



BACKGROUND

The Builders' Organisation for Students and Staff (BOSS) is a student led and run committee for those undertaking the Bachelor of Construction Management and Economics and associated degrees. The organisation was created in the early nineties and has continued to be an important link between industry, staff and undergraduates. Through a number of social and industry focused events, BOSS encourages student interaction with industry professionals, enabling smooth student transition into their future careers.

THE BOSS COMMITTEE 2015

The BOSS Committee of 2015 comprises a group of devoted students across all year levels who are aiming to help improve the university experiences of both staff and students. This year's committee includes:

President:

Luke Ferme

Vice President:

John Belanger

Finance Manager:

Nathan Schultz

Marketing Manager:

Maziar Sabet

Secretary:

Matt White

Staff Representative:

Konstantinos Kirytopoulos

General Committee Members:

Lachlan Schmidt , Alex Baines, Reynor Breetzke, Robert Comelli, Gavin Scotton, Peter Marshall, Callum Hatt, Matthew Smith.

International Student Representatives:

Andy Yan, Andrew Li & Star Pan

4th Year Representatives:

Karl Richter & Andrew Robertson

3rd Year Representative:

Maziar Sabet

2nd Year Representatives:

Nathan Schultz & Tim Peters

1st Year Representatives:

Tristan Winter & Sebastian Cavlov

We are always happy to get new members on board to help out. We hold regular meetings and also enjoy catching up for drinks as a group. You may see us wearing our BOSS polo shirts around campus. If so, feel free to stop and have a chat. If any students or companies are interested in developing their network or have ideas for BOSS, we'd love to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to contact John Belanger on belja005@mymail.unisa.edu.au

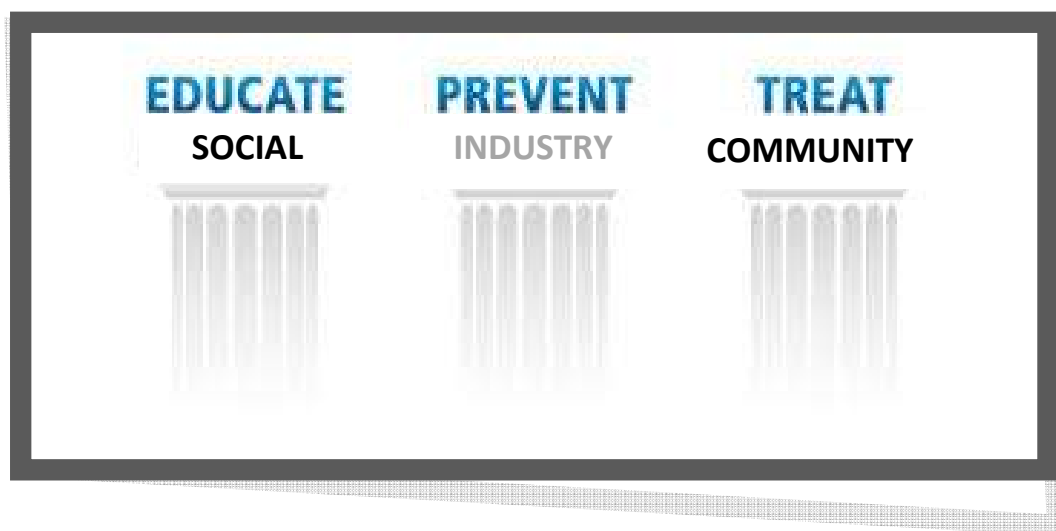
We also have our **BOSS Facebook page** where you can see photos of recent events and keep informed about what's coming up. So don't forget to add us!



2015 DIRECTION

In 2015 the BOSS committee has continued to implement the initiatives introduced in 2014, expanding the connection between university students and industry professionals. In addition to this, we have begun to develop a social service role as we attempt to positively impact the wider community. While these areas are at the forefront of growth for BOSS, there still remains an emphasis on social activities and enhancing the enjoyment levels of construction students.

The Three Pillars of BOSS



1. **Social:** The BOSS committee is made for students and focuses on improving their overall experience. BOSS favourite events such as the pub crawl and BBQ have continued to be a great success, allowing students to interact and develop their network base within the university.
2. **Industry:** BOSS has recognised the current economic climate requires a greater need to provide students with opportunities to network and communicate with industry professionals to ensure they gain employment post study. As a result we have been working hard to offer more site visits, office tours and industry events. In addition to this we have been strengthening relationships with industry training centres and professional institutions, such as the Australian Institute of Building (AIB) and Young Quantity Surveyors (YQS), affiliated with the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS).
3. **Community:** BOSS believes that generating a greater social awareness will offer students the ability to give back to the community. Initiatives such as blood donation, Salvation Army programs and leukemia 'be brave and shave' are being organised by the committee and we also aim to provide support to construction companies with their current community service involvements.



