Managers Message

Dear Residents

Over the next month many of your fellow residents will be preparing for exams and finishing off assignments and projects - please take particular care when you are gathering in groups and going to and from your blocks - particularly late at night - noise travels and it can be incredibly disruptive and disrespectful for your neighbours.

Over the exam periods – for Industry (1st – 30th May) and Undergrad (30th May – 21 June) formal warnings will be issued to noise offenders immediately - there will be no verbal warning or polite requests to quiet down.

AS have arranged a number of activities that will run over the next few weeks - take a break from study and step out for an hour or two of fun.... and conversation. We have also placed around residences information about how to prepare for exams - we hope that this is useful. Remember it is important to take the time to eat well, exercise, socialise and sleep - as well as study. The more balanced your life the more likely you are to cope with the pressure of exams.

Good luck with your study and in your exams.

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Stay on Res Week end Alphabet “Ball”
Report for the “Stay on Res. Weekend”.

Congratulations to all those who participated in the various activities over the weekend of the 8th – 10th April. Some of the events drew large crowds of participants while other events were a little more exclusive, they were still none-the-less hotly contested.

The results were as follows:

**Friday night**
Men’s Table Tennis was won by Ramiro Infanzon Investigator Hall block 9.
Women’s Table Tennis was won by Portiana Franz Investigator Hall block 4.
Mixed competition 8 ball was won by ex resident Renae Rundle formally of Investigator Block 9.

**Saturday afternoon sports**
Tennis was won in convincing style by Rabeeu Mohamed Kerslake P block.
Street basketball has proven to be very popular this year during most evening, however for the more formal competition the competitors took some convincing to join in. Maybe they were a little wary of Tom Cochrane Kerslake P, as they should have been. He emerged as the champion.
Mini Olympics – the full list of advertised events was not attempted due to the contestants’ sad lack of adventure. The chicken toss was abandoned due to the adverse wind conditions and the Frisbee golf was cancelled due to lack of enthusiasm by both contestants and organisers alike. There was much good natured rivalry between both contestants and organisers. At the end of the day the general consensus was that Mili (Hettiarachchi, Investigator Block 9), with his natural ability to throw the klop with such deadly accuracy was the winner.

**Saturday evening – The Alphabet Ball**
A great night was had by all. Everyone really had their creative caps on and there were some absolutely fantastic costumes. The results were as follows, but personally I think the person who was dressed as a Nanna was ripped off.

**Best dressed girl**: Maddi Mikelat (The Mad Hatter) Kerslake H Block
**Best dressed boy** (debatable): Jeffrey Roberts (Jill from Jack & Jill) Investigator Block 8
**Most Creative**: Lochlan de Beyer (laundry), Kerslake P Block

**Sunday morning Recovery Breakfast**
The numbers for breakfast were not equivalent to the numbers at the ball. Not a big surprise there, only the strong survive.

Accommodation Services wish to give a grateful thanks to all those Residents and staff who gave of their own time to help before, during and after the events to ensure the weekend was such a success.
Disciplinary Matters

Accommodation Services has specific expectations about how you will behave while you are in residence. These behaviours are outlined in your Residency Agreement and your Code of Conduct. (available on your USB) If you are found to be in breach of any of these rules / behaviour expectations then there are a variety of actions that Accommodation Services can take. They of course depend on the severity of the breach/behaviour, its impact on other residents and or property and the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Actions that may result include:

- a file note on your AS record
- Formal Warning
- A disciplinary meeting with AS Management
- Behaviour Probation
- Alcohol Ban
- Eviction
- Student Ordinance – whereby we utilise the University Policies in relation to behaviour, which allows us to have a note placed on your academic transcript, ask that you be excluded from University, ask that you pay damages or undertake community service
- Criminal Charges

A serious breach of AS or UTAS policy can result in a number of these things happening.

These policies are there to ensure that every resident has the opportunity to live in an environment that discourages bullying, harassment, unsafe and dangerous behaviours. Accommodation Services subscribes to these policies in an attempt to provide an environment that allows individuals to feel safe and secure, where they can apply themselves to their academic pursuits, that encourages friendships and provides opportunities for socialising, where individuals are exposed to a variety of cultures and experiences. In addition our residential support model is there to assist individuals in a variety of ways, they can assist an individual to get help - academic, financial or in relation to personal issues. They co-ordinate meetings and events, provide an avenue to suggest changes, lodge a complaint or concern or just a friendly chat.

Through these structures and services AS are trying to give you the best experience that you can have - the rest is up to you!

Quiet Hours

Exams are already here for most of our Industry and some undergrad residents.

All residents have been requested to be particularly quiet when in or around the Industry blocks. However, the bulk of UTAS exams are fast approaching – AS will be extending and enforcing 24-hour Quiet Hours in all areas of accommodation from Monday 30th May at 9am until the end of the exam period – Tuesday June 21st at 5pm.

This means that it should be quiet enough to study at all times.

Alcohol and social gatherings can only take place in communal rooms. For Investigator that means block 10 communal not the block common rooms.

