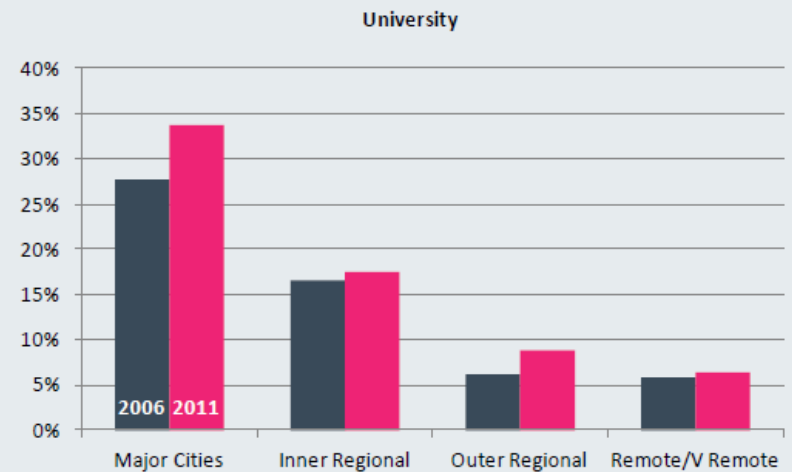
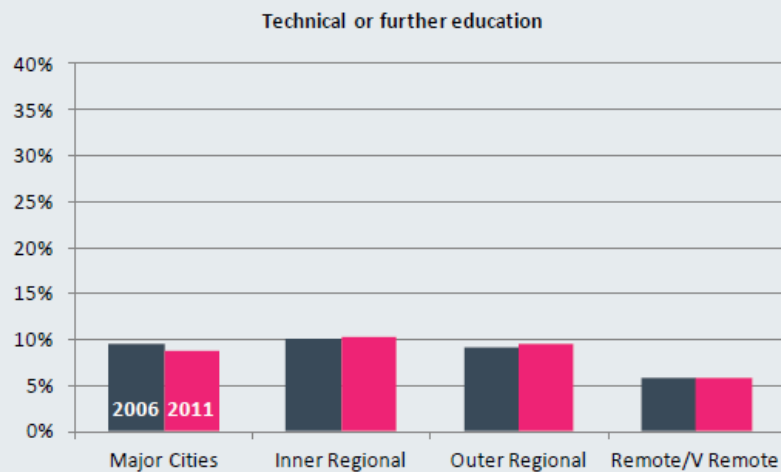




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## Proportion of 20-24 year-olds in NSW attending post-school education



