



"I am delighted to announce the Queensland Government has committed \$100,000 to

establish a special scholarship fund to give young Australian South Sea Islanders a better chance of gaining a tertiary education. The new Foundation will encourage more Australian South Sea Islanders to continue their education. We are determined to improve access to higher education by young members of this community."

Peter Beattie MP
Premier and Minister for Trade

Where can I find more information about the Foundation?

For more information about the Australian South Sea Islander Community Foundation and the scholarships, or to find out how you can make a contribution, please call or write to:

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The Australian South Sea Islander Community Foundation



"As a member of the Australian South Sea Islander community I am privileged to be asked to be Patron for the Australian South Sea Islander Community

Foundation. I am committed to ensuring a healthier future for our younger generation."

Patron – Mr Mal Meninga AM

What is the Australian South Sea Islander Community Foundation?

The Australian South Sea Islander Community Foundation is a trust fund to provide university scholarships for Australian South Sea Islanders.

The Foundation is a partnership between the Queensland Government and the corporate sector to create a permanent legacy for the Australian South Sea Islander community.

Why was the Foundation established?

The Queensland Government has formally recognised Australian South Sea Islanders as a distinct cultural group.

The Government has made a commitment to address areas of need identified by the community, including education and employment.

The Foundation was established as one practical step to address these needs.



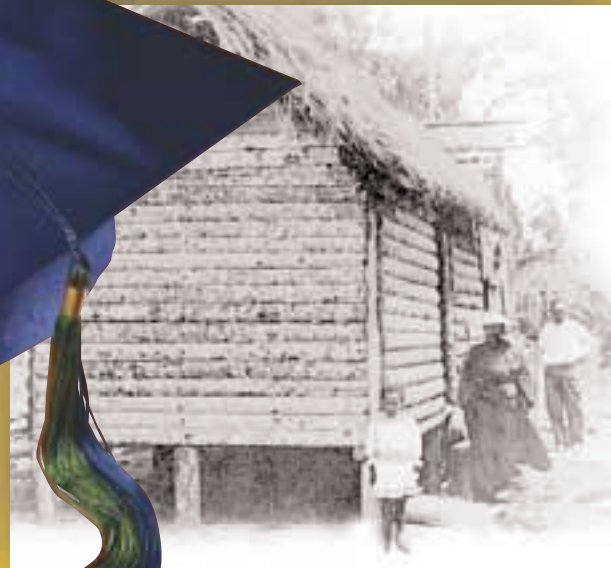
How will it work?

Management

The Australian South Sea Islander Community Foundation is a perpetual fund under the Queensland Community Foundation (QCF). The QCF is a public charitable trust, established and managed by the Public Trustee of Queensland, independent of the Government.

Prominent member of the Australian South Sea Islander community and Australian Rugby League legend, Mal Meninga, is Patron of the Foundation.

An independent Board of Advice manages the Australian South Sea Islander Community Foundation and makes decisions about attracting investment from the corporate sector and allocating scholarships. The Board consists mainly of members of the Australian South Sea Islander community, but also representatives from the business and corporate sector.



Attracting and investing funds

The Queensland Government established the Foundation with a contribution of \$100,000. Companies and organisations are invited to make additional financial contributions to the Foundation, directly fund university scholarships and also enter into arrangements to provide work experience and future employment opportunities for young Australian South Sea Islanders.

The Public Trustee, in partnership with the Queensland Investment Corporation, invests the Foundation's capital to provide an ongoing income which then provides university scholarships each year.

Scholarship distribution

Scholarships are provided annually to Australian South Sea Islander students who have been accepted into a university course at any campus of James Cook University or Central Queensland University. The number and value of scholarships offered each year varies, depending on the amount of income generated annually by the Foundation. Scholarships commence in 2002.



"I totally believe education is a fundamental pre-requisite that determines how a community walks forward. In conjunction with the Queensland Government and the corporate sector, initiatives such as the Foundation lay a progressive platform that is worthy of the recognition bestowed on the Australian South Sea Islander people."

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