

# Country Education Foundation

## Annual Review 2013-14



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# Who we are and what we do

## Our Mission:

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

## The disadvantage of distance

Young people in rural and regional Australia face huge obstacles getting into higher education and jobs, compared to city kids. As a result, only about half as many rural school-leavers go on to higher education, compared to those in metropolitan areas.

They also experience higher rates of unemployment, mental illness and suicide. In order to pursue education and jobs in city areas they often have no choice but to leave their homes, families and communities.

The biggest barriers are financial ones. Rural young people face huge costs—up to \$35,000 per year for travel and accommodation, when they leave home to pursue study or work. For many, it's just not an option.

## How does the Country Education Foundation (CEF) help?

The CEF is a national, not-for-profit organisation supporting a family of 42 volunteer-run foundations in rural NSW, QLD, NT and SA.

- > We provide grants and other assistance to disadvantaged young people to help them access post-school education, training and employment.
- > Our grants cover education or work-related expenses such as textbooks, tools and work equipment, petrol, transport, food, accommodation, computers and internet access.
- > We have partnerships with 20 universities and colleges that provide additional funding to our grant recipients who attend these institutions.

## Local communities helping local young people

CEF local foundations are run by volunteers in each community—they include a cross section of local people in business, agriculture, education, community organisations and local government.

Our volunteers work year round to raise funds and source donations to support their local school-leavers.

The CEF supports this family of local foundations with seed funding and ongoing funding and support—giving them the tools and resources to help them provide opportunities for disadvantaged young people in rural, regional and remote Australian communities.

Our work relies on corporate and private philanthropy and we do not receive government grant funding.

# Chairman's report

Last evening I attended the Boorowa Education Foundation committee meeting. The meeting was held in preparation for interviews from students leaving school and embarking on their studies and careers next year. The conversation by committee members around the table roamed from the difficulties young people were now facing in the tertiary education sector to the increased costs being faced by country students and the increased responsibilities being transferred to the individual.

The combination of these enhanced pressures has confronted a lot of young people in taking the next step into the world of further education and leaving the family protections and local comfort zone that they have developed in their lives so far. It was interesting to reflect on our own committee's conclusion regarding the importance of the work we do. This, simply put, was that we provide encouragement and endorsement for a young person to make the decision to take the next step in starting a career beyond school.

It is to this purpose that the Country Education Foundation (CEF), and the communities that work within it, has dedicated itself. The case for our involvement has never been more compelling. On the back of this reaffirmation of purpose I reflected on the endeavours and achievements of the CEF for the

last year under review. In essence the focus of the past year can be covered by three broad themes: sustainability, consolidation and efficiency.

The appointment of Sarah Taylor as our CEO has been one of the milestones in securing the future of our organisation to pursue our ambitions. While this may be a lofty claim, Sarah's leadership has been focused on creating a sustainable organisation that supports and develops our local communities, enhances the opportunities for students and at the same time broadens the funding base to be able to do so. After a hectic period of growth this has involved a period of consolidation. The aim has been to lever off our improving results in delivering to students from the existing community corpus that we have in place.

A natural adjunct to the consolidation has been to focus on our own efficiency and this has involved a significant investment in technology and capacity to streamline all aspects of our operations, including financial reporting. The obligations on charitable organisations, such as us, in statutory reporting and compliance with the Australian Tax Office is considerable and the forensic capacity of Katie Walker to ensure this is done properly is appreciated with gratitude.



Nicholas Burton Taylor AM  
Boorowa, September 2014

I hope to be reporting next year on further plans to adapt our website into a more interactive mechanism for all our communities so as to diminish their workload which is always limited by the voluntary nature of those who work within our organisation.

Having said that our year has been one of consolidation tends to disguise the fact that the value of our local grant giving has risen 29% on the previous year and records seven consecutive years of strong growth, in both numbers and the value of the grants given to young students. This result has been enhanced by the joining of new communities, namely Shoalhaven, Gwydir, Hastings and Macleay Valley.

