

Shenhua urges community to apply for slice of \$1m

SHENHUA Watermark's Community Fund Committee met in Gunnedah last Thursday, to discuss the last round of \$1 million in funding, and provide information about how local groups can apply.

Shenhua Watermark established a \$5 million Community Fund as part of the Exploration Licence granted by the State Government.

The purpose is to support the development of the region's economy, enhance and maintain the environment, improve important local facilities and develop and promote training and employment opportunities.

So far, \$4 million has been spent in the community.

This year the committee will focus on applications for environmental and indigenous projects in particular,

however other areas won't be excluded.

Last week's meeting gave organisations in the Gunnedah shire information about what is expected when they put forward their submission and the quality expected.

"I think the fund, over the years, has enabled projects to come to fruition which may not have or taken a long time to achieve without that funding," Mayor and committee member Owen Hasler said.

To be considered for funding, all applicants must complete an Application Form which is available either on the website, by contacting Shenhua Watermark reception on 6741 8800, or emailing communityfund@shenhua-watermark.com.

Applications close November 15, 2013.



PICTURED at the community fund meeting last Thursday are, from back left, Cr Owen Hasler (Gunnedah Mayor), Wayne Griffiths (Community Fund Advisory Committee), Bill Ashford (Gunnedah Rugby Club), Bob Leister (Rotary Club of Gunnedah), Jarad Ewing (Gunnedah Rugby Club) and Stuart Morrison (Gunnedah Rugby Club). Front Row: Mark Kesby and Amy Perfrement (Community Fund Advisory Committee) Delores Worthington (Gunnedah Homes for the Aged -Yallambee), Debbie Watson (Shenhua Community Liaison Officer) and Gerry McDonak (Shenhua HR Manager).