

Busy month for Winchester Foundation.

Mrs. Beryl Neilsen, the Founder of The John & Beryl Neilsen Winchester Foundation during 2011, has had a busy month. The Foundation which is a Public Body is set up to support Country Children with their Education, with Scholarships and Events. On 5th July, 2014 Beryl hosted a BBQ Lunch at Winchester Station, near Moranbah to present 2nd Term Scholarships to this year's 28 Recipients from many Areas of Queensland, including Charters Towers, Blackall, Camooweal, Windorah, Mt. Isa, Longreach, Ilfracombe, Hughenden, Isisford, Aramac, Willows Gemfields, Blue Mountain and Mackay and meet with their Parents. This was followed up on 16th to 18th July, 2014 when the Foundation sponsored the costs to bring 427 Primary School Children to Mackay to be part of the Annual event of Whitsunday Voices, where school children can meet and be encouraged by Renowned Authors. Children sponsored were from Nebo, Valkyrie, Mackenzie River, Kilcummin, Clarke Creek Coppabella, Mistake Creek, Capricornia School of Distance Education, Mirani, Finch Hatton, Eungella, Gargett and Pinnacle, providing a lasting legacy to Country Education into the future. For more information please visit the Foundation Website – www.winchesterfoundation.org

The John & Beryl Neilsen Winchester Foundation was established as a Public Foundation in 2011 by Mrs Beryl Neilsen. The main motivation behind its creation is to provide assistance to children and youth living in rural and regional areas with their education. The desire of Mrs Neilsen is to see rural and regional families given the same opportunities as those living in cities re various levels of education. Assistance is provided by way of a Scholarship to assist with the study costs of the successful recipient. These Scholarships are not limited to those studying a Tertiary Degree, but are also available to assist those studying trades, secondary and primary education.

Being a Registered Public Foundation, tax deductible donations can be received by the foundation who in turn will allocate these funds to those in most need of assistance to continue with their careers. It is the hope of Mrs Neilsen that recipients of the Foundations' Scholarships are not only successful in their own academic endeavours, but will continue to have a lifelong association with the Foundation. This will also realise a lasting memento to Beryl's late husband John and herself, and also to their property known as "Winchester".

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