The growth over the last year has been further enhanced by our new partnership with the Loder Foundation that is providing scholarships at Narrabri and Moree. Further, the support of the Eureka Foundation with its focus on Broken Hill has been another example of us as an organisation linking to like-minded philanthropic organisations with ambitions to provide educational scholarships to aspirants in regional Australia. The fact that we have our feet on the ground, combined with a deep knowledge of local communities, puts us in an absolutely unique position to judge worthy candidates. This connection from philanthropic-minded families to the grass roots is a key attribute of the CEF.

Sarah Taylor, in her CEO's report to stakeholders at the AGM, will give more detail of the particular support that we have received during this year. I must confess that at times it is challenging to gain financial support and commitment when so many other demands are being made on both individuals and families, thus it was a rejuvenating affair earlier this year to have the CEF Friends' Lunch in Sydney and the opportunity to hear from Tim Fischer on his time in the Vatican. The event which was most kindly sponsored by Boyce Accountants was one of those warm and reinforcing experiences that keep the batteries charged for a prolonged period. We have developed a wonderful group of Friends with a common spirit to work to redress some of the disadvantages suffered by regional students in Australia.

Such support is headed by the continuing engagement that we find with the Origin Foundation. They retain a partnership commitment to our success that has been both financially generous and morally supportive. During the year their Grants Program Manager, Tom Keenan, committed himself to travelling around southern NSW with Sarah Taylor, visiting our communities. This was enormously appreciated by these communities and is to be replicated in a similar journey scheduled for later this year around the key Queensland communities working with us.

We could not have made it through the year without our community partners providing pro bono assistance and this particularly applies to Matt Wilson and Stephen Godbold who advised us on technology strategy along with funding from Origin and Macquarie University to get our website rebuilt. These contributions have been supplemented by a wonderful team of volunteers and young interns who are regularly in our larger Orange office, helping on a myriad of tasks.

This year we farewelled most sadly Quentin Bryce, when she stepped down as both our Patron and Governor General of Australia. Her commitment to regional Australia is profound and her clarity of thought and passion comes through clearly when she speaks to our cause. I enjoyed the opportunity during the year of being with her to present the awards at the Temora and District Education Foundation where all those qualities were on display. She will be genuinely and sadly missed by us along with many others.

Thankfully, after Quentin Bryce's retirement we were lucky enough to be able to welcome back Tim Fischer after his sojourn to the Vatican. He assumes the role of Patron with the frenetic energy and commitment which he has become renowned for. His passion for the task of education and providing opportunity for young people to enjoy its benefits remains undiminished and if anything enhanced by his experiences overseas. He is an extraordinary Australian and we are privileged to have his support.

The organisation led by Sarah Taylor is one that features a committed and highly professional team. Katie Walker, who has announced her retirement from the organisation, has been with us since the beginning and without doubt her role in the founding years had much to do with gaining sufficient traction to see us emerge successfully. We thank her most profoundly.

The rest of the team have risen to the challenges and opportunities of the past year with great professionalism. Henrietta Hood, Jane McKenzie Hollows and Kate Staniforth show a level of commitment that is rare and a privilege to lead. They, along with our diligent pro bono financial team at Boyce Chartered Accountants, have been integral to the success of the organisation.



Nicholas Burton Taylor AM,  
CEF Chairman



# CEO's report



Sarah Taylor  
Chief Executive Officer

2014 was a productive and rewarding year for the CEF and our family of foundations, with strong growth in the level of assistance provided to rural and regional students and very positive results flowing from our implementation of the recommendations of the 2013 CEF Strategic Review.

The number of local foundations active in grant making increased to 41 this year and between them 458 grants were awarded with a combined value of over \$600,000, up 29 per cent on the previous year. Our local foundations are to be commended for these great results – which were achieved despite difficult economic conditions, particularly in communities still impacted by severe drought conditions. They just keep on going.

At the national level, our focus was on consolidating our operations and preparing for future growth. In line with the 2013 Strategic Review we concentrated on the following:

- > refinement of our operating model to ensure financial security and sustainability
- > foundation support and succession planning and
- > creating a sound technical platform to support current operations and future growth.

One of our top priorities was to identify opportunities to make our operations more efficient and cost effective. Solid progress was made on this front – guided by pro bono technical advisers Steven Godbold and Matt Wilson – including sourcing capacity building funds to invest in technology, purchase new equipment and develop a new CEF website, which launched in October 2013. The new website has generated remarkable results since day one.

