



CEO message



Right now, year 12 students across Australia are on the countdown to final exams and with that, some big decisions about what

comes next: TAFE? Uni? A job or apprenticeship?

For many rural and regional kids, none of the above will be possible without financial assistance to make the transition.

The CEF Scholarships Guide (p3) is a must-read for those students and their families. The Guide contains hundreds of scholarships available through our education partners and other providers across the country.

This year's Guide is our best yet, thanks to the great support of our partners at Griffith University, the Bridges Partnership and the Origin Foundation.

We are also grateful for the wonderful contributions of our interns Alex

McInnes and April Stons from Charles Sturt University in Bathurst. They've been very generous with their time and talents.

If you know a student or family who could use some help to make their way next year, be sure to tell them about it.

Best wishes,



Sarah Taylor, CEO

Garth's sporting success



Garth Rafferty meets Southern Cross University Chancellor and CEF Chairman, Nick Burton Taylor AM.

Garth Rafferty has come a long way since high school, where he was discouraged from even going on to Year 12.

Fortunately, he pressed on and not only finished with flying colours, but Garth gained entry into the Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science/Bachelor of

Education (Secondary) at Southern Cross University in Lismore, where he was recently awarded the 2014 Recognition of Academic Excellence commendation. The Recognition of Academic Excellence is awarded annually to students who achieve a GPA (grade point average) greater than 6 (higher than a Distinction average). He hadn't bargained on the high cost

of text books, so a grant from the Hastings CEF (HEF) was very beneficial, helping with those expenses as well as a laptop.

"When young people start their life at university, it is easy to forget to factor in unexpected expenses such as text books and equipment. This can sometimes be quite difficult for struggling students to afford." Garth said.

"My first year at university was very challenging. Handling the large workload has sometimes been stressful, but the assistance from HEF has taken off some of the pressure and motivated me because I know my community is behind me," he said.

"It also makes you work harder, knowing people have confidence in you," Garth said.

Thank you...

Helping rural and regional students to achieve their education and career goals is what we do. This year, over 460 school leavers are receiving grants, thanks to the support of our generous partners and supporters.

A special thank you this month for their recent and generous assistance must go to: Aurelia Metals and the Millett Family Foundation.



Alice Sharpe - student profile



Alice Sharpe is a third year Science student at Monash University in Melbourne.

Originally from Deniliquin, Alice became interested in science in high school, and is now majoring in genetics and molecular biology.

Receiving a grant from the Edward River Country Education Foundation has allowed Alice to live on campus and helped smooth the transition when moving from a small country town to a new city.

Alice has achieved academic greatness in her course and is ranked within the top ten of her class, receiving letters of commendation from her teachers.

Due to her hard work, Alice has recently been chosen from 150 applicants into a six-week program at the prestigious Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne, in the Cancer Genetics Laboratory.

Well done Alice! We look forward to hearing your updates.

"Edward River" CEF recipient, Alice Sharpe, is in her third year of Science at Monash University, majoring in genetics and molecular biology.

In Tom's Memory: 1994-2014

The sudden death of former Toowoomba Grammar School leader Tom Lyons stunned his school community and those who knew and loved him.

Mr Lyons, 21, collapsed shortly after crossing the finish line in February this year, after competing in the Hell of the West triathlon in Goondiwindi, QLD.

Toowoomba Grammar School headmaster Peter Hauser remembered Mr Lyons as "an outstanding young man of high intellect and diligence". He was a gifted leader, and was senior prefect (school captain) in his graduating class of 2009.

That year, he also captained the school's first XV rugby union side and was vice captain of the first

XI cricket team. It was said that his post-match addresses were just outstanding because he was so smart. By all accounts, he was an exceptional student leader.

Tom was a very humble young man and had the great ability to relate to everyone. He was remembered for his love of the land and the special memories he had of helping his dad on their farm at Nobby.

His close friend, Ben Maunder, said that "Tom was the 'country kid' and growing up on the land was a strong part of who he was." In his memory, a group of Tom's friends decided to raise funds for the Country Education Foundation by organising a cricket match. He would have liked that the CEF has a 'rural feel' Ben said.



