

**REPORT FOR
GUILD COUNCIL**

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Summary

This has been another busy period for the Guild as we continue working across advocacy, student services, and campus life to improve the student experience at Curtin.

One of the most significant developments has been the escalation of the industrial dispute between Curtin University management and the NTEU Curtin Branch, with protected industrial action now underway, including full-day strikes. The Guild remains clear in its position of solidarity with staff, recognising that staff working conditions are student learning conditions. We will continue keeping students informed and ensuring they have access to support and accurate information as the situation develops.

At the same time, discussions around a potential university merger in Western Australia continue to progress without formal detail. The Guild is actively coordinating with other WA Guilds, engaging directly with MPs, and preparing a broader public campaign to ensure students, families and communities understand the risks. This work is about making sure student voices are front and centre in any decisions that could reshape the sector.

Cost of living pressures remain a major focus, particularly around parking and transport. With significant bay closures on campus, the Guild continues to push for long-term solutions including new parking infrastructure and expanded transport options, alongside immediate relief measures to reduce the financial burden on students.

We have also undertaken strong advocacy on behalf of international students following the Federal Government’s decision to double the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) fee. This sudden increase places real financial pressure on graduating students, and the Guild has taken this issue directly to government while working with national student bodies and amplifying student voices through major media coverage.

Alongside this advocacy, there has been significant progress within Guild operations. Capital works across the precinct are advancing, including new equity spaces, expanded club storage and additional Student Assist facilities, as well as planning for major refurbishments of key student spaces.

We have also commenced a major hiring blitz to strengthen our service delivery and engagement. Student Assist is expanding to a team of six, our Student Engagement Team is growing to improve outreach and connection with students, and we are scaling up our Events and Clubs team to support a more active and vibrant campus life program.

It is great to see so much activity and momentum across both advocacy and campus life. I want to thank Guild staff, representatives and volunteers who continue to drive this work forward every day.

In solidarity,
Dylan

Meetings

University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
17/3/25	ACES Advisory Board Meeting	I have joined the Advisory Board for the Australian Centre for Student Equity & Success, this is an unremunerated position and has been placed on my register of interests. More here .
18/3/25	Outgoing and incoming Chancellor	Chance to have a discussion with the incoming Chancellor Mr David Lock.
18/3/25	PVC & Deputy PVC Humanities	Discussion about how the Guild can work with academics in the Faculty of Humanities on anti-racism work.
18/3/25	University Council	
19/3/25	Academic Board Executive	
20/3/24	Vice Chancellor	
27/3/25	Academic Board	
27/3/25	Global Positioning Committee	
31/3/25	SSAF Advisory Committee	
31/3/25	Director of Student Life & Community, People & Culture, Legal	Discussion on National Code with senior Guild staff and the Executive

1/4/25	PVC & Deputy PVC Humanities	Further discussion about how the Guild can work with academics in the Faculty of Humanities on anti-racism work.
1/4/25	The Living Room Coordinator	Discussion on how the Guild can support this project
13/4/25	COO	Discussion on cost of living proposals

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
17/3/25	NUS Regional Officer	
17/3/25	Make Renting Fair Coalition Meeting	Very good meeting about reinvigorating this important campaign
18/3/25	Guild Health & Safety Committee	
19/3/25	Guild Council	
25/3/25	VPSW, Circle 8	Demonstration of smart bins that the Guild will be trailing later this year
1/4/25	Bustanul Arifin	Former PSC President discussion on Graduate Visa fee increases
7/4/25	Executive Planning Day	A great day with the Exec planning out the remainder of the year
9/4/25	VPE & Manager of Student Assist	ASPM Review
9/4/25	Representation Board	
14/4/25	VPA	Planning for Guild Volunteering Program
14/4/25	Murdoch Guild President + Exec	Planning meeting for Merger campaign

Other Meetings/Activities

Date	Meeting	Comments
17/3/25	Going away dinner for outgoing Chancellor	
26/3/25	Respect Week BBQ	
26/3/25	DVCA Farewell Event	
1/4/25	Clubs Carnival	

Matters of Representation

NTEU Industrial Action

The industrial dispute between Curtin University management and the NTEU Curtin Branch continues to escalate, with protected industrial action now underway across the university. At a members' meeting, NTEU members voted to authorise full-day strike action, with a maximum of one strike in any given week. The first of these full day strikes occurred on March 23.