Our focus on developing more diverse income streams has also paid off. 2014 saw a strengthening of our financial position through new funding sources including the inaugural CEF Friends' Lunch in June 2014 – which also served as an opportunity to welcome our new

Patron, The Hon Tim Fischer AC, following the departure of Dame Quentin Bryce on her retirement from the role of Governor General.

Revenue growth was also developed through CEF resources such as the Scholarships Guide and University Survival Guide; donations to the national office; major new scholarships sourced by the national office; and administration and project fees from education and scholarship partners.

The past year has also seen increased engagement with partners and donors and in particular our principal partners Boyce Chartered Accountants, Macquarie University and the Origin Foundation, whose continued support underpins our operations. We are very fortunate that, despite a constrained funding environment, they each increased their assistance to the CEF over the past 12 months.

Our relationship with each of these organisations is a valued partnership. Special thanks are due in particular to Beth Hoskins and Rebecca Duffy at Boyce who are always generous with their time, advice and ideas; Tom Keenan, Sean Barrett and the Origin team; and Ruth Tregale and her team at Macquarie University.

One of our challenges during 2014 was the maintenance of our partnerships with some 20 education partners across NSW, Queensland, NT and SA, with many of them facing changes to their own policy and funding arrangements. Despite the uncertainty we have been fortunate to secure ongoing partnership arrangements with the majority of the universities and colleges who have previously supported our students. Their continued support is a demonstration of their strong commitment to providing access and equity for rural and regional students.

Another critical focus area was that of our profile and 'reach' – getting the word out about who we are and what we do. Relying as we do on donations and fundraising to fund our work, profile is critical. I'm pleased to report excellent results on that front, with increased national and local media coverage and 'word of mouth' reach through our website, stakeholder communications, community partnerships and other outreach activities.

Each of the areas and achievements outlined above has been part of a deliberate program of work seeking to improve and strengthen the position of the CEF. Embarking just over a year ago on this multi-pronged plan, it is very satisfying to see the results to date. And for which I have a fantastic team to thank.

Henrietta Hood, Jane McKenzie Hollows, Kate Staniforth and Katie Walker are committed, hard-working, adaptable and they are all here because they want to make a difference. Their capacity to rise to the opportunities and challenges of the NFP sector – and celebrate the highlights – makes them a joy to work with. With the constant encouragement and support of our Executive Committee – Nick and Julia Burton Taylor, Guy Milson and Katie Walker – they have made 2014 a successful and memorable year.

Sadly, we will farewell two of the team in the coming year, with the retirement of Katie Walker and the departure of Jane McKenzie Hollows. Jane has only been with us since 2013 but in that short time has endeared herself to all. We wish her the very best for the future as she leaves for northern NSW with her growing family.

During 20 years of service Katie Walker has had an enormous impact, helping to establish the CEF and take it from a kitchen table passion to a family of over 40 foundations and 400 volunteers. Katie has selflessly dedicated her time and energy to the organisation, earning her the appreciation and admiration of everyone at the CEF. We are fortunate that Katie will stay on as a member of the CEF Board where she will continue to contribute through her considerable experience, extensive networks, forensic memory – and big heart.

The positive developments of 2014 place us firmly on a pathway to a secure and sustainable future and we will build upon these gains in the year ahead. As always, our approach must be nimble and practical, working within the framework of our constrained funding environment and in a sector where there is considerable and constant change.

I look forward to that task with the knowledge that we have great volunteers and staff, a strong and committed Board and a growing network of partners, donors and supporters – and that together, we are all making a difference.



Sarah Taylor, CEF CEO

# Great results – we're really making a difference

## A year of solid growth

In 2014 we achieved outstanding results with the value of local grants increasing by 29 per cent.



