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THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY ECONOMICS  
STUDENTS' SOCIETY PRESENTS:

# WHAT'S (EC)ON?

## 2025: A NEW CHAPTER!

Welcome back to a new academic year, and a new edition of What's (Ec)on! If this is your first time seeing our newsletter, we aim to offer insightful economics articles, Society updates, career and academic opportunities, and much more.

The Econ Society has just welcomed a new committee, and we are excited to introduce our two Co-directors of Publications for this year, Jack and Katherine!

We hope that by reading this newsletter, you will learn more about our society and get inspired for the new academic year.

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Hi everyone! My name is Shreya Nidumolu and I'm the President of the AUSSS for 2025! As a final year student, I want to bring as much energy and enthusiasm as I can to the society this year. This also includes engaging students with university and career opportunities, because I know how important it is to make the most of university life before moving onto the next chapters of our lives. To our members, I wish you an amazing year and I hope to see you at all of our events :)

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# YEAR IN REVIEW: 2024 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## AIDAN LUTHER

*\*This report is an edited summary of our 2024 AGM, held on the 8th of October.*

2024 marked a year of change and growth for the Adelaide University Economics Students' Society: a holistic rebrand, greater collaborations with other student organisations, our inaugural merchandise release, an expanded events calendar, and more. In case you missed our 2024 AGM, I invite you to read more about our team's successes last year as we move into 2025 - starting with our merger information session and start-of-semester UniBar mixer on the 11th of March.

### EVENTS RECAP

The Econ Society hosted 12 events throughout the 2024 academic year - an average of one event every two weeks. We coordinated a range of social, educational and professional events which created a convivial on-campus atmosphere, informed students about academic news and changes, and connected students with employment opportunities.

#### 2024 Event list:

- Bachelor of Economics study plans info session x start of semester I UniBar drinks
- Mixer Night w/ Finance Society, Entrepreneur Club, Project Management Society
- Morgan Stanley & UBS AmplifyME Finance Accelerator Simulation
- Women in Economics Career and Networking Event
- Information session for the UBS Investment Banking Development Challenge
- Budget Night Watch Party in collaboration with PIRA, Adelaide University Greens Club and Adelaide University Labor Club
- First Years' Exam Cram Study Session
- Honours in Economics Information Session x start of semester II Unibar drinks
- Careers Night
- Wine Tour to the Barossa Valley
- Annual General Meeting



*Students at last year's annual Wine Tour to the Barossa Valley.*



*A guest speaker at our annual Careers Night.*



## MILESTONES

### *Merchandise*

We began the year with our first-ever merch line: branded quarter zips! By the end of the year, we had sold over 60% of all units and now only have certain sizes remaining. Make sure to attend our upcoming events (like our information session & welcome UniBar drinks!) or message us to secure yours while stocks last, and watch our socials for our next merch drop! Any guesses as to what we're making?

### *Collaboration with the School of Economics & Public Policy*

We rebranded into the Econ Society to reflect our growth and enhanced connection with the faculty in the School of Economics and Public Policy. As seen in the list of events included above, we coordinated several educational events with the School and will continue to offer events like these to our students in years to come.

We are also grateful to have been featured in the School's biannual newsletter, written by lecturers Dr Jacob Wong and Dr Emiliano Carlevaro.



*Katherine Varley (Co-Director of Publications) and Aidan Luther (Vice-President) with lecturer Dr Emiliano Carlevaro.*

### *Newsletter*

We took inspiration from Dr Wong and Dr Carlevaro's work and launched a newsletter of our own, which you're reading right now. Last year's Co-Directors of Publications, Katherine and Shreya, debuted our newsletter *What's (Ec)on?* in Semester 2 of 2024 to inform students of our upcoming events, career opportunities from our sponsors, and other information that may be of use to students. You can find the inaugural issue [here](#).

To include something in our next edition and/or our blog, contact our 2025 publications team, Jack and Katherine, by emailing [economics@clubs.youx.org](mailto:economics@clubs.youx.org) or messaging us on Instagram or Facebook. The next issue of *What's (Ec)on?* will go live on our website in the opening weeks of the semester.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

A highlight from my time as president was the recognition we received by winning two awards at the annual YouX President's Dinner. Our first award, *Best Clubs Collaboration*, commemorated the AmplifyME Finance Accelerator event that we co-hosted with the Entrepreneur Club and SQUAD. I wish to thank my committee and the committees of the Entrepreneur Club and SQUAD for their efforts. Below is the event summary that we submitted, which was read at the presentation of the award.