2015 TO DATE

2014 has been a busy year for BOSS with the changes the committee has attempted. We have tried to keep the calendar full of events and encourage student interaction as much as possible. Here is what we've achieved so far:

AIQS BBQ

The BOSS committee continues to strengthen ties with peak industry bodies. On Monday the 4th Of May, Matt White, Maz Sabet, John Belanger and Nathan Schultz volunteered to assist the AIQS/YQS with a free sausage sizzle. The BOSS members helped set up at the City East Outdoor kitchen and cooked the BBQ and helped serve, while members of the AIQS/ YQS were able to engage students and staff. The AIQS were able to sign up almost 3 dozen new members, while BOSS continued to raise its profile within the student body and industry.





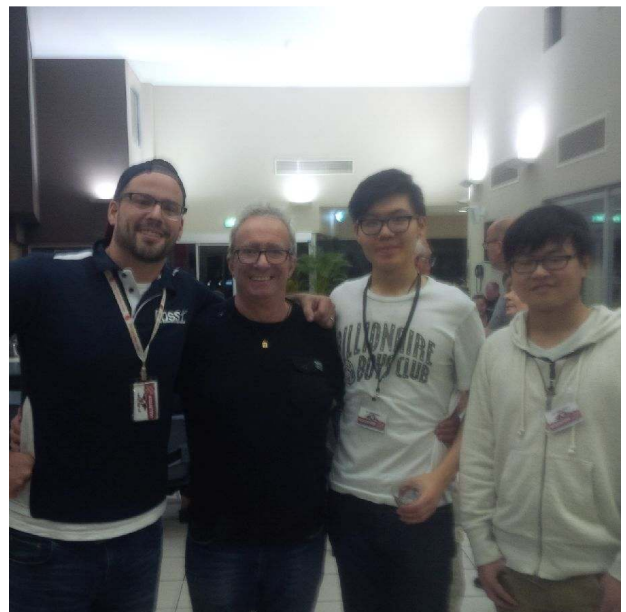
GROUP BLOOD DONATION:

In line with BOSS's attempts to enhance its community presence, a number of committee members volunteered to donate blood at the Regent Arcade Red Cross on Thursday the 31st July. It is important that BOSS continues to develop these initiatives to help the wider community and is keen for blood donation to become a regular fixture in future years. We encourage all students to get involved in this worthy cause.



DO UNTO OTHERS:

This year the BOSS committee has formally become involved with the Salvation Army's 'Do unto others program'. BOSS has pledged that every 6th Saturday evening, four or more of the committee will assist with serving to those less fortunate within our community. The committee members volunteer 4 hours to help provide hot meals and drinks for up to 250 of the cities less fortunate. On the 4th of July, John Belanger, Andrew Robertson and Nathan Schultz put aside exam fatigue and help serve tea, coffee, chicken cacciatore and desert to people as diverse as young families to homeless seniors. The night was relatively quiet by all accounts with only 150 beneficiaries arriving for dinner, a good sign that these individuals are getting back on their feet. BOSS looks forward to continuing their relationship with the Salvation Army City Centre through 2015 and beyond.





SITE VISIT:

On the 29th of July, the Builders Organisation for Students and Staff and the Australian Institute of Building collaborated for a site tour of the Vue Apartments on King William Street. A very in depth and technical tour was conducted by four Maxcon representatives, who kindly took the time out of their busy schedule to show 40 student, staff and industry professionals around. The entire building process was unveiled, from the freshly formed up provisions for the post-tensioned slabs on the upper level, to the completed apartments on the lower levels. The BOSS committee would like to thank the AIB and those involved for the opportunity to organise such an informative and rewarding event.





WHITE CARD TRAINING:

White Card Training.

The annual training event put on by BOSS gave enthusiastic students with an opportunity to obtain their White Card. The 2015 annual White Card training event was held on the 22nd of April at the University of South Australia.

The White Card Event, organized by Peter Marshall, is designed to give students the basic occupational health and safety requirements needed to attend educational site visits and promote their integration into the Construction industry.

A big thanks to Danijela Prso and the University of South Australia for organising and providing BOSS with the venue and Morning tea on the day, a special thank you to Grace McNally of Gramac Training Solutions who provided the training in conjunction with Mike Williams, both of whom are leaders in providing training solutions to industry professionals. Thank you to those students who attended the day, and made it a success. BOSS wishes all of you every success with your future endeavors.





PUBCRAWL:

Repeating the success of last years BOSS pub-crawl placed the committee in a difficult situation. Trying to replicate the successful 2014 event was no easy feat for the event scheduled for Friday 15th May 2015, which was attended by over 110 students in the previous year. The committee felt venues last year were optimal for transit, beverage prices and atmosphere. This raised a question of where could the improvements be made?

