

# CONNELLAN TRUST NEWS

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## Top stories in this newsletter



Josiah Murphy



Brad Maxey



Dr. Jennifer Wilson



Central Queensland University

## Roger Connellan Award 2017

Jo Murphy, a resident of Alice Springs, has won the 2017 Roger Connellan Award. Jo is a qualified optometrist with 3 years' experience in providing optometry services in remote locations. His goal is to be a flying optometrist who provides high quality primary eye care to people who live in the outback.

Jo will receive \$10,000 to obtain a Private Instrument Flight Rating and Night Endorsement so he can conduct his remote area flying with increased skill and precision.

## E. J. Connellan Award 2017

Brad Maxey from Wyamba Station Nevertire NSW, has received the EJ Connellan Award for 2017. He is studying a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Newcastle and will receive \$20,000 over 4 years of study.

Brad says once he has completed his studies he intends to work in an engineering team designing and improving farm equipment. He also wants to complete a certificate in automotive engineering.

Brad has loved growing up in the outback and believes he can use his skills to benefit regional and outback Australia in areas of agricultural industry as the improvement of farm equipment can reduce costs, reduce carbon emissions and prevent workplace injuries.

## Jennifer Wilson's Story told by her parents

Jennifer received the EJ Connellan Award in 2008 to help with costs to complete a medical degree at the University of Queensland in Brisbane. She graduated in November 2012 with a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery and a Bachelor of Science (Psychology).

Add another 5 years of medical training working as a junior doctor at the Cairns Base Hospital, Mareeba Hospital and the Mulungu Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre she completed an advanced skill year in adult internal medicine. Jenny continues to work as a GP Registrar at both the Mossman Medical Centre and the Port Douglas Medical Centre in far North QLD.

After 6 years at university and 5 years of medical training the fulfilment of Jenny's dream of becoming a fully qualified GP specializing in rural and remote medicine she has come true. She has become a Fellow of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine and a Rural Generalist. Her parents are very proud of her achievements which have only been reached through her total dedication and commitment to always keeping her end goal in sight.

## Connellan Airways Trust/Central Queensland University Scholarships

The Connellan Airways Trust is a partner with the Central Queensland University in funding remote outback scholarships. Four, one year scholarships worth \$5,000 each have been offered in 2017 and 2018.

Heidi Rosenthal of Geraldton WA won \$5,000 to study social work online at CQU and Candice Lade of Bloomsbury in QLD won \$5,000 to study a Bachelor of Education (primary) on campus. The final two scholarships will be offered in semester one 2018.

The Trust and CQU are excited about their partnership and CQU is honoured to be involved in making a difference to outback families who in some cases are the first generation to have a tertiary education.

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