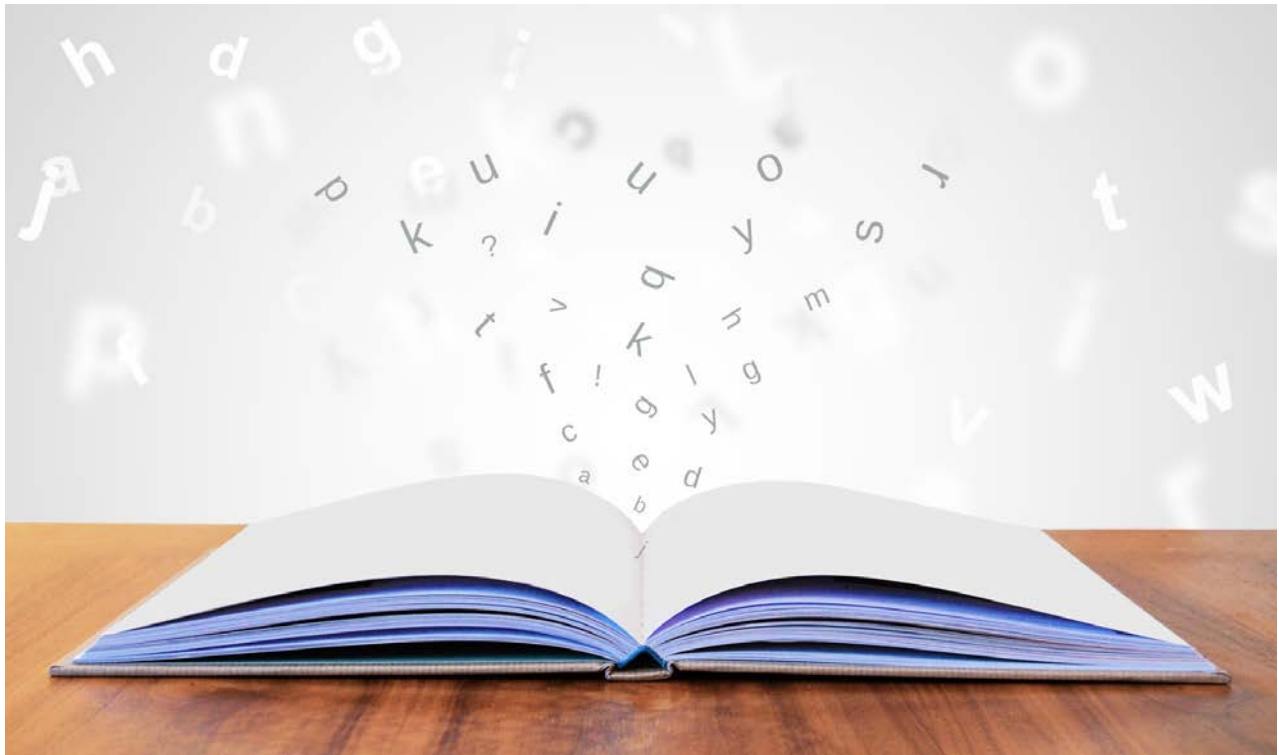




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Risk Management

Reminder that Risk Management forms are to be sent to QLD Treasurer 2 weeks prior to an event being held. Risk Management forms are able to be completed digitally and emailed. If your branch needs a copy of the Risk Management form contact Amanda Clark QldTreasurer@icpa.com.au





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As an Australian Apprentice you may be eligible for financial assistance from the Australian Government to help with the costs of undertaking an apprenticeship. Click [Here](#)

Information for Apprentices

The Living Away From Home Allowance (LAFHAS) is an allowance for eligible apprentices during their three years of training. You may be eligible to receive the allowance if you need to move away from your parental or legal guardian's home for the first time to:

- start an Australian Apprenticeship
- remain in an Australian Apprenticeship
- receive supplementary on-the-job training with another employer.

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Media release
28 October 2020

Innovate with nbn grants to help drive regional innovation

Applications are now open for the new Innovate with nbn™ Grants Program, offering technology-led businesses based in regional Australia the opportunity to share in \$95 000 in funding to support the development of their innovative, digitally led idea.

The program - delivered in partnership with the Regional Australia Institute (RAI) - is focused on unearthing and supporting businesses that are harnessing the benefits of the nbn™ network to develop products or solutions that improve productivity or social outcomes for regional and remote Australians.

With a focus on organisations which are lifting digital participation and stimulating regional economies, the program is looking to support champions of digital adoption for regional Australia by providing funding to assist with the development of their idea.

Eligible businesses* are encouraged to apply for one of the seven categories including: Health, Agriculture, Tourism, Arts, Education, Indigenous Business and Women in Business. The winner of each category will receive a \$10 000 grant, with the overall Innovate with nbn™ major grant of up to \$25 000 to be awarded to the most outstanding application across all categories.

The program will also track the progress of the winning submissions and look to showcase how regional businesses took their ideas from concept to reality, the challenges they faced, and the benefits achieved from the development and execution of their idea.

Innovate with nbn™ is part of NBN Co's commitment to regional and remote Australia to continue to help meet the needs of customers in regional and remote areas. This commitment includes more than \$2 billion in network investments over the next three years, improving connectivity and speeds for those living and working in regional areas of Australia.....

Applications and full article - Click [here](#)



Rural Financial Counselling Service Program Open for applications – 2021 to 2024

The Australian Government is inviting applications via an open and competitive process to apply to deliver services under the RFCS program in the 12 predefined service regions from 2021-2022 to 2023-2024. Applicants may apply for more than one service region, including across different states.