Suggestions were put forward to the student body through social network platforms and physical votes during lectures. A less conventional design was suggested to better align with the construction industry apparel. This involving a bespoke print hi-visibility safety vest that allowed attendees to wear what they felt was appropriate underneath, whilst maintaining the loud nature so typically associated with pub-crawl t-shirts. Another first for the BOSS committee was accommodating 2-dozen Urban Planning students on the pub-crawl - a great opportunity to network with future leaders of complimentary industry.

The pub-crawl *kicked off* at PJ O'Briens with excitingly affordable imperial pints, base spirits and house *vino*. Bearing witness to an intoxicating dent left by an extra 100mL of beer per pint, the transition to the Austral Hotel one and a half hours later, 7.30pm, was to say the least, jovial. Replicating knock-off at NRAH, the flux of hi-visibility vests banded together along the footpath was admirable.

As the movement between venues transitioned from walk to stumble, the night finally drew to a close at the British Elephant pub. Notwithstanding attendees who did not purchase a vest, the pub-crawl managed to rally in excess of 130 people for a night of drinking across 4 venues; PJ's, the Austral Hotel, Belgian Beer Café and the British Elephant. It is safe to say the event was a success.

Looking forward to 2016, the BOSS committee once again has another difficult task in delivering an exciting event, this time with more Urban Planners I hope! I would like to thank the entire BOSS committee for accommodating the event and making it possible, however, special mentions need to go to Matt Smith, Tim Peters, Callum Hatt, Andy Yan and BOSS Vice-President John Belanger.





Raffle tickets

In order to keep providing services and subsidies to the students and staff, BOSS has this year organised a fundraising raffle. There are 3 fantastic prizes and tickets are cheap. For your chance to win, please see your BOSS representative or contact Luke Ferme. Prizes will be drawn at this year's end of year dinner on Friday 7th November. Good luck to everyone!



First Prize: \$1000 Travel Voucher of your choice

Second Prize: Suit to the Value of RRP \$500* from Peter Shearer Menswear

*Not in conjunction with any other offer.

Third Prize: iPad Mini

Tickets to be drawn at the BOSS Annual Dinner on the 6th November 2015

For any queries please contact: Luke Ferme on 0407 365 404 or John Belanger on 0425 891 371

Tickets: \$3 Each or 2 for \$5

Boss Merchandise:

The BOSS committee has released a line of merchandise available for purchase. We believe the polo shirts improve the professional image of BOSS by providing a unified front for events such as site visits and industry evenings, while the hoodies are great for wearing around uni to show your support for the organisation.



Please contact any BOSS representative if interested in purchasing merchandise.

Polos: \$25

Hoodies: \$50



UPCOMING BOSS EVENTS

With the year drawing to a close and everyone busy with study, there is just one main event left for 2015 that must be put in your calendar. Be sure not to miss it because it will be an amazing night!

END OF YEAR DINNER:

The annual end of year dinner, BOSS's premier event, is fast approaching once again. It will be on Friday 6th November from 7pm, held at the National Wine Centre. Through fundraising efforts and generous sponsorship from local members of the construction industry, BOSS can offer greatly subsidised tickets for all students, staff and partners. Early bird tickets are just \$100 for students and need to be purchased **before Friday 10th October**. Non-early bird prices are \$120, while full priced tickets for all others are \$140. An excellent 3 course meal and 5 hour drinks package will be included so be sure **not to miss out!**

In addition to having a great night out with friends, while celebrating the last official day of class before getting stuck into the books for swot vac, previous years' students have used this event to network with industry professionals present at the dinner.

Payment can either be made online direct deposit or online via the USASA secure payment system. Be sure to email John Belanger at belja005@mymail.unisa.edu.au to confirm seating requirements, and name of attendees

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Proof of payment and names of guests being paid for **MUST** be emailed to belja005@mymail.unisa.edu.au so that a receipt can be sent in return as confirmation.

Please advise in your email if you have any dietary requirements, as well as the names of any people you wish to be seated with if you are paying separately. Tables can hold a maximum of 10. We will try to accommodate as best as possible.

USASA Secure Payments

USASA has also provided an online payment option at the following link <http://usasa.sa.edu.au/Clubs/Event.aspx?CID=52&EID=6335>.

CASH PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Please Note: If you have not received a confirmation email, then the booking has not been finalised.



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Last year's sponsors

The BOSS committee would like to thank the companies and organisations who sponsored us in 2014. Your sponsorship and support is greatly appreciated by the committee and general members equally. We look forward to hearing from you in the coming weeks as we formalise the 2015 sponsorship packages.

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