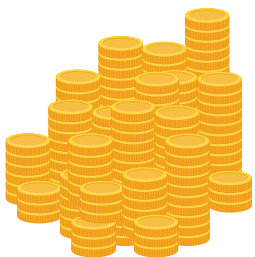
**458**

Number of grants given in 2014  
– a 4% increase on 2013



**2,995**

Number of grants given since 1993



**\$5,443,680**

Value of financial support  
provided since 1993



**\$601,700**

Value of grants given in 2014 – a 29%  
increase on 2013

**+**



**\$319,400**

Value of funding provided from our education  
partners in 2015

**=**



**\$921,100**

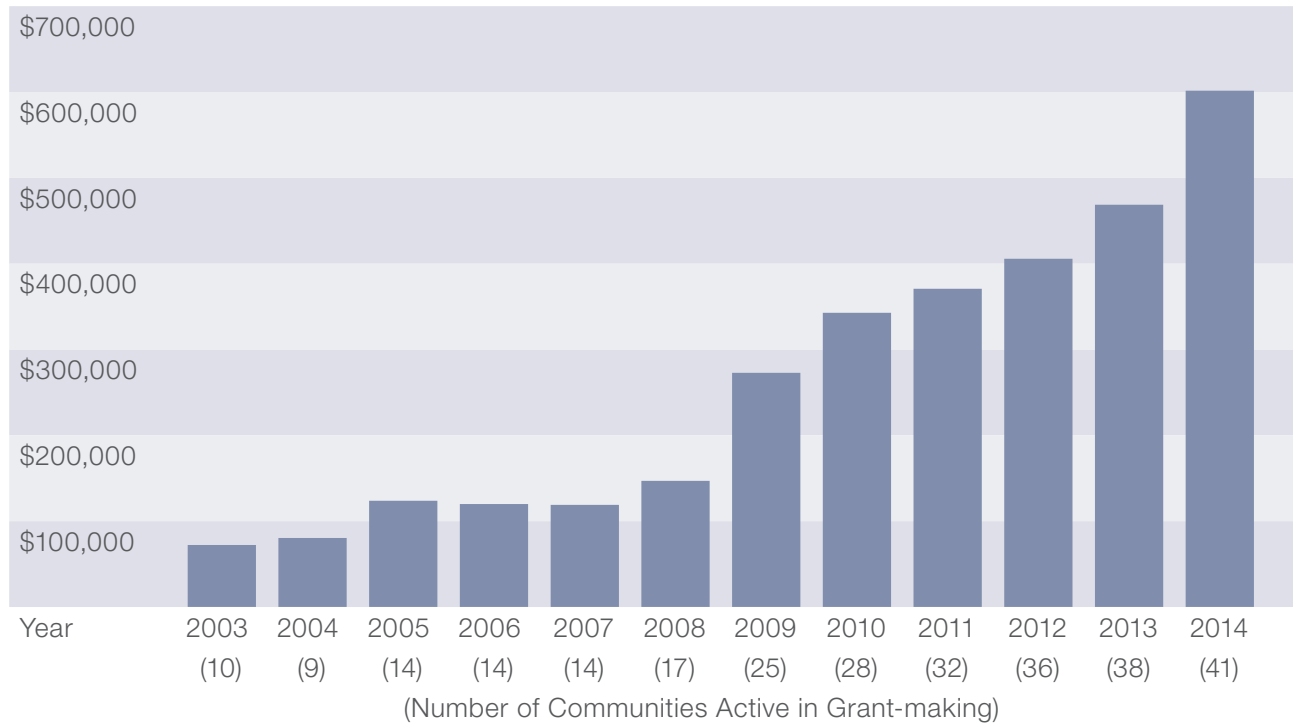
Value of financial support  
provided in 2014  
(includes grants, university/college  
co-funding and university experience camps)



