

## **Ticket Policy statement**

### **Evolve**

EVOLVE is a diverse team of experienced students ready to deliver an action-packed, quality year of support and service to the Swinburne community.

For 2017 we've formed a team of both old and new students, who will bring a combination of years of experience working with Swinburne, its Clubs and Societies and the SSU, and fresh ideas to bring innovation to our approach at improving university life for students. Among us we have leaders of Swinburne collectives, committee members of clubs, and volunteers both at Swinburne and in the wider community.

EVOLVE candidates have achieved the takeover of campus based businesses such as the Croydon café, to deliver students reasonably priced food. We have doubled our breakfast service to ensure we continue to put student welfare first, and our free on campus printing service has also dramatically increased. EVOLVE also sent a large presence to the national day of action against fee deregulation, to ensure students enjoy the same affordable University costs, which allow us to study.

In 2017, Evolve is back to deliver you the same great BBQ, Breakfast and Bar services, the same Education and Welfare advocacy, and to improve student life with expanded club and collective support. We will fight to improve university accountability in how they use student's own SSAF money. EVOLVE are also working hard to provide an improved printing service for all Union members in the upcoming year, and have successfully lobbied the uni to allow the Hammer and Swine Bar to open 5 Days per week.

Most importantly, we will be the accountable team raising your issues and your concerns to the University, and providing the services and events to make your year at Swinburne a fantastic one!

Vote [1] for EVOLVE!

Experienced, Diverse, Progressive!

**Amplify – No statement submitted**

## **President**

### **Ana Tinc - Evolve**

In the spirit of 'Hot Rod', my name is Ana Tinc, and I like to union (and party); with a little bit of hope and a lot of hard work, I wish to be the president for Swinburne Student Union 2017. In the three years of being a student at Swinburne, I have focused my energy on my double degree in professional writing & editing, and law, while maintaining prominence within the environment and sustainable community within the hawthorn campus.

Being the Sustainability representative for the Union this year, and helping lead great environmentally sustainable initiatives, much progress has been done to ensure Swinburne walks the walk of being a socially and environmentally conscious university. Through the successful *Fossil Free Swinburne Campaign*, the community garden currently underway, movement towards attaining solar panels for Swinburne's Hawthorn campus, and working to institutionalize sustainable waste management within the university's structure, I am confident that the relationships I have formed both with academic and institutional stakeholders and students of Swinburne have enabled me to be ready for the role of president.

The main goal I have for the coming year is to ensure that students such as yourselves are given the support you need during your degree. This means listening out for any possible changes within Swinburne academia, or government policy affecting our degrees, and ensuring we voice the concerns and needs of fellow Swinburnians.

But most importantly, making sure that the services and events available for students are properly promoted through greater. So please guys, let's make Swinburne great again, vote [1] Evolve.

### **Anthony Osborne - Amplify**

Hello, everyone! I'm Anthony Osborne and I'm running for President of the Swinburne Student and the National Union of Students (NUS) Delegate in this year's Student Union election. I'm currently in my third year of a Bachelor of Business (Public Relations) and moving into Postgraduate studies in Public Relations.

Since starting university, I have been very active within the Student Union and university life. This includes being the 2014 Finance and Events Officer for the Swinburne Queer Department, 2015/16 SSU Education Officer, President of the Swinburne Public Relations Society, Co-Chair of the Student Representative Council and helping out with the student breakfasts, BBQ's, open days, orientation days, and other aspects of student life.

Outside of university, I sit on the Consortia of the Knox Headspace centre as the young person's representative, as well as working for Knox City Council in the Festival and Events team as a contractor to their events.

In my time as a student representative, I have overseen/been involved in:

- Restarting the SSU Education Board,
- Providing more opportunity for Online, OUA, NICA, and PAVE students to be represented for the first time in Swinburne's history;
- Launched the Pathways and Vocational Education Collective
- Seeing the return of post-census withdrawal without academic penalty (Withdrawn Fee Payable)
- Running surveys on topics important to students to advocate for change – like lecture recordings!
- A whole range of events and activities for students!

I believe that the student voice and engagement are core fundamentals of a Student Union. I want to see the Union actively reaching out to students to talk about what is happening around the University, what the Union is doing, and how students can be involved and have an impact.

We also need to see the Union reaching out more to online students as well as the Wantirna and Croydon Campuses. We have a lot of students at Swinburne and the Union needs to be there to represent all Swinburne Students.

