



CEO message



Can you remember the first meal you cooked when you left home? After growing up on a farm and then going to uni in Sydney I recall very

clearly the shock of discovering what lamb actually cost when you had to buy it!

Living on a tight budget is one of the many challenges facing rural and regional students when they leave home for study or work and the CEF University Survival Guide is all about making that transition easier. Check out the Guide (p3) and share it widely.

Along with the amazing support they receive from our 42 local CEFs across Australia, many rural students will also benefit from our new partnerships with Griffith University (Qld) and Open Universities Australia (p2).

We're delighted to welcome Griffith University and OUA to our family of organisations investing in rural kids... And in the future of rural and regional Australia.

Until next time,



Sarah Taylor, CEO

Donations

\$2

and over are
tax deductible.

How to support the CEF

By cheque: Country Education Foundation, PO Box 245, Orange NSW 2800.

Online: Visit www.cef.org.au and click on the 'donate now' button on our home page.

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02 6362 3162

Tim is on the road to success

Sometimes it just takes someone to believe in you to realise your potential. With the right support and encouragement, Tim Treglown, from Port Macquarie, is now just two subjects away from completing a B. Accounting (with a distinction average!) from CSU.

Tim credits the Hastings CEF with opening his eyes to the opportunities available to him. A financial grant along with mentoring from the local CEF treasurer, Chen Gaul, helped him get to where he is today, "Chen has been one of my mentors throughout my journey. She has helped provide me with support, assistance and confidence to achieve high results and reach my goals".



Tim Treglown with Tom Keenan from the Origin Foundation, a supporter of the CEF in Port Macquarie

"I would like to say thank you to everyone that has, or is considering, supporting this foundation. The financial assistance helps students like me to undertake the necessary

education and training that is needed to build a career. This will also help build the local communities across regional and rural Australia."

More unis helping rural students



CEF CEO Sarah Taylor and OUA's Claire Hopkins

A warm welcome to two new education partners who have joined CEF to help more rural and regional students fund their education in 2015.

They join a growing number of universities and colleges across Australia partnering with the CEF to improve education opportunities for rural and regional students.

Griffith University and Open Universities Australia (OUA) will be helping students pay for laptops, internet connections, textbooks and accommodation.

Griffith University has pledged \$30,000 and Open Universities Australia is offering \$40,000 in CAN DO scholarships for online study.



Rotary to the rescue



Our 2014 CSU interns - Anna and Tori

When an opportunity arose for the CEF to host interns from Charles Sturt University last year we quickly had to find desks, chairs and computers to accommodate them in our Orange office.

Fortunately, a number of supporters came to the rescue... Our friends at Sydney Cove Rotary saved the day with a donation of two new laptop computers; a local donor from Orange gave us two desks and office chairs were kindly provided by Orange Credit Union. Thanks, everyone!

Thank you to our wonderful donors

A special thank-you this month to the Rotary Clubs of Sydney and Sydney Cove; Sharyn and Colin Dorber and the team at EAS, Queensland; the Profield Foundation; Whitehaven Coal; the Snow Foundation; Loder Foundation; McLean Foundation and Eureka Benevolent Foundation... for their recent - and generous assistance.



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Students head off with CEF support

Hundreds of students from rural and regional communities across NSW, Qld, SA and the NT are on their way to tertiary study and jobs in 2015, with the help of CEF local foundations.

With a record number of school leavers applying for assistance, our volunteer committees have put in an enormous effort interviewing and selecting their grant recipients over the past few months.

We're supporting students in a huge range of pursuits including agribusiness, engineering, plumbing, carpentry, veterinary



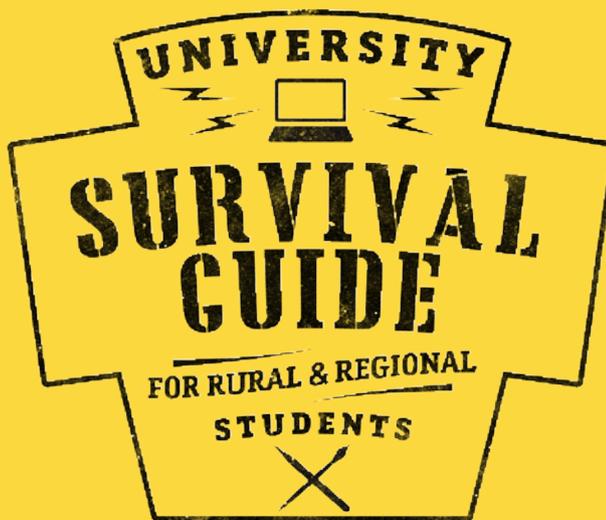
Congratulations to the 2015 Monaro CEF grant recipients

science, journalism, commercial cookery, hairdressing and medicine. We wish them all every success for the year ahead.

Surviving and thriving at uni

Heading off to uni can be exciting but it can also be daunting and expensive for rural and regional students. For them and their parents the 2015 CEF University Survival Guide is a must-read.

It's packed with tips and resources covering all the big issues – accommodation, uni life, health, work and study. We've even included some great budget recipe suggestions from MPs and Senators who share their 'student-days' survival tips!



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Download our university survival guide

Your complete guide: tips and resources for students leaving home to attend uni, TAFE and college

- # 1. **Tips for Study**
- # 2. **Tips for Living – on and off campus**
- # 3. **Tips for Parents and Carers**
- # 4. **Handy Contacts and Resources**

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And, huge thanks to our friends at the Origin Foundation and Macquarie University for funding the 2015 Guide.

Thanks to them it is fabulous, free and online at cef.org.au



If you are planning for a year, sow rice, if you are planning for a decade, plant trees, if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.

- Chinese proverb



Our fabulous committees



Volunteers from the Shoalhaven CEF receiving a cheque for the Scott Morrison Scholarship

Origin Scholarships 2015



Meeting volunteers, sponsors and students in Port Macquarie, NSW

Welcome, Frank



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A big welcome to Frank Moes, our new Finance & Administration Manager. Frank has a strong affinity with the not-for-profit sector having worked for St Vincent de Paul for nine years. Armed with his accounting background, Frank looks forward to offering support in all things financial.



Forster Lions Club show their support

Since 2011 the Origin Foundation has provided over \$600,000 to assist rural and regional students across Australia. Their support has helped us change many lives.

CEF volunteers and students showed their appreciation in February when they welcomed Origin Foundation

representative, Tom Keenan and CEF CEO, Sarah Taylor to Great Lakes (Forster) and Hastings (Port Macquarie).

Both events were generously (and seamlessly!) hosted by North Coast TAFE.



Meeting sponsors and students in Forster, NSW