Source: ABS Census



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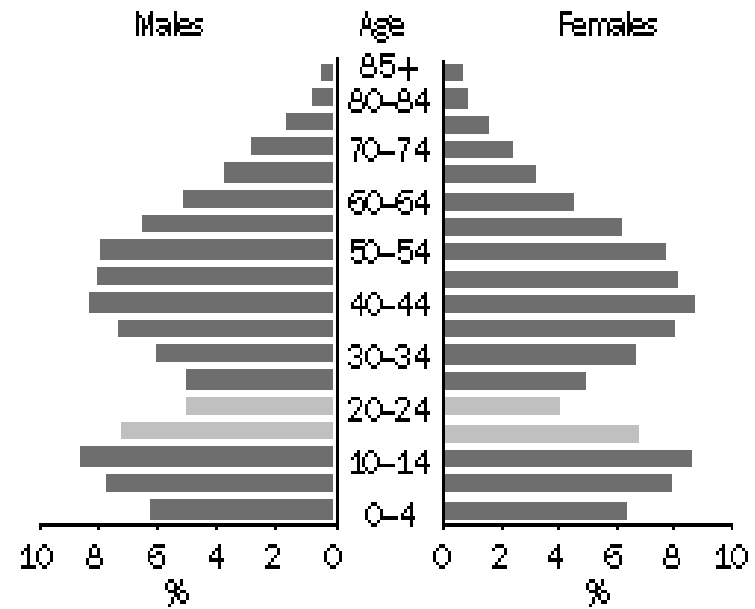
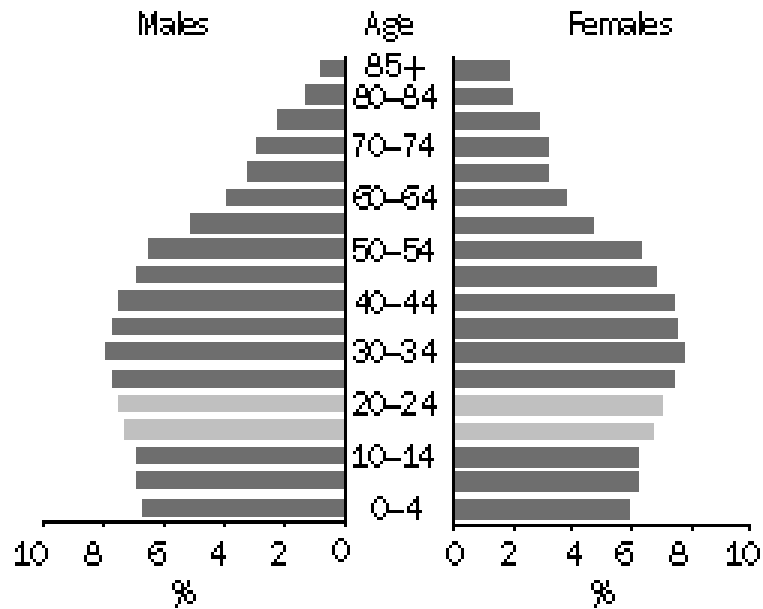
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# AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS USUAL RESIDENT AGE PROFILE

## Major Urban areas

## Rural Balance





# Building the Local Workforce Requires Regional Provision

- 74% of regional students at metropolitan universities remain in cities after graduation. (ACER 2011)
- 5 years after completing their course, 66% of graduates from regional higher education institutions remain in regional areas for employment.



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# Success in Higher Education

- Campus Study – 76%
- Distance Education – 46%
- Multi modal study – 71%



# “Distance with Assistance”

- Live and study locally
- Study in a high tech facility with very fast downloads
- Access to a supervisor for assistance with technology, university procedure and academic skills
- Work with a group of peer students studying the same subjects and degree
- In particular courses meet regularly with an experienced tutor for a face-to-face tutorial to keep you on track, answer questions and deliver content in a personalised setting

**Supported Learning**





# University Centre Model









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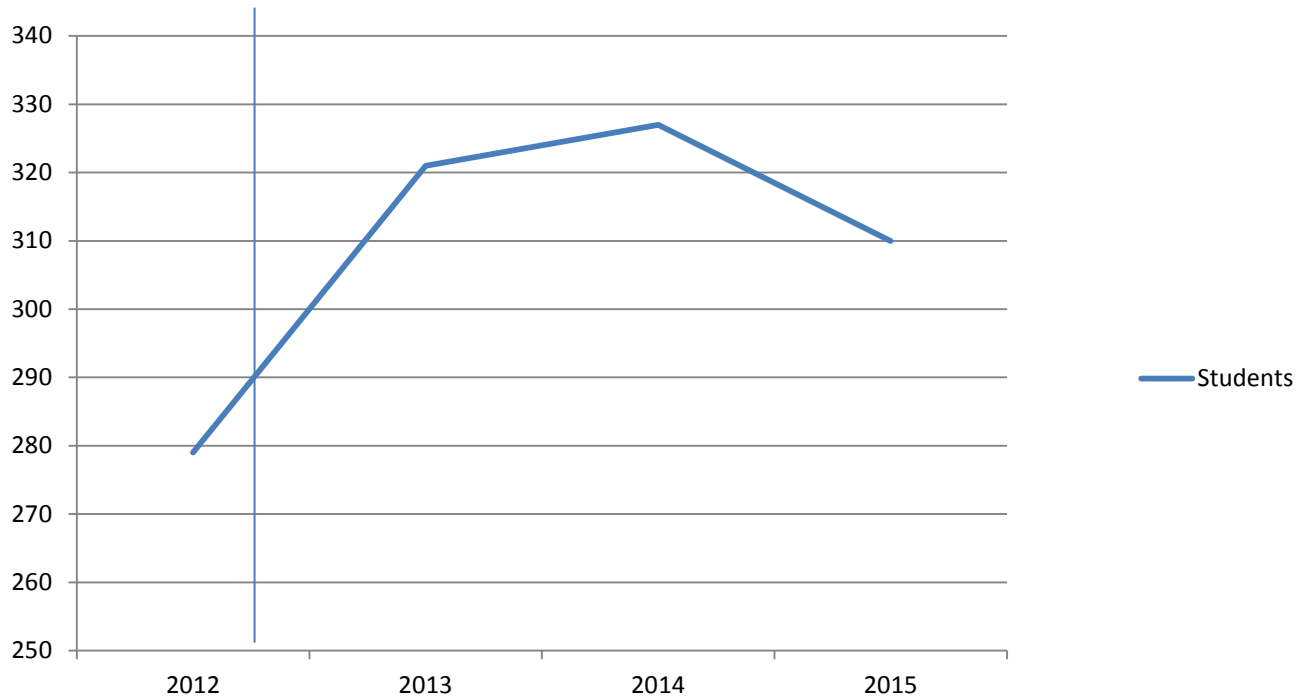