I would also like to see our Union to start affiliating clubs next year, that way the clubs at Swinburne can get even more support to run events and activities to engage students.

I also want to oversee the development and implementation of a Strategic Plan for the Student Union so that it has some long term goals to work towards – this will of course involve lots of consultation with students so that they can have a say on the direction of their student union!

Over the years, I have developed some great working relationships with University management which has allowed me to advocate for students and get some great wins like Withdrawn Fee Payable reinstated!

As a delegate for the National Union of Students, I will provide an independent Swinburne voice to the policy of our National Union. I will also be submitting policy to ensure that there are campaigns around online students and vocational education students so that they can get a voice at the national level.

I'm proud to be part of a great team of students called AMPLIFY. Vote [1] for AMPLIFY!

### **Education Officer**

#### **Suzanne Walker - Evolve**

Hi, I am Suzanne Walker, an engineering education PhD student. I am passionate about improving education for all students. I want to see Swinburne support, and grow, everyone who comes to study on campus or online, even in the face of government funding cuts. To achieve this, we need student representation, we need students to

Speak up about problems, issues, and the things they love. That is what I will be working towards next year as Education Officer. I have been working with FSET students and staff to see positive change. Change takes time, but it is possible, and wonderful when it happens. I have started a mature age students support network. I have been part of fighting for the university to keep late census dates, and proper supports for students at risk. I am working with Accessibility services to improve how Swinburne supports reasonable adjustments to allow education for all. There are so many things that can make Swinburne an even better place to study. Please vote for me, so I can work with you, to make them happen.

VOTE 1 EVOLVE!

### **David Brodtmann - Amplify**

Thank you for taking the time to view my candidacy statement. My name is David Brodtmann and I am a mature age second year Psychology student studying a Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) on the Hawthorn campus. I have a passion for helping people. I am currently involved with Swinburne University Psychology Association (SUPA) and the current FHAD representative on the SSU Education Board. Studying at University can be a journey mixed with wonderful and new experiences. Sometimes things get diverted off course. Having experienced representation that you can access and trust can be a source of comfort. I need to establish this trust with you. I will work diligently to make our university journey enjoyable and ensure that you have a voice that can be heard. I am here for you and urge you contact me when needed or concerned Thank you again for reading my candidate statement and look forward to meeting all of you around campus. Please take the precious few minutes to cast your vote that I am graciously asking for in the forthcoming election. VOTE AMPLIFY!

### **Education Public Affairs Officer**

#### **Audrey-Lee Rizzatto – Amplify**

No statement submitted

#### **Xzavier Kelly – Evolve**

Hi Swinburne, I am Xzavier Kelly and I am running for the education public affairs position for a second term in this upcoming elections. Since being elected during a by-election at the start of this year, I have hit the ground running, fighting for the rights of students here at Swinburne, through nation campaigns and engagement. The focus of my work has been around fighting funding cuts to higher education; rising university fees due to poor federal policy; and ensuring access for students from a low socioeconomic background, so that everyone has access to the level of education that we know is possible. My work has included rallying students for national days of action, hosting meetings of the Swinburne Education Action Network (which you should join btw), and co-ordinating with education officers from other student unions. Next year I plan to continue my commitment to you, the students, by increasing membership of the Swinburne Education action network, providing more outreach and distribution of information about how students are getting screwed over, and also working collaboratively with other representatives to tackle issues plaguing vocational and international students at here at Swinburne. Support Ana for president and vote one [1] Evolve!

### **Residence Representative**

#### **Xander Spehar - Evolve**

Being a new role, the Residence Representative is a crucial one to take on the unique issues faced by Students

living in Student Housing.

In 2017, I will work to create a safer and more enjoyable living environment for students living on campus and network with residents to ensure their voices are heard.

With your support, I will work hard in my role as Residence Representative to support and represent residents at Swinburne and ensure we are given a fair go.

VOTE 1 EVOLVE!

### **Steven Blacker - Amplify**

Hi,

I'm Steven Blacker and I am running for the position of Residence Representative at the Swinburne Student Union Council elections. I am a first year Media and Communication student majoring in Media Industries and Journalism.

I was born and raised in country New South Wales and moved to Melbourne to study at my first preference, SWINBUNRE! Coming from NSW I decided to live on residence at Swinburne and spent my first year in the college and will be living in the apartments next year. I have met many great people through going to Swinburne and living on campus and I wish to represent them, and you, in the Swinburne Student Union Council.