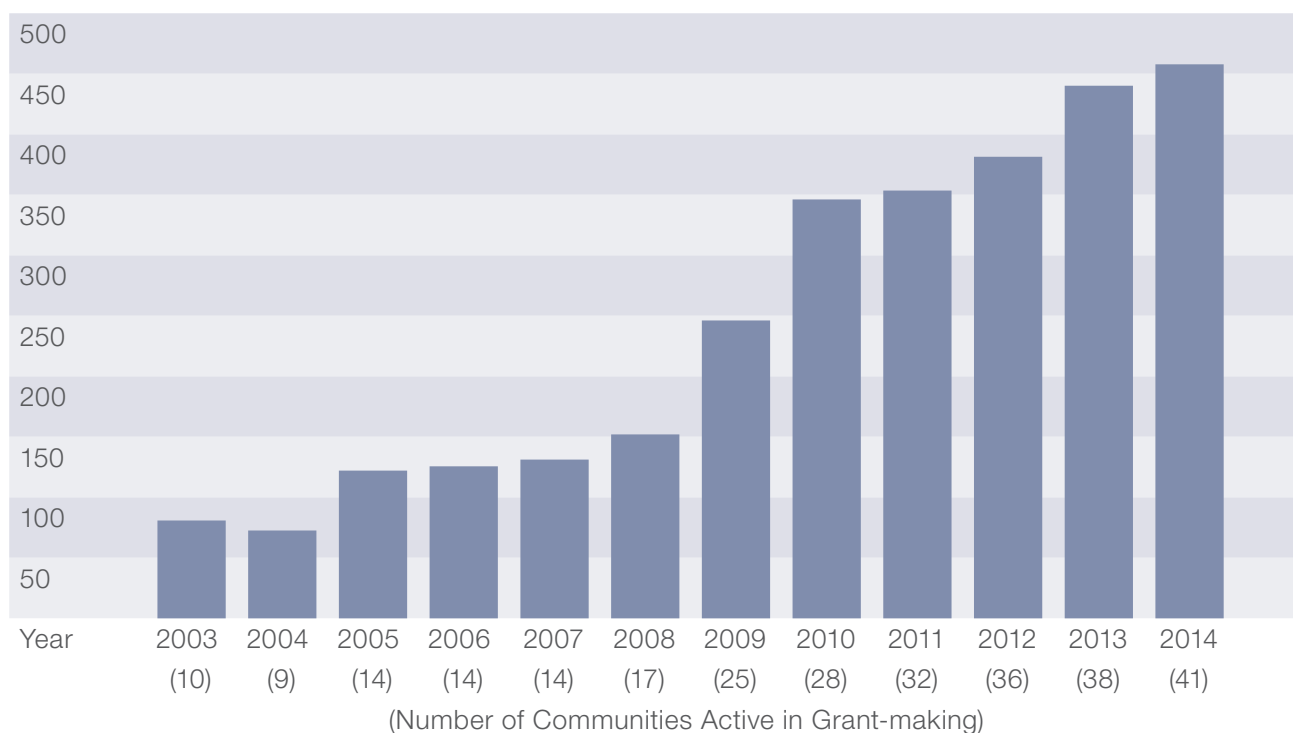
## Continued growth

Since 2003, the CEF has continued to increase the number and value of grants awarded to disadvantaged rural and regional students.

### Total Value of CEF Grants Awarded



### Number of CEF Grants Awarded



# Our stories – success looks like this

## Sisters working their way to vet careers

Sandra and Libby Summerell are two ambitious sisters from Cathcart, NSW who are both studying Veterinary Science at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga. A combination of receiving invaluable scholarships from the Monaro CEF and working as roustabouts for a local shearing team in their holidays have helped them to meet the financial demands of their chosen path of tertiary education.

“It’s a major help,” says Sandra, “as our workload for study makes it hard to have time for a part time job.”

Sandra and Libby are enjoying the range of work placements they undertake in the course, from dairy and beef cattle, to sheep, poultry and working in a piggery. After completing the five and a half year course, Sandra says her dream job is to work in a rural vet practice.



## Former CEF student helps shape the future

Daniel Willson’s grant from the Kangaroo Island CEF (KICEF) helped him to graduate from the University of Adelaide with a double degree in Economics and International Studies and pursue a career in economic and public policy. He is now a senior analyst with a professional service firm, providing policy analysis to support a diverse range of clients.

Daniel said that the support of the KICEF was crucial during the adjustment phase in his first year of university, during which time many of his peers dropped out of their respective courses at university and TAFE.

“The community support paired with the financial assistance I was given helped me to manage the transition to the city with confidence,” he said.

## Amy returns home to teach

When Amy headed to university in Brisbane with a grant from the CEF in Cunnamulla, QLD she had no idea that she'd be returning to teach at the local school and help run that same CEF committee. Four years on, that's exactly what she's doing – and loving it.

