



MONSU Peninsula

2025 ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Monday 22 September – Wednesday 24 September 2025

2025 ELECTION REPORT

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1. Introduction

In 2025, the MONSU Peninsula (MONSU) engaged the OGL Group to conduct its Annual Elections.

Thomas Balakas was the Returning Officer for the 2025 Annual Elections and is the author of this report.

This report sets out the process by which the elections were undertaken, specifically highlighting areas that required attention by the Returning Officer and electoral participants.

An overview of the results is provided, emphasising trends and other observations.

Any key issues or areas of concern experienced in the election are outlined. Finally, recommendations are provided to MONSU and future Returning Officers as suggestions by which the electoral process can be improved.

2. Process

Pursuant to the Regulations, Notice was given on 4 August that Annual Elections would be held from Monday, 22 September to Wednesday, 24 September 2025 (**see Appendix 1 – Notice of Election**), with nominations for all positions due by 5 pm Friday, 29 August. The Notice of the Election was disseminated to all Peninsula students by email and was also published on the MONSU Peninsula website.

Nomination forms and all other election forms, including candidate and policy statements, could only be submitted via email for these elections.

Ticket Re-registration and new ticket registrations

Any group of students may register a ticket to support a list of candidates in the election by filling in the appropriate form to lodge a name. Group names could be no longer than three words, could not include the word “independent” or similar, and could not be misleading, deceptive, offensive, libellous or slanderous.

Applications to re-register a ticket from the previous election opened 9 am Monday, 4 August and closed 5 pm Friday, 8 August. One ticket was successfully re-registered for the 2025 MONSU Peninsula elections, having fulfilled the criteria as set down in the Election Regulations. This is listed below.

Ticket	Authorised Officer
Advance for MONSU	Ka Li

Applications to register a new ticket name opened at 9 am on Tuesday, 12 August, and closed at 5 pm on Monday, 18 August. No new ticket registrations were received.

Candidate Nominations

Nominations opened at 9 am on Wednesday, 20 August and closed at 5 pm on Friday, 29 August.

At the close of nominations, all positions received nominations except the Indigenous Officer position. Any positions that had not received more nominations than the number of positions available were provisionally declared elected unopposed, subject to eligibility checks. (see **Appendix 2 – Notice of Nominations Received & Positions Elected Unopposed**).

After the closing of nominations, a detailed verification process was undertaken to ensure that candidates, their nominators, and seconders were eligible to participate in the election as provided for in the Constitution and the Regulations.

Following the verification of nominations, all positions except one had at least one valid nomination received, with the following positions being declared elected unopposed: Clubs & Societies Officer, Education Officer, First Year Officer, President, Queer Officer, Social Officer, Vice President, and Volunteer Officer.

The verification process resulted in all nominations being determined as eligible, and as such, all were elected.

At the close of the nomination period:

26 nominations were received

No nominations were received for the position of Indigenous Officer

3 nominations were rejected.

Voting

Voting was conducted online using the Electify voting system. All students on the Electoral Roll provided by the University received an email at the opening of polling with a personal voting link that would take them to their ballot.

Ballot links were sent out from Monday, 22 September, to ensure that all students received their unique voting link email before the opening of polling, and a reminder was sent to all voters who had not already cast a vote. The reminder was sent at 9 am on Tuesday, 23 September.

The following table summarises the times during which students cast their votes, with spikes in voting following a reminder email being sent.

Time	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24
02:00-08:00	N/A	2	0
08:00-14:00	129	75	14
14:00-20:00	58	58	5
20:00-02:00	34	15	N/A

3. Results

Declarations

Results for all positions were declared after final confirmation of candidate eligibility on Wednesday, 24 September, with the notice published on the MONSU website and sent directly to all candidates via email (see **Appendix 3 – Notice of Results**).

Participation

The 2025 election recorded 388 voters casting their votes over the three days.

Many voters did not cast a vote in all the ballots/poll groups they were eligible to vote for. The table below shows each group of positions, the number of eligible students provided by the University, the number of votes received and the percentage of the electorate those votes represent.

Position	Electorate provided	Number of votes cast	Percentage of electorate
Women's Officer	4,258	97	2.28%
International Officer	1,023	57	5.57%
General Officer	4,258	120	2.82%
Welfare Officer	4,258	114	2.68%

4. Issues

No major issues arose in this election.

