

Shenhua grants for Friends of Quirindi Library

Friends of Quirindi Library (FOQL) recently gained funding from the Shenhua Community Grant scheme. The money will be put towards purchasing early literacy development packages for young children.

"Friends of Quirindi Library hosted their annual Biggest Morning Tea to raise funds for the Cancer Council" said FOQL Publicity Officer, Pat Wallace. "At our morning tea we were also celebrating getting a grant for \$4,534 to purchase for the library a number of 'Ten

Minute a Day' baby book packs."

The money was allocated to the FOQL organisation following the approval of their grant submission to Shenhua Watermark's Community Fund program. Shenhua representatives formerly announced the allocation of funding during a presentation in Gunnedah on May 19.

Friends of Quirindi Library plan on using the finances to purchase 'Ten Minutes a Day' baby book kits to assist local mothers in teaching their children



early literacy skills. The packs offer stories, rhymes, songs and music to make it a fun and interactive experience for infant participants.

"This is a scheme that was started by Newcastle Library

Quirindi Library held its annual Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser on Thursday May 22 in order to raise funds for Cancer Council. Friends of Quirindi Library members were also celebrating being the recipients of a Shenhua Watermark Community Fund grant.

where the baby book packs are put in the library for mothers to borrow them," explained Pat. "There is also training on how to get the mothers to get to use the music CD's and the musical instruments in the pack. It's quite an elaborate setup.

"Setting up the program will involve the training of Quirindi library staff to teach mothers how to use the packs, and it will involve purchasing the kits and going down to Newcastle library to get it all organised and sorted," she concluded.