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FIVE YEARS OF AUDI FOUNDATION PROVIDES 39 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR REGIONAL YOUTH

Since inception, Audi Foundation has partnered with Country Education Foundation of Australia (CEF) to provide financial support to help rural and regional students undertake post-school education. The value of this partnership to date is an incredible \$350,000, including \$160,000 in direct financial support to students across the CEF network of 44 local foundations.

CEF Chief Executive Officer Juliet Petersen credits the organisation's significant growth in scholarships, to foundation, saying, "Without the support from Audi Foundation, we simply would not have been able to have had this impact in recent years."

"CEF was thrilled to be announced as an inaugural charity partner of Audi Foundation five years ago, and we have developed a wonderful relationship that will see our work together continue through until 2023," says Mrs. Petersen.

CEF is excited to celebrate Audi Foundation's 5th birthday with the announcement of the 2022 Audi Foundation – CEF Scholarship recipients.

2022 Audi Foundation – CEF Scholarship recipients

Kaitlyn Ashcroft – Hastings Education Fund

Bachelor of Aerospace Systems Engineering, University of Newcastle

Helana Trantino – CEF Young

Bachelor of Science (Advanced) (Honours), Australian National University

Brodie Taylor – Shoalhaven Education Fund

Bachelor of Data Analytics/Bachelor of Politics, Economics & Philosophy, Australian National University

Lilly Meldrum – CEF Nyngan

Bachelor of Nursing, Charles Sturt University

Beatriz Dugay – CEF Central Australia

Bachelor of Science (Pathology), Monash University

Kimberley Lowe – Hastings Education Fund

Bachelor of Animal Science, University of New England

Bronsun Walters – Great Lakes Education Fund

Bachelor of Engineering (Mechatronics), University of Newcastle

Katrina Manguera – Eudunda District Education Foundation, SA

Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences (Advanced), University of Adelaide

Meagan Dampney – CEF Namoi

Bachelor of Engineering (Mechatronics), University of New South Wales

Johnathan Woods – CEF Gilgandra

Bachelor of Cybersecurity, Macquarie University

Ebony Darcy – Hastings Education Fund

Bachelor of Medical Engineering, University of Newcastle

This year's recipients represent the national scope of CEF, with successful applicants from New South Wales to the Northern Territory, and to Eudunda in South Australia.

As a business known for innovation and driving progress, the philanthropic arm of Audi has a particular interest in STEM. The scholars are studying in a range of exciting fields including animal science, medicine, cybersecurity and aerospace engineering.

Included in the list of 2022 recipients is Meagan Dampney from the small town of Narrabri in NSW, who is receiving an Audi Foundation scholarship for the second year running. The relationship has opened up a number of opportunities for Meagan, including participation in UNSW Sunswift Racing team. Meagan is keen to help other students follow their dreams and is volunteering with CEF as part of the 'Aspirational Influencers' program, working to inspire and encourage regional youth to continue their education after school.

"Audi Foundation is excited to be celebrating our 5th birthday, and to have CEF celebrating this milestone with us. We are so proud of the difference we have been able to make in the lives of so many rural and regional Australians already, and we look forward to what we can achieve together as our partnership continues," said Hayley Nissim, Head of Audi Foundation.

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