



**RENTERS AND HOUSING UNION**

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**RAHU Press Release:**

**Statements on new Office Bearers and Persecution of Public Housing Officer**

**Statement on new National Office Bearers**

In August the members of the Renters And Housing Union voted to amend our constitution with new rules relating to Office Bearers. Previously only 1 would be elected, but now 2 Co-Office bearers are elected; And one must be a woman/gender diverse.

Since that vote, nominations were opened then elections were held to fill these new roles, as well as any other vacant roles. Earlier this month the returning officer reported the results of the new elections.

The following results were compiled by Return Officer Raquel for Office Bearers being elected in the following positions:

- Secretary = Sadie
- Communications Officer= Elizabeth
- Membership Officer = Taylah
- Queer Officer = Jess
- Policy = Tahlia
- Social Media Officer = Kieran
- Disability / Operations Roles = Emily
- Public and Social Housing = Hank

Due to rules relating to one person not being able to hold 2 Office Bearer positions, Emily could not take both Disability and Operations co-chair. After a brief discussion she elected to take on the Co-Disability Officer position.

The new and current list of RAHU national level Office Bearers (in no particular order) is as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Co-Secretarys:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Harry Millward</li><li>○ Sadie Ward</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Treasurer:</b> Alex Hall</li><li>● <b>Co-Membership Officers:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Taylah Grant</li><li>○ Milly Cox</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Campaigns Officer:</b> Cassandra Prigg</li><li>● <b>Operations Office Bearer:</b> Kali</li><li>● <b>Inventory Officer:</b> Alisa Finlayson</li><li>● <b>Queer Officer:</b> Jess</li><li>● <b>Social Media Officer:</b><br/>Kieran Baskerville</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Co-Research and Policy Officers:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ William Bake</li><li>○ Tahlia McDonald</li></ul></li><li>● <b>First Nations Officer:</b><br/>Keiran Stewart-Assheton</li><li>● <b>Co-Disability Officers:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Artemis Munoz</li><li>○ Emily</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Communications Officer:</b><br/>Elizabeth Wright*</li><li>● <b>Public and Social Housing officer:</b><br/>Hank Ferguson</li></ul> |
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\*= Due to unforeseen circumstances Elizabeth has indicated they'll not be able to take up the comms role and will be stepping down from it.

Annual elections for all Office Bearers will be held as usual at the end of year, and all office bearers roles will be up for election.



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### **Quotes attributable to Returning Officer Raquel:**

*"I am pleased to announce the current Office Bearers following the release of the results. Thank you to everyone who raised their hand. This result reflects incredible momentum toward sustained, staunch housing activism."*

### **Quotes Attributable to Co-secretary Harry Milward**

*"Congratulations to all the new Office Bearers with their successful nomination and election. They will be an amazing team for helping to organise and fight for better outcomes both inside and outside the union walls."*

### **Quotes Attributable to new elected Co-secretary Sadie Ward**

*"I want to thank everyone for voting for me. I'm working on a framework to present that outlines a plan on how we can steer RAHU further in the direction of collective bargaining and building power against specific landlords. I look forward to fighting for this union and renters across so-called Australia together!"*



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**Statement on Persecution of newly elected Public and Social Housing Officer Hank.**

The newly elected Public and Social Housing Officer Hank Ferguson has been unable to formally engage in his position due to his ongoing persecution by the Victorian state. Hank was arrested and is now being put on trial for defending his home by chaining himself to machinery that was to be used to demolish public housing.

In light of this RAHU:

- Calls for the immediate end of the continual harassment and unfair legal campaign being waged against Hank Ferguson.
- Calls for Victoria state to stop the persecution as to allow RAHU's newly elected Public and Social Housing officer to work in his position.
- Reaffirms RAHU's previous calls for the Victorian government to end the demolition of Public Housing.
- Re-commits itself to the fight and struggle against these public demolitions.

**Further Enquires**

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