CEFA News

Country Education Foundation of Australia

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A message from the Executive Director . . .

How quickly the last two months have disappeared, but not without a lot to report on. The Country Education Foundation continues to blossom around the country. There is such a ground swell of interest and connection with what were are working to achieve - greater access to further education and vocation opportunities for our rural youth. The CEF has had the opportunity to participate in national think tanks on this issue as well as many media opportunities including RM Williams Outback magazine, ICPA's Pedals magazine, ABC Radio Country Hour, Australian Community television, not to mention the many local and regional papers that have been covering our expansion in their local area. Our mission is really resonating with many individuals, groups and organisations around the country. It is an exciting time to be a part of the history we are making and to witness the unfolding of success stories in the young lives we are touching.

Thank you for being a part of it and for helping to make it possible.

Jocellin Jansson
National Executive Director and
Member of the Board of Directors

New communities to join CEFA . . .

Birdwood / Adelaide Hills

Can You Help?

We have been trying for some time now to find a champion for CEFA in **Moree**, NSW but to no avail.
Do you know anyone who we could work with there to get a foundation up and going?

Communities in the pipeline . . .

Balranald, NSW
Broken Hill, NSW
Ardlethan, NSW
Coolamon, NSW
Mullaley, NSW
Junee, NSW
Mallacoota, Vic
Kangaroo Island, SA
Coober Pedy, SA
Port Lincoln Region, SA
Riverlands Region, SA
Murray Bridge, SA

Current University Partners . . .

Current University Partners	Annual Commitment to CEFA
Charles Sturt	$5,000 for the first year
ANU	$15,000 per year
Canberra Uni	$20,000 per year
University of South Australia	$10,000 or $20,000 per year (to be confirmed)
Wollongong University	$500 book voucher per CEFA student

Universities in the pipeline . . .

University of New South Wales
University of New England
Macquarie University
University of Newcastle
Flinders University
University of Sydney
James Cook University

****We are extremely grateful to our university partners for their generosity and commitment to helping us help our rural youth achieve their goals and dreams.****

Outward Bound . . .

A special thank you goes to the team at Outward Bound. We were very fortunate to be given scholarships for seven of our students to attend Leadership Summits. Each said they gained a great deal from the experience and have already returned to their communities with even greater leadership skills and a commitment to driving community projects that will bring benefit to a range of issues from the environment, domestic and international poverty to bullying in schools. Please consider sending more of our students on Outward Bound camps as they are an ideal way to add enormous value to a young person's life that will benefit them now and into the future.

For our South Australian communities who may find it hard to access Outward Bound (www.outwardbound.com.au), we highly recommend Youth Opportunities (www.youthopportunities.com.au) and Operation Flinders (www.operationflinders.org) or contact the CEFA office on 1300 652 144 for more information.

Supporting our youth

Media & Publicity . . .

From our recent publicity in RM Williams Outback Magazine, ICPA Pedals Magazine, ABC Country Hour, Adelaide Advertiser and several articles in regional papers, we have had many enquiries from potential new communities. Please don't forget to let us know of any communities that you would like to introduce CEFA to. You can email us at ceo@cef.org.au with the details or call Jocellin on 1300 652 144.

Publicity in your Community

****Now is an ideal time in the lead up to calling for grant applications in September / October to publish articles in your local press on the progress of current and previous recipients. It is an excellent way to raise awareness both with students and their parents as well as across the community. Doing this also celebrates the success of recipients and encourages our communities to support our local foundations into the future.****

Did you know?

- 637 — Total CEFA grants given to date
- $553,098 — Total value of grants given to date
- $500-$2,500 — General range of grant value

Gender breakdown of grants given

- 63.36% — Female
- 36.64% — Male

Break down of grant purpose

- 62% — Degree
- 23% — Certificate / Diploma
- 10% — Vocation / Apprenticeship
- 5% — Other Learning Opportunity (including Outward Bound)

Number of grants received per recipient:

- 84% — one grant
- 11% — two grants
- 5% — three or more

The Challenge for 2008 Recipients

It would be wonderful to see the participation rates of male students increase in the future as well as assisting more of our young people into Certificate and Diploma studies and Apprenticeships. Perhaps your committee could consider ways to take the CEFA message to more young men in our communities and to those students considering a trade.

Out & About . . .

It has been a busy last two months with many communities visited and events attended in order to raise awareness of CEFA's work and launch new CEFA communities. Some highlights include;

- Attendance of the Wool, Wine & Wheat Country Education Foundation (Clare region). This was a hugely successful event that saw some $8,000 donated on the night of the launch. Congratulations to the WWWCEF committee for such a successful start.
- Speaking at the NSW Central School's conference in Dubbo in early August. This has already resulted in two new communities - Ardlethan and Coolamon, beginning the formation process. It was also a pleasure to meet with three Principals from our communities including Braidwood, Merriwa and Gulargambone.
- Guest speaker at the annual national Isolated Children's & Parents Association conference in Adelaide last week. This was an excellent opportunity for CEFA to build awareness of our work with many like minded individuals from across Australia. It was also great to see Trish McKenzie from our Paroo foundation there.
- Participation in the National Rural Education Roundtable in Adelaide in July. It was decided to establish a national single voice for rural education to champion and lobby for improvements to accessibility and quality education for our youth in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia.

Congratulations . . .

Congratulations to the Paroo Education Group for their successful application for a Small Equipment Grant through the Dept Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Stronger Families & Communities Strategy. The $3,000 will be spent on a computer, printer and publishing software to help run their local Education Foundation. For more information go to: http://www.facsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/programs/sfsc-vseg_2007.htm

CEFA Communities . . .

Braidwood, Wee Waa, Narrabri, Yass, Harden, Boorowa, Clare (Clare, Balaclava, Burra, Riverton), Eudunda, Paroo (Cunnamulla, Eulo, Wyandra or Yowah), Young, Merriwa, Gilgandra, Birdwood / Adelaide Hills, Coonamble, Gulargambone, Cowra, Monaro (Monaro, Cooma, Bombala), Goulburn, Mudgee.

Our Mission

To foster the further education, career and personal development opportunities of rural youth, through community based encouragement and financial assistance.

Northern NSW Aspiring leaders Summit Finishing Day. Ashleigh Stewart - Narrabri with the Outward Bound Team and Jocellin

National Aspiring Leaders Summit - June 2007

Leith Collard - Braidwood, Jemma Miller - Coonamble, Nathan Lord - Murrumburah, Shane Anderson - Young, Nadine Wurth - Young, Jemima Bucknan - Narrabri

Tyrone Hobday from Narrabri. Now working as a Jackeroo in far north QLD

Jeremy Matthews of Eudunda presented with Jocellin this month at the ICPA Federal Conference in Adelaide. You may recall Jeremy as the Commercial Diver featured in our CEFA information booklet.

It was a pleasure to have dinner with the Cameron Family on their recent Sydney visit. Annette Cameron is the Chairperson of the new Birdwood Country Education Fund in the Adelaide Hills

Margaret Zell and her fellow committee members from Gilgandra being awarded on Australia Day for outstanding service to the community

Jayne Willson and Patricia Jacka of the WWWCEF committee speaking with local students. Photo courtesy of the Northern Argus Newspaper, Clare

Harden Trivia Night

Another successful Harden event was held in July with much fun had by all

*** * We would love to share your photos and news with the CEFA community, please email them to us at ceo@cef.org.au * * ***

Sharing their Dreams