

## **ELECTION BROADSHEET**

### All enrolled ECU Students are entitled to vote in the Guild By-Election

### **SPECIAL NOTE – POSTAL VOTES:**

As the election is online no postal votes are available. Please vote online from any location by visiting <u>www.vote.ecuguild.org.au</u>

### **ONLINE ELECTION**

The 2025 Guild By-Election is an entirely online election. There is no in-person or postal voting.

### **VOTING WEBSITE**

All voting is online at the following link: **vote.ecuguild.org.au Voting can be from anywhere** – it is not restricted to on-campus locations. For problems using the voting portal, contact Vero Voting: 1300 702 898 or <u>support@verovoting.com.au</u>

## **POLLING DAYS AND TIMES**

Students can log into the site to vote 24 hours each day on the following days:

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> May.

## **ELECTIONEERING LOCATIONS**

Specific times and areas are allocated at the Joondalup, Mt Lawley and South-West campuses for **electioneering** by candidates and registered campaigners. The following pages show relevant electioneering locations and times for each of those campuses.

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Electioneering Area: Within the area delineated in Blue between Buildings 31 & 32

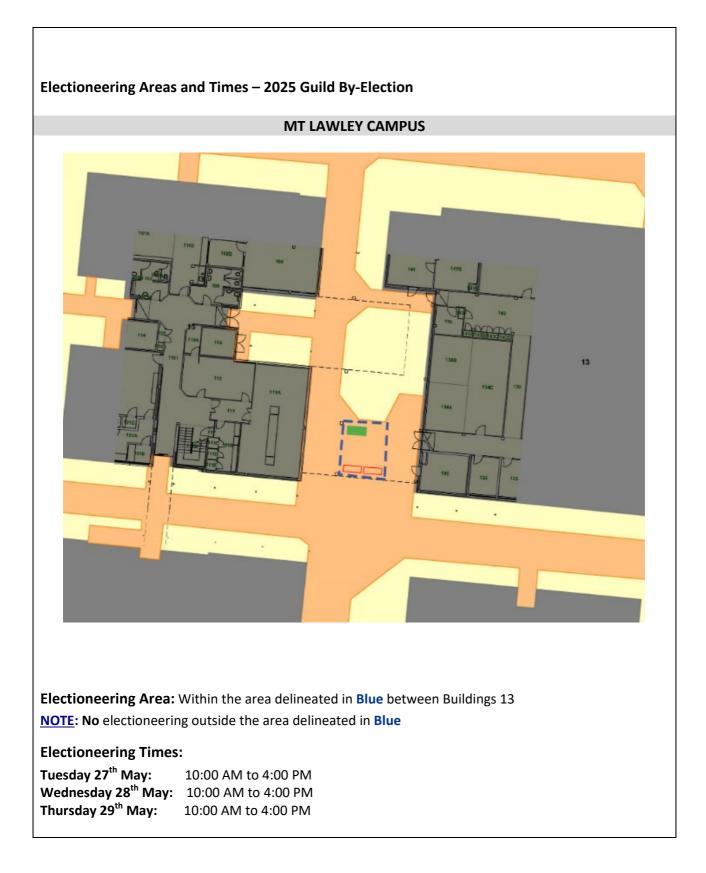
NOTE: No electioneering outside the area delineated in Blue

### **Electioneering Times:**

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May:	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May:	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May:	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

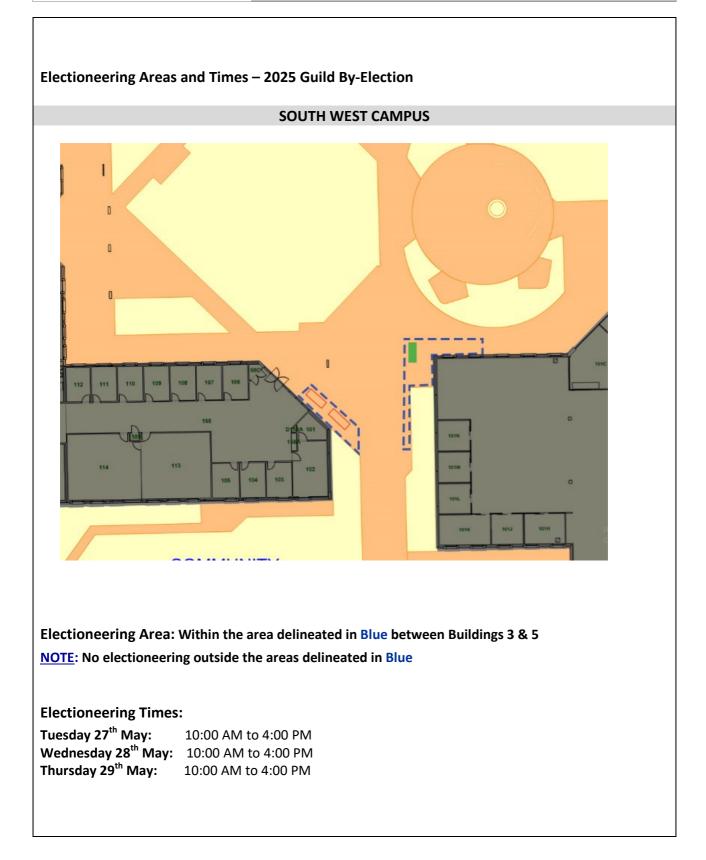
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### CANDIDATE STATEMENTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS:

The following pages provide voters with an insight into the Candidates who have nominated to be elected to the position of Guild President for the remainder of 2025:

Each Candidate was invited to provide a policy statement of up to 500 words to introduce themselves and to outline the benefits they intended to bring to ECU students and to the Guild if elected. They were also invited to provide a photo of themselves for publication on this broadsheet.

