



Country
Universities
Centre
MUDGEER REGION

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROSPECTUS



WELCOME TO THE CUC

Brad Cam



It is a great pleasure as Chair of the CUC Mudgee Region Board to present our community partnership prospectus. The CUC Mudgee Region opened in March 2024 as an affiliate of the Country Universities Centres with funding support from NSW State and Federal Governments and Mid-Western Regional Council. However, our ongoing ability to provide our dedicated learning and study space requires community support. Our ambition is to build a collaborative network of partners and establish a robust interface between our community and tertiary education.

The CUC Mudgee Region provides opportunities for our local young people to progress from High School into tertiary education without having to leave the region and for those already in the workforce or with family it provides a space without distractions where students can study remotely and work towards new career ambitions.

As the local Council General Manager, I see firsthand the importance location has on the educational attainment of young people and how in regional communities it can significantly limit the opportunities for mature aged people to enhance their education and career progression.

Located at 70 Court Street, Mudgee (on the former TAFE site), the CUC is a dedicated study hub with an open plan study area, smaller dedicated study rooms, and a kitchenette and social space where registered students can escape from their studies to network and relax. Additionally, there is a large meeting room where student learning events are held (also available for hire) and a staff office area as you enter the building, ensuring students immediately receive a warm welcome from the Centre Manager and Student Services Coordinator.

With the strong backing of Mid-Western Regional Council and the desire of the local community to provide students with the best chance of success, CUC Mudgee Region was purpose built expressly to create the perfect remote-learning, campus-style environment. In August '25 we registered our 200th student: a remarkable achievement in less than 18 months but, more importantly, a solid demonstration of the significant need for such a facility.

We welcome the chance to form supportive partnerships with industries and businesses passionate about regional education and invite you to partner with us as we pursue our mission: to provide everyone in the region the opportunity to further their education and improve their prospects.

Brad Cam
Chair, CUC Mudgee Region

WHO WE ARE

Country Universities Centre Mudgee Region is a dedicated learning and study space that was designed by regional people for regional people.

We know that those living in country areas are half as likely to obtain a degree compared to their metropolitan counterparts. This gap has widened in recent years.

Access to service and support remain distinct challenges for those pursuing university, vocational, trade and tertiary qualifications regionally, as does a lack of a collegiate atmosphere and, all too often for the typical student, poor access to technology and a quiet environment to study.

CUC Mudgee Region works to overcome these barriers to student success by equipping students with a supportive environment and FREE access to all the essentials for effective study – including dual-screen computers, high-speed internet, videoconferencing facilities, private study rooms, exam supervision, printing and photocopying, academic and administrative support, and personal encouragement.

Students can access the centre 365 days a year from 3.00am to midnight. Any student studying remotely with any institution nationally is welcome, and the Centre is often used by visiting university and vocational students completing their residencies and placements in the Mudgee Region.

CUC Mudgee Region is part of the CUC network of regionally located study communities. As an affiliated network, we believe that the future of all aspiring students should not be predetermined by where they live; nor should their career aspirations be limited to proximity to learning opportunities.

In the Mid-Western Region around 11% of the adult population hold a Bachelor Degree compared to a National average of 32%



