

B&G HALLWIDE

27th of October 2020

Weekly Newsletter

Issue 16

"B&G acknowledges the Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the land we occupy. We would like to pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and residents. We honour the continuing cultural and spiritual relationships the local mob have to the region. We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students' rich contributions to the B&G community."



OFFICE CLOSURES

The office does not have any expected office closures this week.

YEARBOOK COVER COMP

The annual B&G yearbook is currently lacking the beautiful front cover it deserves. If you are interested in drawing, creating or just procrastinating before exams, this is your chance! Please see the FB post for more information.

B&G OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are 10am-5pm on weekdays. On every second Wednesday, due to the office meeting in the morning, the office will be open from 11am to 5pm.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS **2020 COMMENDMENT**

Commendment will be happening during Valete this year. We will be honouring Distinguished Scholars who have achieved excellent results (at least 7HDs) over the last two semesters in ANU. We have already contacted residents who will be awarded the Distinguished Scholar award at Valete this year. If you believe you are one of them and were not contacted by B&G Community Coordinators, please reach out to Head of Hall, Jamiyl Mosley via email at jamiyl.mosley@anu.edu.au to enquire.

Thank you.

Upcoming Events Showcase

B&G

Please remember to socially distance (1.5m) at all events.

Ben's Birthday
28th October,

Valete
30th of October, National Museum Of Australia, please see pg 2 for more information

Halloween
31st of October



ANU & ACT

Please note that most ANU events are online for the foreseeable future.

ACT MS Symposium 2020
2nd October- 6th of November
Virtual event.

In Conversation with Peter Cosgrove
29th of October, 6-7pm

Research Ethics Seminar: Ethics and Development Studies
5th of November, 2pm
Virtual event.

Mon 26

five days left
baby! you got
this xo

Tues 27

5pm volunteer
EOIs duel

Wed 28

6-7.30 pols1009
assignment
workshop (deep
func)

Thurs 29

10-11 casual badminton
hits (old courts)

Sat 31

8.30-10
chicago
rehearsals
(deep func)

Fri 30

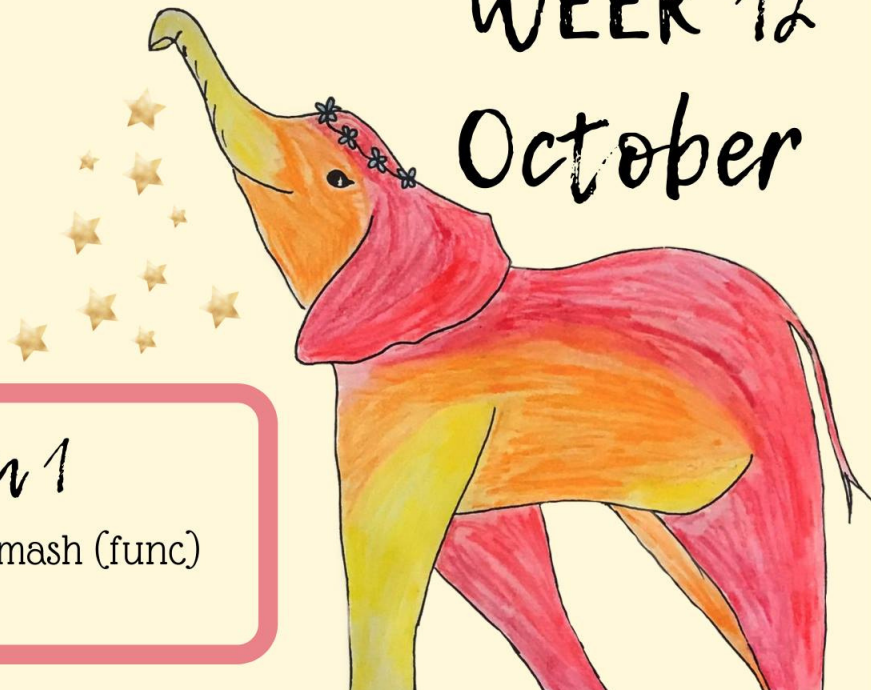
5pm pre-valete
reception (func)

6pm valete
(national
museum)

Sun 1

10-4 study smash (func)

WEEK 12
October



Special thanks to Comms and Media Rep Pieta Sparrow for the beautiful weekly calendars they have created this year.

ACADEMIC TEAM - EXAM PERIOD EVENTS

The B&G Academic Team is here to help you with study and assignments. Keep an eye out for some of our events in the coming weeks - including Study Smashes and Exam Workshops!