## Cooma (population 6700)

- Over four years, 187 students studied 91 courses at 28 Australian universities.
- Approximately two thirds undergraduate and one third postgraduate.

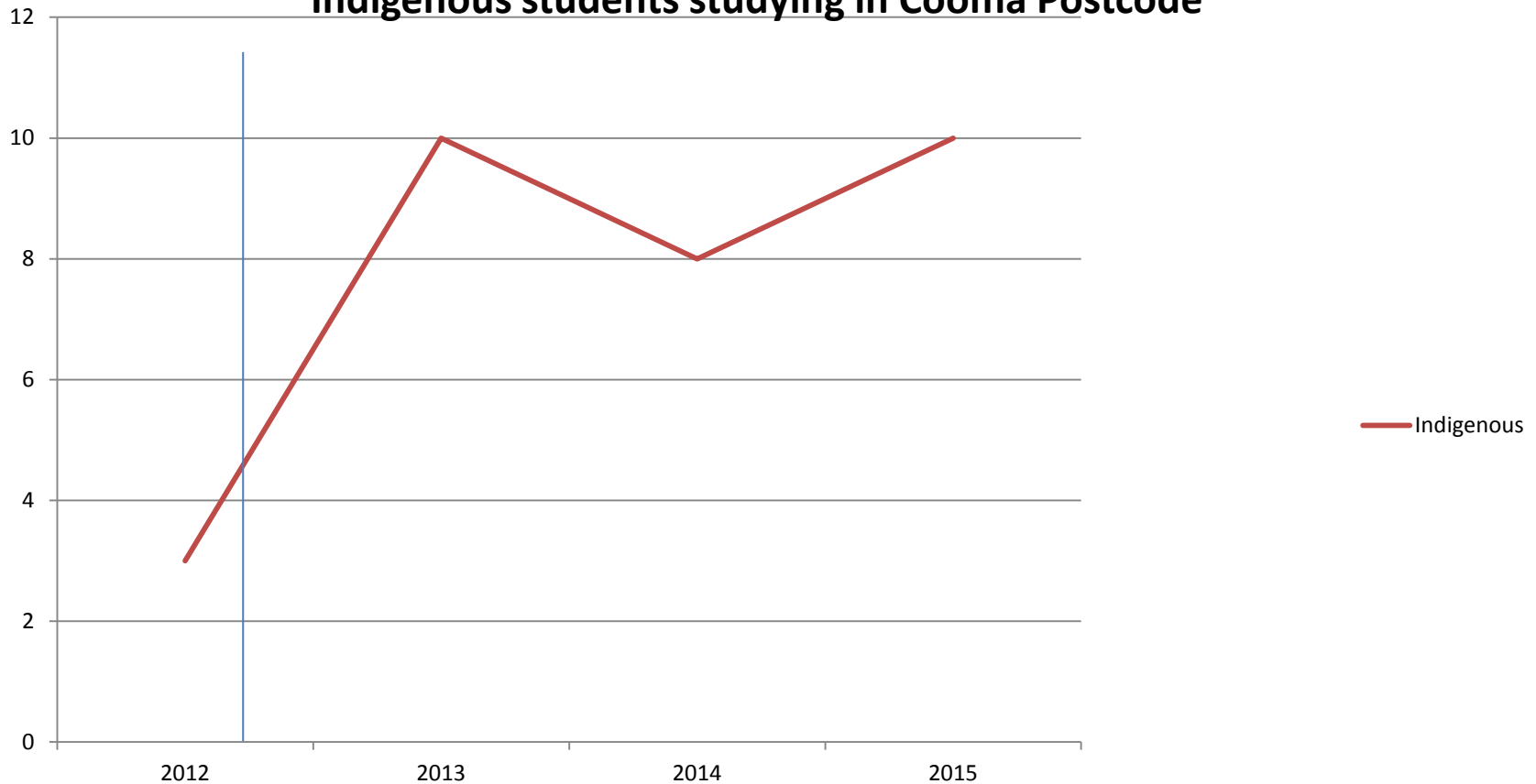
# Does the Centre encourage new students or support existing ones?

