

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES. THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND. TRANSCRIPT

Matt: I do think signing up for clubs and societies has been an essential part of my university experience. The wide range and variety of people I have got to meet, as well as the experiences I have got to have along the way, has been something that I really value and really cherish. You know, I don't think I would have the same experience here at uni if I didn't pursue those things.

Daniel: These club memberships definitely enhance the university experience. There is so much to be learned in university, and it's just not in the class. The people that you spend time with are also going to teach you things that you never would have thought about.

Reshinthine: Market day is a day each semester where we have a lot of stalls at the Great Court where students are welcome to come around and have a look at the different clubs and societies that are offered at UQ. They are welcome to talk to the members of the club and also to sign up if they are interested.

Daniel: The best way to get the best out of your club memberships is to go and join the executive committees. You'll learn how to be able to organise the events that you participate in, as well as you'll make really great friends as you do stuff together for the club.

Matt: I am a part of a few different clubs and societies. I was lucky enough to start a club of my own called UQ Formula Racing Society, and essentially we are a society who celebrate all things formula racing, which is formula one, formula two, formula three. I won't bore you with the details, but it's something that me and a big group of other people around uni are really passionate about, and, you know, we thought we have got something here that we all like. Why not come together and celebrate it in a space that we can all come together and do that? I think that was probably one of the biggest ways that I have gotten involved with clubs and societies here at uni.

Ritchie: I'm the Director of Events at UQ's International Student Society, and I joined it because UQ needs a very big international student hub, and this is what this society is for. Since I'm a part of it as a leader, I can learn leadership skills and also event planning, and also work with different people in the executive committee team. This is a very important skill as you go towards your future careers as well and if you are just a normal member at the clubs and societies, you can also see how executive committee members organise different events, because they put a lot of effort into them. You can always chat to them and try to gain more inspiration from them.

Daniel: The most valuable thing I've gained from being part of a club has definitely been the community. I've met so many people who are both similar and really different to me, yet they've all helped me to grow as a person.

Reshinthine: Through these club memberships, I've had the opportunity to meet with researchers and other academics who are interested in the same field that I'm planning to go through with my career, and that has been a valuable experience. These memberships do definitely enhance your experience at UQ, because you get to meet people who like doing the same things as you, and you get to explore this together with them.

VOCABULARY

enhance (verb) - to make something better or stronger.

executive committee (noun) - a small group of people who make important decisions for an organisation.

hub (noun) - a central place where people or activities come together.

stall (verb) - a small table or stand where people sell things, often in a market.

wide range (noun) - a large variety of different things.