



## CEO message



Spring is here and with it, lots happening at the CEF. Right now, our volunteers are flat out juggling end of year fundraising as

well as recruiting, interviewing and selecting grant recipients for 2014.

They've also been busy distributing the annual CEF Scholarship Listing — a comprehensive guide to literally hundreds of scholarships and grants available to rural and regional students.

The 2014 Listing contains over 141 pages of scholarships offered

through our 21 university partners... well worth a look if you're a student, parent, teacher or careers adviser. Check it out at — <http://cef.org.au/scholarships-offer-education-partners/>

It's an enormous task to compile the Listing and we couldn't do it without the help of our partner, the Origin Foundation, which generously funds the production of the Scholarship Listing each year.

Until next time,

*Sarah Taylor, CEO*

## Macleay launch

A big welcome to our newest Country Education Foundation recently launched in the Macleay Valley in Northern NSW. CEF CEO, Sarah Taylor, joined local supporters, dignitaries and Macleay committee members for the launch event in Kempsey in early August.

Macleay Chairman, Terry Witchard said he was delighted with the level of support and interest coming from the local community.

Our team in the Macleay Valley is one of three CEFs assisting school leavers on the North Coast of NSW. Hastings CEF (Port Macquarie) and Great Lakes CEF (Forster) are also offering great support to students after joining the CEF family in 2012.

## ACT Uni Experience

Forty three school students from Cowra, Deniliquin, Gilgandra and Lockhart headed to Canberra in July for a taste of uni life, courtesy of our education partners the Australian National University (ANU) and the University of Canberra (UC).

The annual visit gives students real life experience on a uni campus through hands-on workshops, mingling with students and exploring the multitude of careers available.

For most of the students it was a real eye-opener, as Georgie Tucker

(Cowra) explained: "Uni isn't as scary as I thought. I loved the trip! It was a great experience and such a wonderful opportunity!"

A big thank you to the Origin Foundation which also helped make this experience possible.



"Thank you Origin!"

## Tim Fischer book sales to help CEF



*Tim with the recognisable Akubra beside the Tiber*

CEF Ambassador, The Hon Tim Fischer AC, has generously committed to donating a percentage of the proceeds from sales of his latest book, *Holy See, Unholy Me*, to assist our work in rural Australia.

As the first Australian Ambassador to the Holy See, Tim found himself in the singular world of Vatican diplomacy where, even more than most diplomatic circles, the right word in the right ear is an essential

art form - and where the person sitting next to you at dinner could be Colonel Gaddafi or the Pope.

Armed with the skills he learned as an activist politician — and with his trusty black Akubra — Tim learned to navigate this strange new world and has lived to tell the tale!

*Holy See, Unholy Me* is published by Harper Collins and is available through ABC Bookshops and [www.booktopia.com](http://www.booktopia.com).

## Edward River welcomes NSW Governor and The Hon Tim Fischer

The Edward River Education Fund (EREF) annual fundraising dinner is over for another year and we're pleased to report it was a roaring success!

Over 170 people turned out for the 2013 Edward River fundraiser, enjoying an evening of great food and wine at the Deniliquin RSL. Special guests for the evening included CEF Ambassador, The Hon Tim Fischer AC and Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of NSW, who spoke passionately about the importance of education

and seeing young people get the right opportunity to excel in their educational pursuits.

The evening provided an opportunity for past scholarship recipients to speak about their experiences and how the EREF has helped them towards reaching their educational and vocational goals.

Thank you to all who attended and to the businesses who supported the evening with sponsorship and auction items. Nearly \$5000 was raised to help future students from the Edward River region.



*Marie Bashir at the Edward River fundraising dinner*

## Is James the next Dr Karl?

Meet James Ansell, a CEF grant recipient from Alice Springs majoring in Astrophysics in a Science/Communication double degree at the ANU.

While he's still not 100% sure what he would like to do when he finishes, James has thought seriously about becoming an ambassador for science and the benefits it has in the real world. "I like the idea of breaking down complicated concepts and putting them in layman's terms - like Dr Karl," James said. He is also keen on researching astronomy and the evolution of the universe.

James says that the ANU was always his first choice for uni but without the Central Australian Education Foundation he would not have been able to go to Canberra. The cost of living away from home was simply too high.