Students Studying in Cooma Postcode

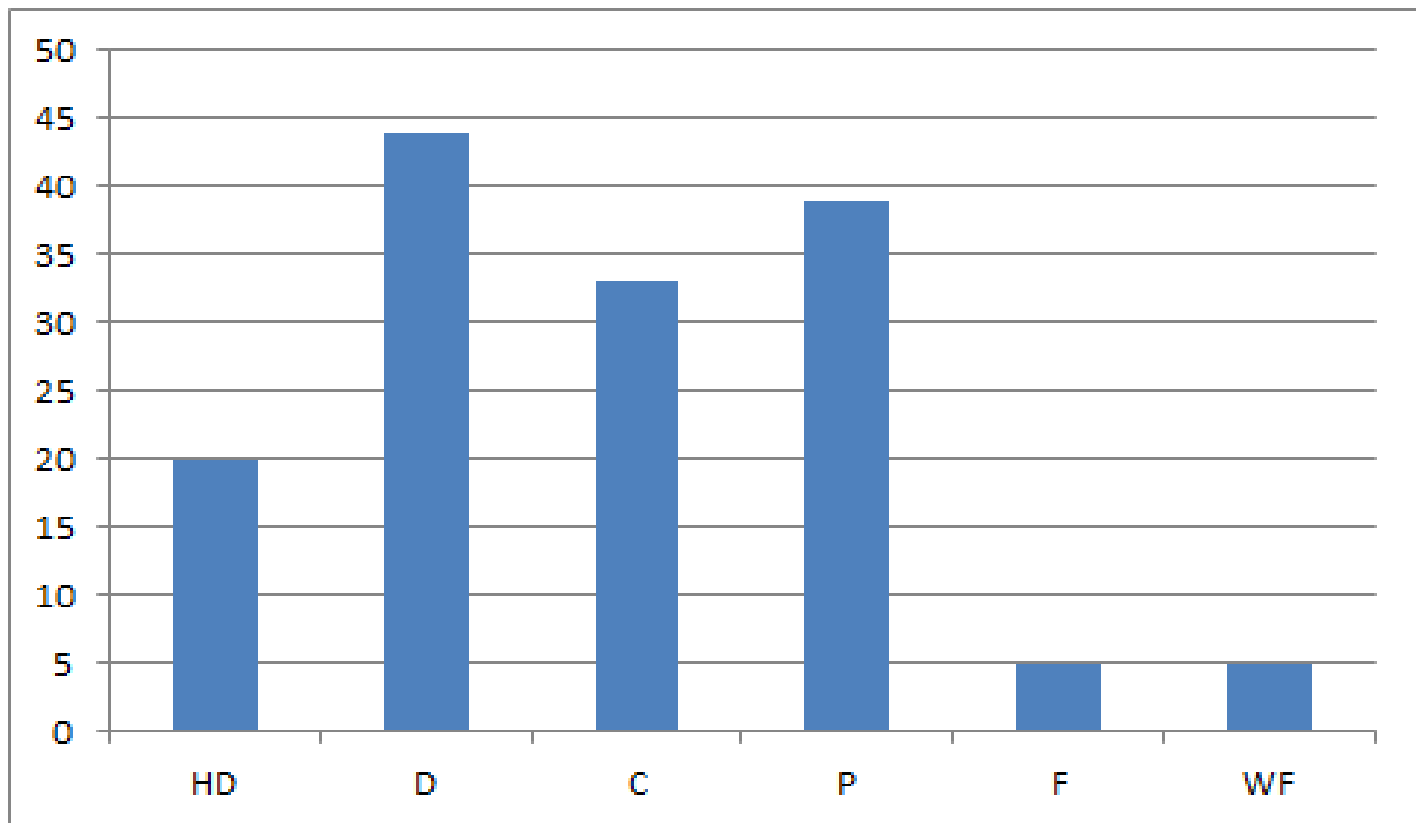


# Large increase in Indigenous Students off a very low base

**Indigenous students studying in Cooma Postcode**



## Partnership Degree Student Results





# Governance

- Community Board – Local Government, Business, TAFE, Schools