The RFCS program is an Australian Government initiative that provides free and independent financial counselling to eligible farmers, fishers, foresters and small related enterprises who are experiencing, or at risk of, financial hardship.

The vision for the 2021 to 2024 RFCS program is to empower clients to take control of their financial situation and cultivate financially capable primary producers that are profitable, self-reliant and resilient.

- the objectives of the RFCS program are to transition clients out of financial crisis
- improve clients' business profitability or facilitate a dignified exit
- improve clients' financial well-being and resilience

The overarching outcome of the program is that clients who engage with the service become financially self-reliant and their businesses are better prepared to deal with risks.

Applications close at 11.00pm AEDT on 11 December 2020
Information about applying for this round can be found on the Community Grants Hub website and Grant Connect. Click [here](#)



Parent-school engagement during family separation and divorce Share your views!

If you are a parent of school-aged children, and have experienced separation or divorce over 12 months ago, we would like to invite you to participate in our research project.

What is the research project about?

Family separation and divorce present many challenges for families, and schools can play an important role in working with parents to support children's learning and wellbeing during these situations. Parent-school engagement can be particularly complex during such times, however, and ***our study is interested in parents' experiences of interacting with their child's school during separation or divorce***. Findings from the study will be used to help schools improve their support for children and families going through similar circumstances.

What will I be asked to do?

Take part in a telephone interview that will take approximately 60 minutes.

How can I find out more?

[Click Here](#) or contact

Dr Eseta Tualaulelei (Eseta.Tualaulelei@usq.edu.au; 07 3470 4087), Dr Kay Ayre (k.ayre@ecu.edu.au; 08 6304 5253) or Professor Sue Saltmarsh (ssaltmarsh@eduhk.hk)



Research project to give voice to remote education tutors!!

“Because of our geographical situation in Australia we are in a unique circumstance when it comes to the provision of distance education schooling,” Dr Peel said.

“Despite this however, there is an incredibly limited amount of research literature that covers the topic or has explored what it means to be a remote education tutor.

“All children in Australian schools of distance education are required to have adult supervision during their school day, and as many parents found out during COVID-19 lockdowns, even when supplied with resources from your child’s school, supporting the learning of those resources can be an incredibly tough job.”



One of Australia’s most unrecognised workforce and arguably undervalued groups of people will be the focus of a new project being led by University of Southern Queensland education researchers Dr Karen Peel, Dr Brad McLennan, and Professor Patrick Danaher; and Ms Lizzie Burnett, remote education tutor, based in Central Queensland.

For more information about this project: [Click here](#)



Telstra Disaster Preparedness November 2020

On behalf of all of us at Telstra, I hope you're well and managing as best you can in what are testing times.

Dealing with natural disasters of all kinds, from droughts, floods and fires can be an overwhelming prospect that takes a lot of strength and support. Staying in touch with people who care and can help, both practically and emotionally, is essential. Keeping you in touch is what Telstra does best. We appreciate how important reliable network connectivity is right now, especially as we head into another summer.

To maximise that reliability, preparation is key. It's why we work hard to maintain and protect our infrastructure all the time. Even so, extreme weather can affect our services, which is why we have plans in place if natural disasters do occur.

We have a specially trained workforce around the country whose priority is to repair and restore services as soon as possible. Telstra has mobile equipment ready to move into areas quickly, and the use of drones helps us to assess the damage and restore services faster.

New technology and our investments in building networks for the future have put us in an even stronger position to respond to extreme weather and service disruptions. During declared disasters, we provide telecommunications and support services to customers and affected people.

Remember, there's also plenty you can do to make it easier to stay connected in a natural disaster. To read more about how you can be prepared this summer season, click on the blue tick.



Stay safe this summer.
Rachel Cliffe
Regional General Manager





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To read more about our work in Regional Australia go to:
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Online Safety in Queensland State Schools



Keeping kids safe online is everyone's responsibility

Keeping students and young people safe online is a shared responsibility, and is not something that can be achieved without the combined efforts of schools, families, communities, elders and government.

Creating and strengthening child safe environments requires a collaborative approach from many key players in the community, within the department, and across other agencies.



For full article Click [here](#)



Mental Health and Career Support for Young People

The events of 2020, including COVID-19, have changed the way we live, learn and work.

This is particularly the case for young people who are experiencing significant changes to the delivery of education and training.

More than ever before, it is important to have easy access to information and support about studying, training and finding jobs.

It is also important to look after our mental health. The Australian Government is providing a range of initiatives to help families and young people navigate these challenges.

Mental Health

The challenges experienced by Australia's young people during 2020 may stay with them for the longer term.

It is not uncommon to have trouble adjusting and/or to feel unsafe after a traumatic event. Young adults may experience uncertainty and confusion following such events, which may cause sleep disturbances, fear or anxiety.

Parents, guardians, carers and teachers have an important role to play in creating a sense of calm, and reassuring children and young adults, but sometimes it can be difficult to know where to start.

If there are concerns, it may also be a good idea to seek help from a medical professional.

Career Support and Information

The Australian Government is funding the National Careers Institute to be a 'front door' to career information and support nationwide.

The National Careers Institute will be focusing on providing additional information and support for young people navigating post-school pathways.

This will help young people who may be affected by COVID-19 to make informed decisions on the best approach to starting their careers.

Services offering counselling and support -

[Website Link Click here](#)