Tom Lyons: his friends have generously donated to the CEF in Tom's honour to reflect his love of all things with a 'rural feel'. Photo courtesy of Facebook.

Nap goes West



Nap Holmes benefits from the support she received from the Origin Foundation and CSU through Great Lakes Country Education Foundation. Photo courtesy of the Central Western Daily.

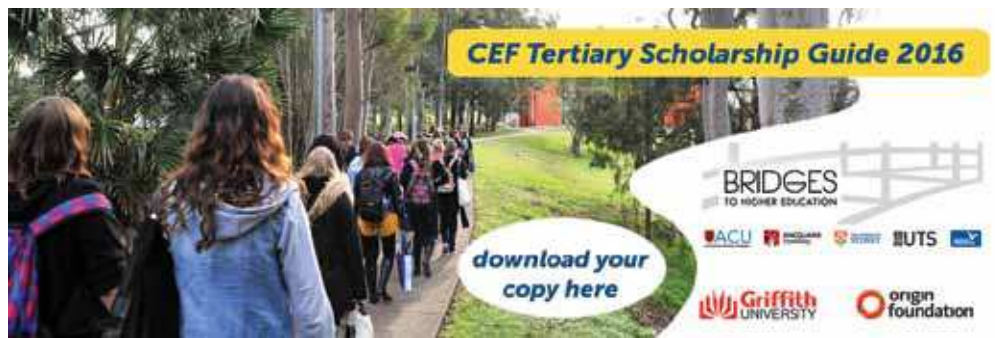
Nap Holmes feels very fortunate that she was able to take up the physiotherapy place that was offered to her by Charles Sturt University, however the move to Orange faced Nap with challenges that she would not have been able to overcome if it wasn't for the financial support that she received through the Great Lakes CEF from the Origin Foundation and CSU (in the form of a voucher for supplies such as textbooks).

The financial assistance has allowed Nap to subsidise her accommodation costs as well as buy textbooks and an iPad for lectures.

Her goal of attending university has been achieved and she is enthusiastic about striving forward. She recently received a High Distinction in her physiology assignment.

Scholarships Guide

The CEF 2016 Tertiary Scholarships Guide for Rural and Regional Students is live on our website, and is bigger and better than ever before. It contains hundreds of scholarships and grants from more than 20 partner universities and scholarship providers across Australia. It has been prepared by the CEF to help students access financial support for tertiary study.



Our Scholarships Guide can be found online at: www.cef.org.au/students/scholarships/

Invest in natural resources! Help our kids build the future they deserve – and Australia needs.

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

Pro Bono: Call us on **02 6362 3162**

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



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Art on the Monaro



Joey Herbert, Marty and Elizabeth Timmins, Ann Maslin.
Photos courtesy of the Cooma-Monaro Express.



Jane Murdoch with her Pear sculpture.



Denham Williams, Lainie Lawson, Margie Bright and Charlie Maslin (contributing artist).

The Monaro Education Foundation (MEF) held their highly anticipated Art on the Monaro in August and were thrilled to raise over \$30,000.

These funds will go towards helping local school leavers achieve their

career dreams by supporting them in their tertiary education.

MEF Chairperson, Libby Litchfield, said “we were bowled over by the incredibly generous response from the Monaro community.”

One of those who purchased an item on the night was a teacher who had previously been given financial assistance by the MEF while he studied his teaching degree, and who now works in the local school.

Education Foundations

NSW

Balranald
Boorowa
Braidwood
Broken Hill
Coleambally
Coonamble
Cootamundra
Cowra
Edward River
Gilgandra
Goulburn
Great Lakes
Griffith
Gulgambone
Gunnedah

Gwydir
Harden
Hastings
Lockhart
Macleay Valley
Merriwa
Monaro
Narrabri
Nyngan
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)

Our lovely CSU Interns

Alex McInnes and April Stons (pictured right) were an important resource when we were compiling the 2016 Scholarships Guide. As interns from CSU in Bathurst, their contribution was invaluable. Our team really enjoyed the time that they were in the office with us.



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*To educate a child is
to turn walls into doors.*

– Unknown

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