



THE ANU OBSERVER

Agenda for Meeting of The ANU Observer Board

Date: 11/03/26

Opening of meeting: 06:20pm

Item 1 - Attendance

Anushkaa

Anish

Sarah

Saffron

Patricia

Item 2 - Apologies

Eduardo

Anneysha

Item 3 - Acknowledgement of Country

By Patricia

I wish to acknowledge the Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples as traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We also acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region, and pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

Item 4 - Honorarium & Allowance

Anish: Period 4 of 2025 pending due to lack of submissions. We can come up with our own options. By policy we are meant to have paid it out. We can come up with our own tiers for that we can, but recognise that most of the board is new. Members from both visual and new can receive honorarium.

Saffron: If we came up with a list of nominations and Annushkaa for visual would that be good? Would it be you asking arbitration if we can lump it in?

Anish: No, that would be a separate payment. Keep this week's honorarium completely separate. Go through your slack and see who was most active.

Annushka: There were lots of members of the visual team who are just no longer active?

Sarah: I found last semester's list of sign ups.

Saffron: She would have an old list of sign ups

Anish: Can we send it as early as possible.

Saffron: We can send it to you by the end of the week.

Anish: I will send you the table we came up with last time. 1st payment will be made soon, 2nd payment will also be coming up soon.

Anish: For Fergus's payment, should that go to honorarium?

Saffron: Yep

Anish: Urja went to market day so I feel she has worked the period.

Sarah: Yeah Urja worked market day. Fergus said he would forgo honorarium.

Anish: Do we all agree with that?

All agree.

Item 5 - Community Executive Position

Sophie Blewitt

I am applying for the position of Community Executive with ANU Observer because I believe I could serve our team particularly well in 2026. Over my last year of work with Observer, I have been lucky to get to know our staff, a group of committed and passionate students eager to amplify student voices on campus, as well as have their own voices heard. I think I can help in this aspect – with my own personal relationships with several members on the team and my extensive work experience in big, complicated teams of young people, I have the passion necessary to support our new team going into 2026.

I have made myself unavailable from work all Mondays and Wednesdays going forward this semester and the next, and will be able to fully commit myself to organising social get-togethers and providing for newsroom meetings. I am excited to meet our new reporters and personally integrate them into our newsroom, as well as build my existing relationships with the long-term reporters. A community executive must be a keen communicator and an organised, trusted member of the team; I believe I am both.

Brooke Corkhill

I am interested in the role of community executive for Observer in 2026. I am an enthusiastic and outgoing community member, so I would be well suited to a social role. I have experience managing events, as the 2024 Vice President for *Young Economists Society ACT* and founder of *Scrap Society*, an arts and craft event business specialising in public events. Managing a job, my course load, and my small business has given me a wealth of experience in organising my time and schedule effectively. I love working with others and am incredibly passionate about enriching the communities I am in. That was a large motivation for me in founding *Scrap Society*, as I wanted to give people space and time to connect with new people over shared interests. Everything I do, I do with my whole heart, so I can promise I will give myself to this position to the best of my abilities!

I am very excited to join the Observer team and work with you all, as a reporter or a community executive. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to apply!

3 votes to Sophie Blewitt

2 votes to Brooke Corkhill

Majority vote moves Sophie Blewitt as Community Executive

Item 6 - Hiring

Saffron: So we've just done two days of interviews. I think we are getting 8 new reporters on. Everyone is really keen which we're really excited about. We are still open to hiring due to our numbers throughout the sem. We sent out an ad today.

Annushkaa: I had an interview with Olivia today, that was awesome. She is also happy to work in the news team as well. So that's two new visual members and we will continue to post on socials.

Item 7 - Joint News and Visual Meeting 23 March

Annushka: 7pm 23rd March all good.

Item 8 - Website Updates

Saffron: Will privately message Anneysha.

Recovery Articles:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iAP-20vTG2QfAL5v0h1HyRdgpPPquYio>

Item 9 - OGM

Saffron: We will have our OGM soonish, usually about May. We have to notify 28 days on Facebook for 28 days.

Patricia: Yep should we wait until the full board is here to call a date.

Saffron: Yeah sounds good.

Item 10 - Constitution Updated

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TPYnOxVthdX8OApTypIX0CabwBhK2pMCGHtCbziGoTs/edit?tab=t.0>

Saffron: Will follow up with Anneysha.

Item 11 - ANUSA Meeting for Lease

Saffron: Anish has a meeting next week.

Item 12 - SSAF Funding Agreement requirements

Anish: Yes!

Item 13 - Updating Constitution Further

Sarah: I have looked and we have some issues with it in terms of terms. We want to keep our constitution air tight. I think it would be good to look through and make some changes as a team.

Saffron: Yep, good idea. I think I mentioned, Pat, we could look over it and have a meeting about it with the team.

Patricia: Yep I'm happy to do that.

Meeting closed: 6:38pm

Next board meeting: 25th March 2026