

Mary White JCR



JCR 2026 AGM

When 21-09-2026 at 18:10

Location: Dining Hall, Dining Hall

Chairperson Tian Yi Wong See

Minute
taker Henry Grant

Minutes

1. Opening

2. Acknowledgement of Country

3. Welcome

4. Apologies and leaves of absence

Apologies: Tamika McIntosh (Secretary and acting Treasurer)

Present: 19 JCR members

5. Minutes from previous AGM

6. Business arising from the minutes

7. Correspondence

8. Motions on Notice

- **'Code of Conduct' term not to be used** anymore in constitution, 'residential handbook' used instead - **Passed unanimously**
- Change limit of posters for JCR elections - **30 posters in total**, given size of college, changed from 5 - Melana proposes up to 500 posters instead - dissent to this idea, waste of paper and ink, poster number should be limited otherwise they will be everywhere and waste of paper - ridiculous amount of posters, Melana claims it is easy to count 500 pages of paper (1 packet of printer paper) - Melana proposes 50 posters - Tian has dissent, the optimal amount of posters seems to be 30 posters in past 4 years - Melana claims multiplying number by 10 better - Tian proposes 40 posters - Melana accepts 30 posters - **Passed unanimously**
- Putting picture of a cat on the front of the constitution - Greer - dissent from Bailey "why?" - **Blocked**
- **Accept JCR constitution with above passed changes: Passed unanimously**
- Proposal to adjust process of removing a JCRC member or executive - (note this was proposed during annual reports section) - Tian did not want to make this process prescriptive, different circumstances for different situations, problems with the law or going against residential handbook are not responsibility of JCR - Max asks if there is a section where someone can contact executives to address problems with committee member... yes this is in constitution, investigation and potential removal from position, serious conduct requiring removal from college not handled by JCR.
- Haley's proposal - clarification of this section and process, clarification of what the investigation process should entail (screenshots, witnesses and meetings etc.), date by which investigation has to be completed by (end date) - 2 weeks - **Passed unanimously**

9. Annual Reports

Tian's President Report:

Thank you to everyone who has engaged with the college community and joined the JCR this year. While we came into the year with great ambitions, departing from 2025 in which the JCR

saw many new restrictions, the JCR is, in all honesty, weaker than ever. The JCR attempted to complete popular projects such as reopening the bar, entering into a partnership with a pub in

town, and running a wider variety of events, rather than just the typical non-alcoholic activity based events that dominated the majority of 2025.

I regret to inform everyone that these goals were not achieved. The JCR is a grassroots organisation, made for the representation of the membership & residents of Mary White College.

It has been my priority over my past four years of being on the committee, especially as President, to effectively represent the JCR to the college, university, & wider community. Despite

my efforts, we have been blocked on multiple occasions. I do not wish to attribute this to

malicious actors, but rather changing, and poor circumstances for our organisations, though I should not be so naive as to disregard the presence of some bad actors. For these reasons, the

JCR has not been able to achieve ideal outcomes for our constituents. I apologise to the membership for this.

Tamika will be giving more detail regarding the financial situation in the Treasurer's report, however, I will speak to the wider trends of the JCR's finances. This year, the JCR inherited the poor financial situation from 2024, with thousand dollar payments owed from the 2023 Social Ball that was postponed to 2024, a notoriety and culture around the JCR developing due to rumours, and ineffective leadership in 2024, and the introduction of new mandatory regulations

in 2025. In 2026, we started off with limited funds and currently have even less. We properly rolled out the new membership scheme to encourage participation, however, we still had a very

limited membership across the year. Additionally, we did not receive SSAF funding from UNE Life in both Tri 1 and 2. These are not favourable conditions, and still, we face adversity, from social and financial factors.

The year has come to an end and I wish I could do more to serve the JCR, Mary White College, and the wider Armidale community, however, my time here has come to a close, so I wish the

best for the residents going forward.

Tamika's Treasury Report (Spoken by Tian):

This year's treasury portfolio was handled by both myself (Tamika) and our elected treasurer who had to step down earlier this year. Unfortunately, this meant that I as the secretary only had access to it in a very limited capacity and did not believe it valuable for me to write a full report without much of the required information. I can say that financially charity ball was a success, as well as the fact that we were approved for ssaf funding but have yet to receive any. I greatly apologise for this inconvenience and hope that future JCR Executives have a smoother year than we did

Current JCR Accounting:

JCR Card Account: \$595.93

Locked Account: \$121.09

Henry's Vice President Report:

To start with the positives, thank you to everyone who has attended events, joined the JCR or JCR committee and/or positively contributed to college life throughout 2026. I also think some of the events held by the JCR were great occasions, of particular note the 2026 Charity Ball was a success both in raising money for the Usher Kids Foundation, and entertaining attendees. Personally, I enjoyed several of the events hosted by the JCR throughout the year and hope that other college residents found enjoyment and positivity in some of the year's college events too.

While a focus was placed on providing a variety of different events in 2026 for college residents, many received very low attendance numbers. Unfortunately, JCR signups were

extremely low this year and as such, event attendance and JCR funds suffered as a result. Financial pressure has been a significant factor in the issues surrounding the JCR this year, though this has been outlined in general by Tian already and treasury specifics will be outlined in Tamika's report. Ultimately, this was a poor year for the JCR due to a variety of different factors, internal and external to the Mary White College community.

As vice president, I spent the year attempting to assist and support Tian and the rest of the JCR committee with whatever tasks were needed from me while balancing work on my honours project. I wish I could continue to assist the JCR and Mary White College as a whole in the coming year, as I have been at college for many years and it is disheartening to see the JCR in such an uncertain state presently. I hope after I leave college and my JCR role that Mary White College strives to be a fun, inclusive and welcoming place for returning and commencing residents alike.

No Secretary Report was received

10. General Buisness

- Proposal: \$500 pizza party money to be donated to Usher Kids instead of being used for pizza if possible - **Passed unanimously**

End of minutes.