Guild Representatives are encouraged to remain informed about developments and to direct students seeking information or support to the Guild's Standing with Staff page, which provides updates and FAQs about the industrial action: <https://guild.curtin.edu.au/theguild/projects/standingwithstaff/>

University Merger Feasibility Study

Discussions regarding a potential university merger continue at a high level. At this stage, however, the Guild has not received any concrete detail beyond indications that further information may be forthcoming in the coming months. There has been no formal proposal, timeline, or model presented to the Guild to date.

In response, the Curtin Student Guild Executive is now working closely with the Murdoch Student Guild and other key partners to coordinate the next steps. This is expected to take the form of a public awareness campaign focused on ensuring students, families and the broader community understand the risks and implications of any proposed merger.

This issue is already gaining public attention. I recently featured in a Nine News story, where I outlined the significant risks a merger could pose to students, families and parents across Western Australia, particularly in relation to access, choice and the long-term strength of our university sector.

The Guild has directly contacted 94 state and federal MPs to ensure the student voice is heard at every level of decision-making. We are already scheduled to meet with at least seven MPs in the coming weeks, with further meetings expected to be confirmed.

In parallel, we are preparing to roll out student-facing engagement, recognising that any structural changes to the university sector must involve meaningful consultation with students and the communities they serve.

While we await greater clarity, the Guild remains vigilant and ready to act as soon as substantive developments arise, ensuring that student representation, governance protections, and the long-term interests of Curtin students are front and centre in any future discussions.

Parking, Transport & Cost of Living

Parking pressures on campus continue to intensify, with 520 bays closed due to the B316 project and more than 600 bays removed as part of the WA Government-led Australian Hockey Centre development. While we welcome several positive steps, including the new Curtin Link On Demand free bus servicing the immediate area, the announcement of free parking weeks later in the year, reduced pricing in some yellow-zone multi-deck parks, and Curtin's commitment to open overflow parking, these are temporary measures in the face of a structural problem. Simply asking students to "deal with it" is not good enough.

The Guild is calling for urgent planning and delivery of permanent parking solutions, including a large new multi-deck carpark, alongside significantly improved transport options.

To reduce fuel consumption and ease congestion, we are calling on Curtin to expand Curtin Link services to key student population centres, beginning with the City of Canning and City of Belmont, and to introduce direct Curtin-run express bus services to major transport hubs such as Canning Bridge and Oats Street. We are also calling for the introduction of free carpool parking to actively reduce the number of cars on the road, as well as greater flexibility in exams and classes, particularly for external students and those with attendance requirements, so that no student is disadvantaged where travel is not feasible.

To relieve cost pressures, we are calling on Curtin to make Food for Fines available year-round to reduce the financial burden of parking penalties while supporting students experiencing food insecurity, and to provide free parking during exam periods and for students who have no viable alternative to driving. We are also advocating for free parking for students already paying rent in on-campus accommodation, targeted fuel vouchers for students required to travel for placements,

fieldwork or research, and financial support for students travelling between Perth and the Kalgoorlie campus.

We acknowledge Curtin's decision, following Guild advocacy, to expand Food for Fines to four times per year. However, with much of the parking pressure driven by the Hockey Centre closures, the WA Government must also step up and commit to proper transport solutions, including express bus services, to address the disruption their project has created.

International Student Visa Advocacy

The Guild has undertaken significant advocacy in response to the Federal Government's decision to double the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) fee from \$2,300 to \$4,600, effective 1 March 2026.

This abrupt change has placed substantial financial pressure on graduating international students at a critical transition point between study and employment. The Guild has strongly opposed the increase, highlighting the lack of consultation and the real risk that talented graduates will be discouraged from remaining in Australia.