In 2017 I hope to be on the council to

- Expand the union, after all, we are here for YOU and EVERYONE at Swinburne

- Communicate with the University and with its students living on and off campus about what's happening on and off campus, services available to everyone and keep you up to date about the happenings of the university

- Foster a greater sense of community and involvement at Swinburne

- Push for equality, fairness and honesty in all aspects

- and stand against fee deregulation and funding cuts at our and all Universities and TAFE's

My time on campus has really opened my eyes to many different cultures, ways of life and types of people. I have founded relationships that I would just not of had the opportunity too anywhere else. This is the main reason I want to represent UNI LODGE and the Swinburne Student Residences in 2017

**Steven Blacker for SSU Council Residence Representative-** A voice for Swinburne Student Residences, UNILODGE and you. I am running with a great team of people, team **AMPLIFY**.

Swinburne is great, let's make it better!

**VOTE [1] AMPLIFY**

Cheers,

Steven Blacker

**Health and Disability Representative**

## **Amy Gilderdale - Evolve**

My name is Amy Gilderdale, and I have nominated myself for the Disability/Health Representative position. I was interested in this role since I too have a disability and so I have an understanding and empathy towards students who need to be better represented at Swinburne.

Currently I am studying a Bachelor of Social Science degree, majoring in Security and Counter Terrorism and doing a Chinese minor. I have been actively involved within Swinburne, for example, in 2015 I was an active O'Host and SSAA volunteer. Doing volunteer work has made me develop more of an understanding of the different cultures and high level of communication needed to help students on campus.

As a result of doing both O'hosting and being an SSAA volunteer, I received the Vice Chancellor award at the end of 2015 for doing 41 hours of dedicated volunteer work. I am also on the Chaplaincy Committee at Swinburne as a Student Representative, there I attend meetings and be a voice for all students and debate on Swinburne's certain areas that need better representation. Lastly, I have also been a member of Student Union and have participated in helping out at BBQ lunches.

One of my initial goals for this role is to essentially build a better place at Swinburne on and off campus for those who struggle with a disability. For example, the idea to make access to the university a lot easier where physical access to some buildings and train station limits students going to and from Swinburne which has seen to be difficult.

In conclusion, I find that nominating myself for this role I don't see as just a job, but a job that puts students first.

VOTE 1 EVOLVE!

## **Patrick MacDonagh-Gonda**

No statement submitted

## **Belinda Rogers – Amplify**

No statement submitted

## **General Representatives on Council (3 to elect)**

### **Minura Gamage - Evolve**

University should be an enjoyable place for everyone. Students shouldn't have to struggle to get by, financially or socially. For students to achieve their best, they need to be provided with the best services, resources, and support right from day one.

I believe in fair and transparent student representation and will work hard to make the biggest possible impact for students. I want to make sure that we are not ignored and issues affecting us are recognised and addressed.

I want to assist other elected student representatives within the student union to ensure that university is an enjoyable time for students and that they can get the most out of their education. A vote for me and Evolve is a vote for a more gratifying and enriching university experience.

VOTE 1 EVOLVE!

### **Saravanakumaran**

No statement submitted

## **Josh Culinan – Evolve**

Hi, my name is Joe Cullinan, I am currently a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student studying Bachelor of Business Information Systems, and I am running for General Representative and also be involved in the Hawthorn Campus Committee in the Swinburne Student Union for 2017.

Previously, I have been a general volunteer throughout 2014 and 2015, while also being Queer Events during 2015, and being slightly involved in queer events late this year. I became a General Representative in April of 2016, and have looked at many ways in which I can try to create a better environment for students, that the Union can assist with, as well as assist with the many services the Union offers.

Over the course of 2017, I hope to find new aspects of campus life, across Hawthorn, Croydon and Wantirna, and research ways in which this can be achieved. Working within the Hawthorn Campus Committee will also give me ideas on how I can do this. The biggest project I have lead this year is the introduction of charging stations over the university, currently still in progress, and I hope to further this next year.

I am also planning to be involved more with student rights, being involved in rallies, SSU Education, Welfare and all the other Collectives.

I am looking forward to working with the students and staff at Swinburne next year.

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## **Keshinis Munaweera**

No statement submitted

## **Harry Wall - Evolve**

I've been studying at Swinburne University for two years now doing an arts course with a double major in Digital Media and Screen Studies, and I've gotten very socially active over the past year. I began volunteering for the Swinburne Student Union, managing the breakfast program about 5 mornings a week and helping with the weekly BBQ also. I also run a radio show for 3SSR and am an active member of the filmmaking club and the Vegans and Vegetarians of Swinburne. I'm running for general representative because it's time for me to step it up in the world. I'm extremely passionate about the student cause and ensuring that the voice of the people gets a fair say, frequently being very vocal about my support for equality and participating in protests for unfair causes.

