UCC Sem 1 Grant Justifications

Relevant UCC Objectives

1. To be an organised association of students attending The University of Western Australia, and supporters, for the advancement of computer science and technologies, both at the University and in the broader community.
2. To co-operate with all bodies of similar aims.
3. The property and income of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Club and no part of that property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to any person or body, except in good faith in the promotion of those objects.

Drinks and Snacks

Ask any UCC member and they will list the snacks that UCC offers as one of the primary benefits of purchasing a membership. The reasoning for this may vary, but the discount that we offer to our members makes the vending machine (and other snacks) one of the centrepieces of the club (outside of our array of desktops and servers). Stocking the vending machines is fairly costly, and is an expense that we plan for a month in advance usually. The welcoming atmosphere UCC is known for, in part, is contributed towards our vending machines, and therefore we see that maintaining this space for our clubroom is a necessary expense to ensure the continuance of this. The vending machines are also often used during project nights and other events that UCC hosts and partakes in (such as our podcast recordings, charity and uncharity vigils, and tech talks).

Clubroom Maintenance

Maintenance costs play a pivotal role in ensuring the longevity and efficiency of our club. By allocating resources towards addressing routine wear and tear, minor fixes, and general upkeep, we can provide a secure and enjoyable space for our members. These funds will contribute to maintaining the infrastructure of our clubroom. We had to incur costs of maintaining a fresh supply of tissues and paper towels, a new Gazebo for use when we have events in the outdoors (shocking I know), a new Square reader after we decommissioned our old one (from circa early 2010s), and other equipment we had missing or needed to replace, including whiteboard markers and drill bits.

Clubroom PCs

UCC recently acquired three new PCs to replace aging hardware and meet growing student demand for access to high-performance computing resources. These systems are essential for supporting student-led projects in software development, cybersecurity, digital design, and open-source contributions. They also enable the club to run workshops, host

competitions, and provide equitable access to computing tools for all members. This upgrade ensures UCC remains a vibrant, inclusive, and technologically relevant hub for students across disciplines.

Digital Services

We use Amazon web services (AWS) to host a virtual machine in the cloud and as the authoritative host for our IP address range we own. As UWA will not broadcast our IP addresses, we use this to be able to take advantage of these IPs and provide them for use on our services we provide to our members.

We use BinaryLane as a web proxy for the many websites we host, boh UCC and member sites. As UWA's firewall prevents us opening new ports for new websites without submitting a check for every individual website, we organised a solution that allows us to pass all web traffic via one server hosted in NextDC in Perth to us directly, making it easier for us and simpler for UWA IT. This allows us to quickly create new websites for various services we provide and for member websites.

VentraIP is our domain name registrar, we use them to renew our various domains which we use both internally for routing our traffic and network, and externally to access our website!

Events

In this category we have included one O-day expense that has a continuing benefit to members, which is the cost of our fresher guides. These guides are critical in our education and advertisement of the club to prospective and new members and are used far outside just O-Day. The second expenditure is for pizza during our Fresher Welcome which we distributed to members at no cost.

Other Notes

UCC has been present to all Societies Council Meetings and Tenancy Meetings for 2025.