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UWS students at the 2014 UWSMS Blue Party.

President's Welcome

Welcome to the last eMUWS for this first semester! The last fortnight has been particularly busy for us - we collated the AMC survey results (thank you to all students who have contributed), wrote the student submission for the medical school's overall accreditation process, ran Blue Week & organised Blue Party, as well as locked in dates & venues for our MedRevue and MedBall - more details will be released shortly! On an advocacy level, we would like to know how the Federal Budget changes announced will affect you - read more in this eMUWS.

We have also organised our first-ever UWSMS General Committee meeting last week - where representatives from SAWS, GHAWS, Council, Executive, SoM Academic committee members and our MedRevue team have been able to come together, present the work accomplished so far this year, and their plans for the rest of 2014. A document containing main updates and outcomes from this meeting will be uploaded to the website shortly. We are lucky to have a team of 65 hard-working student volunteers behind UWSMS and would like to say a big thank you to those whose dedication helps improve the social and/or academic scene within UWS Med.

Final Year Students: RACS 2014 Essay Competition

The Royal Australian College of Surgeons is holding its annual essay competition for final year medical students. The winner of the 2013 NSW Regional Committee Medical Student Medal and Certificate was Christopher Selvaraj, a final year medical student from UWS. To read about the topic for this year and how to apply, head to the [UWSMS Website](#).

Invitation to attend Sydney GPCE Exhibition

The Sydney General Practitioner Conference & Exhibition (GPCE) features Sydney's largest healthcare exhibition and the Exhibition is free for medical students!

This year's Sydney GPCE exhibition features over 140 leading healthcare companies; latest medical technologies & innovations; exciting new floor features; plus great offers and competitions! Read more [here](#).

Contacting the UWSMS Team

Do you want to get in touch with members of the Executive? Would you like to talk to GHAWS/SAWS/Council members or other UWSMS representatives? You can access a complete list (including contact details) of our team of volunteers at the [UWSMS Website](#).

Providing us with feedback

If you would like to contact us anonymously, you can also send us a message via the [UWSMS Website](#).

Please include an email address if you would like us to get back to you!

As always, if you would like to get in touch with me directly to provide feedback, suggestions or have any comments about what we do, please send me an email as I would love to hear from you - president@uwsms.org.

We wish all our students best of luck in the upcoming exams!

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The MJA, MDA National, Nossal Global Health Prize

Do you have a passion for global health? Have you had an experience in a resource-poor setting that has left you reflecting how such issues need to be addressed?

Then this is the perfect competition for you! MJA and MDA National are holding an international competition for an essay on a topic of global health importance based on the theme "The Post 2015 Millennium Development Goals(MDGs) - where should global health feature?"

For more information of how you could win yourself a 5-day Public Health Leadership course at the Nossal Institute for Global Health valued at \$3000, as well as \$1000 travel money go to the [UWSMS Website](#).

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Spreading Medsoc Love – (The Budget Edition)



This time around we are taking SML a little more seriously. In light of the recent budget reveal from the Federal Government we would really like to gauge what our students think of the proposed changes, particularly in regards to how it will impact access to health and the healthcare system itself and your own lives.

We have written an article outlining these changes very briefly for you to read and have set up a polling system for you to state whether you OPPOSE, are NEUTRAL or SUPPORT the proposed changes. We would also like you to explain why you have these views.

Go to the [UWSMS Website](#) to read this article outlining the changes and to access the poll.

The prizewinner this week will be randomly drawn from those who fill out this poll. We want to be able to represent you guys at NSW MSC so we can get your voices heard at a state level, so sorry for the seriousness and lack of fun with this SML edition. But hey, either way, there is still a MYSTERY prize involved!

Have a look at what NSW MSC have to say on the issue here: <http://www.nswmsc.org.au/media.html>.

Thank you for your input in advance.

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Blue Party

Blue Party turned out to be another great success this year. Hopefully the recovery wasn't too bad the next morning. It was good to see everyone having a great time and relaxing, especially as the semester is nearing to an end, bringing exams along. Over \$2000 were raised by ticket sales which will be donated to **Black Dog Institute** which will surely come in handy in their work to support those with mental health disorders.

Feedback is always welcomed, whether it be good or bad, as it helps in the development and improvement of social events. Below is a link to an anonymous feedback form which I encourage all of you to fill out: <https://uwsms.wufoo.com/forms/blue-party-feedback/>.

Photos from the night can also be found at the [UWSMS Facebook page](#) so make sure to check them out.

Much Love,

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Global and Community Conversations

Hey Guys & Gals,

As the semester comes to a close, I just wanted to wish you all the best as you knuckle down for your exams.

Good luck! =)

GHAWS Corner

Birthing Kit Assembly Day was held on the 19th May in the School of Medicine, Anatomy Museum!

Through collaboration with ZONTA's Birthing Kit Foundation of Australia, we use some of the proceeds from Auction Night to purchase supplies. With the assistance of staff and students we assembled 'Birthing Kits', containing the basic materials needed for a safe birth including: gloves, soap, a plastic sheet, and sutures. The kits will be sent to an area in need.

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SAWS Spot

Sharp's Surgical Lecture Series - DATE CHANGE

Dr Gary Sharp (surgical registrar at St. George Hospital) will be giving a FREE surgical lecture series reviewing surgical pathology of the entire gastrointestinal tract. This one day intensive will be a dense revision of oesophageal, stomach, gallbladder, pancreas, small bowel and colorectal presentations straight from our Surgical Curriculum. All years are welcome to attend but preference will be given to senior years first. This revision session has been endorsed by Professor Wendy Hu and Professor Neil Merrett.

This event was planned for the 24th of May, however is now **Sunday 25th of May** due to unavoidable circumstances out of our control. We hope everyone is still able to make this date. Check out the [Facebook page](#) for more details. The link for the formal RSVP and a full list of the topics is on Facebook, so check it out!

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Conference Corner

Head to the [UWSMS website](#) for a comprehensive list of conferences.

UWSMS is proud to support member attendance at conferences through our [Travel Grants Scheme](#), which aims to ease your financial burden.



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