- One full time equivalent employee
- Local tutors



# Resources

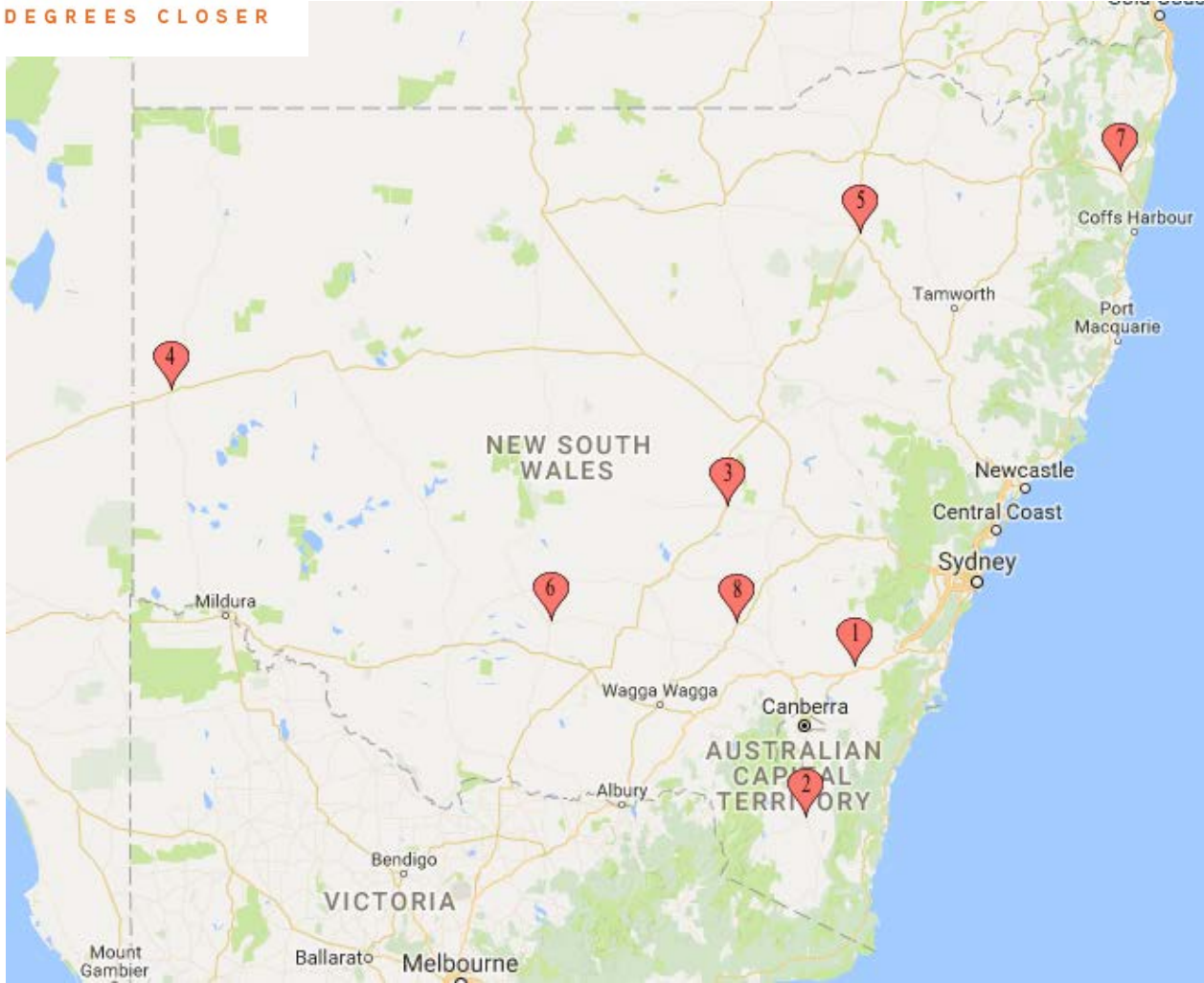
- State Government - \$8 million granted to the CUC to establish at least 5 Centres
- Federal Government - \$15 million announced to establish 8 Centres
- Universities
- Local Government, Business and Communities