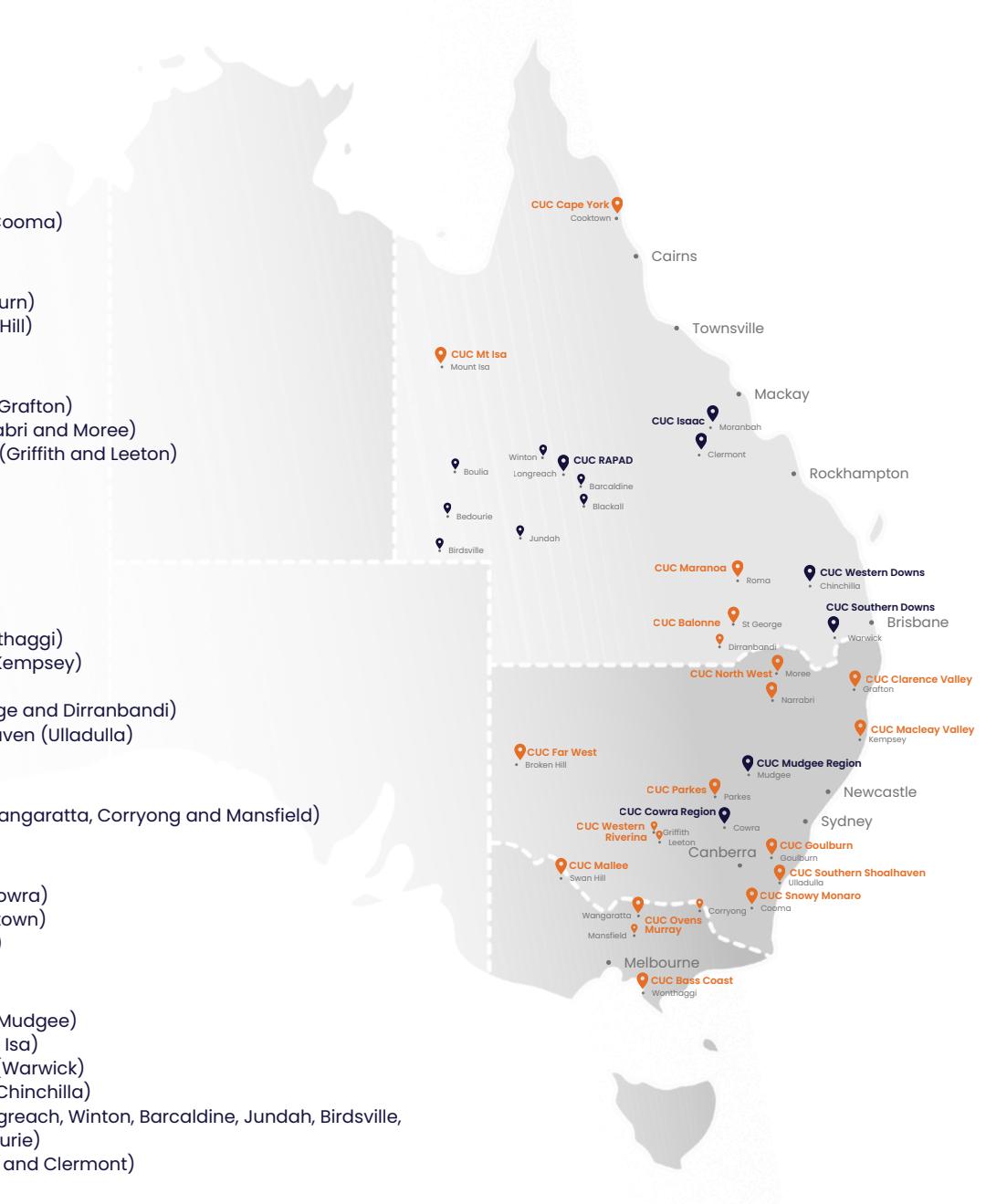
95% of local students surveyed credit the CUC with improving their academic success

50% of students are first in their family to pursue higher education

Being part of the CUC network allows CUC Mudgee Region to break down barriers for regional and remote students, giving them the same opportunities to succeed in higher education as those in the city. Through shared expertise and support from the wider affiliated network, we can focus on what matters most – helping local students, strengthening our community, and delivering real outcomes for the Mudgee Region.



- **2013**
CUC Snowy Monaro (Cooma)
- **2018**
CUC Goulburn (Goulburn)
CUC Far West (Broken Hill)
- **2019**
CUC Clarence Valley (Grafton)
CUC North West (Narrabri and Moree)
CUC Western Riverina (Griffith and Leeton)
- **2020**
CUC Parkes (Parkes)
- **2021**
CUC Bass Coast (Wonthaggi)
CUC Macleay Valley (Kempsey)
CUC Maranoa (Roma)
CUC Balonne (St George and Dirranbandi)
CUC Southern Shoalhaven (Ulladulla)
- **2022**
CUC Ovens Murray (Wangaratta, Corryong and Murrumbidgee)
- **2023**
CUC Cowra Region (Cowra)
CUC Cape York (Cooktown)
CUC Mallee (Swan Hill)
- **2024**
CUC Mudgee Region (Mudgee)
CUC Mount Isa (Mount Isa)
CUC Southern Downs (Warwick)
CUC Western Downs (Chinchilla)
CUC RAPAD CWQ (Longreach, Winton, Barcaldine, Blackall, Boulia, Bedourie)
CUC Isaac (Moranbah and Clermont)



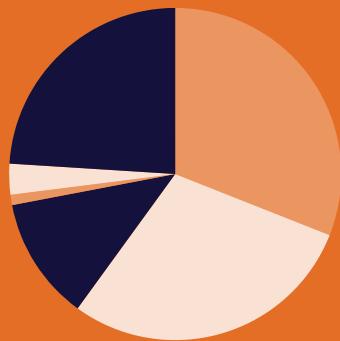
More than 80% of CUC graduates remain and work in regional communities, building local economies and retaining talent where it's needed most

WHO OUR STUDENTS ARE

218
students



70
different institutions



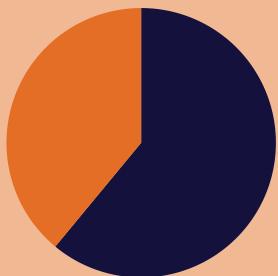
6% ≤19 yrs
24% 20-29
29% 30-39
28% 40-49
11% 50-59
2% ≥ 60

