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2019 REGIONAL STUDY HUBS NETWORK EVENT ONE

Geraldton, Western Australia — 12-14 June 2019

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About the Regional Study Hubs Network

The NCSEHE is leading the first event to support the Australian Government-funded Regional Study Hubs (RSH) program. The RSH Network Conference hosted by the Geraldton Universities Centre will connect representatives from each of the 16 community-owned Study Hubs at 23 sites across regional Australia to establish a collaborative network and share best practice and resources.

The Regional Study Hubs (RSH) Conference in Geraldton is the first opportunity to link with colleagues to undertake regular engagement across the network of RSHs to ensure the long-term success of the operation of the Hubs in supporting regional students and managing a RSH within a regional community.

Network Support Activities

- a conference on 12–14 June at the Geraldton Universities Centre, Geraldton, Western Australia
- a symposium on 14–15 November at the Country Universities Centre, Snowy Monaro, Cooma, New South Wales.

Acknowledgements

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The Geraldton Universities Centre
The Country Universities Centre



Background and Regional Study Hub Locations

The Australian Government is investing \$24.2 million over four years to assist in the establishment and operation of 16 community-owned Regional Study Hubs at 23 sites across regional Australia. Regional Study Hubs provide infrastructure such as study spaces, video conferencing, computing facilities and internet access, as well as academic support for students studying via distance at partner universities. On 12 November 2018, the Minister for Education announced the following successful grant recipients of the Regional Study Hubs program:



- Geraldton Universities Centre — Geraldton, Western Australia (WA)
 - Gippsland East Local Learning and Employment Network — Bairnsdale, Victoria
 - Country Universities Centre Snowy — Monaro Cooma, New South Wales (NSW)
 - Country Universities Centre Far West — Broken Hill, NSW
 - Country Universities Centre Goulburn — Goulburn, NSW
 - Country Universities Centre Clarence Valley — Clarence Valley, NSW
 - Country Universities Centre North West — Narrabri and Moree, NSW
 - Country Universities Centre Western Riverina — Griffith and Leeton, NSW
 - West Coast Heritage — West Coast, Tasmania
 - Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation — Nhulunbuy, Ramingining*, Milingimbi* and Galiwin'ku*, Northern Territory (NT)
 - Rural City of Murray Bridge — Murray Bridge City, South Australia (SA)
 - Goondiwindi SILO — Goondiwindi, Queensland
 - Pilbara Tertiary Education Centre — Pilbara, WA
 - Wuyagiba Study Hub Aboriginal Corporation — Wuyagiba, South East Arnhem Land, NT
 - RDA Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains — Nuriootpa (Barossa Valley), South Australia
 - Upper Spencer Gulf — Port Augusta (from 2020) and Port Pirie (from 2019), SA
- * proposed satellite hubs

PLEASE NOTE: Participants for this event are invited representatives from the RHSs only. The second conference in the series at Cooma, NSW will be open for general registration. More details are available here <https://www.ncsehe.edu.au/event/regional-study-hubs-symposium-2019/>

Program for Event One Geraldton 12–14 June 2019

Venue - Geraldton Universities Centre (GUC), Geraldton, WA

Accommodation - The Gerald Apartment Hotel, 25 Cathedral Avenue, Geraldton, WA

Wednesday 12 June

7:00 pm Evening drinks and canapés, introductions and registration at The Gerald Apartment Hotel
Minister's welcome

Thursday 13 June

8:20 am **Bus from Hotel to Geraldton Universities Centre**

8:30 am Coffee and registration

8:45 am Overview and tour of facilities

9:00 am Geraldton Universities Centre (GUC) experience — Steve Douglas and Natalie Nelmes

10:00 am **Morning tea**

10:30 am Country Universities Centre (CUC) experience — Duncan Taylor

11:30 am Roundtable of issues and progress reports

12:30 pm **Lunch**

1:15 pm Workshops — parallel sessions:
- Hub services and student support — Facilitated by Natalie Nelmes
OR
- Governance—from the community up—Facilitated by NCSEHE

2:15pm What universities need to see from hubs (i.e. how do you substantiate your case for a partnership)? — Trevor Davison, CQU; Linda Adnyana, Curtin University and Andrew Taggart, NCSEHE

3:15 pm **Afternoon tea**

3:30 pm Workshops — parallel sessions:
- Administration and finance — Facilitated by NCSEHE
OR
- Academic programs and support in a regional hub — Facilitated by Renee Olsen, GUC tutor and tutor supporter

4:30pm Roundtable issues and steps forward

5:30 pm Wrap up — Bus back to hotel

6:00 pm **Evening dinner at The Gerald Apartment Hotel**

Friday 14 June

8:20 am **Bus from hotel**

8:30 am **Coffee**

8:45 am Presentation of steps forward for project managers

9:00 am Presentation topics:
- A student's perspective — what studying in a hub means — GUC student Pip Rumble and Allison Morgan talk about their journeys
- The Regional Rural and Remote (RRR) Education Strategy — Meredith Wills, Expert Panel member