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# Potential CUC Locations





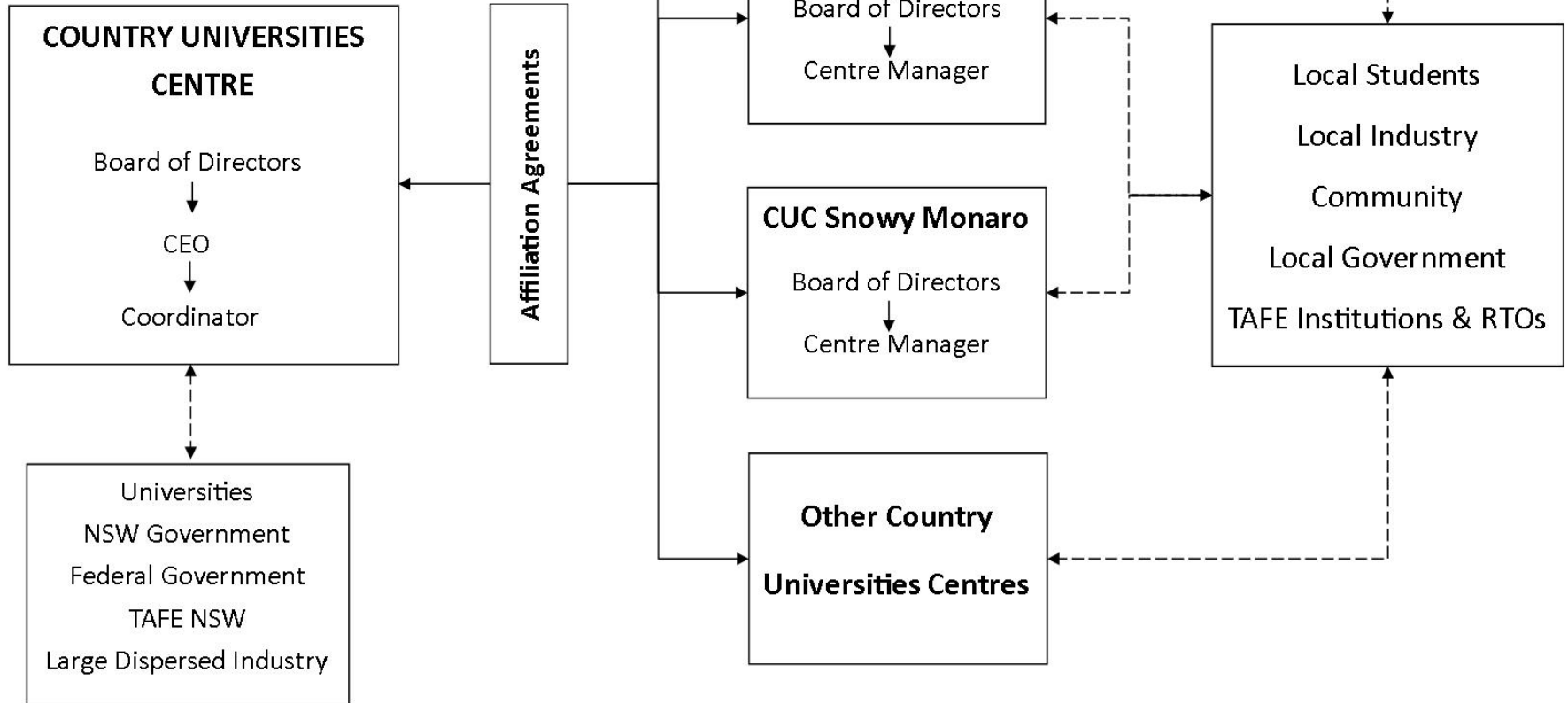
# Town Populations of Potential CUC locations (2015 census SA2)