I'm also a strong environmentalist who has worked with the Australian Youth Climate Coalition and has raised donations for the Country Fire Authority (CFA). I believe in uniting the community to stand together for a good cause, and I want the position of General Student Representative to give me that chance. I want to see greater acknowledgement given to the voices of those who don't feel properly represented in the world on campus. I want to see improvements in management at Student HQ, a cleaner campus and a friendlier atmosphere for everyone. If elected as a general representative, I will use all my power to make this vision a reality.

VOTE 1 EVOLVE!

## **Swinburne University Postgraduate Association Committee**

### **SIDDHARTH**

No statement submitted

### **Praveen Kumar Rajendran - Evolve**

My name is Praveen Kumar Rajendran and i'm pursuing my masters in network systems. I'm running in student union elections for the position of committee for the international postgraduate students. The reason i feel that i will be suited to this position is my interest in meeting new people and make friends and willingness to help other people. I also love to take responsibilities and planning events which i acquired while working as a software developer for 4 years in IT industry. I have also been a mentor to number of new employees during the period. I'm a regular volunteer for the events conducted by ISA, swinburne in the past year. I'm the president of Swinburne Tamil club which connects the tamil students across the campus and helps them with any issues faced personally or academically. Being an international postgraduate student myself, I can understand the various academic and personal issues faced by everyone. I understand the big responsibility associated with this position. If my candidature is successful, i will have the opportunity to help the international postgraduate students who face academic as well as personal issues and also be a voice of the opinions and feelings of the international postgraduate students to the management.

VOTE 1 EVOLVE!

### **Sirisha Rajendra Raju - Evolve**

“Well, I’m from Bangalore, India. I was born in 1991 and spent most of my childhood dreaming of becoming a great entrepreneur, as I was always surrounded over creative, interesting and inspiring, intelligent people– I’m seeking to become and entrepreneur. Being an avid technology follower I chose to become an engineer which I am now. I really love working with my time and spent lot of time sketching, cooking, badminton, reading, writing sports as hobby.” I’ve attended seminar by ‘Robin Sharma’ and got inspired by such strong personality. Reading inspiring words and motivational people often aid me to self-mentor. For example ‘Nikola tesla’ story was one of the greatest stories I have read. Currently perusing my Masters of information technology at Swinburne University of technology, working part time at grocery store and investing time in rotary club of Swinburne. I have experience working with people of all ages through leadership positions held in student council school, as well as lead my college level design team on developing magazines every year along with other cultural activities. Apart from which I’m a cofounder of s small startup back in my home country called ‘chef-social’, where I work hands on and run a team of 10 to 12 member’s .so I know what it takes to be organized, multi-task, reliable, responsible, dependable and selfdirected. SKILL HIGHLIGHTS Strong organizational skills Active listening skills A team player Learned to Delegate Sharp problem solver Courteous demeanor Energetic work attitude Good Time Management Innovative Dead-line Oriented Focused and Meticulous Committed Personable I have been actively involved in Student activities since my

school days. I have organized many events and seminars in college level, i.e. actively organized college fest, inter college cultural events, quizzes, competitions in robotics etc. communicating with the college administration to organize events, fund raising events etc. My latest service with Swinburne rotaract club where we dedicate most of time in multiple tasks in multiple roles.

Vote [1] for EVOLVE!

Saravanakumaran

### **Bharath Venkat Rajan - Evolve**

I am a postgrad student in Swinburne University doing my Masters in Network Systems. It has been more than a year in Melbourne for me, during which I have gone through a lot of difficulties and learnt the right way to manage them. A couple of months back, I counselled a friend who was stressing himself and helped him overcome a few other difficulties which I experienced before. After this is when I wanted to help my fellow mates and everyone who were in need of help. So, this postgrad student representative position would give me a wonderful chance to help my fellow students overcome their problems. As an international student, I have a fair knowledge of the difficulties and stress a postgraduate student would face during this course. So I believe, I can assist them with their academic and personal problems by which I can contribute in making the postgrad student life much better.

VOTE 1 EVOLVE!