#### SENATE POSITION TO BE FILLED:

**Guild President** 

Four (4) Candidates

**Election required** 

#### **ELECTION:**

As there was more than one nomination, a ballot will be held to elect one of the candidates to fill the position.

In the following pages, the profiles of candidates are presented in the same order as their name will appear on the Ballot Paper.

#### **VOTING:**

The ballot will be conducted by electronic voting over three days using a secure internet portal. The portal will be open for voting from 00:00 hours (midnight) on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May to 24:00 hours (midnight) on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.

Enrolled students will receive a unique login on their phone to enable them to cast their vote. It is the responsibility of each student to ensure that their correct mobile phone number is listed on the ECU database.

All enquiries regarding any aspect of this election are to be made to the Returning Officer.

Mr. Peter Zaikos RETURNING OFFICER Mobile: 0459 919 900 Email: ro.ecu@bigpond.com

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### NOMINATION DETAILS OF CANDIDATES Shown in the order in which they will appear on the Ballot Paper

Position nominated for:	PRESIDENT (1 position)	[4 Candidates]
	CANDIDATE:	
	Julia COETZEE	
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	Independent	
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Hello, my name is Julia,

I still remember my first week of university. I walked onto campus expecting energy, community, and opportunity. Like many, I imagined something out of the movies - lecture halls buzzing with ideas, student clubs filling the courtyards, and support systems ready to help us grow. But what I found was: quiet corridors, disconnected peers, and a system that seemed to operate more on autopilot than intention. Since then, I've been asking myself: Why does it feel like we're just passing through this place instead of truly belonging to it?

In what should be the most vibrant time of the semester, the silence is even louder. Exams are around the corner. Students are stressed, struggling, and unsupported. Tutoring services are barely accessible. Mentoring programs disappear after a few weeks. And for many, it feels like no one is really listening.

That's why I'm standing here—not just as a candidate, but as a student who truly believes ECU can do better.

Over the past few months, I've spoken to many individuals across faculties, campuses, and backgrounds. All have expressed stories of frustration, burnout and dissatisfaction. Students who are navigating academic misconduct allegations alone because of broken group assignment systems. The constant divide between international and domestic students. Repetitively, one theme kept coming up: Where is the support?

Right now, the Guild Senate is barely visible. It feels more focused on performative politics and branding than real student outcomes. That's not what it should be. The Guild's purpose is to represent the student voice.

I'm not here to point fingers without offering solutions. I'm here with a vision for what our university experience should look like. That's why I'm advocating for:

- Re-vitalised Academic Support: Accessible tutoring/academic-based clubs and associations that are built by students, for students so no one falls through the cracks.
- ongoing mentorship that lasts beyond the first few weeks of semester.
- Project-based club initiatives: Where clubs don't just run social events, but lead community contributions, consulting projects, and real-world experiences that build your portfolio and your confidence.
- Fairness in group work and assessments: By pushing for stronger academic guidelines, clearer communication from staff, and support for students navigating unjust misconduct claims.

Ultimately, it's not just about the destination—it's about making the journey productive and worthwhile. As a student society, our responsibility is to ensure students leave ECU genuinely prepared for the real world. That preparation doesn't just happen in classrooms; it can be as simple as hosting more social and collaborative activities that build essential skills like communication and teamwork. You don't learn to drive by only reading a manual—experience matters. If elected, I will ensure the Guild prioritises practical, student-focused initiatives that directly address your needs and concerns because things need to change.

#### Vote [1] Julia COETZEE for Guild President

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[4 Candidates]

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I am seeking the position of President of the Edith Cowan University (ECU) Student Guild to bring a meaningful, impactful leadership that supports students, empowers our Guild, and enhances ECU's broader student experience.

As a mature age student with a strong professional background, I bring a wealth of experience in leadership, strategic planning, and stakeholder engagement and skills I believe are essential for this role. My professional journey includes serving as CEO of my own business and holding multiple senior roles in government organisations. Most notably, I served as a senior manager on the transformation team within the NSW Attorney General's Department, where I led significant change initiatives across diverse operational teams. This role demanded high-level communication, a thorough understanding of government processes, and the ability to manage systemic change, all skills I will draw upon as the Guild President.

I am deeply passionate about student representation and the power of advocacy. As Guild President, I will be a strong, reliable spokesperson for students, on campus, with the University's leadership, and with external bodies such as the National Union of Students (NUS) and relevant government departments. I believe in being visible, accessible, and accountable, and I will lead by example in all Senate and General Meetings.

