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### Shenhua Watermark Announces Final Round of Community Fund - Gunnedah

Shenhua Watermark today announced the recipients of the final \$1 million funding from the Watermark Community Fund. In total, 19 projects have been selected to share the last instalment of the \$5 million in community funding committed by Shenhua Watermark as part of its Exploration Licence.

Established in 2009 the Watermark Community Fund committed \$5million supporting the development of local educational programs, medical programs, indigenous programs and environmental programs.

Shenhua Australia Chairman Mr Liu Xiang, said the company had received many submissions from interested parties and the final 19 were chosen after a long and careful decision making process.

“Shenhua Watermark is extremely pleased to accept the recommendation of the Community Fund Advisory Committee to support these 19 projects. Like all of those we have supported over the last five years, we expect these projects will make a meaningful and lasting difference on the local community. In Gunnedah we are delighted to have supported 19 projects which collectively will benefit from over \$1 million in funding,” Mr Liu Xiang said.

“Through the Watermark Community Fund Shenhua has been able to support a wide range of community interests including sport, arts, health, indigenous projects, tourism, the aged, child care, recreation and the environment,” Mr Liu Xiang said.

The Rotary Club of Gunnedah will receive \$243,690 towards the completion of the Gunnedah Riverine Improvement Scheme including funds to plant trees and install fencing and bollards to help secure the riverbank area.

“These funds will allow us to complete Stage 3 of the Riverine Project and go a long way into Stage 4 which will see the riverbank area of the Namoi River protected and beautified on the Western end of our current project,” Rotarian Bob Leister said.

Meals on Wheels in Gunnedah will receive \$19,000 for the upgrade of their kitchen facilities and meet new government requirements that are required for them to continue in providing the much-needed service in the local community.

“This funding is essential for the organisation to meet the new changes in government legislation in regard to food handling and will allow us to provide further improvement to the meals we deliver to the local community,” Andrew Cherry, Business Manager said.

Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child and Family Centre will receive \$235,000 to support the building of an additional Community room.

“The additional room will provide us with an opportunity to deliver increased services to our Kamilaroi and other disadvantaged children and their families, and therefore make further progress towards closing the gap on indigenous health outcomes,” Wayne Griffiths Centre Manager of the Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child and Family Centre said.

Red Chief Aboriginal Land Council will received \$10,000 towards improvements and modifications to the Keeping Gallery.

“The Keeping Gallery houses many Traditional Aboriginal Artefacts that are used to educate the visitors that come through the Gallery on the oldest living culture in the world. Without these significant upgrades we would be unable to expand on what already is one of the best Keeping Places in Australia,” Chief Executive Officer Toni Comber said.

Project Manager, Paul Jackson said while the announcement marked the end of the Watermark Community Fund, Shenhua Watermark had every intention of continuing to be an active supporter of the local community into the future.

“We’re looking forward to continuing to support the region over the life of the Project in line with our vision to see our communities grow in the next 30 years,” Mr Jackson said.

*A full list of projects supported by the Watermark Community Fund Final Round is available over the page*

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### Shenhua Watermark Community Fund Recipients – Final Round

Organisation	Project	Funding
Liverpool Plains Shire Council	Rehabilitation of Riparian	\$165,000
Rotary Club of Gunnedah	Completion of Gunnedah Riverine Improvement Scheme	\$243,690
Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child and Family Centre	Building of additional Community room	\$235,000
Gunnedah Public School	Installation of Kitchen in School Hall	\$54,954
Walhallow Public School	Improvements to Playground area	\$50,000
Friends of Quirindi Library	Purchase of Early Childhood Book Sets	\$4,534
Werris Creek & District Pre-School	Upgrade outdoor playground equipment	\$27,500
Quirindi Rural Heritage Village	Design, construct and operate a model railway based on NSW State Railway from 1930's	\$25,852
Gunnedah Jockey Club	Upgrade effluent management system	\$45,000
Werris Creek Public School	Installation of two rainwater tanks	\$34,570
Paint the Town REaD	Purchase of Literacy Books	\$20,000
Red Chief Aboriginal Land Council	Remodel Keeping Gallery	\$10,000
Liverpool Plains Shire Council	Erection of Environmental Signage	\$5,500
Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service	Installation of Gantry Crane	\$30,000
Shenhua Watermark	Schools-based traineeship program	\$20,000
Meals on Wheels	Upgrade Kitchen to meet new Government Standards	\$19,000
Breeza Progress Association	Air condition Breeza Community Hall	\$17,500
Ooranga Out of School Hours Care	Develop outdoor playground area	\$22,000
GS Kidd Public School	Establish sensory garden and tree planting	\$20,000