



NEW Shenhua Chief Executive Officer Liu Xiang and Gunnedah Shire Mayor Owen Hasler at a cocktail party at Bitter Suite on Thursday evening to introduce Mr Liu to the community.

# Shenhua announces \$1m fund recipients

NINE projects will share in \$1 million from the 2012 Shenhua Watermark Community Fund, reaching a total of \$4 million invested in the Gunnedah and Liverpool Plains Shire communities over the past four years.

Shenhua's new CEO Liu Xiang made the announcement at a cocktail party on Thursday night in Gunnedah, held to introduce the new head, who has taken up residence in the town.

Shenhua Communications Manager Melanie Layton said that while the number of applications was down from last year, the Community Fund Advisory Committee reviewed and assessed 47 applications. A short-list was then developed which Shenhua endorsed last week.

Mr Liu said this year's projects cover a wide range of community interests including the arts, sport, health, tourism, the aged and recreation.

Health continues to be a priority for the Community Fund Committee, with PRAMS receiving \$73,000 to upgrade the Maternity Ward of the Gunnedah Hospital, and Gunnedah Homes for the Aged receiving \$153,722 to renovate 13 bathrooms.

Gunnedah Conservatorium will receive \$151,250 to improve and upgrade the acoustics of the

Gunnedah Town Hall and the purchase of sound, lighting and stage equipment.

Mr Liu said improving the acoustics of the Town Hall would increase the usability of the hall and create a better experience for touring performers and audiences, as well as adding to the Hall's attractiveness as a venue for conferences and other events.

The Advisory Committee was keen to provide additional funds to Gunnedah Early Childhood Intervention to ensure the program continues, with \$82,374 going to continue the Marte Meo pilot program.

Mr Liu said Shenhua had seen first-hand the benefits of the Marte Meo program on young children and their families, with the program having already been successful in last year's round of funding.

The Werris Creek Community Shed will receive \$118,284 for construction of a purpose built shed. At present the current 'shed' operates from a 50 year old school hall in the grounds of the Catholic Church.

And the Salvation Army's community garden, located next to Hope House, will receive \$9,314 to help educate community members and children about food nutrition and help families save money by growing their own fruit and vegetables.

Sport and recreation were two

big ticket items this year with the Gunnedah Basketball Association receiving \$26,000 to upgrade the basketball stadium.

These improvements will transform the facility into a multi-purpose centre that would allow a greater usage by the Gunnedah community and fit in with Councils Open Plan Strategy and the Showground Management Plan.

Mr Liu said he hoped these improvements would not only encourage tourists to visit the area, but provide a safe environment for families to play and exercise.

A number of projects in the Liverpool Plains shire were also successful this year, including Bell Park in Quirindi, which will undergo a complete transformation with \$214,590 being invested to upgrade the park.

Improvements will include: the installation of playground equipment, including flying fox, swings, g-pod swinger, infants play structure and spring rockers, fencing, tables and chairs, bench seating; and shade sails.

The Community Fund was pledged by Shenhua as part of the Exploration Licence granted by the Department of Primary Industries in 2009, committing \$1 million per year for up to five years of exploration or up to \$5 million.

## Other councils seeking former Mayor's expertise

GUNNEDAH'S youngest ex-Mayor Adam Marshall is putting his experience of local government to good use, as a consultant to both the Local Government and Shires Association of NSW and the State Division of Local Government.

Mr Marshall is delivering a number of one-day 'introduction to elected life' workshops on behalf of the LGSA for new councillors around the State.

He will also be running specific intensive courses surrounding the councillor code of conduct, code of meeting practice, media skills for

councillors, how to chair effective meetings and conflict resolution.

He has already completed the first of these, for the Tweed and Albury councils and has a busy calendar ahead, consulting with the Ballina, Moree, Nowra, Forbes and Shoalhaven City councils among others.

In addition, Mr Marshall will be one of a small number of former and current mayors and 'leaders in Local Government', asked to speak at 30 forums for new councils across the State, hosted by the Division of Local Government.

He said life after council was

only getting busier, as he makes the move to Armidale to commence his studies in Law at the University of New England on October 22.

"It is going to be a pretty busy calendar of events in and around my university studies," Mr Marshall said.

Mr Marshall is currently in the process of moving to Armidale where he will share a house with cross border commissioner and former Armidale Mayor Steve Toms.

He says he has no plans to sell his Gunnedah residence, but will rent it out, once he is settled in Armidale.

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