



# THE ANU OBSERVER

## **Agenda for Meeting of The ANU Observer Board**

Date: 13/05/2026

Opening of meeting: 6:14pm

### **Item 1 - Attendance**

Anushka  
Saffron  
Sarah  
Patricia  
Anushkaa  
Sophie  
Anish

### **Item 2 - Apologies**

Anneysha  
Eduardo

### **Item 3 - Acknowledgement of Country**

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.

Spoken by Pat

### **Item 4 - Post-OGM Check-in**

Patricia: The passed amendments have been forwarded to the university for Council approval, and the minutes from the OGM have been put on the website, thank you Anneysha! It was a successful OGM, we met quorum and had some engaging questions. After the OGM, I spoke to Josh who is on the SSAF Board. He expressed some confusion during the OGM about our minute-keeping policy. I directed him to our

contract as a SSAF-funded organisation, and pointed him to the minutes on our website. After the OGM, he came up to me and asked about our finances. He was wondering if we could publish an exact budget breakdown of all of our funding on our website. He also pointed out that some of the hyperlinks don't work? I have clicked through all of the links on our governance page and they all seem to be working on my end, I think what he is referring to is the paragraph under '2025 allocation' which says "ANU has offered the Observer an allocation of \$116,548.91. You can find the information regarding the allocations [here]. You can view the Observer's 2024 budget [here]." There are no links attached on the website, is that something we are able to do soon?

Saffron: Yeah, we'll have a look through that later then Pat, thanks for bringing this up.

### **Item 5 - Social**

Saffron: Sophie, plans for social? We were talking in the editors meeting and I would like us to do more things socially? Maybe halfway through or beginning and end of our meetings?

Sophie: Like separate to the meetings?

Saffron: Maybe during the meetings, but we can also do more socials during the semester?

Sophie: I was going to put a poll out for availability? Maybe next week is the best time, after the news meeting.

Anish: Usually Monday always wins.

Sophie: Yes totally, Badger tends to be good for cost and it's nearby. I like the idea of doing more things during the meeting, like we love the rose and thorn.

Saffron: Yeah, whatever can integrate the teams more.

Sophie: Like the news team and the visual team?

Saffron: Yeah I think so, I have this as a later item.

Sophie: Yeah and bonding over our common interest in journalism, like why are we all here, having those conversations. I would be happy to run that and make the bonding time. Did you have ideas for games?

Saffron: Yeah like Eduardo had the idea of board games.

Sophie: Yeah we would be good at Scrabble. I can organise something for Monday, and now the kitchen is open til 9pm at Badger so we can get things more easily. I will advertise it more and put something in slack. I also wanted to say maybe at the next meeting I want to remind everyone that they can come to me with any concerns, and I'm considering doing a feedback survey.

Saffron: Perfect that would be great thank you.

*Pat left Board meeting, Anish takes over minutes*

### **Item 6 - Videos + Reels**

Saffron: Keen on doing some filming and reels vibes. I was thinking at the next news meeting, suss out who is interested and then we can dedicate a couple days just to filming.

Anushkaa: And did we ever make the channel on slack for video ideas?

Saffron: Yes

### **Item 7 - Office Decorating**

Sophie: I will cut out Antarctica. I also wanted to make the newsroom wall more enjoyable, put more lights, and vines, etc.

Saffron: What if we moved the couches? I think maybe make a more open space. Even on Monday before the editors meeting if you'd be free.

Sophie: Yeah definitely. It would just be figuring it out if we keep the tables out.

Saffron: It would be spaced out.

Sophie: More circular, chill zone.

Saffron: So do you want to do that next Monday?

Sarah: I'm in the office Monday afternoons, I'll help.

### **Item 8 - Merch + Lanyards**

Saffron: I went into crazy canvas psychosis in Hancock last night. I have a few ideas. I have an idea for media passes which we can print at officeworks for \$17.

Anish: Okay sounds good!

Saffron: We'll just hole punch them and put them into the lanyards! Can I print these for \$17 at officeworks?

Anish: Yes please send me the receipt.

### **Item 9 - Newsletter**

Saffron: Anushkaa and I had a meeting yesterday about the newsletter about the design of it. This is it at the moment.

Sophie: Is this digital or print?

Saffron: It's digital, going to be monthly. Editors, if we could sort out compiling articles. We need to write the blurbs but in the future we could add it in the website.

Sarah: Last year, we had a template that never really caught on but we could use that. Let's make a new editors transition chat with Anushka. When do you want to get this out?

Anushkaa: Monday next week. Monthly, with some highlights from the semester.

Sarah: Reporters were talking about including aspects of campus life in things that haven't been published yet. We write things specifically for the newsletter – newsletter-specific content.

Anushkaa: We were also hoping to have interview segments at the end right?

Saffron: Remember how at the start of the year I wanted to do sports and arts columns? When the team gets bigger we could consider including this exclusively in the newsletter.

Sophie: How many articles would be included in each issue?

Saffron: It'll be 8 articles per newsletter and a crossword.

Anushkaa: No set pages, it's a scroll.

Saffron: We find 8 articles, these first two editions will be catching up. From June it'll be monthly.

Sarah: We want to ask the reporters if they want to include any ideas in the future. Mini paragraphs or sections.

Saffron: We can bring that up at newsroom

### **Item 10 - Joint News and Visual Meeting**

Saffron: Would you want to do one in week 12?

Anushkaa: Yes.

Saffron: We can brainstorm some icebreaker activities.

### **Item 11 - Hiring**

Sarah: I think bush week, Saff you've mentioned this as well, I think we need a big hiring round for the news team. I think our reporters have, on average, three to four articles at the moment and we want to make sure they have time for other things as well.

Saffron: Like I said at editors I think we should aim for a team of 24. This is achievable, we're already emailing 2 expressions of interest now.

Sarah: In terms of visual hiring, Anushkaa would you like to expand the team?

Anushkaa: That's definitely a need, four people taking on the load is too much, I hope we get more expressions of interest for visual as well.

Saffron: What if we made a hiring video? In the office, a walkthrough.

Anushkaa: Let's do that

**Item 12 - Meet the Team/Observing the Observer Revamp?**

Saffron: Remember how we had the shorts.. Last year the visual team organised this thing, a meet the team where they interviewed reporters and anyone at the Observer. Would we want to do a revamp of that? We could put it in the newsletter as well.

Anushkaa: Sounds good!

**Item 13 - SSAF requirements met?**

Anish: Yes!

**Meeting closed:** 06:45pm

**Next board meeting:** 6pm, 27 May