Advocacy efforts have included direct engagement with the Federal Government, as well as coordinated work with the National Union of Students (NUS) and the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA) to push for a reversal of the decision. The Guild has also ensured strong media visibility, with the International Student Committee President leading public advocacy that has been featured prominently in major Perth newspapers.

This work has centred student voices and reinforced the importance of fair, stable and accessible post-study pathways. The Guild will continue to advocate for a reversal of the fee increase and for meaningful consultation with international students on policy changes that affect their futures.

Guild Operations

Precinct Plan & Capital Works

Several capital works projects are progressing across the Guild Precinct. Works upstairs in B106F are complete, delivering new office spaces and expanded workstations aligned with the new Guild organisational structure approved last year. In B106B and B106F downstairs sketches are in the process of being handed over to a new designer prior to Properties approval, tendering and construction. These projects will establish new equity spaces, including accommodation for the Ethnocultural Department, expand club storage, introduce swipe-card roller door access, and deliver two new shared Student Assist offices, consultation rooms, additional representative work points and an event preparation space.

Planning is also underway for the Tavern and GC Central refurbishments, with a Request for Proposal process to identify project partners before design commences in Q1–Q2 and staged construction in Q3–Q4.

The Clubs Hub capital project has now been finalised with new window decal signage installed, while the Student Kitchen signage project is nearing completion.

Guild Precinct signage updates are ongoing in line with the new branding, and the main Guild Courtyard revitalisation project is continuing with the removal of the fake grass and planting of new trees. This will continue in a representatives-led staged approach over the coming months.

Hiring Blitz

The Guild has commenced a targeted hiring blitz to strengthen service delivery and expand student engagement capacity across key areas.

Student Assist is being expanded to a team of six, increasing our ability to respond to growing demand for advocacy, casework and welfare support. This expansion will improve turnaround times, deepen specialist support, and ensure more students can access timely assistance.

Alongside this, the Student Engagement Team is being scaled up to enhance outreach, communications and on-campus presence, supporting stronger connections with students across all cohorts.

We are also growing our Events and Clubs team over the coming weeks to meet increasing demand for activities, support club development, and deliver a more vibrant and consistent calendar of student life programming.

Vice President - Education

March Reps Board · 12/3/2026 – 31/03/2026

The Curtin Student Guild - Vice President of Education

Hadiya Naeemi (She/Her)

UNIVERSITY/EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Comments
31/03/2026	Update on national code	
27/03/2026	Academic Board	Raised parking pressure on students and proposed a carpooling initiative, which was endorsed by the Vice Chancellor. Now in contact with Properties and the COO; facing significant pushback. Also discussed: supporting students through predicted results and assisting students impacted by the war.
13/04/2026	Impacts of new LMS on students	
29/04/2026	DVCA scheduling governance	Scheduled for March but postponed.

GUILD MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Comments
24/03/2026	Executive Meeting	Key priorities discussed: easing student pressure amid the cost of living crisis, mandatory attendance reform, assessment changes, improving faculty rep engagement, drafting AI policy communications for students, and providing support for students affected by the Middle East conflict.

23/03/2026	Faculty Representatives × VPE Meeting	Provided a brief on major issues. Discussions covered LMS concerns, assessment weighting, outdated course materials, cost of living pressures, parking, and the possibility of moving some classes online.
31/03/2026	Student Assist × Faculty Representative Meeting	Discussion on the graduate diploma not being accepted nationally and its impact on students. Raised issues around assessment types, mandatory attendance, and ensuring students have adequate options and support.

UPDATES

Parking

A carpooling initiative was raised at Academic Board on 27 March and endorsed by the Vice Chancellor as a means of easing parking pressure on students. Ongoing discussions are now taking place with Properties and the COO. There is currently significant pushback from both parties, and this remains an active area of advocacy. Filmed parking related reel with Dylan and Zobia to promote the food for fines that is coming into action this month.