*Presentation of the Best Clubs Collaboration award*

*“The Adelaide University Economics Students’ Society (Econ Society) hosted the Morgan Stanley and UBS AmplifyMe Finance Accelerator Simulation in collaboration with SQUAD and the Entrepreneur Club on the 29th of April, 2024. This debut cross-faculty collaboration benefitted students studying a multiplicity of degrees including economics, commerce, business, finance & banking, engineering, data analytics, arts and more. Over 80 students participated in the hands-on sales/trading and asset management of the AmplifyMe simulations, which was evidenced and celebrated by the presentation of a micro-credential to all successful students to boost their CVs and job applications. Beyond professional benefits, the event also fostered a social, communal atmosphere that connected students with like-minded peers of varying academic backgrounds and stages of their studies. Collaboration undoubtably cemented this event’s success by funding local catering for all students free of charge and broadening its reception in the university community. Given the level of achievement, the Econ Society plans to recreate the same event with SQUAD and the Entrepreneur Club next year and hopes to build on this event’s legacy in years to come.”*

We are pleased to collaborate with AmplifyMe again in 2025 and will release more information about the next Finance Accelerator simulation soon. Keep an eye on our socials!



Our former Vice-President and current Director of Women in Economics, Grace, also won the individual *Ace of Clubs* award for her service to the University of Adelaide Clubs committee. You can read more about Grace's commitment and contributions here:

*“ Grace Harkins, vice-president of both the Adelaide University Economics Students' Society (Econ Society) and the Politics and International Relations Association (PIRA) in 2024, deserves the Ace of Clubs award for her lengthy service to the clubs community. Despite working and studying full-time, Grace takes the time to organise, consult and advise two clubs with her wealth of knowledge gained from several years of service on various club committees. This year, Grace has benefitted the Econ Society by organising events, coordinating collaborations, volunteering at events, selling merch, motivating new committee members, and advising more seasoned ones. For this reason, I believe that Grace has been an integral player in the Econ Society's 2024 committee and deserves the Ace of Spades award to formally recognise her unseen contributions. ”*

## LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025

We would like to thank our premium sponsors for the year, [BDO](#) and [Deloitte](#), and our general sponsor, [Mandala Partners](#), for their financial support in 2025. These firms help us to operate without charging student membership fees and offer free, unticketed professional and educational events, making our member benefits as financially accessible as possible to all students at the University of Adelaide.

The 2025 Committee and I look forward to bringing our members more events in the coming year. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday the 11th of March** for our first event, an information session for students in Economics-related degrees regarding the upcoming merger (4 pm) followed by a **mixer at the UniBar** (5 pm) to kick off Semester 1!

## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COMMITTEE?

Whilst most of the committee was elected at our AGM last October, we will be appointing first year and postgraduate representatives to join our team. To learn more about the roles, see the Careers Bulletin included in this edition of *What's (Ec)on?*. We will be sharing more information about the application and selection process at our start of semester drinks.





# NOTICE BOARD

**SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING TO ADD TO YOUR RESUME? LOOK NO FURTHER...**

## ASSOCIATION OF PACIFIC RIM UNIVERSITIES



The Faculty from the School of Economics and Public Policy wishes to inform students about several academic opportunities offered through the **Association of Pacific Rim Universities** (APRU).

Applications through [CareerHub](#) close soon, find more information from the Faculty's flyers included in this Newsletter.

## WRITERS WANTED

Interested in becoming a published author?

The AU ESS is seeking students interested in writing short, accessible economics articles for our blog, newsletter, and UofA's student magazine, On Dit.

Any economics-related topics are welcome!

Please contact our Co-directors of Publications, Katherine Varley and Jack Kirkwood, if keen!

## AUESS COMMITTEE



We are seeking two first-year students and one postgraduate student to join our committee! These roles are a fantastic opportunity to step out of your comfort zone, develop your teamwork and leadership skills, and enhance your CV.

### **First-Year Representatives (x2)**

- take part in organising events catered to first-year students
- monitor a first-year Facebook group and promote AUESS events to fellow students
- attend committee meetings, bring new ideas to the table, and take part in our activities throughout 2025!

### **Postgraduate Representative (x1)**

- assist in organising and coordinating events directed towards postgraduate students
- liaise with the School of Economics and Public Policy to gauge postgraduate interest in AUESS events
- promote AUESS events to fellow students within the postgraduate committee
- attend committee meetings, bring new ideas to the table, and take part in our activities throughout 2024 where possible.

For more information about the application and selection process, come to our start-of-semester drinks!

Date: Tuesday 11 March

Time: 5 pm

Venue: UniBar

**Have something to post on the bulletin?**

Contact our Co-directors of Publications for more information.

