

Final round of Shenhua community funds on offer

SHENHUA will hold information sessions to help the community prepare submissions for the final round of \$1 million in funding from the Watermark Community Fund.

The opening of applications was announced by Director and CEO of Shenhua Australia and Shenhua Watermark Coal, Wang Ningbo at the Chinese Moon Festival held at Gunnedah last week.

The Community Fund was pledged by Shenhua as part of the grant of its Exploration Licence in 2009, and includes a commitment of \$1 million per year for up to five years of exploration.

More than \$4 million has already been distributed on 31 community projects.

“Over the last four years Shenhua Watermark has sought to be an active member of the local community and the wider New England region. Our community fund has been one way we have achieved this,” Mr Wang said.

“One million dollars will be available to community projects and this year we will seek to focus on applications for environmental and indigenous projects in particular. We are looking forward to once again working with the community to support



WANG Ningbo, CEO Shenhua Watermark at the Chinese Moon Festival.

valuable projects that will make a lasting impact on the region,” Mr Wang said.

The Watermark Community Fund Advisory Committee is holding a number of information sessions to assist applicants to better prepare their submissions.

The Community Information Sessions will be held at Werris Creek Bowling Club on Wednesday, October 23 from 6.30-8pm and Gunnedah Services and Bowling Club on Thursday, October 24, from 6.30-8pm.

Application forms must be submitted by COB Friday, November 15, and can be downloaded from the project website www.shenhuawatermark.com or by contacting Shenhua.