As a member of the CEF she helps raise funds and encourages today's school-leavers to follow in her footsteps. Amy said the CEF grant helped her with the cost of travel back to Cunnamulla (a nine hour drive each way) for her final placement and internship.

"The drive to and from Brisbane was not just long, but expensive... The grant helped me cover the huge cost of fuel," Amy said. "And, being able to come here to do that final practical placement helped me get the job when I graduated – so it really made a difference."



## Josh's apprenticeship success

Josh is doing an apprenticeship to gain qualifications as a licensed plumber, which means five years of study and on the job training. It also involves travelling to Canberra each day from his hometown of Murrumbateman, NSW.

Josh said the biggest difficulty he faced living in a regional area was the cost of fuel and travel expenses – on top of tools and equipment required for his course. He is grateful for the assistance provided by the Yass CEF, which has helped to cover these costs.

When he finishes his course he hopes to work for his current employer and one day start his own plumbing business in a regional area.

## Is James the next Dr Karl?

Meet James, CEF grant recipient from Alice Springs majoring in Astrophysics in a Science/Communication double degree at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra.

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.

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. James used his grant to help with the significant travel and accommodation costs when relocating from Alice Springs to Canberra.

# Our volunteers – they make it happen



The CEF volunteers are the people who make it all happen. With support from our small team in the national secretariat, the CEF is run entirely by a family of volunteers across Queensland, NSW, Northern Territory and South Australia. Each of our volunteer committees is comprised of local people who give their time and energy to raise money, raise awareness, select and support students year in, year out.

They do this because they're passionate about education and passionate about making a difference to the students and families in their communities. Their impact is enormous. And we salute them.

## Farewells

After many years of dedicated service we farewelled a number of our long-term CEF committee members during 2014 and we'd like to acknowledge their efforts. Patricia Jacka (Clare, SA) and Warwick Souter (Kangaroo Island, SA) announced their retirement and they leave with our thanks and best wishes for a well-earned rest. Both move on leaving solid and capable local teams to take up the reins.

The CEF also lost a great friend and volunteer, Christine Stanford, who died during the year after a long battle with cancer. Christine was the heart and soul of our CEF committee in Roma, QLD and she is dearly missed. We will be working with Christine's family and her local committee to establish a special scholarship in her memory – which our friends at the Origin Foundation have offered to fund.



# Our partners and supporters – they make it possible

## Donors

The CEF relies on the support of many individuals and organisations to fund our work in rural and regional Australia. We don't receive government grant funding, so everything we do is funded by the generosity of these supporters.



## Principal partners

We are particularly grateful for the significant and ongoing support provided by our 2014 principal partners, AVIS, Boyce Chartered Accountants, the Origin Foundation and Macquarie University, Sydney. Without them, we wouldn't be where we are today.



In their own way each of our principal partners underpins our operations, through financial assistance, advice and in-kind services. We are also delighted at their hands-on approach which sees them regularly engaging with our board, staff and volunteers. They are genuinely committed to, and interested in, our work.



We also receive very generous support from a number of businesses, private and family foundations, community groups and individuals who share our passion for education and supporting rural and regional communities. Many choose to remain anonymous so we are unable to thank them publicly – but our appreciation is heartfelt.

### Pro bono advisers

We'd also like to mention the special efforts of our pro bono advisers. In the technology space, Steven Godbold, Readify and Matt Wilson, Novus Res have put in enormous amounts of time, expertise and energy to help transform our infrastructure and systems.

Damian Scroope, Sydney Business Lawyers and Harry Taylor Grace, PwC, have provided valuable assistance on legal and financial matters and have been equally generous with their time and advice. Together, these CEF friends have had a huge impact and we love working with them. Thanks, guys!

