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**From the CEO's desk...**



As we stride towards the end of an extraordinary year (in every sense of the word), CEF celebrates more amazing achievements which I'm delighted to share with you in this Christmas newsletter.

But first, let's acknowledge the huge number at the top of this page. To me, it represents the passion of our volunteers and the commitment of our donors, who recognise the value of education opportunities for young people, by pledging money at a time of economic uncertainty.

It's been awards season here and we bring to you our greatest alumni and volunteers of 2020.

You can read about our newest resource which provides extra opportunities for rural and regional students as well as a unique mentorship available with Angus Barrett Saddlery.

To wrap up the year, why not be that 'generous grandma' Hareem from CEF Walgett talks about in our Christmas campaign.

Wishing you a wonderful festive season.

Best wishes,

*Juliet*

Juliet Petersen  
CEO



## Matched Giving Generosity

What an amazing result for our Matched Giving Campaign! With your support, our local foundations have received over \$230,000 in donations throughout October and November.

After a trying year, the funds will go a long way to bolstering our communities' fundraising efforts and increase the financial support available to our 2021 grant applicants.



## Katie Walker Outstanding Service Awards

**"Beth was instrumental in setting up the Goulburn foundation and was on the committee for 17 years. There is only one Beth!"**



**Beth Hoskins, CEF Goulburn**

**"Mary's 3 Ps - Positive outlook, Passion for helping the disadvantaged, and Professionalism - has made her fundamental to the success of GLEF over the last 8 Years."**



**Mary Browne  
Great Lakes Education Fund**

CEF's success is due to the genuine passion, long term generosity, community knowledge and influence of foundation volunteers.

Katie Walker, Yass District Education Foundation member and CEF Founding Director, each year proudly presents the Katie Walker Outstanding Service Awards. "This award is just a small way we can acknowledge and thank our volunteers. Each year it becomes more difficult to select from all the remarkable nominees," Mrs Walker said.

Nominated by their fellow committee members, this year's winners were Beth Hoskins, CEF Goulburn and Mary Browne, Great Lakes Education Fund.

Beth helped set up CEF Goulburn and, with her financial expertise and wise counsel, helped create many of the resources and templates still used by our foundations. Beth was also influential in establishing Boyce Chartered Accountant's pro bono relationship with CEF national which is still going strong to this day.

Mary has also been involved since the inception of her local foundation, Great Lakes Education Fund. And, we have it on good authority, that when she is not acting in her official role as Secretary (in her time Mary has also been the Chair, the Public Officer and the Publicity Officer!), she can be found liaising with students, producing the GLEF newsletter or cooking up a storm for a fundraising event.

**Congratulations to all the nominees and winners.**

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Angus Barrett founded and runs a highly regarded saddlery and leather goods manufacturing business in Orange, NSW. Growing up on the land, horses were his passion and as a cowboy at heart, Angus now wants to mentor a 'kid from the bush' and share what he has learnt in the last 20 years.

#### FINDING A PASSION

**Angus knows the road to success is not always clear. He also understands that you only get out of life what you put into it.**

"I left school at 16. School was not a negative experience for me, but I felt it wasn't a very good use of my time. I did not capitalise on the opportunities that were right in front of me. My feet started to become itchy and I just wanted to get out there amongst it all, whatever that might be."

After leaving school, Angus met and started working as a stockman in Griffith, NSW with a local farmer, Mr Peter Salvestro. Angus described this as a wonderful way to start a new life away from school, family and the known security of the small country town he grew up in.

Angus says Peter was an amazingly passionate person who followed his heart and head when making decisions. "Peter has been an inspiration and mentor for the last 25 years. For two years I worked alongside Peter, I sat next to him in a ute and listened to his every instruction and every conversation. **I watched, learned and soaked up every drop of business acumen that was available. It was the apprenticeship of a lifetime!**"

From this starting point Angus did not have a clear-cut career path ahead of him but says "In those early years, it was just myself, my motorbike and my dog. What became apparent was that I had an opportunity to create direction in my own life. It was my first completely independent

# Taking the reins: from bush to business



**"Design your life the way you want it"**  
Angus Barrett

experience, and I was inspired to seek and strive and look ahead with vision."