50%
are the first in
their family
to study

73% female **27%** male



39%
study
full
time



61%
study
part
time

90% of students say
dedicated study areas are
their main reason for
attending the centre

5% say Internet; 5% say videoconferencing

48% of students live within
10 minutes of the CUC;
28% travel 10-29 minutes;
and 24% travel over
30 minutes

After hours study access
is the CUC's most valued
service, followed by free
wifi and kitchen facilities

CUC Student Experience Survey 2025

TOP
Areas of
Study

21%

Health

17%

Education

15%

Psychology,
social work &
Community
Services

PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROGRESS

INDUSTRY & COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

THE KEY TO ENHANCING OPPORTUNITY

CUC Mudgee Region believes that connecting business and learning communities makes a meaningful difference to the lives of everyone in the region.

Our ambition is that our students consider their careers in the context of local opportunities.



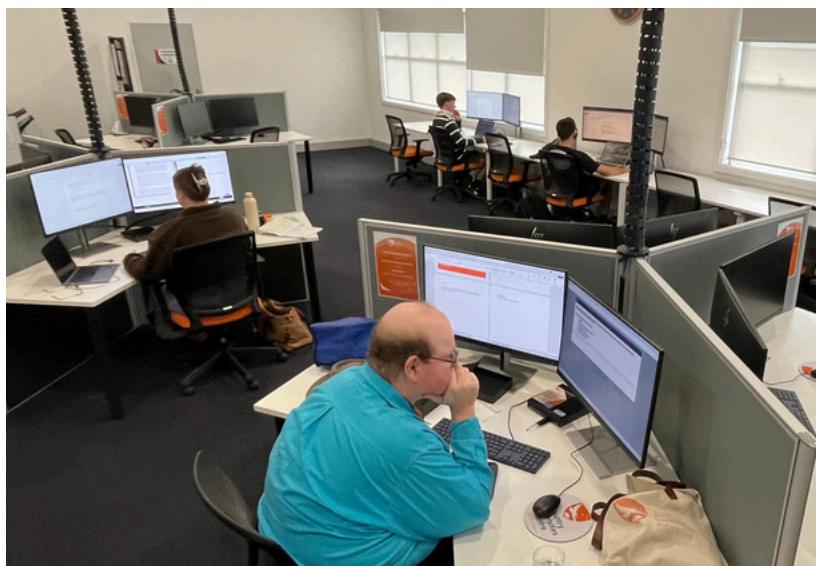
Our goal is to enable higher education study for the residents of the region and build a highly skilled, dynamic and robust workforce that can address the changing opportunities and priorities of the region.

Join us in shaping a bright future for the Mid-Western Region.

CUC Mudgee Region has been financially supported by the NSW State Government and has financial support from the Federal Government until 2027, however, the Centre's financial sustainability is reliant on local industry.

To this end, we are seeking support to ensure the ongoing success of the region's home of higher education.

Your support invests directly in students, their families and their aspirations.



95% of students agree or strongly agree the CUCMR makes it easier to stay, study, or work in their community

67% of students say they are very likely to stay in the area after they complete their studies

COUNTRY UNIVERSITIES CENTRE MUDGEES REGION PARTNERSHIP PACKAGES

BUILDING FUTURES TOGETHER

Your support directly benefits the Mudgee Region by ensuring tertiary education remains an option for everyone in our community. By partnering with us, you are empowering local people to pursue their dreams and achieve their goals in ways that work for them.

Your contribution helps fund the Centre's daily operation, **GUARANTEEING** that students will **ALWAYS** have a dedicated space to study remotely – right here in the region they call home.

Promotion Opportunities	Platinum Partner	Gold Partner	Silver Partner	Bronze Partner
Prominent signage in the Centre	✓			
Acknowledgement of partnership in speeches	✓	✓		
Logo recognition in email signatures and website footers	✓			
Ability to present to students at events	✓			
Partnership announcement including 1x media release, 1x social media post (Facebook & Instagram)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ongoing social media cross promotion	✓			
Logo recognition in quarterly newsletter	✓	✓		
Link to sponsor website on CUC Mudgee Region website	✓	✓	✓	✓
Promotional materials (provided by you) included in the student registration welcome pack	✓	✓	✓	
Logos and content on website	✓	✓	✓	✓
Contribution Amount (100% tax deductible)	\$20,000 p.a. for 5 years	\$20,000 one off	\$10,000 one off	\$5,000 one off

* This list is not exhaustive, so feel free to discuss these and other options with our Centre Manager.

Bringing education opportunities closer

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE REGIONAL PEOPLE WITH THE SPACE AND TOOLS THEY NEED TO CREATE A VIBRANT AND MORE PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR WIDER COMMUNITY

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