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MEDIA RELEASE

Shenhua Watermark Announces Final Round of Community Fund

Shenhua Watermark have 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 \$5 million 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. We are delighted to have supported 19 projects across the region 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.

Liverpool Plains Shire Council will receive a combined total of \$170,500 for two projects in the Liverpool Plains local government area.

“\$5,500 for signage will be used to provide creek side interpretative signage while \$165,000 for the riverine project will be spent on rehabilitation works along Quirindi Creek, including an area near the Quirindi Swimming Pool. These are projects Council could not have undertaken in the foreseeable future without this welcome injection of funds from Shenhua Watermark,” Liverpool Plains Shire Council Mayor Councillor Ian Lobsey said.

Werris Creek Public School will receive \$34,570 towards the installation of two rainwater tanks.

“The funds received from the Shenhua Watermark Community Fund will allow the school to harvest rain water which is currently lost and is much needed for day to day use. The donation means not only will the school be able to save money on its water bills, but spend the saved funds on much needed equipment and infrastructure and we are thankful to Shenhua Watermark for their support,” Timothy Munday Relieving Principal at Werris Creek Public School 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