### **Anwika Kushalappa - Evolve**

This is Anwika doing Master of Professional Engineering in Civil Engineering. I have been here in Swinburne since feb-2016. Apart from academics with a strong passion and skill for serving the Institution I keep involving in volunteering for Student union for the whole semester and O'week. Now am part of Postgraduate committee, I am interested in the process of building a collection of important and useful links to resources relevant to post graduate students. I am optimistic about my capabilities to positively contribute to the collegial postgraduate community, I love what I do and it will be fun serving the Swinburne postgrad community.

Vote [1] for EVOLVE!

### **Basir Nisar Awan - Evolve**

Hi, my name is Basir Nisar Awan and I am from Pakistan. I am a Chartered Accountant by profession and I have done my graduation from Oxford Brookes, UK. I am currently doing Masters of Practising Accounting at Swinburne.

Throughout my school and college life I have represented at various levels from being a proctor to being President of various student clubs.

I have a good background in the field of education as I was Dean of Accounting Department in Financial Training Institute (Pakistan) and I have also been a visiting lecturer in many universities.

This journey, from being a student and then being on the other side of the picture comprised of many good and challenging experiences. This journey made me strong as an individual and helped me understand the challenges that students face throughout their daily lives.

I have arranged many events throughout my professional life and have helped solve issues faced by the students at various levels from matters related to their studies or personal life.

Being part of the Swinburne Student Union I aim to continue the good work that my ancestors have done in the past years. Facilitating the students and making their cultural change a swift process will be my main focus as majority of the students are International students. I also aim to solve any issues of the students related to studies and provide a platform for them to raise their voice at the appropriate level.

I wish you all the best of luck and request you for your support.

VOTE 1 EVOLVE!

## **Swinburne International Students Association Committee**

### **Faraz Haider – Evolve**

As a member of the Pakistan Student Association I have valuable experience when it comes to representing both local and international students.

I know the inherent disadvantage too often experience by international students, and I would make creating strategies to overcome this disadvantage a priority If elected to SISA.

For a strong voice for international students...

VOTE 1 EVOLVE

### **Reuben Charles - Amplify**

No statement submitted

### **Ali Mazoori - Evolve**

International students pay more for university, more for public transport, and are too often exploited in the workplace.

If elected, I will make sure that SISA is a representative body that actively fights for international students' rights.

International students need representatives that will stop at nothing to see their education experience improved, and this is what I will provide.

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**Ankita Raut - Amplify**

No statement submitted

**Rishita - Amplify**

No statement submitted

**Krishna Adhikari**

No statement submitted

**Parth Patel**

No statement submitted

**Adesh Shah**

No statement submitted

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**SIDDHARTH**

No statement submitted

**Keshini Munaweera**

No statement submitted

**Aashima Sondhi - Evolve**

International students are too often excluded from campus life, treated differently from local students. Swinburne University has the highest density of international students in Victoria, and it is a shame that we still cannot feel as much of a part of the university as anyone else.

If elected to SISA, I will work hard to make sure SSU puts on fun and inclusive parties and events that are very accessible to international students.

VOTE 1 EVOLVE

## **National Union of Students Delegates (7 to elect)**

### **Asha Hinton**

No statement submitted

Cody Bradford Evolve

I believe in supporting the underdog and giving people a fair go. It was to defend the principles of a fair go for students that the National Union of Students was created. It is this link between my own views and the principles of the National Union of Students that has led me to run for election as one of Swinburne University's delegates to the National Union of Students. If elected I will campaign for you to ensure that the principles of equity and a fair go are honoured and maintained at the National Union of Students. Your vote is vital.

VOTE 1 EVOLVE!

### **Caitlin Bruty Evolve**

Hi there! I'm Caitlin and I am running with Evolve as an NUS delegate in 2016.

This is my eighth year at Swinburne so I know the University very well. I'm currently studying my Masters in Marketing and Leadership since completing my undergrad in International Business and Japanese.

I've been involved in the Student Union since 2012 through volunteering and holding multiple positions. I've worked as Welfare Officer in 2013, the Hawthorn Campus Chair in 2014, Postgraduate Representative in 2015 and President this year in 2016.

I want to attend the NUS national conference to have a say for Swinburne Students on the issues that will affect them and on the campaigns that NUS will run in 2017. I'd love to see Swinburne more connected to other universities around the state but also around the country and see us involved in national campaigns and working groups.

A vote for me is a vote for Swinburne!

If you want to know more about me and my involvement at Swinburne then keep reading.