5. Recommendations

There is only one recommendation, as per below:

Recommendation 1: Voting requirements for the Indigenous Officer

MONSU may wish give consideration to the suitability of the current voting framework for the Indigenous Officer position as there is currently no requirement in the Constitution or Regulations that the Indigenous Officer be elected by Indigenous students. Whilst this issue didn't arise due to a lack of nominations for the position. MONSU may wish to give consideration for future elections.

6. Conclusion

Thanks go to all the staff involved in running the elections, including OGL Group, MONSU and University staff who assisted in various ways throughout the election, particularly Elise Redmond from MONSU Peninsula.

I wish all successful candidates the very best as they undertake their new responsibilities in the coming year.

Thomas Balakas
Returning Officer
2025 MONSU Elections

7. List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Notice of Election

Appendix 2 – Notice of Nominations Received & Positions Elected Unopposed

Appendix 3 – Notice of Results

APPENDIX 1 –

NOTICE OF ELECTION

The MONSU Peninsula (**MONSU**) 2025 Annual Elections will be held from Monday 22 September to Wednesday 24 September for the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Education Officer
- Welfare Officer
- International Officer
- Social Officer
- Volunteer Officer
- Women's Officer
- Queer Officer
- First Year Officer
- General Officer
- Indigenous Officer
- Clubs & Societies Officer

Nominations

Nominations will open at 9am Wednesday 20 August and close 5pm on Friday 29 August.

All Monash Peninsula students may stand for each position (except International Officer, Women's Officer, Queer Officer, Indigenous Officer and First Year Officer where additional eligibility criteria apply. You can find these within the Office Bearer Regulations on the MONSU Peninsula website www.monsupeninsula.org.au) if they are not employed by MONSU Peninsula or Monash University.

Candidates can nominate via the [Google Form](#) or soft copy nomination form available by request to the Returning Officer.

Candidates should use a separate nomination form for each position they are contesting. Candidates who are nominating for multiple positions must lodge a list showing the order of priority in which they would wish to be elected in the event that they may be successful in more than one position.

Voting

If required, polling will be conducted online via the Electify secure online voting platform between 9am on Monday 22 September and 5pm Wednesday 24 September. Students will receive a voting link to their Monash University issued email address at the commencement of polling.

Further details of polling will be made available following the close of nominations, should the number of nominations exceed the number of positions available.

Tickets

Any group of students may register a ticket to support a complete list of candidates in the election by filling in the appropriate form. Group names shall be no longer than three words, must not include the word "independent" or similar, and must not be misleading, deceptive, offensive, libellous or slanderous.

Applications to Re-Register a ticket from the previous election open 9am Monday 4 August and close 5pm Friday 8 August.

Applications to Register a new ticket name open 9am Tuesday 12 August and close 5pm Monday 18 August.

A Ticket Registrant must also fill out an 'application to be set out as a ticket' specifying the candidates grouped on a particular ticket. This must be submitted via email to the returning officer by the close of nominations on 5pm Friday 29 August.

Partial tickets that do not run candidates for all contested positions are permitted.

Statements of Distribution of Preferences will be made available to ticket registrants and candidates after the close of nominations.

Contact details

The contact details for the Returning Officer are monsu.returningofficer@gmail.com

Nominations can be submitted via the [Google Form](#) or soft copy via email to monsu.returningofficer@gmail.com

Copies of the MONSU Peninsula Constitution and Election regulations governing this election are available from the MONSU Peninsula website at <https://www.monsupeninsula.org.au/elections/> The Returning Officer strongly encourages all those interested in taking part in these elections to make themselves familiar with these important documents as they govern how these elections are run.

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4 August 2025

APPENDIX 2 –

FINAL NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED AND POSITIONS DECLARED ELECTED UNOPPOSED

At the conclusion of the MONSU Peninsula 2025 Annual Election nomination period, I received the following nominations. These nominations have accepted and have undergone eligibility checks with the University.

