



## A message from the Executive Director...



Hello, and welcome to the first of my CEFA newsletters.

It is with pleasure that I write and share the news of my first three months with the Country Education Foundation of Australia. So much has been happening and will continue to happen, so I plan on sending bi-monthly news updates to keep our community foundation members abreast. These newsletters will be brief as I understand we all receive so much information that needs to be read.

I also encourage you to submit news that I can share with our communities.

Until the next newsletter, I wish you all the best.

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

### New communities to join CEFA...

**Clare**, South Australia  
(encompassing the towns of Clare, Balaclava, Riverton and Burra)

**Balranald**, New South Wales

**Broken Hill**, New South Wales

**Wee Waa**, New South Wales

### communities in the pipeline...

**Kangaroo Island**, South Australia

**Adelaide Hills**, South Australia (Birdwood, Mount Pleasant, Eden Valley, Cambrai, Sedan, Williamstown)

**Port Lincoln Region**, South Australia

**Coober Pedy**, South Australia

**The Riverlands**, South Australia (Waikerie, Renmark, Barmera, Berri, Loxton)

### Community Visits...

Since coming on board I have visited our member communities in, Braidwood, Wee Waa, Narrabri, Yass, Harden, Boorowa, Monaro, Clare, Eudunda. These visits have been invaluable for sharing the latest news from CEFA, sharing information and ideas, helping me to better understand your community and how best I can support you and your committee. I would like to visit with all of our communities in my first six months and ask that you keep me abreast of when you are having a function I could attend or a committee meeting.

### New Communities...

#### What can you do to help?

If you have a contact in a rural or remote Australian community who we could work with to establish an education foundation, please let me know. The more foundation communities we have on board, the more universities and other potential partners will look to work with us in supporting our youth.

### New University Partnerships...

#### Charles Sturt University

As of 2008, CSU will make 10 x \$500 grants available. As we will no doubt have more than 10 students from our combined communities attending one of CSU's five campuses, students will need to complete an application form that CSU will use to select the successful 10. Selection will be based on criteria similar to CEFA, ability to succeed in chosen course, commitment and financial need. It is hoped that CSU will be able to commit greater funds to our partnership in the future.

#### University of South Australia

The first South Australian university to come on board is Uni SA. UniSA will be providing grants as of 2008. The exact level of funding available is still being determined and I will keep you up to date.

**By the end of 2007 we hope to have been able to establish partner relationships with all universities in SA, NSW and QLD for the 2008 year.**

**Current partner Universities - ANU, Canberra Uni, University of Wollongong, UniSA, CSU**

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## Important Announcement...

### Reporting to Qualify for University Grants

Each of our university partners will from here only accept one report from CEFA and this must be in by the end of March each year. This report includes the name of the student, course being undertaken, university name and campus location and the \$ value of the grant given to the student by their local education foundation. In order to meet this deadline, CEFA require your reports by no later than the 20th March to enable us to consolidate the information for the universities.

Almost all of our CEFA communities call for applications for assistance in October, with interviews happening in November. By late February those students choosing to go to university are clear as to what course they will undertake and at what university, allowing communities to finalise grant decision making by early March. For those communities who do not work to this rhythm, it is now requested you do so, so that your students don't miss out on the extra assistance from our partner universities.

**\*\*Should a student make a late entry and it isn't possible to notify us by the 20th March, you will be able to include the student in the next years university list\*\***

## New Website...

The CEFA team has already commenced scoping our new website. The new website is a major project and will allow for greater provision of tools and resources to our communities, committees and most importantly, our youth. The new website will include;

- ❖ Listings of **grants/bursaries/scholarships** students from CEFA communities can apply for
- ❖ A **careers job board** that will have job opportunities for CEFA students including Cadetships, Traineeships, Apprenticeships, Graduate Opportunities and Part Time roles that would suit university students
- ❖ **Tools and resources for the job seeker** including guides to preparing a resume, preparing a letter of application, preparing for a job interview, tips on settling into a new position
- ❖ **Resources for the TAFE or uni student.** Tips on getting the best out of uni or TAFE life and how to ensure you are able to settle in quickly and happily
- ❖ **Resources for local foundation committee members**

**\*\*If you have an idea for the new website, please share it with me. Remember, this is your site too \*\***

## Media & Publicity...

You may have noticed the feature on the Country Education Foundation in the **current edition of RM Williams Outback Magazine.**

CEFA will also be featured in the next edition (July) of **Pedals**, the national magazine of the **Isolated Children & Parents Association.** This is as a precursor to me speaking at their annual national conference in Adelaide in August.

## Outward Bound...

The two leadership courses CEFA was successful in securing 8 scholarships for will commence shortly. Thank you to all of you who at short notice rallied the troops and found local students who could really benefit from such a wonderful opportunity.

The successful students and communities were;

### **The Aspiring Leaders Summit - June**

1. Leith Collard - Braidwood
2. Jemma Miller - Coonamble
3. Nathan Lord - Murrumburah
4. Shane Anderson - Young
5. Nadine Wurth - Young
6. Jemima Bucknan - Narrabri

### **Northern NSW Aspiring Leaders Course - Saturday 30th June until Wednesday 11th July**

1. Marisa McCauley - Narrabri
2. Ashleigh Stewart - Narrabri

**We thank Outward Bound for making these scholarship opportunities possible and for their continued interest in and commitment to CEFA and for providing wonderful life opportunities to our youth**

## CEFA Communities...

Braidwood, Wee Waa,  
Narrabri, Yass, Harden,  
Boorowa, Clare (Clare,  
Balaclava, Burra,  
Riverton), Eudunda, Paroo  
(Cunnamulla, Eulo,  
Wyandra or Yowah)

Balranald, Young,  
Merriwa, Gilgandra,  
Coonamble,  
Gulgambone, 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.