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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Bell Park Playground Opening**

Chairman of Shenhua Australia Holdings Pty Ltd and Shenhua Watermark Coal Pty Ltd, Mr Liu Xiang, today officiated at the official opening of the Bell Park Playground in Qurindi with representatives of Liverpool Plains Shire Council and members of the local community.

The new Bell Park Playground is one of many community facilities in the local region which has been funded through the Shenhua Watermark Community Fund. Established by Shenhua Australia as part of the Exploration Licence for the Watermark Coal Project which was granted in 2009, the fund provides \$1 million per year for up to five years for local community initiatives.

The Fund provided the \$214,590 required to install new playground equipment, fencing, tables and chairs, bench seating and shade sails in response to a funding application and design submitted by members of the local community.

Mr Liu acknowledged the members of the Quirindi community who had worked together to make the project happen and said it was a great example of a genuine partnership where both the community and Shenhua worked together to achieve a great result.

“As the Watermark Coal Project has progressed, Shenhua Australia has made every effort to ensure it is an active member of the local community and wider region. The Community Fund is one way we hope to achieve this,” Mr Liu said.

“While the Watermark Coal Project itself is expected to create up to 900 direct and indirect jobs across the region, we understand there is more to being a good corporate citizen and responsible member of the local community than simply creating jobs and economic prosperity.

“We understand the need to be an active and supportive member of the local community. It is equally important that we are contributing to the things which are important to local people, families, community groups, schools and, in this case local children.

“It is my hope that for years to come local families and children will enjoy the new playground here at Bell Park. I certainly also hope that in years to come the playground is enjoyed by the children of Shenhua Watermark employees as we are determined to ensure the Project’s workforce lives across the towns in this area,” Mr Liu said.

Mr Liu unveiled a plaque to commemorate the playground’s opening in conjunction with Liverpool Plains Shire Council’ Mayor Ian Lobsey OAM and General Manager Robert Hunt.

Other community projects funded in the last Community Fund rounds include the Gunnedah Conservatorium, the Werris Creek Community Shed and the Gunnedah Basketball Association’s basketball stadium.



Photo 1 – The new Bell Park Playground in Quirindi was officially opened by local resident Donna Lawson, whose vision instigated and drove the concept, LPSC Mayor Councillor Ian Lobsey OAM and Chairman of Shenhua Watermark Mr Liu Xiang with LPSC GM Robert Hunt watching proceedings.



Photo 2 – LPSC Councillors, staff and members of the public were amongst those who attended the official opening of Quirindi's redeveloped Bell Park Playground by local resident Donna Lawson, whose vision instigated and drove the concept, LPSC Mayor Councillor Ian Lobsey OAM and Chairman of Shenhua Watermark Mr Liu Xiang. (L to R) Adele and James Fincham, Jack, Donna and



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Heath Lawson, Councillor Andrew Hope, Councillor Mary Roberts, LPSC Mayor Councillor Ian Lobsey OAM, Chairman of Shenhua Watermark Mr Liu Xiang, Debbie Watson (Community Liaison Officer Shenhua Watermark) and LPSC GM Robert Hunt.

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