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### One Application and Only One Week to go!

Only one application has been received so far for a share in this year's Watermark Community Fund.

Shenhua's Communications Manager Melanie Layton would like to remind the community, that with only one week to go, time is running out.

"Based on previous years it is common for groups to submit their application in the last minute," Ms Layton said. "I have received a number of calls and sent out a few application forms via email, so I am confident we will receive more this week."

Successful information sessions held during May also give Ms Layton confidence that a number of big projects, in both the Gunnedah and Liverpool Plains Shires, will be put up for consideration.

"More than 30 people attended the Gunnedah information session and more than 40 people attend the Werris Creek information session, so I know there are some great projects out there," Ms Layton continued. "I just hope they can get their applications in before the June 8 deadline."

The information sessions were a new initiative introduced this year, to help groups and individuals better prepare their submissions. It was also an opportunity to reinforce the criteria by which applications would be judged.

"We don't want to deter anyone from submitting an application, but we are looking for larger projects this year that are sustainable and benefit the broader community," Ms Layton said. "If a project can demonstrate that it meets all the criteria, but exceeds \$1m, then part of the 2013 community fund can be used."

Applications are due by COB Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June and can be submitted via email: [communityfund@shenhuawatermark.com](mailto:communityfund@shenhuawatermark.com) or mail: 368-370 Conadilly Street Gunnedah, or by dropping it into the Shenhua Watermark Project Office. A copy of the application form can be downloaded from the project website: [www.shenhuawatermark.com](http://www.shenhuawatermark.com) or calling reception on 6741 8800.

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