### We would like to acknowledge the support provided by the following donors during 2014:

- > Bruce and Robyn Loder Foundation
- > Burton Taylor Family Foundation
- > Cages Foundation
- > Chapman Eastway
- > Cumulus Wines
- > Employment Advocacy Solutions
- > Eureka Benevolent Foundation
- > James N Kirby Foundation
- > McLean Foundation
- > Millett Family Foundation
- > Charles Sturt NSW Country Eagles
- > Price Family Foundation
- > Profield Foundation
- > R E Purves Foundation
- > Rotary Club of Sydney
- > Rotary Club of Sydney Cove
- > Simply Centrepieces
- > Snow Foundation
- > Sue Maple Brown
- > UNE Farming Futures
- > Waterfind



## Education partners

The Country Education Foundation partners with some 20 universities and colleges across Australia, which provide extra funds to our students who study at these institutions. And, what a difference they make.

Our education partners realise that many rural and regional students need an extra helping hand to make the transition to university and – in many cases – city life, far from home. Through our co-funding program, these universities and colleges provide extra funds to help students with the enormous costs associated with leaving home to study. Accommodation, travel, food and bills... it all adds up.

Our education partners also see the value and benefits of having better-supported students – lower attrition rates, better attendance rates and a better chance of success all round. If students aren't worrying about where next week's rent is coming from, or how they will pay for textbooks or course fees, they're more likely to be focused on their studies. And succeeding.

In 2014 our education partners contributed over \$300,000 to support rural and regional students. This funding was directed towards matching and supplementing our local grants and providing resources to help students get into tertiary study.

### 2014 Education partners

- > Australian Catholic University
- > Australian National University
- > Charles Sturt University
- > Flinders University
- > International College of Management
- > James Cook University
- > Macquarie University
- > Queensland University of Technology
- > Southern Cross University
- > Tocal Agriculture College
- > University of Adelaide
- > University of Canberra
- > University of Newcastle
- > University of NSW
- > University of South Australia
- > University of Sydney
- > University of Technology, Sydney
- > University of Western Sydney
- > University of Wollongong

## Lighting the learning fire

One of the highlights of the year for students in CEF communities was the annual University Experience Program – a trip to Sydney or Canberra to see first-hand what uni is really like.

Sponsored by our partners at the Australian National University (ANU), University of Canberra (UC), Macquarie University (MU) and the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), these university visits have been enormously successful. Accompanied by their teachers and guided by current uni students and staff, they get a real-life uni experience covering lectures, tutorials and workshops,

sports, accommodation tours and dining. For many it really lights a fire and spurs them on to work hard and pursue their study goals.

We're enormously grateful for the support of ANU, UC, UTS and Macquarie for working with us to help country kids to get a better understanding of what uni is really like, and where it can take them in life.



# Our Patrons – a fond farewell and a welcome return

In 2014 the CEF reluctantly farewelled our wonderful Patron, The Honourable Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO, who had served in this role since 2009. Throughout this time, Dame Quentin has made a significant and lasting contribution to both the CEF and to the lives of the young rural and regional Australians who we support. She leaves with our deep appreciation and thanks and our best wishes for an enjoyable and well-earned retirement.



The Honourable Dame  
Quentin Bryce AD CVO  
Former Governor General  
of Australia

*"I am enormously proud of the work you do to encourage the personal growth and career development of students from country areas... I congratulate you on your achievements to date and wish you well as you continue your outstanding work for young Australians."*

Fortunately, we were delighted to welcome back to the role our former Patron, friend and supporter, The Hon Tim Fischer AC, former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia. Tim was welcomed to his new role at our annual CEF Friends' Lunch in June, at the NSW State Library in Sydney where he shared great tales from his time as Australian Ambassador to the Holy See.



The Honourable Tim Fischer AC  
Former Deputy Prime Minister  
of Australia, CEF Patron

*"By supporting CEF you will be helping to provide life-changing opportunities for disadvantaged rural students—and supporting rural communities across Australia. In ten vigorous years the Country Education Foundation has lifted the lives of many but in the process lifted the fabric of many communities and the state and nation."*

# Financials # 1 – an excellent investment



The CEF model of locally-based grants and support delivers a sound return on investment for our donors.

Independent research by Social Ventures Australia (SROI Research Report 2011) indicates that for every \$1 invested in the CEF a return of between \$3-\$5 is generated.

Every dollar we receive in donations provides a significant return of social value for grant recipients, their families and their communities.

