

Hi, I'm Carel (pronounced Caw-rrol) and I'm a 3rd year Mechatronics Engineering student. Having grown up on a farm in South Africa, coming to Australia after high school was an overwhelming experience. Arc programs are the lifeblood of this university and they enabled me to connect with UNSW from the outset of my uni adventure!

Over the past three years I have delved right into every Arc opportunity thrown my way! I've built race-cars with Redback Racing, competed in many EngSoc casecomps, programmed robots with Competitive Robotics Group, engaged in UNSW Heroes, and in 2020 I was the President of the ICSA.

My main policies include: Developing an Arc covid-recovery plan, so we can revitalise student programs. Fighting for a reduction in the Student Services and Amenities Fee. Remodelling the club funding model to streamline and increase Arc support for societies. Expanding Arc's outreach programs to better assist disadvantaged students.









C WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR ARC?

In short, my vision is to make every single student's university experience worthwhile, whether they choose to engage in sport & fitness, clubs & societies, or any other Arc initiatives. It's outside the classroom where your friends, colleagues, and community connect most effectively. While the knowledge gained from university is invaluable in your career, the friends and role models you have outside the classroom is just as important. University gives you the first, my vision is for students to see Arc as giving you the second.





WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE A STUDENT LEADER, AND WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE BY BEING ON THE ARC BOARD?

I have had the incredible opportunity of leading and being involved in many clubs and societies. Through my experiences I have found that the best student leaders are those that serve! This is quite different from the popular view of leadership and student leaders exemplify this perfectly. My university experience has been greatly shaped by these experiences of leading and following now it's time for me to give back!

My four main goals that I aim to implement over the next two years are:

- Developing an Arc "Covid repair strategy" so Uni life gets back to normal
- Growing the Arc Rewards Program for more discounts around campus
- Simplifying Club & Society funding to make financial support more accessible
- Reducing the Services and Amenities Fee for people studying remotely



WHY IS ARC IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Arc creates communities. It's these communities that keeps me connected in a time where we all feel so socially distant. When COVID-19 closed international borders, I had a choice. I could go home, to be with my family, forfeiting the chance to come back for a long time (flights from South Africa to Australia are still not available and probably won't be for the foreseeable future). Instead, I made a conscious choice to stay in Australia. I realized that while it would be hard not seeing my family, I would miss out on the entire uni experience by going back and doing online uni. When I made this decision, I wasn't thinking of classes. I was thinking of Redback, UCRG, college rivalries, and trying to land that illusive case comp internship. Most importantly, I was thinking of the people I would meet along the way. Without even knowing it, I was thinking about Arc!