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\$1.3 million in Glencore community funding to support more projects than ever before

More community groups will be supported by Glencore in 2017 than ever before, with 17 partner organisations sharing in \$1.3 million in funding under the annual Glencore Community Program North Queensland (GCPNQ).

This is the largest number of organisations supported under the flagship grant scheme since the program began in 2004.

The funding will support local initiatives to improve health, educational outcomes and access to recreation and community infrastructure in Mount Isa, Cloncurry, Camooweal, and Townsville.

Chief Operating Officer for Glencore's Australian Copper Assets Mike Westerman said the results of the 2016 Glencore Community Attitudes Survey were key in ensuring the funding addressed the areas of greatest need in north Queensland communities.

"The survey provided us with a map of our communities' priorities, and through the GCPNQ funding we are able to respond by targeting initiatives that address these concerns," Mr Westerman said.

"For example, increased access to improved health and medical facilities, and better community and recreational infrastructure were on the top of the list across north Queensland."

"In response, this year, among other projects, we will support the purchase of new specialist ophthalmology equipment for the Mount Isa Hospital, fund the development of a Headspace youth 'Shedspace' in Townsville, and support the construction of a Community Garden which will be used by school students, the elderly and Indigenous groups in Cloncurry as well as invest in a new undercover spectator seating area at the Cloncurry Equestrian Centre."

Chief Operating Officer for Glencore's Australian Zinc Assets Greg Ashe said the company is committed to supporting community development initiatives that promote capacity building and will continue to deliver benefits in north Queensland over the long term.

"It's really important that we're not just sharing the value of our activities with our local communities, but that we're supporting the right projects that address the communities' concerns in a way that is lasting and sustainable," Mr Ashe said.

"Partnering with local communities is one of the key pillars of our business; it's important not just because it allows us a social license to operate, but because it means we can build a positive legacy that we remain long after our mining work is done.

“It’s particularly exciting to be able to support more groups this year than we ever have, and we’re looking forward to watching these projects unfold and sharing the benefits of our community partners’ great work.”

Since 2004, Glencore has invested more than \$36 million through its Corporate Social Investment programs across north Queensland communities and more broadly throughout Queensland.

The new 2017 recipients are:

North West Hospital and Health Service

To purchase a Retcam to facilitate eye screening imagery at the Mount Isa Hospital

The GCPNQ funding will enable the Mount Isa Hospital to purchase a Retcam for newborn babies and patients of all ages who require ophthalmologic eye examinations of the retina. Currently these eye examinations necessitate frequent travel to Townsville, where the closest Retcam is located.

Cootharinga North Queensland

Short term accommodation for overnight respite

Cootharinga will receive funding to refurbish a room at the Mount Isa Cootharinga Community Hub to be used for short-term accommodation for people with disability. It will allow Cootharinga to support local families caring for a disabled person, particularly during emergency and crisis situations.

Southern Gulf NRM

Fire Management Program for conservation of the Carpentaria Grasswren bird

Southern Gulf NRM has received funding for a Fire Management Program to secure a conservation corridor for the Carpentaria Grasswren. Pastoral landholders will be invited to participate in a two-year fire management and capacity building program with direction and advice from a recovery team of Grasswren experts.

Kalkadoon Community Pty Ltd

Employment of a Community Relations Officer to deliver an organisational plan and drive Indigenous health and community development initiatives

We have partnered with the Kalkadoon Community who will employ an officer to develop a 2017 Organisational Plan to define the corporation’s strategic business, social and cultural priorities, objectives and deliverables. The Community Relations Officer will also drive programs to improve the holistic social, emotional, physical and spiritual health of regional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and families.

Mount Isa Dirt Bike Club

Refurbishments to the Mount Isa Dirt Bike Club's canteen, oval and lighting

Our partnership will assist the Mount Isa Dirt Bike Club with renovations that will allow the club to safely host night motocross events. The refurbishment includes electrical works, lighting, power, reticulation and painting of the clubhouse.

North West Gymnastics

Installation of an indoor rock climbing wall and canteen renovations

We have partnered with North West Gymnastics who will install an indoor rock climbing wall and renovate the club’s canteen for wider benefit to the Mount Isa and Cloncurry communities who use the venue for gymnastics, dancing, fitness, Sport for Bush Kids, self-defence and yoga activities.

Cloncurry Shire Council

Cloncurry Equestrian Centre entertainment area

Funding for the Cloncurry Equestrian Centre will cover the construction of a large undercover entertainment area which will extend between the two arenas and provide covered seating for spectators during events.

