

## OGM EVENTS REPORT PORTFOLIO TEAM

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### SEMESTER ONE

#### O-WEEK WELCOME DRINKS

see AGM report

#### JD WELCOME DRINKS

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#### LSS X PEPPERCORN TRIVIA

see AGM report

#### JD END OF SEMESTER 1 DRINKS

see AGM report

### SEMESTER TWO

#### LAW BALL

general

- Law Ball was held on the Thursday of week 2 in semester 2 (August 1<sup>st</sup>)
- The theme was "Into the Wild"
- Law Ball was held at QT, this was a change from the National Convention Centre where law ball was held in 2018. Law Ball was held at QT in 2017.

Ticket sales

- We sold 538 tickets (we had planned for 550 tickets sold)
- Unfortunately, ticket sales were slower and lower than we had hoped. The events team put a lot of effort into marketing, however, note that there would be room for further improvement with publicity in the future
- Other societies held really well advertised and exciting balls, so there was a lot of competition for ticket sales this year
- Though we started advertising early, could start building hype at the very start of the year, even as early as O-Week

Entertainment

- Capital Breakfast Club played a 2-hour set again this year
- DJ Danci played 1.5-hour set
- We also had Canberra Snake Rescue and Relocation attend the ball for 3-hours. They brought a variety of different reptiles, a large python for photos and a display for educational purposes
- All entertainment was well received on the night
- Snakes were a topic of some controversy post-event, however all issues have been resolved

Decorations

- Decorations were provided by Show Pony, a different provider to previous years
- We spent a bit more on decorations this year and were pleased with the result

#### Venue

- We went back to QT as we were unable to secure the National Convention Centre for 2019. We had some hesitations due to feedback from previous VPs, however it was the most cost effective, and in reality, the only other viable option
- Other options we considered were parliament house and hotel realm, however there were restrictions on capacity and contractors
- Everything ran smoothly on the night and we didn't run into any additional costs for breakages or vomiting (woo!)
- People were relatively well behaved, and the venue was pleasantly surprised
- We had one issue involving some attendees, the venue manager and security guard. This was resolved through consultation with the venue and we have requested not to have the same venue manager if we choose to return to QT.
- QT enjoyed working with us and have agreed to host us again next year if we so choose
- Overall, I was impressed with QT and would be happy to go back!

#### Afterparty

- We chose to host our "Jungle Fever" afterparty at Fiction
- They offered \$5 'jungle fever' drinks all night and lei's for law ball attendees
- Fiction offered the best deals of all the venues we looked at
- Wasn't extremely successful, could look at using a different venue next year. Some difficulties could be due to the fact that Fiction isn't yet well known

#### Other

- We looked into having a 'safe space' or breakout space run by Batyr. Unfortunately, this fell through, but definitely something worth pursuing for next year
- Tabling was all done manually this year and it took hours of manually shuffling tables and responding to emails. We will have to look into using a different platform for tabling, which could potentially require moving our ticketing platform

#### Thank you

- Thanks to everyone who helped out in the lead up and on the night!
- Thanks especially to LSS President Rocky and LSS VP Finance Afif for assistance in making the event a success

#### FIRST YEAR OFFICERS EVENT

- Our fabulous first year officers have been organising the first-year drinks
- To be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> at Fellows Bar

#### JD WELCOME DRINKS

- JD Semester 2 Welcome Drinks were held on Thursday 15 August at the Union Bar
- Phoebe did a fabulous job of organising this as always!!

- Not as many attendees as previous JD drinks, possibly due to the unfamiliar venue

#### **JD END OF SEMESTER DRINKS**

- To be held on Friday 18 October (tentative)
- Possibly at the Howling Moon
- The final drinks are a more formal event, JD students get dressed up.

#### **LAWN BOWLS**

- Doing a committee lawn bowls event in the next few weeks
- Looked into doing a Law n' Bowls event open to all law students, but it's out of budget

#### **ADDITIONAL SOCIAL EVENTS**

- Looking at doing an end of year BBQ, hoping to speak to CoL about this. Unfortunately the Law School hasn't been a viable venue for this kind of activity this year, however hoping that they will be eager to collaborative with us to bring people to the law school into the future

#### **EVENTS MOVING FORWARD**

Recommended changes for next year

- Look into dedicating more budget to more informal social events, like drinks, lawn bowls, bbqs etc
- More regular social committee meetings
- Interested in more formally dedicating one social director to Law Ball and one to other events. This would help to get more social events off the ground, especially during the lead up to law ball
- Hopefully more BBQs next year!