Study Smashes

Sometimes getting out of your room to study can help a lot. Come join us in the Function Room when a Study Smash is on for free snacks, help from an Academic Team member on duty, and your fellow Redbacks to keep you focussed

Study Smash will be on 10am-4pm on 1 November, 2 November, 7 November, 8 November, 14 November and 15 November

Exam Workshops

Another great way to stay on top of coursework is to attend an exam workshop.

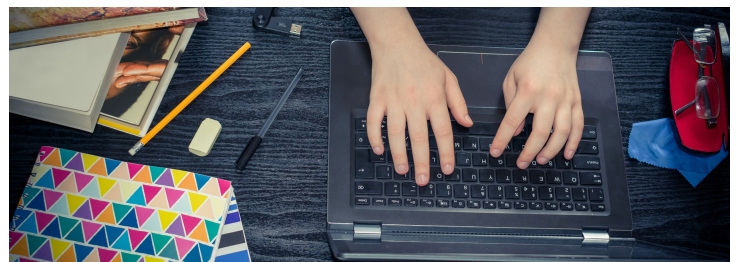
These workshops are run by your fellow later-year residents who got either a D or HD in their course and are happy to have a chat about what worked for them.

We're currently on the lookout for some residents to host exam workshops - so if you loved a course and want to help others in a one hour workshop, email us at bandgacademicteam@gmail.com. You will be compensated with a Spidies voucher! If you're doing a course you'd really like covered, send an email and let us know. We'll do our best to find someone.

We already have the following workshops planned:

POLS1009 Assignment Workshop - 28 October from 6pm-7:30pm in the Deep Function Room
POLS1006, SPAN1002 and GERM1022 workshops with dates TBC soon

Plus more to come!



Pet of the Week

BOURBON

This is Bourbon and here are some of his features:

- 3/4 pomeranian, 1/4 chihuahua
- very dumb
- very cute
- 2 years old
- very small
- also a model

- M.L.



Amazing Animal Fact!

For every human in the world there are one million ants. That's far too many ants!



Miscellaneous Items

Food Theft

We have received reports of increased food theft. This is not acceptable behaviour. If you are found stealing food from other residents, you risk having your contract terminated. If anyone is having financial difficulty, please contact Jamiyl at Jamiyl.mosley@anu.edu.au.

Please lock your fridge baskets as an extra precaution. You may also purchase a lockable [freezer bag](#) from the front desk.

Sanitary Bins

Contractors have advised of an increasing practice of the sanitary bins in the toilets being used as garbage disposals. Please do not put general waste in the sanitary bins. Please be considerate of the contractor whose job it is change the bins over.

Vacuum Usage

Vacuums can be signed out from the front desk between **9.30 and 3.30pm** during office hours as per our COVID-19 Response plan. As a reminder, please do not use the vacuum to vacuum up water and please do not clean out the inside of the vacuum cleaner with water. The vacuum cleaner will be inspected every time it is returned to the office, and if it is found to have been damaged or waterlogged, the person responsible will be billed for the cleaning or repair.

Hall Security

Please do not let anybody into any part of the Hall that you do not know. We are currently in lockdown, which means that nobody from outside the Hall is allowed in without seeking permission. There are also safety and security concerns about letting strange people into the Hall that you do not know. If you do this, you risk the Hall being shut down for non-compliance with ANU mandated regulations.

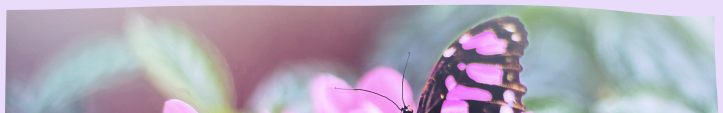
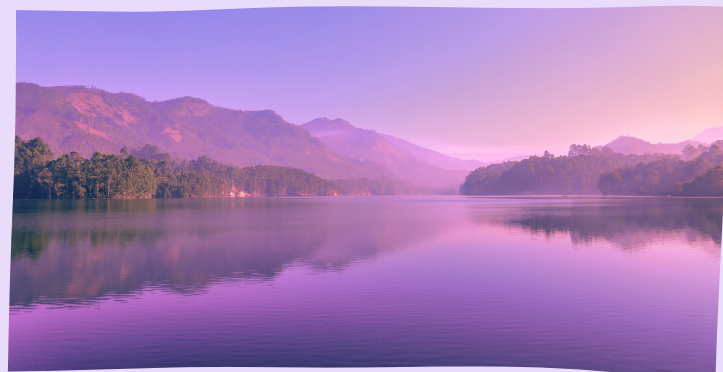
E-Scooter Safety/Legal Requirements

Please find important information on the website below regarding your legal requirements when using an e-scooter and how to keep yourself safe.

Website

You can submit to the Hallwide!

