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ELECTION 2019**  
Candidate statements  
**SRC CRADLE COAST**

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## 2019 TUU STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

Candidate Statements for the position of

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (CRADLE COAST):**

**WELFARE OFFICER**

### Fiona Knapman



It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you today.

I enrolled in the Cradle Coast campus at the beginning of this year, as a mature student, coming back to study after almost a twenty-year gap.

Having immigrated from England seven years ago, I feel I would be relatable and approachable for both international students and domestic students.

In recent years, I have been involved with many volunteering engagements including:

- Core facilitator
- Hospice care volunteer
- Grief and loss training
- Pastoral care
- Emergency ministry

I feel I would be well equipped to take on the role of welfare officer, as a result of undertaking these roles which has increasingly bettered my ability to communicate well and, encourage and assist others.

I would feel privileged to have this opportunity to walk along friends and fellow students in this amazing opportunity.

### Victoria Sparkes



My name is Victoria Sparkes and I am running to be #yourTUU Welfare Officer.

This is my first year at UTAS, and I believe I have the skills needed to best serve the Cradle Coast Campus in this role. I have spent the last 5 years running events on the North West Coast, and last year started our own gaming convention. I have also spent numerous years working in welfare and emergency services in both New South Wales and Tasmania.

It is important that your university union works to support you in your learning. That is why I am committed to hosting more student events at Cradle Coast to help you not only study hard but enjoy some down time as well. I will also be here as a voice for you and make sure your issues and concerns are heard during the universities decision-making.

I will work as part of the Connect #yourTUU team to ensure your experiences studying at UTAS are enjoyable.