9:45 am Online students learning support — Cathy Stone, NCSEHE

10:30 am **Morning tea**

11:00 am RSH Evaluation — Bonnie Rowe, Deloitte

12:00 am Next event 14–15 November — discussion with Country Universities Centre (CUC)

12:30 pm **Lunch and conclusions**

2:00 pm Afternoon tour of Geraldton in bus then to airport for 4:30 pm departure to Perth

Regional Study Hub Participants

Location	Participant	
Geraldton	GUC Director GUC Chair GUC Deputy Chair GUC Board Member GUC Board Member GUC Board Member Project and communications Panel Member, National RRR Education Strategy GUC Student GUC Student	Natalie Nelmes Steve Douglas Grant Woodhams Terry Werner Bert Beevers Yvonne Messina Natasha Colliver Meredith Willis Allison Morgan Pip Rumble
West Coast Heritage	Board Member West Coast Heritage Ltd Regional Study Hub Manager Community Learning Officer	Miranda Leedham Nicky Bolt Vikki Iwanicki
CUC Snowy Monaro	Chair, CUC Snowy Monaro Centre Manager	Carolyn Ewart Nadine Holland
CUC Far West	Centre Manager Communications and Marketing Strategist	Danielle Keenan Laura Clarke
CUC Goulburn	Centre Manager Director of Educational Delivery	Ashlee Jones Monica Davis
CUC Clarence Valley	CEO of CUC CUC Centre Coordinator	Duncan Taylor Jayde Egan
CUC North West	Manager CUC Network Manager	Cathy Walters Shannon Payten-McDonald Melanie Lamb
CUC Western Riverina	Centre Manager Director	Erin Callaghan David Martin
Arnhem Land	Training Manager Regional Study Hub Manager	Angela Nolan Rebecca Arbon
Murray Bridge	Executive Steering Committee Member Program Manager	Robin O'Dea Vanessa Leigh
Goondiwindi	Executive Officer Centre Manager	Esme Cairns Nandi Kruger
Pilbara	Director, Pilbara Universities Centre Chair of the Pilbara Development Commission (PDC)	Susan Grylls Kyla Morrison
Barossa	Chief Executive Economic Development Executive	Anne Moroney Sarah Treasure
Upper Spencer Gulf	Director CEO	Ms Moira Coffey Calvin Stead
NCSEHE	Director, NCSEHE Advisory Committee, NCSEHE Research Fellow, NCSEHE Adjunct Fellow, NCSEHE	Sue Trinidad Andrew Taggart Lynette Vernon Cathy Stone
Curtin University	Director, Strategic Projects, Deputy VC, Academic	Linda Adnyana
CQU	Associate Vice-Chancellor, Western Australia	Trevor Davison
Higher Education Group Australian Government Department of Education	Director, Equity Policy Governance, Quality & Access A/Director, Equity Policy Governance, Quality & Access A/Assistant Director, Higher Education Program	Amanda Franzl Elouise Arch Ciel Materne
Deloitte Access Economics: health economics and social policy	Associate Director	Bonnie Rowe

About the NCSEHE

The National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education (NCSEHE) is a research and policy centre funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and based at Curtin University. The NCSEHE provides national leadership in student equity in higher education, connecting research, policy and practice to improve higher education participation and success for marginalised and disadvantaged people.

The NCSEHE's diverse activities focus on strengthening Australia's research quality, capability and capacity to build a robust evidence base; and informing evidence-based policy design and implementation, and institutional best practice.

The NCSEHE conducts a broad scope of activities including:

- research-based projects both independently and in collaboration with other organisations, funded through external grants or through Centre resources
- the NCSEHE Research Grants Program
- equity policy and program evaluation
- Research Fellowships and Equity Fellowships
- student equity data analysis, online resources and briefing notes
- print and digital publications
- collaborative and independent events
- representation at national and international conferences
- an emphasis on effective communication through channels including: website, electronic newsletters, social media and general media exposure.

The Centre has established a strong national presence, engaging with key stakeholders and maintaining sector-wide partnerships to enhance outcomes and delivery of research and recommendations. The growing reputation and influence of the Centre has contributed to student equity becoming firmly incorporated into higher education policy.

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Best Practice in Regional Study Hubs Symposium 2019

The future of an aspiring student should not be predetermined by where he or she lives

**LAKE CRACKENBACK RESORT, JINDABYNE
14 - 15TH NOVEMBER 2019**

Regional Study Hubs are a vital resource in supporting regional students: delivering access to campus-like facilities in regional and remote areas, educational support, technology, and most importantly, a network of fellow students. In 2019, there will be more than 22 Regional Study Hub locations across Australia. We invite the Regional Study Hub community and stakeholders together to discuss best practice in this field, including: supporting students for success, governance, university partnerships and best practice case studies.

Who should attend:

All community-owned Regional Study Hubs and their boards, universities, government departments, politicians, civic leaders and those interested in the development of education and workforces in regional communities.

Enquiries:

Enquiries should be directed to Monica Davis, Director Educational Delivery, Country Universities Centre: symposium@cuc.org.au, or 1800 OUR CUC

Further information available at cuc.org.au/events

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