



Hi everyone, I'm **Tom O'Grady** and I'm running to be your **Student Association President**. For the last three semesters I've been the Sport and Recreation Officer for the association, which has given me a great opportunity to improve the student experience here in the tropics.

You might have seen me at some of Student Association events on campus this year like Monday night social sport or free breakfast on Thursday mornings. I've spent a lot of time asking students how they think we can improve, and I'd like to give you a few reasons why I think you should vote for me to be your 2020 President.

Firstly, I believe that a President should be experienced and after 3 semesters in the job I believe that I am the most experienced candidate. I've seen first-hand that new councillors can be thrown in the deep end and must learn their roles and responsibilities on the fly. I have insider knowledge of how the association actually runs, and most importantly what it can and cannot realistically achieve. I've spent the last year growing a fantastic working relationship with all of the association's staff and given the chance I'd use the next to make it the best year yet.

Secondly, as any student knows JCU's new parking situation isn't quite what you'd expect. Between extremely limited free parking options, and having to pay to park in unpaved dirt lots, I can see a lot of room for improvement. If I am elected President, I'll do everything in the association's power to work towards a better parking experience on campus.

Thirdly, I will not only continue Free Breakfast, but deliver more events on campus. To do this I'll join forces with groups like JCU International and Student Life so we can improve campus life and work towards an ever-better student experience. I will expand on our lunch time recreation program, adding more variety in activities such as backyard cricket, table tennis and even video games like NBA2K or Mario Kart, mixing casual with monthly competitive tournaments.

Finally, I believe that while JCUSA already has a fantastic sporting program, since starting as Sport and Recreation officer I've been working hard to gather and use student feedback so our sporting programs are the best they can be, and the results speak for themselves. Social Sport has expanded to 5 competitions now with over 300 students taking part, and Interfaculty and Fisher Shield have never been better. I'd see the expansion continue with Volleyball added to Interfaculty, but still keep participation in Interfaculty Sport FREE for all students.

I'm 100% committed to making the JCU student experience the best it can be and the most important part of that is listening to the student body. I'd love to hear from you, and what you think will make your time at Uni even better. You can email me at thomas.ogrady@my.jcu.edu.au, find me on Instagram as [its_a_unix_system](#) or on Facebook.

So vote for me, I've got a 2020 Vision.