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Week 11, Semester 2

## This edition

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Welcome to Week 11, Mack! There's only three weeks of classes left. You're on the home stretch!

In today's edition, we look at how your diet can help fight climate change, tips for how you can boost your online security, and the winning "Let's make it happen" hoodie design.

Plus, we share upcoming events across the University and online, including some top picks to help you make the most of Mental Health Month.

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## Conduct of University Elections

The University of Sydney is currently running a [ballot \(PDF, 178KB\)](#) for student positions on Senate, Academic Board, Faculty and University Schools, Faculty Boards and University Schools Boards. This election commenced on Tuesday 8 October 2024 and will conclude at 4.00pm on Thursday 24 October 2024.

The University has received a number of reports surrounding alleged behavior of students that, have been referred to the Student Affairs Unit, and if confirmed, may be misconduct under the [University of Sydney \(Student Discipline\) Rule 2016 \(PDF, 399KB\)](#).

All students at the University are expected to behave in accordance with the [Student Charter 2020 \(PDF, 224 KB\)](#), and act ethically and with respect, integrity, and honesty in all dealings with the University and other students.

Candidates for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Student Fellows of Senate are issued with Guidelines from the Returning Officer which set out the expectations of candidates and their supporters.

In particular, candidates and their supporters may approach potential voters to ask for their vote, but should not engage in the following activities:

1. harassing, intimidating or coercing students to vote for or against a particular candidate;
2. inducing (including through bribery or threats) a student to vote for or against a particular candidate; or

- Michelle Stanhope**  
**Returning Officer and Chief Governance Officer**

## A top-down view of a diverse array of fresh ingredients arranged on a dark, textured surface. The ingredients include two raw chicken breasts, a piece of raw beef, two salmon fillets, and two brown eggs. There are also various fruits and vegetables: green beans, a green apple, a pomegranate, an avocado, cherry tomatoes, broccoli, fennel, mushrooms, and a green pepper. Grains and legumes are shown in small bowls, including yellow cornmeal, blueberries, brown rice, red kidney beans, and red lentils. Herbs like basil, dill, and rosemary are scattered throughout. The overall composition is vibrant and emphasizes a variety of whole foods.



## 2023 Winners of the USU Creative Awards

### Vote for your favourite artwork at the USU Creative Awards

The [2024 USU Creative Awards Exhibition](#) is now open at Verge Gallery, showcasing the best of student creativity at the University of Sydney. Dive into a range of artworks exploring themes like human connection, spirituality, and our bond with the natural world.

This year, you can also [cast your vote for your favourite pieces](#) both in-person and online.



### Hoodie competition winner announced

The people have spoken! The winning design for the "Let's make it happen" hoodie competition is now available for purchase via the [USU online store](#) and USYD stores across campus. Congrats to our winner Emma, whose design is inspired by the blooming of our iconic jacarandas.



### 4 steps to boost your online security

With a surge in malicious cyber activity, securing your online presence has never been more important. In recognition of Cyber Security Awareness Month, here are [some easy steps you can take to strengthen your online security](#).

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### Need to know

- Your [Semester 2 exam timetable](#) is now available. Make sure you carefully check the type of exam you're sitting and where it will be taking place. Visit the [exams webpage](#) for more information on how exams are run and what you need to do to prepare for them. Don't forget, you'll need your physical ID card for identification.
- Calculator and dictionary approvals will be available in the Fisher Library Service Hub from 2 September each weekday, 9 am to 5 pm. Ensure your calculator model is eligible for approval via the [approvable calculators webpage](#). CASIO fx-82 models do not need to be approved to be used in exams.

### Consent matters

We're committed to creating a safe environment for our students and staff and are deeply concerned by recent reports of members of our community being filmed on campus without their consent.

We've taken steps to investigate and protect our community and have reported the matter to the relevant authorities.

