



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **NSW COUNTRY EAGLES PARTNERSHIP TO ASSIST RURAL AND REGIONAL STUDENTS**

National Rugby Championship contenders, the Charles Sturt University NSW Country Eagles have announced a new partnership with the Country Education Foundation (CEF) to support the CEF's work with disadvantaged rural and regional students.

CSU NSW Country Eagles General Manager James Grant and CEF CEO Sarah Taylor announced the partnership ahead of this week's top of the table Buildcorp NRC clash between the Eagles and Melbourne Rising, at Wade Park in Orange (Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September).

Mr Grant said he was delighted to nominate the Country Education Foundation as the Eagles' charity partner.

"We look forward to supporting the Country Education Foundation and the great work they do on behalf of disadvantaged rural and regional students across NSW," Mr Grant said.

"Country Education Foundation volunteers will be collecting gold coin donations at the Wade Park game this weekend and we hope our fans and supporters will dig deep to help the CEF in their work with rural and regional students across NSW," he said.

CEF CEO Sarah Taylor said the CEF was delighted to be the nominated charity partner of the CSU NSW Country Eagles.

"This is a great opportunity for us to promote our work with rural and regional students across NSW and to get behind a great new team in the Buildcorp NRC," Ms Taylor said.

"The Country Education Foundation is dedicated to supporting the aspirations of rural and regional students and creating opportunities through education – this partnership will help us to reach a new audience and encourage more people to get involved in supporting rural kids.

The CEF has a family of volunteer-run foundations in more than 30 communities across rural and regional NSW, all raising funds to provide grants to disadvantaged students to assist them into university, TAFE, training and entry-level jobs.

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