I have worked with collectives over my time in the union and I want to see them all grow and expand further in the future. I want to see the SSU become the centre of student life at Swinburne; running bigger and better events and offering more services to students than ever before.

Some of my achievements for the SSU to date are establishing a food bank, setting up a Book Swap, successfully working to get gender neutral bathrooms on campus and starting up student markets in 2013.

I have been involved with various boards and committees around Swinburne and I have established many relationships with students and university staff. Through these relationships as well as connections with student representatives at other universities and National student organisations, I will make sure the student voice is heard.

Student engagement and student control of student affairs are issues incredibly close to my heart and I hope you will support me and my team in making the Student Union the best it has ever been.

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**Christopher Jakobi    Evolve**

My name is Christopher Jakobi and I hope to be your 2017 Indigenous Rep. I am a Gunditjmara man of South-Western Victoria, heavily involved at the University through clubs and events as well as in the indigenous community around Melbourne. I have been the Indigenous Rep for the past year, in that time I have gained a position on the Swinburne RAP Committee, gathered information of Indigenous student numbers at uni and tried to encourage more involvement by Indigenous students in uni activities. My passions include motorcycles, archery, ultimate (or just throwing the disc), environmental awareness and politics, I am a part of the Swinburne explorers, motorcycle club and ultimate club. I'm not religion, I base my beliefs off what can be proven, disproven and what can be rationalised; further than that, I see myself as a humanistic, friendly and poor uni student. I am studying a BA of Terrorism, Counter-terrorism and Security at Swinburne and my goals for the position this year are to increase the presence of Indigenous culture on campus, to ensure Indigenous students feel comfortable and are able to express themselves as they would in their own communities.

VOTE 1 EVOLVE!

**Brendan Spackman-Williams    Evolve**

Hello all, my name is Brendan Spackman-Williams and I'm running with EVOLVE to be a delegate for the National Union of Students conference at the end of this year.

I am studying a Bachelor of Commerce degree majoring in Management and co-majoring in Commercial and have been at Swinburne since 2010, fair to say it's a second home to me now. As I have been at Swinburne a while I have come to know it incredibly in depth and have established connections with numerous clubs on campus including almost every department, faculty and arm of the University.

As you can see I've been involved in a lot and for a long time at Swinburne and in student representation:

- 2011 - SSAA Runner-Up Volunteer of the Year & First Recipient of Outstanding Volunteer of the Year
- 2011 – Swinburne IAESTE Club Liaison Officer
- 2012 – Student Union Hawthorn Campus Chair
- 2013 – Student Union Education Officer / Vice-President
- 2014 – Student Union General Secretary
- 2014 – Student Representative Council (SRC) Co-Chair and FBL Student Representative
- 2014 – Swinburne appointed delegate to G20 Youth Forum & chaired the conference session on Technology in Education
- 2015 – Student Union President
- 2015 – National Union of Students (NUS) member of National Executive
- 2016 – Student Union General Secretary

As well as this I have sat on numerous University boards and committees over the years and been chosen as a student representative or consultant for a number of its large projects.

I have been an NUS delegate in the past and have over four years of experience working in the national student political scene. I can and have regularly in years past taken a strong voice to the National Union and spoken for Swinburne students, for small Universities so that we are heard nationally and that we become part of the national student movement.

I am incredibly passionate about student representation, student engagement and student control of student affairs. Stand by this team, by EVOLVE, by our president candidate Ana, by the Student Union and you will have the best University experience imaginable.

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No statement submitted

**Will Joseph**

No statement submitted

**Fergus Clancy Evolve**

The relationship between the Swinburne Student Union and the National Union of Students is a vital one. The National Union of Students has national reach allowing it to represent students' interests when issues affecting students on a national level arise (such as youth and study allowance). This allows the Swinburne Student Union to provide an effective response to issues students face on a national level whilst still leaving the majority of its resources to campaign for students on Swinburne campus specific issues. If elected I will work to strengthen ties between the Swinburne Student Union and the National Union of Students to ensure that SSU continues to be able to provide effective representation for Swinburne students affected by national issues. Your vote is crucial!

VOTE 1 EVOLVE!

**Viktoria Ivanova**

No statement submitted

**Anthony Osborne Amplify**

Hello, everyone! I'm Anthony Osborne and I'm running for President of the Swinburne Student and the National Union of Students (NUS) Delegate in this year's Student Union election. I'm currently in my third year of a Bachelor of Business (Public Relations) and moving into Postgraduate studies in Public Relations.

