



**EDUCATION
CHANGES LIVES.
AND FAMILIES.
AND COMMUNITIES.**

From the CEO's desk...



What a year we are having, and probably one we will all be happy to forget!

But here at CEF things are moving in the right direction. Our students are ploughing ahead with their studies. Either online or on campus, they are finding a way to make their education goals a reality. And it is this determination, resilience and perseverance which really sets this 2020 CEF cohort apart. Our tradie Callum is one such grant recipient who represents all of this and more.

Our volunteers, as ever, continue their unwavering passion to support their young people and our story from CEF Namoi proves just that.

We are extremely proud of the newly launched 'Make it Possible' Inspiration Hub aimed to inspire and broaden the aspirations of our rural and regional youth.

And with 'Include a Charity Week' being held from 7-13 September, we felt what better way to raise the conversation of leaving a gift in your will to CEF. Not just for the wealthy - a gift of any size helps our work for rural and regional students live on.

Best wishes,

Juliet

Juliet Petersen
CEO



**Give a little,
change a lot**
Round Up to Make a Difference

Officeworks Round Up

In June we were one of seventeen lucky charities to be a part of the national Officeworks 'Round Up to Make a Difference' campaign. Each charity was chosen by a number of stores where customers were offered the option to round up their purchase to the nearest dollar.

CEF staff and students visited some of the stores during the three week campaign to promote the work we do for rural and regional students.

Proving our motto that *every little bit helps*, Officeworks raised a massive one million dollars!

Not just for CEF of course, but we did receive an amazing \$19,761 and the opportunity to raise awareness of educational equity in country Australia.



CEF National's Nicole Wright and Juliet Petersen at Officeworks Orange

**Resources to guide those difficult
post school choices**



Last month we launched our newest online resource, the 'Make it Possible' Rural and Regional Inspiration Hub.

Designed to inspire and inform rural and regional students from years 9-12 (or those who have taken a gap year or two) about their options for post school education.

With support from Macquarie University and other partners, the hub features practical and easy to navigate information. The videos and stories are from current and past CEF recipients. They give tips for overcoming challenges and worries, navigating the array of choices and lots more.

Check it out and be sure to share with any teenagers in your life.

www.cef.org.au/make-it-possible



The ever popular **Scholarships Guide** has also just been launched.

Featuring thousands of dollars worth of university scholarships, grants and bursaries, it allows future and current students, and their influencers to locate scholarships in just a few clicks.

Country youth have faced so much in recent years. We know how resilient they are so the theme of the Scholarships Guide for 2021 is #ChallengeAccepted.

www.cef.org.au/scholarships-guide

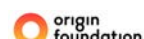
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Student aspiration and local support drives CEF Namoi

The strength of the CEF network lies in the delicate balance of individual diversity, and each local CEF foundation's collective goal.

Our volunteers possess all manner of talents, skills and interests. Take CEF Namoi, a committee who humbly admits to talents including child wrangling, event planning, cooking delicious treats and one with the voice of an angel.

As with all our committees, it is what volunteers have in common that drives local foundation success. When asked, CEF Namoi identifies these as generosity, motivation, and the unwavering dedication to make the education journey easier for their local young people.

CEF NAMOI IN THE BEGINNING

Jocellin Jansson a Narrabri local and former CEF CEO, was the passionate advocate for educational equity, identifying the significant need of their youth. In 2002, Jocellin formed a dynamic committee and established CEF Namoi (formally Narrabri Education Foundation).

Today CEF Namoi is considered a worthy and reliable charity, working with the local community for the local youth.

“I’m honoured to be able to support the young people of our community to achieve their education dreams whilst simultaneously investing in the future of our region.”

Angela Young

CEF Namoi Committee Member

THE QUESTION OF SELECTION

Each of our volunteers work diligently to identify the worthiest recipients. After the shortlisting process, students are interviewed, so the committee really understands their circumstances and aspirations.

Rebecca Thistlethwaite, CEF Namoi secretary explains, “When you know the background of some of our applicants, it amazes me how resilient, resourceful and driven they are. The first in their family to finish high school, the first to go on to further education. Emancipated, and supporting themselves financially while undertaking the HSC. And nobody knows this until they ask the right questions.”

CEF committees know their community well and believe in delivering the best opportunities for students to reach their goals.

LOCAL GRANTS AND NATIONAL FUNDING

Funding these students is firstly thanks to the generosity of local businesses and individuals who sponsor and donate to CEF Namoi. Being part of the national CEF network, students may also be eligible for further national funding thanks to the educational, corporate, and philanthropic partnerships of national office.



WHY OUR VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEER

Like most young people, my three children had to move away to complete their education. After experiencing it firsthand, I am well aware of the extra financial cost country people incur in acquiring tertiary education and it is the reason I dedicate my time to this worthy cause.

Rob Jackson

CEF Namoi Treasurer

A Lasting Legacy

Your generosity could make all the difference to a young person living in a rural and regional area who would otherwise be unable to access the further education they desire.

