

Biology Society Statement

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In July 2018 the ANU Biology Society brought to the attention of the Clubs Council Executive concerns of financial distress arising due to decisions made in semester 1 2018. We appreciate and thank the Biology Societies' honesty and transparency in bringing this financial distress to ANUSA and the Clubs Council Executive's attention promptly.

The Clubs Council Executive has worked tirelessly in 2018 to bring about high quality and timely training for all clubs and societies, not only to up-skill those who are members of clubs and societies, but to ensure that best practice action is always taken at a club and society level at ANU. Regrettably in this situation, this was not the case.

In a meeting of the Clubs Council Executive on Wednesday the 1st of August 2018, the Executive voted unanimously under section 6.1.10 of the Clubs Council Regulations to grant a Financial Distress Grant of \$4000.00 to the Biology Society. This decision was also approved by two-thirds of the ANUSA trustees, hereby resolving the financial consequences for the Biology Society.

The decision to assist the Biology Society with such a grant is not a decision that was made lightly, and is a decision that brings consequences. The Biology Society will be meeting with the Clubs Council Executive and the ANUSA Executive to discuss the turn of events that led to this outcome and discuss educative processes for clubs going forward.

We thank the Biology Society for their continued cooperation in this matter, and wish to stress to all clubs and societies at ANU that due diligence and proper practice is an expectation of all clubs and societies 100 per-cent of the time in all that they do.

ANUSA and the Clubs Council team are here to help if you have questions or problems on any matter related to your club or society. Please do not be afraid to reach out to us at sa.clubs.anu.edu.au

No further comment will be made on this matter at this time, and it is expected that the ANU Biology Society is not questioned for comment.

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