

A Message from the Director



As chapter 2008 draws to a close, it's the perfect time to reflect on our progress and achievements this year, but most importantly, to give thanks to the many people and organisations that have so generously supported us.

2008 has seen many important new partnerships formed and old ones renewed. Together they have enabled us to deliver the greatest amount of financial assistance to rural youth in our 15 year history. Young people in need of a financial helping hand and lots of encouragement as they transition out of high school into further education, training or their chosen career. The very reason CEFA exists is to help rural communities bridge the opportunity divide that so many of their young people face at this critical time in their lives.

We sincerely thank you for the part you have played in helping us achieve so many important milestones this year and in our final news letter for 2008 we would like to celebrate with you the year that was and just some of the highlights.

We wish you a safe and joyous Christmas and that the coming year is full of promise.

Warm Regards



Jocellin Jansson
Executive Director

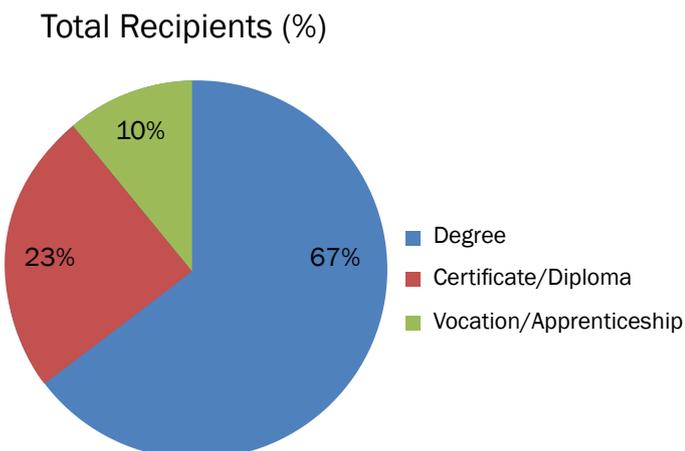
2008 Grant Making

Our local Education Foundation communities combined provided 152 grants to students totaling \$151,600. In addition to this, our Education Partners provided \$75,800 to match the locally given grants of CEFA students studying with them. A new partnership with the Sydney Rotary Club (who administer the Soukup Memorial Scholarship) resulted in a further \$16,000 in grants to five students. In total CEFA delivered \$243,400 in financial assistance to these 152 young people.

With the rapid growth of CEFA communities and Education Partners in the last 18 months, we estimate the combined value of the financial assistance we will deliver in 2009 will be in the vicinity of \$350,000 made up of approximately 250 grants.

We look forward to sharing with you more details of this in late March when community grant making for 2009 has been finalised.

What Grant Recipients Used Their Grant For



Farewell to our Patron, Tim Fisher AC



Mr Tim Fischer AC, Julia and Nick Burton Taylor of the CEFA board of Directors. Photo courtesy of The Land

It is with great sadness that CEFA farewells our long-time patron Tim Fisher AC. From the beginning Tim has been an important part of CEFA, flying the flag and championing our mission in his travels and conversations over the years. We are most grateful for Tim's commitment to our cause, his wonderful ideas, time and good humour. We wish Tim and his family every happiness with their move to the Vatican City where he will become Australia's first Ambassador to Rome.

The Sydney Rotary Club



We were delighted and very grateful to have formed a partnership with the Sydney Rotary Club this year. The partnership enables CEFA students to apply for additional funding for their education. Already the partnership has provided five of our students with funds to top up their locally given grants and assist with course fees.

Our New Website

Through generous funding from the Macquarie Group Foundation, CEFA was able to build a new website that not only better reflects who we are and what we do, it has also greatly assisted in making important information easily accessible to rural youth and our local Education Foundation communities. www.cef.org.au

On the back this very successful initial funding project, the Macquarie Bank Graduate Volunteering Network elected to dedicate their fundraising activities for 2008 to funding the establishment of

the Moree Country Education Fund, a member of CEFA. The cost of establishing each new local Education Foundation is \$15,000. Not only did the Macquarie Graduates hold a hugely successful trivia night and auction with 200 staff and friends in attendance, they also brokered the support of various companies in the Macquarie Group. Close to \$20,000 has been raised in only a matter of months. The generosity of spirit, time and effort of the Graduates has been remarkable.