Do you have something that you would like to be featured in this newsletter? Perhaps a pet of the week or a terrible dad joke? An item for your club, or a reminder for an event? Please email enquiries.bg@anu.edu.au to submit items for the next weeks newsletter. Please submit items by Monday night for inclusion into the Hallwide on Tuesday!



Dad Joke of the Week

Q: What did the clock do when it was hungry?

A: It went back four seconds.

COVID-19 INFORMATION AND NEWS

PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND ALCOHOL POLICY

As a reminder, alcohol can only be consumed in your rooms or in the Redbacks lounge during Spiderbites canteen hours.

There are only 2 people allowed in standard residential rooms. SR rooms and flats can have up to 4 people in them at one time due to the larger spaces. There is a 1 hour time limit for this number of people to be present. Please ensure windows are kept open to improve airflow if possible. You will be notified if that changes. Violations of these policies may result in immediate termination of your residential contract. If you would like to drink in common areas with groups of people, please cancel your contract and move back home. There is no flexibility with this. Do not put the people who are tasked with enforcing this policy in an awkward position. That is not positive B&G behaviour. I don't want to send people home, but I will. And the truth is that it will be you sending yourself home.

-Jamiyl, the Head of Hall

COVID-19 UPDATES

Microwaves are located in each of the common rooms in the blocks. Please refrain from using microwaves in the kitchen, where possible, so as to minimise the number of people in the kitchen at any one time. Please remember to wipe down the parts of appliances you touch in the kitchen with soap and water. As a reminder, no more than 4 people are allowed per bay in the kitchen at a time and you may not eat in the kitchen. You are responsible for watching your food in the microwaves. If you leave food unattended and it causes an alarm to sound, you will be responsible for any associated costs.

Cleaning supplies will be provided at each kitchen bay. You must clean off any communal object that you touch with the spray and paper towels provided (e.g. microwaves, toasters, sandwich presses, fridge /freezer handles, etc.

You must sign into and sign out of any remaining common spaces that are open using a QR code on the door. Thank you for continuing to sign in at all common spaces even if you're just stopping by for a few minutes.

If you are experiencing distress because of concerns you have about COVID-19 and the impact it is having on you personally, economically, etc., please contact Jamiyl for assistance at Jamiyl.mosley@anu.edu.au. You can also use resources listed on the page linked below.

[Looking after your well-being](#)

MASKS

ACT residents, particularly those unable to physically distance in their daily work or daily activities, are now encouraged to prepare for a time where wearing a face masks becomes another part of how we respond to the threat of COVID-19. Please begin to consider how you can source reusable masks. You should have at least 2 so you can wear one and wash one. You should wash them in hot water. Unfortunately the hall cannot supply these masks to you. You can find some great templates and tutorials online like [this one](#).

COVID-19 COMPLIANCE

All residents have received an email outlining the compliance measures currently in place at the hall. All residents must comply with these measures to remain eligible to live at the hall. Regular inspections are carried out by both B&G and non B&G staff. If residents at B&G are not willing to comply and repeated non-compliance incidents occur, B&G could be shut down. Please be mindful of the current compliance rules and keep Covid safe.

KITCHEN SPONGES

As you may have noticed, the kitchen scrubs have been removed. This decision was reached for safety purposes as communal scrubs and sponges can spread germs more easily. We ask you to source your own scrub or sponge and to store it inside your cupboard. Please make sure that you rinse and wring it before storing it. Scrubs and sponges scattered around the kitchen will be removed to avoid communal use. Your cooperation is important in keeping our community safe. Spiderbites is selling sponges for \$1 to make it easy for residents to source their own

GUEST POLICY

As a reminder, you should not have any guest who is feeling sick and/or has recently been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Below you will find the guest nomination form. Once you have submitted your request, you must wait for an approval message before your nominated guest can visit you. Your nominated guest can still only be in your room and the bathroom on your floor. They may not enter any other interior common spaces at the hall.

[Find the form here](#)

B&G BURSARY/ ANUSA SUPPORT

The B&G bursary (separate from the Accommodation Services bursary) is still open. If you'd like to apply, please e-mail Jamiyl at Jamiyl.Mosley@anu.edu.au.

Please contact ANUSA if you need financial assistance to help get back home [here](#).

INWARD BOUND

The B&G Running Club is a fantastic part of the B&G Community. Even if you're not really a runner or into hiking or bushwalking, you could discover a new interest, get some outdoor time, and make some new friends.

[Facebook Link](#)

If you are into running, walking or hiking already, come and join B&G's Strava group! Strava is an app that logs your runs, walks and hikes.

