

## Connecting our community It's what we do

Welcome to the December edition of our Connection Series – bringing our community together online.

In this edition we celebrate Giving Tuesday, showcase some more of our alumni doing amazing things within our community and industries and see how many of us are participating in our Virtual Run.



**GIVINGTUESDAY**

December 1st is Giving Tuesday and it is your chance to alter the future and impact the lives of rural communities by giving a gift to the Doctors for the Future fund.

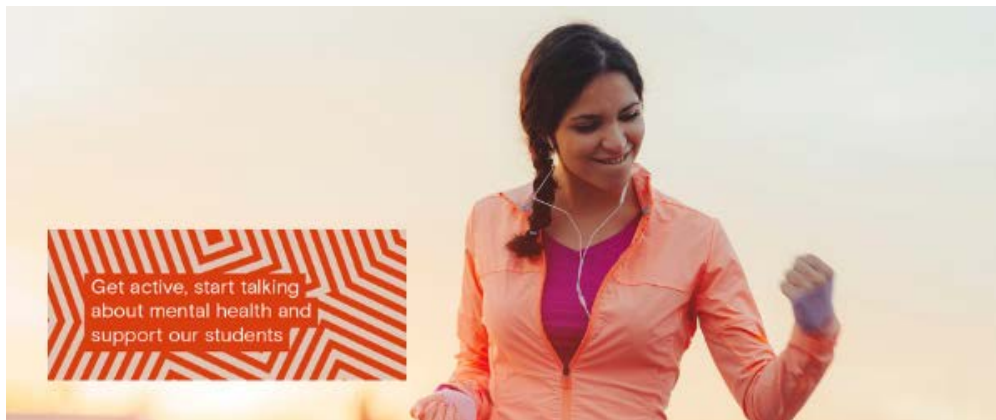
"Thank you, doctor." Those three words are being spoken right now, right across Australia. They tell a story of expert medical care, reassurance and support. Regional Australia needs more doctors to hear them and help address the healthcare crisis in the bush. That's why Charles Sturt University and Western Sydney University have partnered to create a new Joint Program in Medicine.

As a past student you know better than many that the next challenge is to ensure that every student with the passion to serve are not stopped due to their financial situation. There will be extended periods away from home, medical textbooks and no time for casual work to make up the difference.

In establishing the Doctors for the future fund, it is our vision to ensure that students have access to financial support through scholarships to steward them through the course. In addition, we aim to maintain equitable access to learning resources equal to their metropolitan counterparts.

[Give Now](#)

### **Look at you go!**



We have had over 200 people register for our Virtual 5km Run/ Walk/ Ride. This equates to over \$2,000 raised to support students in need! We are closing registrations on December 8th, so jump on board and join us as we walk, run or ride in the month of December. [Book your place](#) and get some freebies! Don't forget if you are participating to use the hashtag #runCharlesSturrun

### **Alumni excelling in their industries**

It must be award season! After announcing the Charles Sturt Alumnus of the year in our last edition, there have been plenty more alumni winning awards. If you have recently won an award, we would love to hear about it! Email us at [alumni@csu.edu.au](mailto:alumni@csu.edu.au)

#### **Meagan Goodwin - Master of Arts (Intelligence Analysis) 2020**

Winner of the Australian Institute of Professional Intelligence Officers - Young Intelligence Professional Award 2020.

#### **Cate Looney - Bachelor of Applied Science (Wine Science) 2003**

2020 Australian Women in Wine Awards - Wine Maker of the Year

**Brooke Kaveney - Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Honours) 2016**

2020 Country Education Foundation of Australia Alumnus of the Year

**Craig Ford - Graduate Certificate in Management (IT) 2013, Master of Management (IT) 2014, Master of Information Systems Security 2017**

Australian Information Security Association Cyber Security Professional of the Year 2020

**Thank you to our *Alumnigive* volunteers!**



This week we celebrate International Volunteer Day and the Charles Sturt Alumni team want to thank our *Alumnigive* participants for the support you offer to our current students.

These opportunities provide a lot of insight and assistance for our future Alumni, and introduce them to the Alumni community during their time at Charles Sturt University. Whether it is through your contribution of speaking at graduation, sharing your story, contributing financially or mentoring we say thank you!

It makes our work in the Advancement Office very rewarding; and reiterates how proud we are to see the #CharlesSturtAlumniGive ethos in practice. If you are interested in learning more about our program please email [alumni@csu.edu.au](mailto:alumni@csu.edu.au).

### **Connect**

Thank you to those who emailed us and let us know what they are bingeing on television! There are some great shows out there, and here are some more.

- [Close your eye before it's dark](#) - Netflix
- [Star Wars](#) - all of them! - DisneyPlus

- [The Great](#) - Stan

If you're an alum and keen to get involved in our Connection Series, get in touch! We'd love to hear from you if you've got a story or an opportunity to share. Please email us your ideas at [alumni@csu.edu.au](mailto:alumni@csu.edu.au)