Assessment 2030 and AI Policy

I've begun drafting a webpage to communicate AI policies and assessment changes clearly to students. There is a critical need to ensure students understand how their education is being affected and what support is available to them. The focus is on identifying the most effective ways to inform and support students through these significant changes.

Faculty Representative Engagement

Given the significant volume of change currently occurring at Curtin, keeping faculty representatives well-informed and ensuring they are attending all relevant meetings is a key priority. A strengthened communications approach with reps is being developed to ensure student voices are represented across all forums.

Graduate Diploma

Raised in the Student Assist × Faculty Representative meeting on 31 March. The graduate diploma is not currently accepted nationally, and this is having a direct impact on students' career and study pathways. This issue requires further escalation and remains ongoing.

Cost of Living and War in the Middle East

Supporting students affected by the conflict in the Middle East, including through access to predicted results, remains a priority. The cost of living crisis continues to place significant pressure on students. The Food for Fines initiative is in progress; however, there is a strong push for a better-resourced and more equitable welfare response. Advocacy is ongoing.

Universal Submission Time and Mandatory Attendance

Mandatory attendance requirements are also contributing to undue pressure, particularly for students facing financial hardship or displacement. Assessment changes and attendance flexibility are being explored as practical levers to ease this pressure.

57th Guild Council

Vice President- Activities April Report

Tahni Rowe - Date Submitted: 17/04/2026

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Date	Event/Meeting	Comment
12/03	VPA x Events x Engagement Weekly Meeting	
12/03	Event kick off – Disability collaboration Lunch	Rep Category C event
17/03	VPA x Events Weekly Meeting	
19/03	VPA x Events x Engagement Weekly Meeting	
19/03	Guild Council	
24/03	Executive Meeting	
24/03	VPA x Events Weekly Meeting	
24/03	VPA x Clubs Fortnightly meeting	
24/03	VPA x GM monthly check in	
25/03	Respect at Uni - BBQ	
31/03	Barnyard Bash Content filming	Shout out to the one and Only David Phillips for co-starring.
31/03	Grill the Guild FBL	
31/03	VPA x Events Weekly Meeting	
01/04	Prime Ministers National Address
02/04	VPA x Events x Engagement Weekly Meeting	
07/04	Exec Planning Day + team bonding	
09/04	VPA x Events x Engagement Weekly Meeting	Riff Rumble Kick Off Stress Less Kick Off
09/04	Representation Board	
14/04	World Week Filming	
14/04	Guild Volunteering Project Discussion	
15/04	VPA x Events Weekly Meeting	

A Little Note From Your VPA.....



Hi Y'all!

How our my favourite Guild Councillors? Anyways I have been in full event planning swing this last month. The rest of Semester is going to be absolutely packed. The teams have been working really hard to bring all these incredible events to life so I cant wait to see them all come to fruition. All your Grill the Guilds are booked in as well and some Category C events are starting to roll in from your reps.

Good Vibes Always,

Tahni Rowe

Events

Clubs Carnival

Clubs Carnival was back again this year! This gave clubs the opportunity to reach more students and showcase what their club is all about. As well as clubs we had plenty of giveaways including fairy floss, pop corn and free carnival games. This was held down in the creative quarter alongside the regular food trucks.

Respect at Uni BBQ

This was a campaign/event run by the uni to launch their Gender Based Violence Prevention Action Plans. They approach myself and the events team asking if we could run a BBQ along side their info/giveaway. Easy quick event focused on respect.

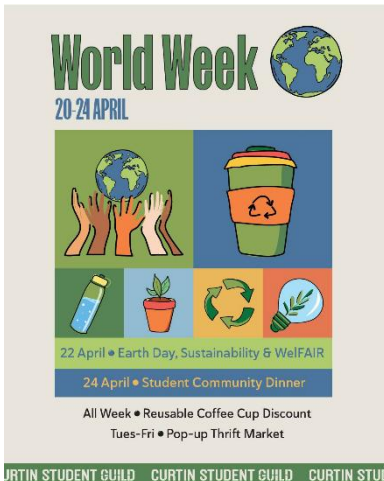
Grill the Guild - Faculty of Business and Law

On the tools helping our FBL rep, Ebony, for the first Grill the Guild (GTG) of the Year! Grill the Guilds give student an opportunity to engage and give feedback to our reps. I increased the number of sausages ordered for the faculty reps GTG to 250 serves. After this first GTG safe to say that this

was a pretty ideal amount. Service went smooth and Ebony did a fantastic job of engaging with students.

