



Spring Newsletter 2023



Education changes lives. And families. And communities.

FROM THE CEO'S DESK...

How lovely it is that Spring is finally in the air. With the longer days and warmer weather, it all comes with more good stories from CEF.

This quarter has been momentous. The success of the EOFY campaign saw close to \$630K raised in just 4 weeks! When matched with the pledged amount from an anonymous donor, this came to an astonishing \$1,027,030 to support national programs, projects, and resourcing. That's right, over a million dollars supporting educational opportunities for rural and regional youth throughout Australia.



In this newsletter you will read about the recipient of this year's CA ANZ scholarship as well as the students who have been awarded funding through our partnership with Tilt Renewables.

Our focus on inspiring and informing all students, families and communities about the value of post-school education, has seen our university experience camps back on the agenda. Providing school age students an opportunity to attend university campuses plays a big part in broadening aspiration and helping them to make the next big decision around their education journey.

These opportunities could not happen without our committees and volunteers. For the small town of Yass, major milestones are being met and we couldn't be more grateful for their work at the grassroots.

Julie Petersen



CEF Yass Adopts National Branding!

We are thrilled to announce that CEF Yass Valley - the second ever local foundation - has officially adopted our national branding! They are wholly committed to their community; driving and supporting the aspirations and educational pursuits of their youth. Founder Katie Walker says the foundation will benefit greatly under its new branding.

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LACHLAN RILEY ACCOUNTS FOR CAANZ SCHOLARSHIP

Gilgandra's Lachlan Riley has been awarded the 2023 Chartered Accountants of Australia and New Zealand – Country Education Foundation of Australia (CA ANZ – CEF) Scholarship, which he will put towards his studies in accounting.



Mr Riley is completing the first of a three-year Bachelor of Accounting degree at the Australian National University. He was awarded a \$1,000 grant by CEF Gilgandra to help with his study costs earlier this year, before being awarded the CA ANZ – CEF scholarship valued at \$21,000 over three years.

Mr Riley said the funding had helped alleviate the financial pressure caused by the costs of his education.

"If I had not received the funds, I wouldn't have a new laptop and would have been working more with increased stress by not having time to focus on my studies."
- Lachlan Riley

The CA ANZ - CEF Scholarship is part of our national CEF Extra program, which provides additional support to eligible students who have already been awarded a grant by their local CEF foundation.

The CA ANZ - CEF Scholarship offers successful applicants \$21,000 over three years, which they can put towards their university studies in a CA ANZ-approved tertiary degree, such as Accounting.

Kristen Wydell, General Manager, CA ANZ said it was pleasing to continue working with CEF to support young rural students achieve a tertiary education.

"Chartered Accountants come from all backgrounds, and it is this diversity in the profession that enables us to support all our clients and employers. We are pleased to support CEF to help reduce the financial hardship for rural students seeking tertiary education."
- Kristen Wydell

SCHOLARSHIPS 'TILT' REGIONAL STUDENTS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Country Education Foundation of Australia (CEF) and Tilt Renewables are excited to announce 7 x scholarship recipients undertaking further education in areas related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), business, finance, information technology or construction courses.

The seven 2023 Tilt Renewables – CEF Scholarships are awarded to:

- **Josh Flick** – Bachelor of Agricultural Business Management, Charles Sturt University Wagga Wagga – CEF Boorowa
- **Emily Targett** – Bachelor of Nursing, University of Wollongong – CEF Yass Valley
- **Ruby Sicily** – Bachelor of Social Work, University of Wollongong – CEF Yass Valley
- **Taylah Cutting** – Bachelor of Primary Education, University of Wollongong – CEF Boorowa
- **Jayden Cutting** – Bachelor of Health Science, University of Canberra – CEF Griffith
- **Samuel Corkhill** – Bachelor of Communications and Media, University of Wollongong – CEF Boorowa
- **Benjamin Klose** – Bachelor of Accounting, University of Canberra – CEF Boorowa



Josh Flick of Rye Park (Boorowa), left, and Emily Targett of Yass, right.

"The funding has allowed me to spend more time on my studies, as I haven't had to look for extra work on the side to help pay for my expenses."
- Josh Flick

The Tilt Renewables - CEF Scholarships are part of the CEF Extra program, which provides additional support and 'extra' opportunities to eligible students who have been awarded grant funding by their local CEF foundation.

CEF TAKES STUDENTS ON EXPERIENCE TRIPS TO SWINBURNE AND CHARLES STURT OPEN DAYS

Thanks to partnerships with Swinburne University of Technology and Charles Sturt University we were able to take over 40 country students to both university's campus open days in July and August. This included Swinburne's Melbourne campus open day on July 30, Charles Sturt's Wagga Wagga campus open day on August 6, Albury campus open day on August 13, and Bathurst campus open day on August 20.

Swinburne University Open Day



Ten year 11 students took advantage of this amazing opportunity given to them by the CEF, which covered their costs for transport, accommodation, and meals in partnership with Swinburne University.

Students were collected from Deniliquin, NSW, and Kerang, Warracknabeal, Balmoral and Ararat, Victoria, and transported to Melbourne to experience university and get a taste of city life.

Students took the opportunity to learn about the university, the courses it offers, and all other benefits of studying there, with Swinburne Student Equity Ambassadors guiding them on tours of the campus, and to course sessions that each chose to attend.

Aiden Flavell said he wasn't sure if he wanted to attend university prior to the trip, but thanks to the experience, is now more interested than ever.

"I thought it would be a great opportunity to help me understand the pathway I would like to take after year 12. It was a wonderful experience to meet new people from other country towns and hear about their interests in university."

- Aiden Flavell of Ararat



Charles Sturt University Open Days



Thirty-three students took advantage of this amazing opportunity given to them by the CEF, which covered their costs for transport, accommodation, and meals in partnership with Charles Sturt University.

The experience had students visit Charles Sturt's Wagga Wagga, Albury and Bathurst campuses, with 16 students checking out Wagga Wagga, seven students seeing Albury, and ten students experiencing Bathurst.

CEF transported students from many different towns to experience the open days, including Young, Grenfell, Forbes, Parkes, Cootamundra, Goulburn, Gundagai, Coolah and Gilgandra, to experience what regional university life is like at Charles Sturt.

Students took the opportunity to chat with ambassadors and CEF current students, learn about each campus, the courses offered and the different entry pathways available.

"The Wagga Wagga CSU Open Day opened my eyes to all the different degrees that I hadn't considered before."

I had a great day and would recommend to all year 11 and 12 students to attend a CSU open day."

- Logan Johnson of Cootamundra



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