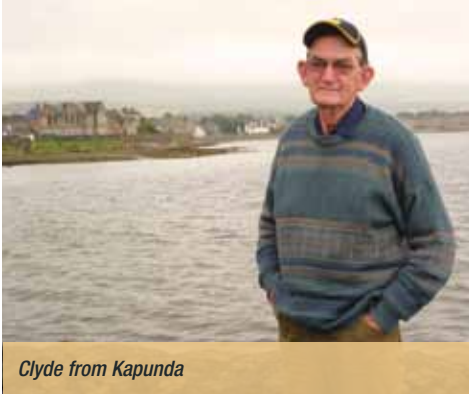
"One of the best things is that my astronomy lecturer is a Nobel Laureate - he is a huge influence."



*James Ansell - the next Dr Karl?*



## CEF Profile – Clyde Hazel from Kapunda



in giving local scholarships and in 2007 Clyde helped establish the KHSCEF.

One of the highlights for Clyde is the opportunity to work with some phenomenal people. “The committee all work so hard to help our local youth and we are all committed to seeing these students succeed in their pursuit of tertiary education.”

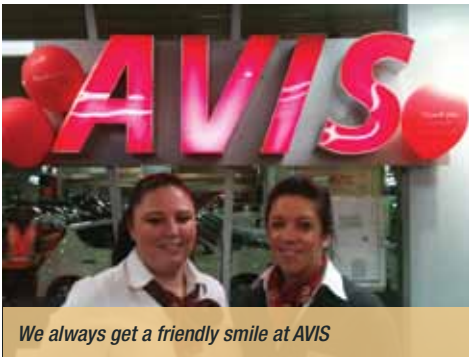
“Our focus is seeing our students succeed and raising the funds to make sure they have the chance to achieve that success.”

It’s wonderful to see such committed volunteers who make a real difference to the future of our regional youth. A huge thank you from us to Clyde and the rest of the committee at the KHSCEF.

We recently had the pleasure of chatting to Clyde Hazel, treasurer of our local education foundation in Kapunda, SA (KHSCEF).

Clyde has lived in Kapunda all his life and is passionate about making a difference in his community. For the past 13 years he has been involved

## Thank you AVIS!



Every year CEF staff do an enormous amount of travel in rural and regional Australia, much of it by car.

We are enormously grateful for the support we receive from AVIS Car Rentals – who provide us with pro bono hire cars for many of our long journeys. Their cars are great, their service is fantastic and they are always ready to go the extra mile to make every journey a good one. Thank you AVIS!

## Farewell Patricia



Patricia Jacka from the Clare Valley

It’s with a heavy heart that we say farewell to the lovely Patricia Jacka from the Wool, Wine and Wheat Country Education Fund (WWWCEF).

Patricia was one of the founding members along with other key people who had a passion for helping rural youths follow their dreams.

“I have been here since its establishment in 2006 but it is time for me to step down so that someone else can step up with fresh direction and fresh ideas. I am definitely leaving with sadness in my heart but I am happy to be going knowing that we will have someone else moving in to the role and taking it on with the gusto it needs.”

She will be sorely missed by us here in the national office. Patricia’s contribution has been enormous.

“ *One child, one teacher, one pen and one book can change the world.* ”

*Malala Yousafzai – 2014 Nobel Peace Prize Nominee.*

## Education Foundations

### NSW

Balranald  
Boorowa  
Braidwood  
Broken Hill  
Coleambally  
Coonamble  
Cootamundra  
Cowra  
Dubbo  
Edward River  
Gilgandra

Goulburn  
Great Lakes  
Griffith  
Gulargambone  
Gunnedah  
Gwydir  
Harden  
Hastings  
Lockhart  
Macleay Valley  
Merriwa  
Monaro

Narrabri  
Orange  
Shoalhaven  
Temora  
West Wyalong  
Yass  
Young

### SA

Clare Valley  
Eudunda  
Kangaroo Island

Kapunda  
Kimba  
Torrens Valley

### QLD

Blackall Tambo  
Clermont  
Maranoa  
Paroo

### NT

Central Australia  
(Alice Springs)

## New website

As a regionally-based charity covering four states, our website is our lifeline — our link to the world.

So, it wasn't our best day when we learned that the technology underpinning our site was about to become obsolete.

With a drop-dead date looming we threw ourselves into the task of creating a whole new website, which launched in October. The new site has all the same info – and more. We hope you like it and we welcome your feedback.

The site will also enable us to add time-saving functions like online reporting and application forms, which we're planning for 2014.

We're also on the lookout for a website sponsor, so please get in touch if you know someone who can help.

## Sponsorship opportunities

CEF is 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.

## Donating is easy

Fill in the form below and send it with your cheque to the Country Education Foundation at  
**PO Box 245, Orange NSW 2800.**

Visit [www.cef.org.au](http://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 - ABN 60 103 889 452

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