If you are lucky enough not to have any exams or your exams finish early in the exam period please respect the rights of others and keep it quiet.

To kick start your ‘study’ AS will be providing a full breakfast and coffee / tea / hot choc or OJ for $3.50 at Saltz (the Dining Hall) on Sunday 5th June from 9am – 10:30am. Grab your voucher from the AS office.
Tutors Needed

Can you tutor in any of the following subjects:

- Photomedia, Art Theory
- Maritime Law / Maritime Economics
- Economics for Transport Managers
- Communication and Mental Health
- Metabolic Biochemistry
- Algorithms
- International Trade
- Business Logistics / Management

These are paid positions - $20 an hour. Please contact the Accommodation Office if you wish to register as a tutor.

This is an excellent opportunity to assist others, receive financial reimbursement and refresh and cement the information for you.

Accommodation Needed

Do you need Accommodation in Semester 2?

If you are currently on a Semester 1 contract only, now is the time to re-apply for Semester 2.

Log in to the Resident Portal and re-apply NOW. Don’t Miss Out!

Graham’s Words of Wisdom - Safety & Theft Prevention.

I recently had a quite an animated discussion with a resident over safety in residence when I discovered they had chocked an external door open. They had chocked the door open so they didn’t have to walk an extra 15 meters to a secured door and were of the opinion that it didn’t matter because it was during the day.

The following is an extract from Tas Police – Residential Burglary Prevention guide

“The experience of being burgled can be a very traumatic one for victims who may be left feeling angry, violated and unsafe in their own home.

Most burglaries occur during daylight hours, when homes are often vacant. However, it is essential to ensure that your home is secure at all times, day and night.

Reducing burglary

The risk of burglary can be reduced. Research has shown that security devices such as locks and burglar alarms are effective in reducing the risk of burglary, and that the risk of burglary is lower in neighbourhoods where the residents have a strong sense of community and look out for each other.

Many burglaries occur when an offender discovers an open window or unlocked door, and takes the opportunity to enter the home and steal cash or other items of value. Making sure that your home and other buildings (e.g. garage/garden shed) are always secure is an effective way to reduce the likelihood that opportunistic burglars will see your home as an easy target.”

Accommodation Services has spent a substantial amount of money to improve security in residence in the form of; swipe card external & room doors, CCTV, plus Security & Residential Support staff. All of this counts for very little if you the residents don’t do your part as well.

The main points are clear – Think prevention and think of your fellow residents and friends.
Brain Teaser
(Only just)

Fill the three empty boxes with the symbols +, - and x in some order, to make a sum which totals the number in the centre.

Each symbol must be used once and calculations are made in the direction of travel (clockwise).

Answer in next newsletter or send answer to Wendy’s email. First correct answer received wins a prize. wendy.lee@utas.edu.au
Social Sundays Club
Formally the Caffeine Lovers Club

Come and meet some new people and catch up with some old ones too.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Sign up at the office and collect your **free** voucher. Limited numbers available so don’t miss out.

Try the different coffees, teas and nibbles that will be on offer during May.

Be there to make suggestions for the following Sunday’s drinks and activities.

WHERE: Saltz (AKA The Dining Hall)

WHEN: Sundays in May starting from 8th and then continuing on 15th, 22nd and 29th.

TIME: 2:30pm - 4:00pm

BEVERAGE: Cappuccino 8th only

ACTIVITY: Game of Chance and discussion and ideas for the next Sunday.

The voucher is only valid at the above times.

For the first week only, if you require a second “cup-of-cino”, that cup, you may have, at a cost of half the normal price.

Activities

16th May - Monday
Foodo Bingo @Saltz - 7:45pm

You have to be in it to win it!!

It’s **free** to play.

**FOODO BINGO**

No great skill required except in the calling of the numbers and ‘Bingo Master’ Graham has that under control.

24th May - Tuesday
By popular demand.
Iron Guts Challenge - cost $4

Can you do it????  Can you do it the quickest????  4 heats of 10, register asap to make sure you have a seat. AS office for registration, as always.

Food to be consumed is yet to be decided. Check Notice Boards for details.

26th May - Thursday
Biggest Morning Tea BUT in the Afternoon @ Saltz - 3pm

Help the fight against cancer.

Check Notice Boards for details.

Other Events

Study Suppers - **Free**
Help to keep the energy level up there, take a quick break. During study week from 30th May until 3rd June AS will be providing supper in your communal area each night.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Bring along your own mug. Thanks.

Investigator Hall - 9:15pm - in the block 10 undergrad communal room.

Kerslake Hall - 8:30pm - in the H block communal lounge.

Leprena - 9pm - in the communal room at Leprena.

5th June - Sunday
Full Breakfast for $3.50 9-10:30am

AS is providing a full breakfast and coffee/tea/hot choc or OJ for ONLY $3.50. Collect your voucher from the office.

23rd May - Monday
Alcohol Awareness @Kerslake P Block Lounge - 5.30pm

Come along and try the beer goggles at the Alcohol Awareness Sausage Sizzle. It will be a bit of fun but also very informative.