

## CEP MEMBERSHIP

### Our Background

The Country Education Partnership Inc. (CEP) represents almost 400 providers of learning throughout the state of Victoria.

CEP is a not for profit independent community-based organisation that is a leader in rural learning and has been active in this area for more than thirty-five years.

We work at both a grass roots level, involving and linking rural learning communities in government and non-government education settings, as well as at state, national and international level advocating and representing rural learning. We celebrate and share our initiatives; develop programs and services that seek to overcome remoteness and isolation; and act as an advocate to influence rural education provision and policy.

We are administered by a Committee of Management and employ an Executive Officer and a number of project staff.

### Our Membership Categories

CEP has two membership categories:

- *Full Membership*

A learning organisation or individual who fulfills the guidelines that CEP provides as defining a rural community that is:

- *located at least 1.5 hours drive from Melbourne CBD*
- *located at least 15 minutes drive from a population centre of more than 10,000.*
- *less than 5,000 population in their own right*
- *limited, or has no, access to public services*

- *Associate Membership*

Any organisation that provides services or programs within rural communities as outline above; or any organization who shares the aims and values of CEP.

### Membership Benefits

While we support and represent all rural learning communities, there are many benefits that are associated with being a financial member of CEP. In brief these include:

- Receiving the regular electronic newsletter (Bush Voices) which provide information and articles relevant to rural learning.
- Cheaper registration rates for any professional learning activities facilitated by CEP
- Opportunity to be involved in any forums or workshops that are facilitated by CEP

### Financial Member Costs

The Membership costs for 2018 are:

- Full Membership: for clusters or individual learning organisations: \$ 99.00
- Full Membership: Individual: \$ 47.00
- Associate Membership: \$ 84.00

NB: These amounts are GST inclusive

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## Our Vision

Collaboratively use its resources in rural education and communities to challenge and support them in there:

- planning and delivery of high quality learning and
- the provision of opportunities for all students.

## Our Values and Beliefs

- **Collaboration**  
Collaboration that fosters inclusiveness, participation, sharing and a responsiveness to members
- **Leadership**  
A leadership that is proactive, professional and consultative
- **Achievement**  
A focus on development, challenge, excellence and celebration

## Our Work

### 1. Leadership, Advocacy and Communication

- Advocating for the development and provision of high quality learning in rural communities;
- Providing leadership in rural education, professional learning and research;
- Developing strategic links with key organizations and representatives;
- Leading the CEP statewide, nationally and internationally;
- Promoting, advocating and communicating information and action about CEP and rural education.

### 2. Learning Provision

- Supporting the development and provision of high quality learning for rural communities;
- Facilitating quality learning for all students in rural communities;
- Supporting the provision of 0-18 years and beyond learning;
- Supporting a "place based" whole of community approach to development and provision of learning;
- Enhancing provision through forming partnerships involving education sectors, rural communities and key stakeholder groups that will fulfill the CEP missions;
- Focus on developing innovative responses to rural education challenges and opportunities.

### 3. High Quality Workforce

- Supporting the development of a high quality rural education workforce
- Building the capacity of rural educators and education leaders;
- Developing different solutions to existing and new challenges and opportunities;
- Focus on developing innovative responses to rural education challenges and opportunities.

## More Information and Membership Application Form:

- Visit the CEP website: [www.cep.org.au](http://www.cep.org.au)
- Email: [admin@cep.org.au](mailto:admin@cep.org.au)
- Phone: 0428171145

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