Coming up.....

21st – 24th of April - World Week



WWOOOOOOORRRLLLLLLDDDDD WEEKKKK! Ah yes the much anticipated World Week. We have something happening every. Single. Day. Acting on feedback that I received by trying to fill out our events that are week long events. By the time we are at Guild Council this event will be in full swing!

So the Program for World Week:

Monday – Friday: Coffee Cup Discount

Tuesday – Friday: Thrift Shop

Wednesday: The WellFare

Friday: Free Student Community Dinner

29th of April - Disability Collaboration Lunch

Our first rep Category C event brought to you by Mia our Accessibility Rep. This event focuses on opening the discussion about accessibility on university campuses. Lunch provided! Registrations have been flowing in right from the get-go for this event.

1st of May - Barnyard Bash

In case Y'all having been living under a rock Barnyard Bash is back. Mechanical Bull, Barrel toss, Line Dancing, DJ, Food and Drink Specials all on the agenda. I'm sooooo excited. I have some awesome give aways as well so get your boots on.



Grill the Guilds

All the Faculty Reps now have their Grill the Guilds booked in. You're next one will be Monday 4th of May for Science and Engineering GTG with Connie down on south side of campus!

Stress Less

Planning is now in full swing for stress less with fan favs of Brinner, with a huge upgrade of more breakfast classics such as hash browns, and snack + fidget toy cart. Plus, we have a few breakout activities/sessions that have been planned but awaiting confirmation.



Riff Rumble

End of semester party with a bit of a shifted focus. This event gives Curtin Student Talent the opportunity to showcase what they have got in a competition jam style event. This will be held on the 22nd of May at the Tav. Expressions of interest are out now!!!!!!

Open Day (Rescheduled)

The original date for this was cancelled due to the cyclone. Hoping to still be confirmed attending for the rescheduled date. But we have the equipment now to construct a mini version of our smart lolly wall to promote what we here at the Guild do. This also gave some of our clubs the opportunity to be invited and showcase their clubs.

Campaigns and Projects

University Mergers

Congratulations to our President Dylan for appearing on Channel 9 to speak out against a potential university merger. It is pertinent that we continue to make it known that we disagree with any proposition of a merger. Our executive team is committed to being on the pulse for any and all updates regarding this issue. We will continue to make our student voice heard.

Guild Volunteers

In a bit of a brainstorming phase about starting and the execution of a volunteering program. Goal is to have this launched and operational for Semester 2 this year as a pilot of the program.



Vice President Sustainability and Welfare

April Guild Council (20/03/2026 – 23/04/2026)

Morgan Mills (they/them)

University/External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
25/03/2026	Smart Bin Trial	Mark from Circle 8 visited the Guild with a Smart Bin for us to view and trial.
	HIV vending machine marketing meeting	Karina and Bruce from WAAC visited to discuss the marketing of the launch of the HIV self-test vending machine, as well as future advertising and information sharing content.
	NADSA introduction	Met with Katherina (President of NADSA) to discuss any potential involvement the club may want with the food charter throughout 2026
26/03/2026	HIV Vending Machine filming	Karina and Bruce returned to film content for the machine's launch
31/03/2026	HIV vending machine loading	Bruce came to stock the machine, which is now fully functional
	Update on the National Code	

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
24/03/2026	Executive meeting	
25/03/2026	Collective Policy follow-up meeting	
04/04/2026	VPSW x First Nations Officer catchup	