We do not tolerate any form of intimidating or abusive behaviour including sexual harassment. If anyone in our community experiences or witnesses this kind of behaviour we urge them to contact our [Safer Communities Office](#) so we can provide support, investigate and take action as appropriate.

## **We're here to support you**

[Special consideration and arrangements](#) are available in a range of exceptional circumstances, including conflict or other unexpected events. If you wish to apply, please submit a [student declaration \(docx, 51.5KB\)](#) as your supporting document.

As always, we encourage anyone in need of assistance to access the free and confidential support that is available 24/7 through our [Wellbeing team](#).

We recognise that global events may be distressing for many in our community, including October 7, the ongoing conflict in the Middle East and recent escalations in Lebanon.

The University has already reached out directly to students of Lebanese citizenship or country of residence, to offer support including special consideration, peer support and counselling and extend that offer of support to other affected students.

## **Respectful behaviour in our community**

As a University, we are committed to a community that is built on respect, empathy and inclusivity. We ask you to be mindful of the wellbeing of other students and staff when expressing your views and consider how your behaviour could make others feel.

As a condition of enrolment, all students are reminded to meet the expectations outlined in the [Student Charter 2020](#). We do not tolerate any form of racism, threats to safety, hate speech, intimidation, threatening speech, bullying or unlawful harassment, including antisemitic or anti-Muslim language or behaviour. More information and guidance on how to disagree well and [freedom of expression \(pdf, 821KB\)](#) can be found on the University website.

Information about [how to lodge a complaint if you witness or experience unacceptable behaviour such as bullying, harassment, or discrimination](#) is available on the website.

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## Tell us how you feel about student wellbeing

The annual [Student Wellbeing SMS survey](#), co-designed by students, will be sent to all students who have provided us with an Australian mobile number between 22 and 24 October. The survey will be sent from one of the following numbers:

- +61 488 849 883
- +61 488 856 465
- +61 488 856 239

The survey asks students how satisfied they are with university life. All responses are confidential and will be used to improve our current wellbeing services and resources.

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## University news



### We're #1 in NSW!

The University of Sydney has once again ranked among the world's top 100 universities. In the latest [2024 QS World University Rankings](#), USYD ranked as the #1 university in New South Wales and in the top three for Australia and New Zealand.



### Moulin Rouge celebrates 135 years of scandal and success

Since opening in 1889, the famous Parisian cabaret has dazzled audiences with bold, boundary-pushing shows. [Explore the history, highlights, and cultural impact of this](#)

[legendary venue](#) that's still capturing imaginations worldwide.

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## Don't forget to vote

Eligible students have been invited to vote in the 2024 election of student representatives to Senate, Academic Board, Faculty Board, University School Board, Faculty and University School Board. Students eligible to vote in these elections will have receive an automatically generated email from BigPulse in their student email account. Voting will close at 4.00pm Thursday 24 October 2024.

For a list of candidates and key dates, please visit the [Student Elections webpage](#). Please direct any enquiries to [secretariat.elections@sydney.edu.au](mailto:secretariat.elections@sydney.edu.au).

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## Spot the red flags when it comes to contract cheating

In recognition of International Day of Action Against Contract Cheating this Wednesday, we want to remind you that the University takes contract cheating very seriously. Students who use contract cheating services risk severe penalties, including failing your unit of study or being suspended or expelled from the University. Engaging with, advertising, or providing contract cheating services is also illegal under Australian law.

Know [the warning signs that indicate you may have been targeted by a contract cheating company](#) and remember that [free, legitimate academic support](#) is always available to you.

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## Free events from Sydney Ideas



### Fighting fake science

Fake research papers are on the rise. Explore what's fuelling this, why it's concerning, and how we can address this issue with world-leading science integrity expert Elisabeth Bik, computer scientist Judy Kay, linguist Nick Enfield and host Jennifer Byrne at [Sydney Ideas: Trust and Error](#) on Tuesday, 22 October, from 6–7 pm.