I am highly committed to ensuring that the Guild's strategic goals are met through collaborative leadership, regular engagement with the Operations Manager, and by supporting all Guild departments in delivering the results. One of my top priorities will be gathering and acting on student feedback to ensure we are constantly improving Guild services, amenities, and our broader student life initiatives.

I recognise the importance of student voices in shaping policy and practice, and I will advocate to resolve the systemic issues students face—whether academic, financial, or social. In addition, I am committed to maintaining a strong presence across all campuses, including Mount Lawley and Southwest (Bunbury) campuses, and will offer consistent support to the respective offices. My availability as a full-time student allows me to be present during the week and on weekends when necessary. This ensures that I can consistently engage with students, operational staff, and stakeholders to ensure transparency and timely communication.

I will also be proactive in liaising with external service providers and other universities, ensuring ECU remains connected to national trends and student movements. My goal is to foster a collaborative, inclusive environment where students feel seen, heard, and supported.

With my background in managing teams, overseeing complex projects, and driving operational excellence, I am confident in my ability to effectively represent the Guild and further its mission.

It would be an honour to serve as President and help ECU continue to rise as a university of choice, not only for its academic excellence but for its strong student advocacy and vibrant campus life.

Thank you for considering my application.

I look forward to the opportunity to represent and serve the students at Edith Cowan University.

#### Vote [1] Caleb JORDAN-JONES for Guild President

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CANDIDATE:	
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Email: srazvi@our.ecu.edu.au	
I'm running to be vour next ECU Student Gui	d President.
	CANDIDATE: Syed RAZVI GROUP: Inspire Mob: 0420 771 395

My journey with the Guild has been about delivering results, listening to students, and creating a space where every voice matters. I've served as your Vice President Academic since late 2023, and during this time, I've led initiatives that have made real impacts, improving academic representation, enhancing student support, and strengthening the Guild's presence on campus.

Over the past year, I've organised and led industry connect sessions, networking dinners, first aid and white card trainings, educational workshops and tours, and the first-ever Careers Showcase. It was the largest careers event in Guild history, featuring multiple external stakeholders including industry professionals, recruiters, and alumni. The event offered students valuable networking opportunities, insights into career pathways, and even free professional LinkedIn headshots to support their career development.

I streamlined the academic representative system, ensuring inclusive representation across Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and HDR cohorts. This led to the highest number of active academic reps in 2025, with 15 and counting. These representatives have played a vital role in student advocacy by actively raising concerns, sharing feedback, and collaborating with Schools to improve academic experiences. I also worked hard to build strong and effective relationships with ECU's Schools, ensuring student voices are not only heard but respected and actioned at every level. Alongside this, I've provided one-on-one advocacy support to students by assisting them through academic misconduct cases, addressing queries, and helping them navigate challenging situations by offering clear guidance and dedicated support.

I played a key role in supporting the formation of new academic clubs, revitalising existing ones, and advocating for improvements to the club affiliation process. This helped remove unnecessary barriers such as annual reaffiliation and made it easier than ever for students to start and sustain clubs, directly responding to feedback from student leaders. In collaboration with reps and students, we also celebrated cultural diversity on campus, recognising and valuing the identities that make ECU unique.

Alongside other student leaders, I helped launch the Guild Roundtable, creating an opportunity for student representatives to share feedback directly. If elected as President, I will expand this initiative to the broader student body and ensure your concerns and ideas shape what we do.

#### As Guild President, I will:

- Advocate for students at all levels and ensure your concerns are heard and acted upon.
- Launch a campaign focused on student success and reducing academic misconduct through guidance and awareness.
- Lobby for a dedicated Guild Lounge, a safe, social, and productive space for students.
- Strengthen partnerships with the university to keep student priorities at the centre of decision-making.
- Continue building an inclusive, respectful, and vibrant campus culture through diverse events and community-led initiatives.
- Ensure transparency and regular communication between the Guild and the student body.

Your voice matters. Your vote has power.

Let's build a future where every student is supported, empowered, and heard.

#### Vote [1] Syed RAZVI for Guild President

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	CANDIDATE:	
	Devansh TRIVEDI	
TOTO	GROUP:	
	Student Voice Senate	
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	Email: devansht@our.ecu.edu.au	

I am running for the position of Guild President to bring about real change. I have successfully founded and led clubs in previous universities and contributed to numerous Guild-affiliated groups here at ECU. But I believe the current Senate is falling short in supporting students.

I'm committed to building a diverse, responsible Senate team that will represent your interests and be responsive to your concerns. I will help you navigate academic challenges, and promote a vibrant campus life. Under my leadership, new clubs will have access to more encouragement and funding with the potential for even more through grants to celebrate your favourite cultural festivals with your friends and family. We will also make ECU a more inclusive and welcoming place together, with more participation of domestic students, The annual Ball Party and other events by the Guild would also be much affordable.

I'm deeply involved on campus and connected with students from across ECU and other universities.

You may know me from the Guild kitchen, posters of Living Room or ECU's Instagram reels. Regardless of the election's outcome, I'm always here to support you at devansht@our.ecu.edu.au.

Vote [1] Devansh TRIVEDI for Guild President

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