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**CAREERS BULLETIN**  
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# CAREERS BULLETIN

SEARCHING FOR EMPLOYMENT OR VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES? LOOK NO FURTHER...

## **BDO AUSTRALIA**


### ***Graduate and Vacation Programs***

Applications for BDO's graduate and vacation programs are now open.

With opportunities available at any stage of your career, find out what's possible with BDO!

#### **APPLY HERE:**

<https://www.bdo.com.au/en-au/about/student-careers>

 Applications close Sunday, 23 March 2025!

## **MANDALA**

Australia's most exciting and impactful economics and policy consulting firm brings strategy consulting methods and unique datasets to questions of economics, public policy, and regulation.


They count some of the world's biggest commercial brands as their clients, who they help to navigate complex regulatory and commercial questions, unpack policy problems, drive impactful social outcomes, and build a more sustainable future.

### ***2026 Graduate Program***

Mandala is hiring Graduate Analysts starting in 2026. They are looking for final year students, graduates or early-career professionals with up to two years' experience to join their consulting business in 2026, across their locations in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra.

#### **APPLY HERE:**

[mandalapartners.com/graduate-careers](https://mandalapartners.com/graduate-careers)

 Applications close Friday, 21 March 2025!

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# MEET YOUR 2025 COMMITTEE



## SHREYA NIDUMOLU

*President*

3rd Year Bachelor of Economics (Advanced)

2024 Co-director of Publications



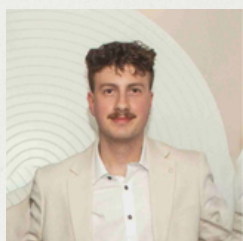
## AIDAN LUTHER

*Vice-President*

3rd Year Bachelor of Economics and International Relations

2024 President

2023 First-Year Representative



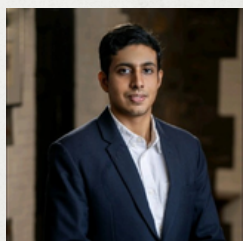
## AARON ZULLO

*Treasurer*

3rd Year Bachelor of Economics (Advanced)

2024 Director of Education

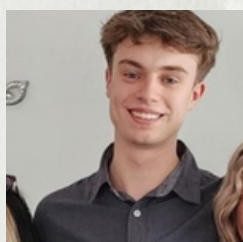
2023 First-Year Representative



## MADHAV AIYAPPA

*Secretary, Director of Careers & Sponsorships*

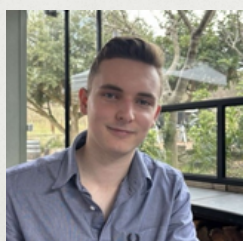
4th Year Bachelor of Economics with Finance & Banking



## JACK KIRKWOOD

*Director of Education, Co-Director of Publications*

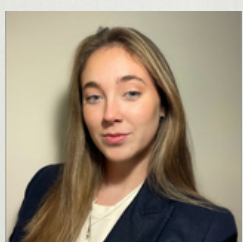
3rd Year Bachelor of Economics (Advanced)



## WILLIAM TINKLER

*Director of Socials & Communication*

3rd Year Bachelor of Economics



## GRACE HARKINS

*Director of Women in Economics*

5th Year Bachelor of Law and Economics

2024 Vice-President

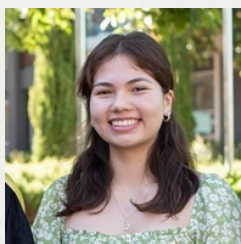
2023 President

2022 Director of Socials and Communication

2021 First-Year Representative



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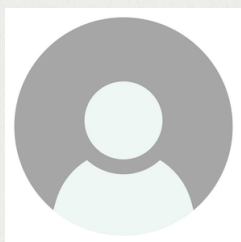
## KATHERINE VARLEY

*Co-Director of Publications*

3rd Year Bachelor of Economics (Advanced) and Media

2024 Co-Director of Publications

2024 Director of Women in Economics



## GEORGIA ZOANETTI

*General Councillor*

2nd Year Bachelor of Data Analytics

2024 General Councillor



## ARYAN GUPTA

*General Councillor*

2nd Year Bachelor of Economics (Advanced)



## THANK YOU FOR READING!

Welcome to Semester 1 and thank you for taking the time to read the second edition of *What's Ec(ON)?*.

We hope you have a smooth transition (back) into university life and look forward to seeing you at 5pm at the UniBar on the 11th of March for our first event of the year! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via social media or email.

Signing off,  
Your Co-Directors of Publication

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