Cloncurry State School

Science laboratory upgrade

The Cloncurry State School project will see an upgrade of the existing science lab facilities to improve the capacity of the school to engage students in science, technology, engineering and maths.

Centacare

Community Garden

The Cloncurry based Centacare will receive funding for the construction of a community garden at the Cloncurry Neighbourhood Centre. The community garden will be a community space, accessible by a broad range of groups including school students, aged care, cultural groups and play groups.

Cloncurry Community Bowls Club

Renovations to the entrance of the Cloncurry Community Bowls Club

The Cloncurry Community Bowls Club funding will go towards renovations at the club, including the installation of a wheelchair and pram friendly access ramp.

James Cook University

Turtle Health Research Facility

The Turtle Health Research Facility project involves outfitting a turtle nursery area with equipment such as tanks, stands, UV filters, skimmers, pumps and heaters.

Hear and Say Centre for Deaf Children

Telepractice Program North Queensland

The telepractice program aims to expand the operations of Hear and Say's Townsville centre in order to best meet the needs of children with hearing loss across North Queensland. The GCPNQ funding will assist them to provide an increased level of service, equipment, and provide occupational therapy services.

Northern Australia Primary Health Limited - Headspace

Shedspace – a space to improve youth mental health and wellbeing

Townsville based Headspace will use GCPNQ funding to renovate and equip a venue to be used by young people for Headspace's social inclusion program, providing a safe place for young people to engage in practical activities, learn new skills and connect with the community.

The ongoing 2017 recipients are:

The Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery initiatives

Glencore will continue the already successful partnership with Townsville's Perc Tucker Regional Gallery to fund the Glencore Children's Exhibition and Strand Ephemera.

LifeFlight rescue helicopter***Provision of an emergency helicopter***

Glencore will support the rescue helicopter to service the community of Mount Isa and the surrounding north west region. The Mount Isa based helicopter operation enhances existing emergency services, offering a highly specialised emergency medical response service for the critically ill and injured.

Books in Homes***Literacy and reading program***

GCPNQ funding helps children improve their literacy skills and develop and maintain a love for reading. The popular Books in Homes program provides books to students to take home and keep, to ensure early literacy engagement and the development of reading skills needed for lifelong success.

Cloncurry PCYC***Youth and Community Engagement Coordinator***

Glencore's funding of this project has helped to employ a Youth and Community Engagement Coordinator who works to develop a holistic approach to crime prevention for Cloncurry and surrounding communities, including Dajarra, McKinlay, Normanton and Karumba. The Coordinator will deliver community crime prevention strategies, organised youth and community engagement activities, and continuing the existing School Based Trainee Program and work experience program.

Applications for funding are available at www.mountisamines.com.au, www.erneshenrymining.com.au or by contacting your local Glencore site.

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Images (more available upon request).

Thumbnail	File name	Caption
	<p>Cootharinga Community Hub</p>	<p>The Cootharinga Community Hub in Mount Isa will receive funding for overnight respite for people with disability</p>
	<p>James Cook University Turtle Research</p>	<p>James Cook University will fit out new equipment for a turtle nursery at the Turtle Health Research Facility</p>
	<p>Cloncurry Equestrian Centre</p>	<p>The new Entertainment Facility at the Cloncurry Equestrian Centre will provide shade and seating to improve the spectator experience</p>

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Notes to editors

About Glencore

Glencore is one of the world's largest global diversified natural resource companies. As a leading integrated producer and marketer of commodities with a well-balanced portfolio of diverse industrial assets, we are strongly positioned to capture value at every stage of the supply chain, from sourcing materials deep underground to delivering products to an international customer base.

The Group's industrial and marketing activities are supported by a global network of more than 90 offices located in over 50 countries. Our diversified operations comprise over 150 mining and metallurgical sites, offshore oil production assets, farms and agricultural facilities. We employ approximately 190,000 people, including contractors. For more information visit www.glencore.com.

Glencore Community Program North Queensland

Glencore owns and operates a number of operations across north Queensland, including the copper and zinc operations of Mount Isa Mines, Lady Loretta zinc mine, Ernest Henry Mining near Cloncurry, the Copper Refinery and port operations in Townsville.

In 2017 the Glencore Community Program North Queensland entered its thirteenth year of working in partnership with community organisations to address the areas of greatest need in the Queensland communities where our employees live and work. The program demonstrates our commitment to Queensland and our belief that communities should benefit from our operations, both in the short and long term.

Our partnerships are supporting three key areas: Capacity building – including education and training, enterprise development and economic diversification; Health – to support the delivery of essential health and community services; Environment – to support programs focused on the protection of environmental values.