



Message from the Chief Executive



When a group of people in Boorowa got together twenty years ago to help local school leavers they had no idea it would lead to a network of over 40 foundations across Australia.

From humble beginnings CEFA has now clocked up over \$2,576,000 in grants to over 2,500 rural students. And with all of those

foundations run by our fabulous volunteers, it's been a great community-building exercise.

Our long-term friend and supporter, The Hon Tim Fischer AC, summed it up when he opened our National

Conference in June:

"In ten vigorous years CEFA has lifted the lives of many but in the process lifted the fabric of many communities and the State and Nation. Be very proud of CEFA as it enhances our nation."

Our work now is to support those local foundations so that they can continue the great work they do in rural Australia for many years to come.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Taylor, CEO

A record year of grant giving in 2013

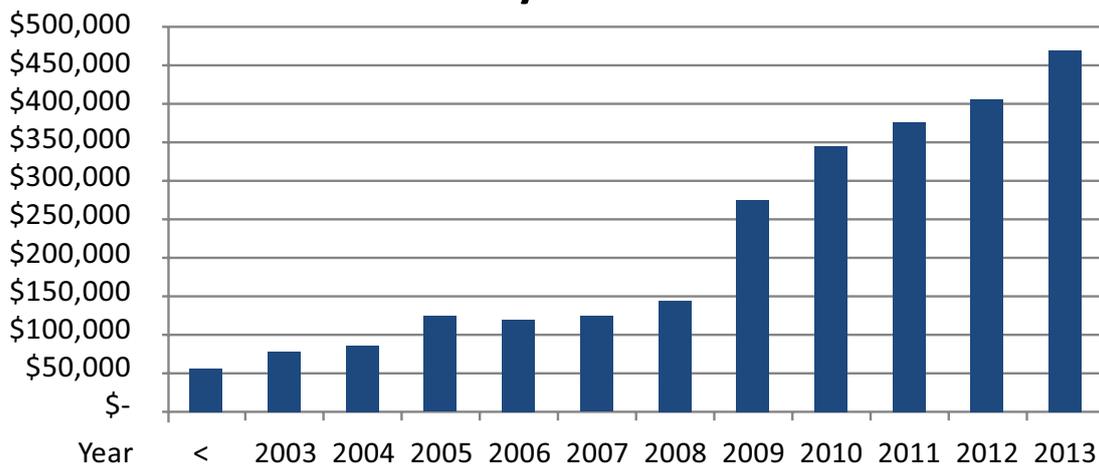
This year, the Country Education Foundation of Australia has given out 442 grants to disadvantaged rural and regional youth across Australia helping them to realise their educational and career goals.

These grants totaled an incredible \$467,460, an increase of 14% on 2012 figures.

This amazing support was boosted further by our 21 education partners who contributed an additional \$202,794 in co-funding.

Congratulations to all our local education foundations and education partners who have helped to change the lives of these ambitious young Australians.

Total CEFA Community Grants Awarded



Quote of the Quarter

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

Our Mission

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

Message from Our Patron



I send warm greetings to members of the Country Education Foundation of Australia as you mark your 10th anniversary.

This important milestone recognizes CEFA's commitment to providing students in rural areas with tertiary education opportunities.

As Patron, I am enormously proud of the work you do to encourage personal growth and career development of students from country areas. In helping to ensure that they can enjoy the benefits of higher education, you make an invaluable contribution to individual Australians national life.

I congratulate you on your achievements to date and wish you well as you continue your outstanding work for young Australians.

From Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Quentin Bryce AC CVO

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CEFA Profile: CEFA Grant Recipient



Hastings Education Fund recipient, Bree Frederick

Bree Frederick from Port Macquarie is using her 2013 grant from the Hastings Education Fund (HEF) to pursue her passion for languages and humanitarian work.

Bree is in her first year of a Bachelor of Arts/Business at the University of New England (UNE) and is thoroughly enjoying university life.

"I'm majoring in languages for the Arts and I'm so pleased to be doing this at a regional university... I didn't want to live in the city because I'm a country person at heart," Bree said.

Bree is grateful for the assistance from HEF which she is using for textbooks, travel and accommodation.

"I'm so grateful that I received the grant from the HEF. I wouldn't have been able to afford to go to university without the extra assistance," Bree said.

Further study in a master's degree program or a PhD is something that Bree hopes will take her overseas to do humanitarian work.

2013 Biennial CEFA Conference

Volunteers from local country education foundations across Australia gathered in Sydney in early June for the fourth biennial CEFA Conference.