The following nominations have been received and provisionally declared elected unopposed:

First name	Last name	Position	Ticket
Mary	Duong	Clubs & Societies Officer	Advance for MONSU
Keo Darapich (Olivia)	Sok	Education Officer	Advance for MONSU
Samuel	Sim		
Yu Qing (Alexis)	Koh	First Year Officer	Advance for MONSU
Sharon	Who		
Ka Wang (Max)	Li	President	Advance for MONSU
Bethany	Fielding	Queer Officer	Advance for MONSU
Lok Hei (Cyrus)	Chan	Social Officer	Advance for MONSU
Lok Yee (Grace)	Ching		
Wing Chak (Gabriel)	Tsui	Vice President	Advance for MONSU
Hoi Lam (Helen)	Keung	Volunteer Officer	Advance for MONSU

The following nominations have been received and provisionally accepted:

First name	Last name	Position	Ticket
Lok Yan (Cherry)	Wong	General Officer	
Ivan	Ho	General Officer	
Elaine	Lew	General Officer	Advance for MONSU
Abhishek	Ravikumar	General Officer	Advance for MONSU
Chitrakshi	Arya	International Officer	
Ijza	Hossain	International Officer	
Ho Wah (Alfred)	Chu	International Officer	
Ming Him (Martin)	Ng	International Officer	Advance for MONSU
Ying Fun (Gracia)	Leung	International Officer	Advance for MONSU
Huette	Tse	Welfare Officer	
Wenshuo (Wensy)	Li	Welfare Officer	Advance for MONSU
Xiaoyue (Enya)	Zhu	Welfare Officer	Advance for MONSU
Cassandra	Wong	Women's Officer	
Tsz Yau Angel	Wong	Women's Officer	
Yan Tung (Kary)	Ho	Women's Officer	Advance for MONSU

The following nominations were rejected:

First name	Last name	Position	Reason
Yi Hang (Melody)	Lau	Women's Officer	No seconder was provided
Chun Him (Jovian)	Wong	International Officer	Not an International Student
Santosh Varshith (V)	Boddu	Clubs & Societies Officer	Not a Peninsula student

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12 September 2025

APPENDIX 3 –

NOTICE OF RESULTS

At the conclusion of the nomination period, I declared the following positions elected unopposed:

First name	Surname	Position	Ticket
Mary	Duong	Clubs & Societies Officer	Advance for MONSU
Keo Darapich (Olivia)	Sok	Education Officer	Advance for MONSU
Samuel	Sim		
Yu Qing (Alexis)	Koh	First Year Officer	Advance for MONSU
Sharon	Who		
Ka Wang (Max)	Li	President	Advance for MONSU
Bethany	Fielding	Queer Officer	Advance for MONSU
Lok Hei (Cyrus)	Chan	Social Officer	Advance for MONSU
Lok Yee (Grace)	Ching		
Wing Chak (Gabriel)	Tsui	Vice President	Advance for MONSU
Hoi Lam (Helen)	Keung	Volunteer Officer	Advance for MONSU

The following positions were contested in the election, and at the conclusion of voting for the MONSU Peninsula 2025 Annual Election ballot period, the following results were declared:

General Officer

First name	Surname	Team	Total
Lok Yan (Cherry)	Wong		23
Ivan	Ho		34
Elaine	Lew	Advance for MONSU	63
Abhishek	Ravikumar		
Total			120

Elaine Lew and Abhishek Ravikumar achieved a majority of votes, and they were declared elected.

Women's Officer

First name	Surname	Team	First Preference Total	Total
Cassandra	Wong		36	41
Tsz Yau Angel	Wong		17	Excluded
Yan Tung (Kary)	Ho	Advance for MONSU	35	37
Total			88	78 (10 votes exhausted)

After preferences were distributed from the elimination of Tsz Yau Angel Wong, Cassandra Wong was declared elected.

Welfare Officer

First name	Surname	Team	Total
Huette	Tse		49
Wenshuo (Wensy)	Li	Advance for MONSU	65
Xiaoyue (Enya)	Zhu		
Total			114

Wenshuo (Wensy) Li and Xiaoyue (Enya) Zhu achieved a majority of votes and were declared elected.

International Officer

First name	Surname	Team	Total
Chitrakshi	Arya		4
Ijza	Hossain		5
Ho Wah (Alfred)	Chu		17
Ming Him (Martin)	Ng	Advance for MONSU	31
Ying Fun (Gracia)	Leung		
Total			57

Ming Him (Martin) Ng and Ying Fun (Gracia) Leung achieved the majority of votes and were declared elected.

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24 September 2025