Quote of The Year

As quoted last week in The Australian newspaper in an article titled **University education still beyond the reach of many**

Macquarie University vice-chancellor Steven Schwartz has said: 'Unless we believe that students from low-income families lack the ability or the motivation for university-level study, the absence of these talented students from our campuses represents not only a loss to them but also to society'.

We Are Now A Family of 38

We have added 16 new communities to the CEFA family this year with strong growth in South Australia, News South Wales and Queensland. In 2009 and beyond, we look forward to broadening our reach into other states and the Northern Territory

Our Local Education Foundation Communities Include

South Australia

Kangaroo Island	Eudunda
Kimba	Birdwood/Adelaide Hills
Coober Pedy	Lameroo

The Clare Valley Region - Wool Wine and Wheat Country Education Foundation (Covering the communities of Clare, Burra, Snowtown, Balaklava, Riverton)

New South Wales

Wee Waa	June	Gulgambone
Broken Hill	Upper Hunter	Yass
Mullaley	Ardlethan	Boorowa
Coonamble	Gilgandra	Braidwood
Harden	Young	Cowra
Goulburn	Narrabri	Merriwa
Mudgee	Cessnock	Moree
Balranald	Cootamundra	Temora
Monaro (Jindabyne, Cooma, Bombala)	West Wyalong	
Hay	Deniliquin	

Queensland

Paroo (Cunnamulla, Eulo, Wyandra, Yowah)
Dirranbandi
Maranoa - Roma

CEFA Welcomed Many New Education Partners, With More Soon To Join



Some of our Students at Uni SA are awarded their Education Partner Scholarships

Our Education Partners generously assisted 80 of our students this year with additional grants totaling \$75,800. These extra funds make an enormous difference to recipients and help with some of the costs of accessing further education and training. On behalf of all of our recipients and their home town community, we say thank you.

Our Education partners Include:

- Macquarie University
- University of NSW
- University of Wollongong
- University of Western Sydney
- University of Newcastle
- ANU
- University of South Australia
- University of Canberra
- Charles Sturt University
- Flinders University
- NIDA
- Tocal Agriculture College
- Canberra Institute of Technology (TAFE)
- University of Technology Sydney
- University of Adelaide



Students from Balranlad, Wee Waa and Coonamble were able to be a part of this years UTS Uni Experience Day



CEFA's Tyson McKenzie also received a scholarship from NIDA

Rabobank Young Rural Leaders Summit



Rabobank have recently joined with the Thyne Reid Foundation in funding an annual leadership program for CEFA that will enable 35 young people from our communities to participate. CEFA, like Rabobank and the Thyne Reid Foundation felt it was important to further invest in the development of leadership skills and capabilities of young rural people. The funding will allow all CEFA communities the opportunity to send one young person a year on this seven day leadership program. This immensely generous investment allows CEFA to contribute even more into our local education foundation communities and helps provide much needed opportunities for their youth. Thank you Rabobank and the Thyne Reid Foundation.



CEFA participants in the 2008 Leadership Summit pilot program

Rabobank Partnership Launch

In November, Rabobank hosted a lunch at NSW Parliament House to launch their new partnership with CEFA. The lunch was well supported and guests enjoyed hearing one of Tim Fischer's final addresses before departing for Rome. Rabobank are the major sponsors of CEFA's annual Young Rural Leaders Summit held in April each year.



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Katrina Hodgkinson MP
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Rabo and Jenny Millner



Ed Debenham - Rabo and
Dick Estens*



Mark Muller - Outback Magazine
and David Smithers of the CEFA
Board of Directors*



Michael Millner, Bruce Dick -
Rabo and Jenny Millner*



Tim Fischer AC, CEFA's
Founding Patron



Lloyd Whish-Wilson

*Photo courtesy of The Land

Bequests

Sowing The Seeds of Success

Please consider the Country Education Foundation of Australia when giving thought to the legacy you would like to leave behind. Help us continue to grow our program around the country so that we can give the gift of further education, training and life opportunity to more rural youth. An investment in the future of our country.

For an information pack, please contact Jocellin Jansson on 1300 652 144.

Thank You to Our Generous Supporters

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Our Mission

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