Since starting university, I have been very active within the Student Union and university life. This includes being the 2014 Finance and Events Officer for the Swinburne Queer Department, 2015/16 SSU Education Officer, President of the Swinburne Public Relations Society, Co-Chair of the Student Representative Council and helping out with the student breakfasts, BBQ's, open days, orientation days, and other aspects of student life.

Outside of university, I sit on the Consortia of the Knox Headspace centre as the young person's representative, as well as working for Knox City Council in the Festival and Events team as a contractor to their events.

In my time as a student representative, I have overseen/been involved in:

- Restarting the SSU Education Board,
- Providing more opportunity for Online, OUA, NICA, and PAVE students to be represented for the first time in Swinburne's history;
- Launched the Pathways and Vocational Education Collective
- Seeing the return of post-census withdrawal without academic penalty (Withdrawn Fee Payable)
- Running surveys on topics important to students to advocate for change – like lecture recordings!
- A whole range of events and activities for students!

I believe that the student voice and engagement are core fundamentals of a Student Union. I want to see the Union actively reaching out to students to talk about what is happening around the University, what the Union is doing, and how students can be involved and have an impact.

We also need to see the Union reaching out more to online students as well as the Wantirna and Croydon Campuses. We have a lot of students at Swinburne and the Union needs to be there to represent all Swinburne Students.

I would also like to see our Union to start affiliating clubs next year, that way the clubs at Swinburne can get even more support to run events and activities to engage students.

I also want to oversee the development and implementation of a Strategic Plan for the Student Union so that it has some long term goals to work towards – this will of course involve lots of consultation with students so that they can have a say on the direction of their student union!

Over the years, I have developed some great working relationships with University management which has allowed me to advocate for students and get some great wins like Withdrawn Fee Payable reinstated!

As a delegate for the National Union of Students, I will provide an independent Swinburne voice to the policy of our National Union. I will also be submitting policy to ensure that there are campaigns around online students and vocational education students so that they can get a voice at the national level.

I'm proud to be part of a great team of students called AMPLIFY. Vote [1] for AMPLIFY!

**William Broadbent    Amplify**

No statement submitted

**Kevin Pique    Amplify**

No statement submitted

**Samuel Roberts    Evolve**

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I'm currently in my second year of studying an Engineering/Business Double here at Swinburne, where I live at the Student Residence and am part of many of the clubs and associations, so I have a great understanding of the University and greater community.

I've been involved with the Union since 2015 through volunteering at the Bar and BBQ, and was elected that year as an Education Representative. This year I've worked for the Union as Bar Manager and have taken on the position of Hawthorn Campus Chair.

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I have been involved with many clubs during my time at Swinburne including being a founder and board member of the Swinburne Swimming Club and if elected I will work to make the Clubs atmosphere at Swinburne a more inclusive and enjoyable one. I will also work to improve support for clubs especially new and forming clubs, so that they can provide the quality events for students that they aim for.

Vote [1] for EVOLVE!

**Jack Pryce    Amplify**

No statement submitted

**Qazi Syed Zaheeruddin**

No statement submitted

**Richard Barrie Amplify**

No statement submitted

**Ana Tinc Evolve**

In the spirit of 'Hot Rod', my name is Ana Tinc, and I like to union (and party); with a little bit of hope and a lot of hard work, I wish to be the president for Swinburne Student Union 2017. In the three years of being a student at Swinburne, I have focused my energy on my double degree in professional writing & editing, and law, while maintaining prominence within the environment and sustainable community within the Hawthorn campus.

Being the Sustainability representative for the Union this year, and helping lead great environmentally sustainable initiatives, much progress has been done to ensure Swinburne walks the walk of being a socially and environmentally conscious university. Through the successful *Fossil Free Swinburne Campaign*, the community garden currently underway, movement towards attaining solar panels for Swinburne's Hawthorn campus, and working to institutionalize sustainable waste management within the university's structure, I am confident that the relationships I have formed both with academic and institutional stakeholders and students of Swinburne have enabled me to be ready for the role of president.

The main goal I have for the coming year is to ensure that students such as yourselves are given the support you need during your degree. This means listening out for any possible changes within Swinburne academia, or government policy affecting our degrees, and ensuring we voice the concerns and needs of fellow Swinburnians. But most importantly, making sure that the services and events available for students are properly promoted through greater. So please guys, let's make Swinburne great again, vote [1] Evolve.

