a highly illustrated Celtic gospel book, the *Book of Kells* \(c.800 AD\).](#)

University news



Professor Lisa Jackson Pulver

Lisa Jackson Pulver finishes her time as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services)

After six years leading the Indigenous Strategy and Services portfolio, Professor Lisa Jackson Pulver has announced plans to embark on a well-deserved sabbatical, before returning to her academic roots in public health. Professor Jackson Pulver will remain in the role until a successor is appointed. Recruitment will be underway shortly.



Image courtesy the artist and MCA. Photo: Zan Wimberley.

Julie Rrap challenges perceptions of the female body

Co-director of Sydney College of the Arts Professor Julie Rrap's '[Past Continuous](#)' exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art features works of photography, sculpture, performance and video spanning more than 40 years.



Summer Research Scholarship at Charles Perkins Centre

The [Charles Perkins Centre Summer Research Scholarships](#) program is open to undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students from all disciplines across the University.

This is a unique opportunity for students to undertake an eight-week program of paid research and work with CPC researchers to contribute towards real-world solutions. Applications open 2–23 September 2024, don't miss out!



No wallet, no worries

[Digital student ID cards](#) allow you to tap your phone or even your smart watch at readers across campus to access buildings, borrow from the Library, use printers, and more.

Events



What are the responsibilities of freedom and why do we need them?

Join Sydney Law School on 10 September from 6 pm where Professor David Kinley will discuss his book, [The Liberty Paradox: Living with the Responsibilities of Freedom](#).

He'll be joined by Alexander Heffner from PBS's The Open Mind to dive into the tricky balance between freedom and responsibility in today's world.



Can liberalism be the basis of a meaningful and fun way of life?

Philosopher Alexandre Lefebvre delves into this idea with Vice-Chancellor Professor Mark Scott for [The Solutionists live: Liberalism may be the source of your soul](#) on Thursday 19 September 6 pm.



Will putting a price on nature protect it?

Join us at the [Greenhouse Climate Tech Hub](#) from 5:30 pm on 11 September to hear leading voices from business, conservation and academia explore if valuing nature economically can lead to responsible environmental stewardship or if it undermines its innate value.

Student resources

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

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