A record number of committee members attended the event, coming from as far away as Kangaroo Island, Kapunda, Alice Springs, Cooma and Coonamble.

The program included sessions on strategic planning, succession planning, accounting and compliance, fundraising and alternate pathways to university.

The conference was generously supported by Macquarie University, The Origin Foundation and BOYCE Chartered Accountants.



CEFA Profile: Foundation committee member, Linda Marquis



Linda Marquis, Shoalhaven Education Fund

Meet Linda Marquis, Chairperson of the Shoalhaven Education Fund, which launched in 2012.

Linda was born and raised in Western Australia and has lived in the Nowra region since 2001 where she has been a business and marketing consultant to small businesses

and not-for-profit groups.

Linda and a group of like-minded women set up the Shoalhaven Education Fund when they realised the significant hurdles their local youth were facing when trying to access further education.

“We found out about CEFA from our local Zonta chapter when I was trying to help a local girl who desperately wanted to go to university but faced immense financial and emotional hurdles. I Googled CEFA and the rest is history,” Linda said.

Since then, the Shoalhaven Education Fund has been very successful in their fundraising efforts, supporting 13 local students in 2013.

“We have been overwhelmed with the support received from our local community. Despite our infancy, we are already being approached by organisations who want to help which is really gratifying especially when we are competing with so many worthy fundraising ventures.”

CEFA students experience university life in Sydney

CEFA high school students from rural and remote communities across NSW had a taste of university life in Sydney during May, courtesy of the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Macquarie University and the Origin Foundation.

After four days attending faculty workshops, meeting current university students and touring college accommodation, their view of university went from ‘daunting and scary’ to ‘exciting and hopeful’.

The CEFA students also enjoyed sailing on Sydney Harbor courtesy of East Sail.

As described by Courtney Hanlon from Camden Haven High School, “The University Experience has inspired me and motivated me to become a uni student. I learnt that university isn’t daunting, and visiting the universities gave me a better understanding of what life is like there.”



CEFA Students experience life at Macquarie University

CEFA would like to thank UTS, Macquarie University and the Origin Foundation for making the visit possible and for their ongoing support of rural and regional students.

Bequests

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. For an information pack please contact CEFA on 1300 652 144.

Education Foundations

New South Wales

Balranald
Boorowa
Braidwood
Broken Hill
Coleambally/Darlington Point
Coonamble
Cootamundra
Cowra
Dubbo
Edward River (Deniliquin, Conargo)
Gilgandra

Goulburn
Great Lakes (Forster, Tuncurry)
Griffith
Gulargambone
Gunnedah-Mullaley
Gwydir Learning Region
Harden
Hastings (Port Macquarie)
Lockhart
Merriwa
Monaro (Jindabyne, Cooma, Bombala)

Narrabri
Orange
Shoalhaven
Temora
West Wyalong
Yass
Young

South Australia

Eudunda
Kangaroo Island
Kapunda

Kimba
Torrens Valley
Wool, Wine and Wheat (Clare, Burra, Snowtown, Balaklava, Riverton)

Queensland

Blackall-Tambo
Clermont

Maranoa (Roma region)
Paroo (Cunnamulla region)

Northern Territory

Central Australia (Alice Springs)

Sponsorship Opportunities

CEFA is seeking seeking partners to help us expand and improve education and career opportunities for disadvantaged rural youth. There are many ways to help:

- Tax deductible donations - to pay education expenses for disadvantaged rural youth
- Sponsorship – for projects such as ‘university experience’ visits and establishing and supporting local education foundations
- Providing ‘in kind’ good or services to support our work eg office equipment, computers and technology support, travel/ accommodation, professional services.

For details please contact Sarah Taylor at ceo@cef.org.au or ph 1300 652 144.

What's on Where in CEFA Communities

Cootamundra District Country Education Fund

Christmas in July fundraising dinner
6.30pm, 26 July at The White Ibis, Cootamundra
Tickets: David Hains, 0419 277 907

Harden District Education Foundation

Famous Families Trivia Night
6.30pm, 29 June at Harden Country Club
Tickets: Kelly Martin-Dye, 0432 511 199

Donating is easy

- Fill in the form below and send it with your cheque to the Country Education Foundation of Australia at PO Box 239, Yass NSW 2582
- Visit www.cef.org.au and click on the ‘*donate now*’ button on our home page
- Contact us to discuss payments via credit card or direct bank transfer

Country Education Foundation of Australia - ABN 60 103 889 452

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Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Amount you would like to donate: \$ _____

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