**Hawthorn Campus Committee (5 to elect) Only Hawthorn Students May Vote****Keshini Munaweera**

No statement submitted

**Saravanakumaran**

No statement submitted

**Akbar Syed**

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### **Joseph Cullinan – Evolve**

Hi, my name is Joe Cullinan, I am currently a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student studying Bachelor of Business Information Systems, and I am running for General Representative and also be involved in the Hawthorn Campus Committee in the Swinburne Student Union for 2017.

Previously, I have been a general volunteer throughout 2014 and 2015, while also being Queer Events during 2015, and being slightly involved in queer events late this year. I became a General Representative in April of 2016, and have looked at many ways in which I can try to create a better environment for students, that the Union can assist with, as well as assist with the many services the Union offers.

Over the course of 2017, I hope to find new aspects of campus life, across Hawthorn, Croydon and Wantirna, and research ways in which this can be achieved. Working within the Hawthorn Campus Committee will also give me ideas on how I can do this. The biggest project I have lead this year is the introduction of charging stations over the university, currently still in progress, and I hope to further this next year.

I am also planning to be involved more with student rights, being involved in rallies, SSU Education, Welfare and all the other Collectives.

I am looking forward to working with the students and staff at Swinburne next year.

VOTE 1 EVOLVE!

### **Harry Wall – Evolve**

I've been studying at Swinburne University for two years now doing an arts course with a double major in Digital Media and Screen Studies, and I've gotten very socially active over the past year. I began volunteering for the Swinburne Student Union, managing the breakfast program about 5 mornings a week and helping with the weekly BBQ also. I also run a radio show for 3SSR and am an active member of the filmmaking club and the Vegans and Vegetarians of Swinburne. I'm running for general representative because it's time for me to step it up in the world. I'm extremely passionate about the student cause and ensuring that the voice of the people gets a fair say, frequently being very vocal about my support for equality and participating in protests for unfair causes. I'm also a strong environmentalist who has worked with the Australian Youth Climate Coalition and has raised donations for the Country Fire Authority (CFA). I believe in uniting the community to stand together for a good cause, and I want the position of General Student Representative to give me that chance. I want to see greater acknowledgement given to the voices of those who don't feel properly represented in the world on campus. I want to see improvements in management at Student HQ, a cleaner campus and a friendlier atmosphere for everyone. If elected as a general representative, I will use all my power to make this vision a reality.

VOTE 1 EVOLVE!

### **Joshua Briers – Evolve**

Hi I'm Josh, I'm running to be the Queer Representative on the Swinburne Student Union Council. I am currently a 4<sup>th</sup> year Social Science student with a major in Gender, Sex, Sexualities and Relationships and a minor in politics. I'm found in densely populated academic areas, often being loud, bubbly, and impeccably sassy.

As I mentioned I've been at university a number of semesters as an arts student & social sciences student involved heavily with campus culture; clubs like the student radio (3SSR) and the Swinburne Greens Club, I have probably guided you through the perpetually convoluted and daunting campus during O-Week, sold you a sausage and a drink every Wednesday, and had a beer and a long chat at the Hammer & Swine on a Thursday. It's me, I am that guy! My aim as 2017 Queer Officer is to take all that knowledge and bring it all back to you. The Queer Department feels cold and unwelcoming I want your help to change that. I have a six-point plan on how to improve the space and queer culture on campus;

Better amenities; already scoping out the prospects of upgrading the kitchen

More social activities through-out the year on and off campus

More educational activities through-out the year; speaker nights, attending queer cultural events.

More interaction with the committee including the queer officer

Engagement with peak bodies (i.e. VAC, Equinox Clinic, Transgender Victoria) and other Universities

Aims for the Space in 2017:

-a diverse, safe space where every queer student feels welcome and supported, regardless of their background or how they identify, and

-a place to make new friends, hang out, relax and have fun!

My experience as; the Education Officer and Welfare of the Student Union, and Vice President of the Queer Department itself during my time here at Swinburne during times of serious structural and social change will assist me with role of Queer Representative a role I have always held close to my heart. With your suggestions and feedback, I hope to organise a range of exciting events and activities throughout the year, and to make the Queer department and space the vibrant and supportive places that are needed for our community in this University. I, with your help will do this by making sure the Queer Department stays independently run by and for the Swinburne queer community, not by political factions. If that's what you'd like to please VOTE 1 Joshua Briers as your Queer Representative for 2017 and for the EVOLVE Ticket for independent, diverse and progressive policy, with the experience to make it happen.

**VOTE 1 EVOLVE!**