	World Week Events and Marketing meeting	
07/04/2026	Executive planning day	
	Executive meeting	
08/04/2026	VPSW x ISC President catchup	
09/04/2026	VPSW x Accessibility Officer catchup	
	VPSW x Queer Officer catchup	
	VPSW x Ethnocultural Officer catchup	
	VPSW x First Nations Officer catchup	
10/04/2026	VPSW x Women's Officer catchup	
22/04/2026	VPSW x ISC President catchup	
23/04/2026	VPSW x Accessibility Officer catchup	
	VPSW x Queer Officer catchup	
	VPSW x Ethnocultural Officer catchup	
	VPSW x First Nations Officer catchup	

Updates

Food Charter

This month I have been focusing strongly on completing the first draft of the new food charter. This charter is being created in line with the strategic plan for 2026-2029. A draft document has now been made and is under review, with changes to structure and implementation strategies already underway.

I look forward to the eventual passing of this charter and its benefit to students' health, education, and economic position.

Housing campaign

To continue and advance on the student housing campaign, a TidyHQ has been made to facilitate a student-based committee. This committee will consist of students from housing who want to get involved in the campaigns the Guild will run.

Along with a larger campaign, which will be based on the findings from the survey conducted in 2025, small focus areas such as heating, mould and general safety conditions of the accommodation throughout winter will be conducted. A report of the findings from the survey, as well as a short one-page abstract has been made.

Courtyard renovations

Slow progressions are being made towards the courtyard renovations. This includes providing umbrellas for the picnic tables that have been placed there, and planting kangaroo paws to add more colour to the courtyard. In the coming weeks furniture will be purchased, turning the deck into a lounging area for students to relax in.

Racism@Uni Report

Late last month I met with Bonnie, Tahsin and Max to discuss the findings of the Racism@Uni survey, our stance as the Guild and what changes should be implemented and advocated for. Areas discussed included more ally-based training, specifically around First Nations language and inclusion, as well as advocating for the university to improve their complaints process and make it more accessible.

Other areas covered included the creation of a reflective survey around cultural awareness both within the Guild and the wider university community.

I am now working with these reps to plan next steps and how I can assist them in their endeavours to promote and advocate for change in their respective areas.

Smart Bins

This month the contract with Circle 8 has been signed, providing the Guild with 3 indoor smart bins for a demonstration period of 6 months. These Smart Bins will provide students with an opportunity to earn free Red Bull for donating their 10c containers, along with other prizes. The cans will be collected by an external organisation, with the Guild receiving the full 10c for each can.

The smart bins will be launched during world week, where Circle 8, Red Bull, and the Guild will have a joint activation promoting the bins, their locations, and how students can win from using them.

The smart bins will be located in café outlets, with locations most likely being GC Concept, the GC Library, and GC Basement. This 6-month period will determine the success of the bins on our campus, with final data and overall results will determine if a longer-term contract will be signed. These bins diminish the main current issue associated with the general Containers for Change bins on campus – students, staff, and members of the community throw general waste into the bins. This removes all value of the cans, as they will not be recycled if there is general waste in amongst them. This is done by having people scan the barcode of the container. If the container is eligible for 10c refund, a hatch is opened and the container can be deposited. In

order to take part in gaining free Red Bull and larger prizes, students must create an account using the app.

Events

Barbecues

This month I have had the opportunity to assist at 2 barbecues; the Curtin University Respect Week barbecue, and Ebony's FBL Representative Grill the Guild. Being able to enlist my culinary talents at the barbecues brought me great joy, and I truly hope everyone enjoyed their onions.

World Week

World Week will be held during the week of this Guild Council. This event includes the infamous pop-up thrift market, with the donations going to the Centre for Asylum seekers, Refugees, and Detainees. There is also a weeklong 50c keep cup discount for Guild members.

As part of the WelFair event on Wednesday, I will have a stall where students will be placing a "pledge to earth". Students who take part will automatically get a freebie and go into the drawer to win a sustainability hamper.

On Friday there will be a student community dinner, bringing together students and clubs of different cultural backgrounds with food, education, and entertainment.