Speak to us at CEF about leaving a gift in your will.



**INCLUDE
A CHARITY**
Make your mark



Finances are always a struggle for young rural regional students taking on study and heading into the workforce, and even more so on an apprentice's wage.

Callum Furner regularly travels almost two and a half hours to Bathurst NSW, the closest TAFE offering bricklaying. He needs to purchase his own set of bricklaying tools which don't come cheap.

But, he loves his apprenticeship and wouldn't be doing anything else.

MORE THAN JUST AN EMPLOYER

Callum loves the team dynamic of bricklaying and that he has a skilled mentor teaching him the craft at Tibbles Bricklaying in Goulburn.

Considered a 'master of his apprentices' Lester Tibble is one of the best. A member of the Australian "Skillaroos" who won the bronze medal at the 2011 International Worldskills Competition in London, he also won a gold medal at the 2010 competition in Brisbane and the 2009 Golden Trowel award.

Lester and his wife Renea are passionate about training high quality apprentices. They not only provide employment but also important mentorship and support and it was them who encouraged Callum to apply for a CEF grant.

HOW CEF HELPS

Callum believed that he was not eligible for support from CEF, thinking it was just for university students.

Now he knows that CEF and its 44 local foundations, like the Country Education Foundation of Goulburn and District, supports any type of study after school, and he encourages others to apply for financial assistance.

"Starting my apprenticeship is the best thing I have ever done, I wish I had started earlier."

Brick by brick, Callum is building his dream



"I love that at the end of the day I can see the result of the hard work I've put in. Seeing what I've built throughout the day gives me a great sense of job satisfaction."

CEF knows there is no 'one size fits all' when it comes to study and wants students with all types of dreams and ambitions to apply for support.

The grant and scholarship from CEF and The Snow Foundation assist significantly in taking a lot of financial pressure off Callum, allowing him to focus on his training and work and motivating him to always improve.

ALL SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

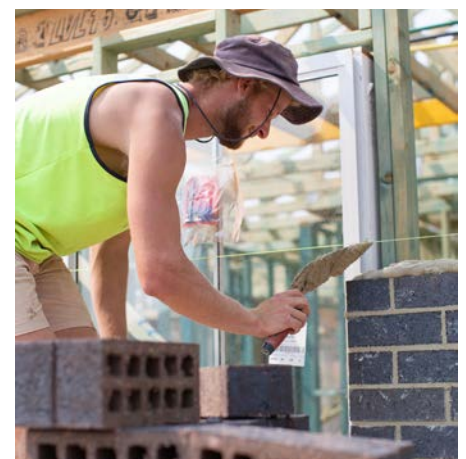
Callum's proudest moment so far was receiving his first bonus from his bosses for performing well onsite and at TAFE.

He says the support and recognition he receives from his employers 'cements' for him that he is on the right track and made the right decision to take up the position with Tibbles.

Callum wants regional students to know that if university is not the right thing for them, they should seriously consider an apprenticeship.

He knows many regional students are 'in the same boat as him' when it comes to issues with distance and finances.

The support from CEF, CEF Goulburn and District, The Snow Foundation and great employers like Tibbles Bricklaying can make a big difference – and Callum knows this first hand.



"Callum works as hard as he possibly can every day. I respect his determination and dedication. He applies himself both onsite and at TAFE, has a great attitude and I have no doubt that he will be a highly skilled bricklayer by the end of his apprenticeship."

Lester Tibbles



Educational Equity

The issue of equity in education for rural and regional students has long been studied by tertiary institutions, government and independent organisations.

Here are some of the concerning statistics regarding our students when it comes to education:

- Successful completion of year 12 or equivalent drops from 78% in major cities to 43% in very remote areas
- Only 39% in regional areas and 32% in remote areas aspire to higher education
- Parents in regional areas are up to 12.3% less likely to expect their children to go on to higher education
- Over 64% of regional students worried about their financial situation
- 19% often go without food or necessities due to financial hardship
- Less than 1/3 of all Australians in country areas have a university qualification or higher-level VET qualification, compared to more than 1/2 in metropolitan areas
- 31% of country students cite financial difficulties as the reason for considering early departure from higher education
- Up to 57% of regional students need to relocate for university studies
- 28.4% of country students also come from a low socioeconomic background

There is no doubt that students from rural, regional and remote areas face unique and often significant challenges in undertaking, aspiring to and accessing education.

COUNTRY STRONG

At CEF we know that no matter what our country students face, they find a way to make their education goals a reality. They are forever grateful for the support they receive.

The financial assistance received, together with the social, emotional and community support makes our students feel empowered and makes their transition to life after school a whole lot easier.

*References to the above statistics can be found at <https://cef.org.au/educational-equity/>

Please donate to help more rural and regional youth continue their education and training

CEF is a registered charity with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR1) status. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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