

Rural Education Awards



The Country Education Partnership established the Rural Education Awards to showcase the outstanding achievements and practices of education leaders, and educators, in Victorian Rural and Remote Learning Communities across all education sectors.

The award has operated for a number of years recognising outstanding rural education leadership with kind support from people such as Mr Baillieu Myer AO.

Aim:

To acknowledge the outstanding, and exemplary achievement and contribution of education leaders, educators and education organisations in supporting, providing and enhancing the provision of learning within rural and remote communities.

The Award recognises the reputation of Rural Education Communities and Partnerships as “Centres of Excellence”. It also acknowledges the endeavours that build a collective knowledge and recognises innovation that will enhance rural and remote education.

Focus:

The 2020 Rural Education Award will acknowledge the Inspirational and Innovative Educators, Education Leaders and Education Organizations who work collaboratively to provide learning within our rural and remote communities.

The Country Education Partnership invites rural learning communities (whether that be early years services, schools, or adult learning organisations) to nominate educators, education leaders, education teams, or clusters who have taken creative and innovative approaches to making a difference.

Award:

An amount of \$6,000.00 will be provided to the successful nominee to be utilised in further developing the initiative. The successful nominee will be required to provide a report at the CEP 2022 Annual General Meeting.

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Criteria:

The criteria developed for the 2020 Rural Education Award will reflect the overall objectives of the Country Education Partnership:

- Utilising collaborative approaches that foster inclusiveness, participation, sharing and responsiveness to students and staff learning needs and desires;
- Enhancing the capacity of rural and remote communities in delivering a high quality and responsive education;
- Utilising innovative approaches, that are underpinned by continually rethinking and evaluating current practices, and resulting in “new thinking” and practices;
- Utilising an evidence based approach, and has data that indicates outcomes and impacts that have enhanced learning opportunities and education outcomes.

The definition of rural for the purpose of the Rural Education Award includes those communities that are located:

1. at least one and half hours car travel from Melbourne CBD
2. at least 15 minutes from a regional population of at least 10,000 people
3. within a community population of less than 5,000 people.

Apply:

- **Application deadline Monday 1st March** via online form <https://bit.ly/3IOQuhN>
- As part of the application, nominees should describe how they have addressed the Overall Criteria listed above.
- All applications will be acknowledged, via email, shortly after receipt. Late applications will not be considered.
- The selection panel will shortlist eligible candidates.
- Shortlisted candidates may be required to attend an interview.
- The selection panel will comprise of representatives in the field of education, who will use the criteria to identify rural education communities that demonstrate excellence.
- The application **must be endorsed** by the governing body (eg school council), a senior management person (eg Principal or Manager), or chair of a cluster organisation.
- In support of your application, you **must provide the contact details of two referees**.
- Referees will be contacted if you are shortlisted. As a general guide, referees may focus on your achievements to date and why you are an outstanding candidate.

Given the significance, value and prestige of this Award there is a rigorous selection process. The achievements of recipients will be celebrated at a state level, and in some cases at national and international level.

Key Info:

Application Form: <https://bit.ly/3IOQuhN>

Application Deadline: 1st March 2021

Awards at CEP Annual General Meeting: 25th March 2021