

Shenhua supports Meals on Wheels



GUNNEDAH Meals on Wheels business manager Andrew Cherry (left) with Chen Chao, Amber Pescud, Carrie Zeng, President Colleen Fuller, Debbie Watson, Jing Zhang and Liang Zhao.

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A JOINT initiative between local mining company Shenhua Watermark and volunteer organisation Gunnedah Meals on Wheels, which will see a number of Chinese and Australian staff members help deliver meals, is a first for regional NSW.

Twenty three Shenhua staff have put up their hands to volunteer as part of the local Meals on Wheels program.

"This multi-cultural venture is a first for a regional Meals on Wheels

organisation," President Colleen Fuller said.

"They are also the first mining company in Gunnedah to come on board and volunteer their time to help local residents."

Shenhua Watermark's social club recently approached the organisation offering to sign up a large group of staff members.

Chen Chao said "our social club wants to do anything we can to help the welfare of the community."

Meals on Wheels delivers meals to more than 40 elderly, infirm and housebound residents in the Gunnedah community.

For many residents, Meals on

Wheels volunteers are the only people they have contact with during the day and they really look forward to this daily ritual and a chance to say hello.

Meals on Wheels has provided a valuable community service in Gunnedah since 1965 when the late Doug Heath instigated the formation of a committee to provide meals for housebound and frail-aged residents.

The Gunnedah Meals on Wheels Service is unique in that meals are prepared at the hospital where services in other centres have their own kitchens.