Andrew Leigh and Cliff Obrecht

## Battlers and Billionaires

Join economist and parliamentarian Andrew Leigh next Wednesday 23 October from 12 pm as he chats with Canva co-founder and philanthropist Cliff Obrecht about [Battlers and Billionaires](#), Andrew's new book unpacking the widening wealth inequality in Australia.



## Is monetising social production a good idea our economy?

The world is facing a perfect storm of crises, with wars, climate change, rising inequality and insecurity. Researchers from the University's Brain and Mind Centre unpack research into the value of mental wealth at [Sydney Ideas: Mental Wealth Forecast](#) on Thursday 24 October, 6–7 pm.

## What's happening at Sydney



## Free events for Mental Health Month

October is Mental Health Month, and in recognition of the occasion and this year's theme 'Let's Talk About It' [the University is hosting free events throughout the month](#) to take the weight off and kickstart conversations about mental health.

Some events this week include:

Therapy dogs @ **Concord Medical Education Building** Wednesday 16 October, 10:30 am–12

pm

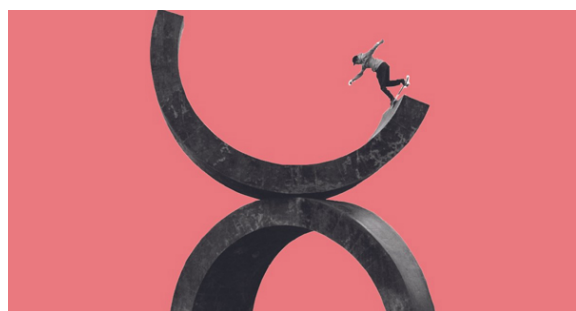
Guided relaxation @ **Jane Foss Russell Building, Level 5, Room 514–516** Thursday 17 October, 10:30 am–11:30 am

Non-alcoholic paint and sip @ **The Bevery Room at Courtyard Restaurant & Bar** Friday 18 October, 3–5 pm



## Sydney Rare Book Week and Fair

Celebrate the art of book collecting and special collections with free talks, workshops, and tours at [Sydney Rare Book Week](#) from 19-24 October! Events will be held at various venues, including the Library, showcasing the significance of rare books and collections. The week culminates with the Sydney Rare Book Fair at MacLaurin Hall from 24-26 October where all can view interesting books, prints and ephemera.



## CITY CANVAS: Public Art, Urban Play & Creative Sports

Keynotes, panel discussions, and interactive workshops all form part of [CITY CANVAS](#), a two-day symposium from 17–18 October that envisions the city as a dynamic playground, where public art and creative urban sports converge.



## Apply for a Student Life Grant

Do you have an idea for an event, activity or project that seeks to enrich campus life and strengthen your student community? [Student Life Grant applications](#) for Semester 1, 2025 are now open, and with up to \$3000 in funding available to successful applicants, why not put your project forward?





## Postgraduate study in Public Health and Global Health

Discover the dynamic world of postgraduate study in the fields of Public Health and Global Health at the [postgraduate webinar](#) Thursday 24 October at 5:15 pm. Learn how these degrees empower graduates to address health inequities, promote wellbeing, and make a global impact.



## A night of fun for a good cause

Head over to Camperdown Commons for a lively evening of [Drag Bingo hosted by the fabulous Prada Clutch](#)! Enjoy delicious pizzas and take advantage of happy hour drink specials from 4–6 pm. Best of all, it's free and supports cancer research and treatment at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse. Book a table, bring your friends, and join the fun!



## Support your student athletes

The [Australian Boat Race](#) is back on 27 October, with USYD hosting this year's showdown at Darling Harbour! Running since 1860, this iconic event pits the top rowers from the University of Sydney against the University of Melbourne in a fierce battle for bragging rights.

As a student, you can score discounts on both gold and silver ticket packages – so come cheer on your fellow students and enjoy the action!

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### Student resources

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

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