*It's an investment in the future of rural and regional Australia.*

# Financials # 2 – what we made, what we spent

## Condensed financial report 2013-14

	2014	2013
<b>Funds we raised</b>		
Donations to program funding	1,052,000	661,000
Income from funds invested	34,000	41,000
Change in value of investments	31,000	63,000
Other income	39,000	23,000
	<b>1,156,000</b>	<b>788,000</b>
<b>What we spent</b>		
Distributed to regional foundations	503,000	550,000
Program support and community education	204,000	
Administration and fundraising	184,000	271,000
Program funding	54,000	73,000
Depreciation, amortisation	12,000	4,000
	<b>957,000</b>	<b>898,000</b>
Retained for ongoing initiatives/(paid out of reserves)	<b>199,000</b>	<b>(110,000)</b>
<b>What we own</b>		
Cash	527,000	426,000
Investments	324,000	293,000
Other assets including intangibles	62,000	23,000
	<b>913,000</b>	<b>742,000</b>
Sundry payables and provisions	32,000	60,000
Our net assets	<b>881,000</b>	<b>682,000</b>



# Governance – our Board

## Nick Burton Taylor AM, Chairman

- > Founding Chairman of Country Education Foundation of Australia, Boorowa Education Foundation
- > Principal of Hillgrove Pastoral
- > Founder and former Managing Director of Hays Personnel (Australia)
- > Past Chairman of Australian Agricultural Company, Airservices Australia, Australian Topmaking Services
- > Past Director CSR Limited, Hazelton Airlines, Rural Press, Sydney Airport Corp, Meat Research Corporation
- > Past President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants

## Julia Burton Taylor, Secretary

- > Founding member of Country Education Foundation of Australia
- > Committee Member, Boorowa Education Foundation

## Guy Milson, Treasurer

- > Chair of Goulburn & District Education Foundation
- > Principal of “Cardross” Goulburn and other agricultural properties
- > B Economics, University of Sydney

## Stuart Black AM

- > Former Managing Partner, Chapman Eastway Chartered Accountants
- > Board Member of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board
- > Non Executive Director of Coffey International Limited, Chartered Accountants Benevolent Fund
- > Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, past President
- > Fellow of the Tax Institute of Australia and the Australian Institute of Company Directors
- > Former Chair of ICAA Rural & Regional Issue Group



## Michael Boyce

- > Founder of BOYCE Chartered Accountants
- > Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Fellow of the Institute of Company Directors
- > Director of Namoi Cotton Co-Operative Ltd, Monbeef Pty Ltd, Hazeldean Pty Ltd
- > Management Committee of Monaro Early Intervention Service Inc
- > Chair of Fugen Hardware Group Pty Ltd, Past Chair of the Board of Governors Winfred West Schools Ltd

## David Smithers AM

- > Director of James N Kirby Foundation Pty Limited, Director of Genea Limited
- > Former Chairman of PwC Australia and Member of PwC Global Board
- > Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants, past President, Fellow, Australian Institute of Company Directors
- > Former Director of Sydney Olympics 2000 Bid Limited and Chairman of its Finance Commission

## Katie Walker

- > Member of Yass District Education Foundation
- > Executive Officer, Country Education Foundation of Australia
- > Partner of Ledgworth Partnership – grazing property in the Yass district
- > Deputy Chair of Yass Aged Care Foundation

# Join us – change lives through education



## *Invest in natural resources*

Help our kids build the future they deserve  
- and Australia needs.

[Click here to make a  
tax deductible donation](#)

## Partnerships

We are seeking corporate and individual partners to invest in the future of rural and regional Australia by helping us extend our services and programs. Please contact the CEF office to discuss partnering opportunities. By supporting us you will be investing in students, families and their rural and regional communities.

## Providers/Suppliers

We also welcome in-kind donations of goods or services to support our day to day operations – such as professional services, office equipment, computers/software, technology support, travel and accommodation, printing and advertising.

## How to make a tax deductible donation

- > Donations \$2 and over are tax deductible
- > Visit **www.cef.org.au** and click on the 'donate now' button on our home page
- > Contact us on: **(02) 6262 3162** to discuss direct bank transfers and other payments
- > Mail your cheque to:  
**Country Education Foundation**  
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Orange NSW 2800