His love for horses and rodeo led to learning leatherwork and saddlery, ultimately starting the journey that he is now on.

**"It's easy to get training if you're passionate and prepared to work for it.** I have worked with leading saddlers around the world. I made no money in doing so but the experience and training was invaluable. I have always found people who are willing to help and teach me."

#### PAYING IT FORWARD

Angus now wants to share and give back to something greater than himself. **He is offering his time and skills by partnering with CEF to offer a mentorship opportunity to a young person from rural or regional Australia.**

"I want to help steer the life journey of a kid from the bush in the right direction. The first thing I would teach them is the value in getting up every morning with a vision

and some direction for where they would like to be in 5–10 years' time. I would like the opportunity to share what I have learnt so far in my life, what I know about starting and running a business day to day, as well as the fun stuff from how to make a stitch in leather and the power of vision and belief. We firstly need to remember that the greatest failure of all is the failure not to try."

#### WHERE DO I SIGN UP?

If you are (or know someone who is) passionate, motivated to learn and would like the opportunity to be mentored by the team at Angus Barrett Saddlery in Orange, NSW, visit [www.cef.org.au/cef-extra](http://www.cef.org.au/cef-extra) for more information.

Over the past few months we have been busily developing our newest student support program, CEF Extra.



As the name suggests, it is a way of providing extra support to our CEF students, in addition to the local grants and education partner co-funding we provide.

We now have over 40 additional scholarships available for CEF students wanting to study in a range of fields from agriculture to accounting and STEM as well as area specific scholarships for students from Broken Hill and the Namoi region. We will be expanding the program over time to include work experience and on-the-job training opportunities.

If you would like to be part of this exciting program, providing 'something extra' for our rural and regional students, please get in touch.

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*CEF has helped me immensely in the last 2 years. They are the grandma that sends you \$20 at Christmas, except a more generous grandma.*

Hareem, CEF Walgett



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Give the gift of education this Christmas

# 2020 Alinta Energy CEF Alumni Awards



We weren't going to let a global pandemic get in the way of celebrating our fabulous students so instead we took it online.

On Saturday 7 November we announced the winners of the 2020 Alinta Energy – CEF Alumni Awards during a live, virtual event connecting current and past recipients, volunteers, the CEF National team and passionate stakeholders.

An amazing 42 nominations were received for the five award categories from our local foundations spread throughout rural and regional Australia.

From STEM through to wool classing and optometry, this year's awards recognised achievements of current and past recipients from a wide range of vocations.

Winner of the highest accolade, CEF Alumnus of the Year and Charles Sturt Alumni Brooke Kaveney, recently completed her PhD on soil biochemistry and is starting a post-doctoral research position with the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR). Much of Brooke's research focuses on the importance of scientific collaboration in developing a hunger free world.

"It is an honour to be awarded Alumnus of the Year. Previous winners have accomplished so much and I feel privileged and humbled that my work has been recognised to be of a similar standard" Brooke said.



Brooke was proudly nominated by Leanne Parkman, Chair of CEF Young. This is testament to the pride CEF volunteers feel for students and the investment they have in their success.

**Congratulations to all nominees and winners, we couldn't be prouder!**



**BROOKE KAVENEY**  
ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR  
CEF YOUNG



**LAUREN HUTCHINSON**  
COMMUNITY CHAMPION  
CEF ORANGE & DISTRICTS



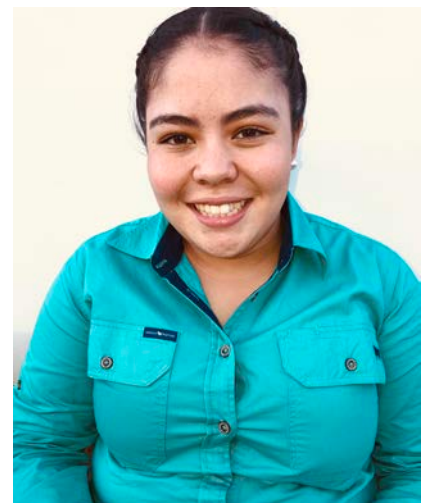
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