- Cooma 6890 – 2013 Start
- Goulburn 23320 – 2018 Start
- Broken Hill 18027 – 2018 Start
- Griffith 19748
- Parkes 11258
- Narrabri 7372, Moree 8474
- Grafton 19075
- Young 10802





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# The Future

- Provide student/industry networks in addition to knowledge and qualifications
- More university partnerships
- Micro-credentials to community
- MoU with TAFE NSW with two way articulation/interface with schools
- Technology partnership with Optus to become leader in future teaching/learning



Q & A



“Gives me a place to go and be dedicated to the task. Good learning environment and friendly and attentive staff. Facilities are great and access to programs etc. makes it easy to link up with Deakin University.” – CUC Student



“Being able to use the facilities at CUC has been so valuable. It takes the isolation of studying by distance away by connecting with others doing similar things. The Centre is a quiet, welcoming space with all the modern facilities you need to study undisturbed. Whether I go there after work or on my days off, I can have something to eat and a cuppa, copy lecture notes, view lectures and do research. The fast internet speed is a lot better than what I get at home. Using the Centre helps me to achieve without distractions.” - CUC Student.



“The CUC is the perfect environment where I can concentrate on my studies using all the technology and software required for my online courses.” – CUC Student.



“The CUC has enabled me to start and finish a pathways program to be eligible for a nursing degree. Being able to move back home and knowing that the support and facilities are here at the CUC is great. To have facilities in Cooma to be able to study and not to have to move away was a huge encouragement for me to begin University study. Without the help and support from the CUC I would not be as far through my degree if enrolled at all.” – CUC Student.



“A subject I am currently doing requires a programme that does not work on my personal laptop, without the Uni centre I would not have been able to complete it or my degree. The Internet at the centre is also fantastic which is really helpful as being out of town the Internet isn't any form of reliable.” – CUC Student.





“Having the centre to go to has been immensely helpful as I don’t have the same facilities at my own home. My course content often requires downloading student versions of sophisticated software such as Auto cad and Matlab, which the CUC has been happy to accommodate. These installs have been known to take several hours which Shannon has completed for me saving me valuable time. The availability of the quiet study rooms have provided me and fellow student Paul a location to work together on group assignments and collaborate in our studies.”- CUC Student.



“Living out of town with poor internet services was something that was obstructive with my studies. The CUC enabled me reliable internet and a place to study when I was waiting for children to finish school or after school activities.” – CUC Student.



“The friendly and professional staff make it a joy to attend the centre and go above and beyond to accommodate my needs as an online student.” – CUC Student.



“I would have found it almost impossible to achieve my degree without it!” – CUC Student.



“The centre is a great resource for this town.  
Thank you for all your hard work keeping it  
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