[Strava Group](#)

DIRECT DEBIT WEEK AND THE DISHONOUR FEE

A reminder that if you are on a direct debit and your direct debit bounces due to insufficient funds in your nominated account, you will be liable to pay a \$30 Direct Debit dishonour fee in addition to your accommodation fee. If your account rejects you will need to call the office to pay for your outstanding accommodation fee using your credit/debit card details or by completing a credit card payment.

Please see below for the dates of upcoming payments.

Direct debit date	Covers fees from	Covers fees til	Amount
Thu 15/10/2020	Wed 14/10/2020	Wed 28/10/2020	\$468.00
Thu 29/10/2020	Wed 28/10/2020	Wed 11/11/2020	\$468.00
Thu 12/11/2020	Wed 11/11/2020	Wed 25/11/2020	\$468.00
Thu 26/11/2020	Wed 25/11/2020	Wed 09/12/2020	\$468.00
Wed 10/12/2020	Wed 09/12/2020	Wed 16/12/2020	\$234.00
2020 Sem 2 & Full Year Contracts Ends 16/12/2020			Sem 2 & Full Year Residents



INTERNET SPEED AND HOTSPOTS

We have had some recent reports that internet speed has been slower than usual. ITS have looked into the issue and have suggested that a student or students may be using a hotspot or personal WiFi in the blocks. Using a personal hotspot can interfere with the function of ResNet – the two do not coexist well, and generally they will interfere with the WiFi badly and cause slowness to ResNet for nearby users.

Please try to not use or severely limit the use of hotspots or personal WiFi like google home, Bluetooth speakers, TV's and etc. to ensure ResNet can work optimally for everybody in at B&G.



MAINTENANCE AT B&G



While you are at B&G, you will more than likely need to log a maintenance request, either for something in your room or something in a common space. Things you can and should log;

- Lights that are not working (either inside your room or in the common areas).
- Clogged or leaking sinks
- Broken, blocked or leaking toilets
- Showers that are not functioning correctly
- Door locks that are not working (non-room/block doors)
- Hot/cold water and water pressure issues
- Broken windows, window latches, or flywire.
- Appliances in the shared areas not working correctly (eg. microwaves, ovens, toasters, washing machines, dryers).
- Broken furniture in your room or in the Hall.
- Power outlets not functioning (in your room and in common areas).
- Problems with your kitchen cupboard or fridge basket
- **Other items you find - always email enquiries.bg@anu.edu.au if you are unsure.**

There are also a couple of jobs that are considered urgent. If you find any of the below, you should report the issue immediately to the office or to the duty student.

- Roof leaks
- Bad water leaks from anywhere
- Your room or block doors not shutting or locking correctly
- A smell of natural gas (rotten egg smell).
- Any electrical issues which involve sparks or smoke
- **If you are worried that something is an emergency but are not sure, contact the duty student or the office straight away to ask.**

LOGGING A MAINTENANCE REQUEST

To log a maintenance request, go to the redbacks.org website and to the section entitled "maintenance request". Here you will find a link that will take you to the portal to log your maintenance request.

You will need to log in here with your university ID number and your password. Then, navigate to the "maintenance" tab at the top of the page.

The form will ask you to choose either a "Room only" job or a "Common area" job. Please choose whichever applies and click "new job", which is located towards the bottom of the page.

If your job is for a common area, you will be asked to select the room space in question - e.g., the Laundry, or the Central Kitchens. After this, click 'continue', and it will take you to a section to fill in the details of the job.

Common Area F2	Common Area	Administration
Common Area F3	Common Area	Administration
Common Area F Ground	Common Area	Administration

[Continue](#)

If you are logging a job for your room, it will take you directly to the section for the details of the job. Please always remember to click "**Save and Continue**" when you have completed your maintenance request. If not, your job will not be submitted and passed onto the maintenance staff.

While logging the details of your job, please be descriptive but brief. A good example would be - "Light bulb above sink not functioning" or "Kitchen bay Y Microwave will not turn on".

ANU CRISIS HOTLINE

This hotline is available to anyone within the ANU community who needs to speak to someone, 24 hours a day.

Phone: 1300 050 327

SMS: 0488 884 170

BEYONDBLUE

beyondblue aims to increase awareness of depression and anxiety and reduce stigma. Call 1300 22 4636, 24 hours / 7 days a week.

LIFELINE

Lifeline provides 24-hour crisis counselling, support groups and suicide prevention services. Call 13 11 14.

You are not alone ♥

Useful Numbers

Front Office	-----	6184 0000
Duty SR	-----	6184 0040
ANU Security	-----	6125 2249
Emergency	-----	000
Non-Emergency Police Assistance	-----	131 444

