

PRESS RELEASE

Xstrata provides more books for kids

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Close to 2,000 school students from across north Queensland will benefit from Xstrata's partnership with The Charitable Foundation for the Books in Homes programme over the next two years.

In all, 10 schools will participate including two new schools to join the programme: Camooweal State School and Townsville South State School.

Xstrata first partnered with Books in Homes in 2006 through the Xstrata Community Program North Queensland (XCPNQ), providing books to students at Garbutt State School in Townsville. Our partnership has continued to grow, and in 2013 and 2014, we have committed \$293,816 funding for schools across our north Queensland communities of Camooweal, Bowen, Cloncurry, Mount Isa and Townsville, bringing the total partnership value over seven years to almost \$600,000.

Steve de Kruijff, Chief Operating Officer Xstrata Copper North Queensland, says he is pleased to continue our already successful partnership with Books in Homes.

"Books in Homes is a fantastic charity that helps kids develop a love of reading. We are delighted to enter our seventh year of partnership with them," said Mr de Kruijff.

"We've received so much positive feedback from the schools involved in the Books in Homes programme and even some handwritten notes from the students themselves."

Brian Hearne, Chief Operating Officer Xstrata Zinc Australia, says all children participating in the programme will receive nine books to take home and keep each year.

"For children to have a positive attitude to reading, they must not only be exposed to books but have access to owning them—that is the real strength of this programme."

The Books in Homes programme also provides 144 new books to each of the participating school's libraries and books are donated on a pro-rata basis as a reward for students who are 'Caught Being Good'.

Kim Kingston, National Programme Coordinator, Books in Homes Australia, says she is very grateful for Xstrata's continued support through the XCPNQ.

"Through our partnership with Xstrata we are able to reach students living in remote and low social-economic parts of north-west Queensland," Ms Kingston said.

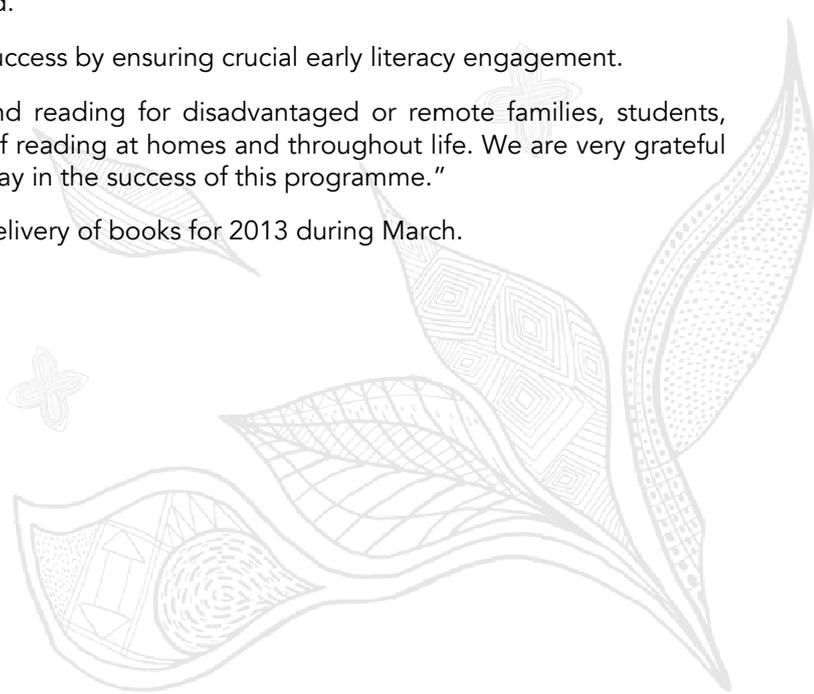
"Our programme contributes towards academic success by ensuring crucial early literacy engagement.

"Ultimately we aim to create a love of books and reading for disadvantaged or remote families, students, schools and communities and to create a legacy of reading at homes and throughout life. We are very grateful to Xstrata and the XCPNQ for the vital role they play in the success of this programme."

Students can look forward to receiving their first delivery of books for 2013 during March.

Full list of North Queensland Schools

- Stuart State School, Townsville
- Townsville South State School
- Garbutt State School
- Merinda State School, Bowen
- Bowen State School
- Cloncurry State School



- St Joseph's School, Cloncurry
- Mount Isa Central School
- Sunset State School, Mount Isa
- Camooweal State School



Caption: Students from Sunset State School, Mount Isa enjoy the books they picked from the Books in Homes catalogue.

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About the Xstrata Community Program North Queensland

The Xstrata Community Program North Queensland has entered its eighth year of working in partnership with community organisations and government to address the areas of greatest need in the north Queensland communities where our employees live and work.

Funding for the program is part of Xstrata plc's commitment to Corporate Social Involvement (CSI). The company contributes at least one percent of its pre-tax profit to community initiatives.

The program addresses the six key areas of enterprise and job creation, education, environment, social and community development, health, and arts and culture.

Since 2005 we have made a significant contribution to north Queensland and Xstrata has provided almost \$25 million funding for projects in our local host communities such as installing computer rooms in schools, helping to train medical staff, improving medical services, and helping disadvantaged people gain skills and jobs.

About Xstrata Copper

We are the fourth largest global copper producer and one of the world's largest producers of smelter, refined and recycled copper, including from third party materials.

The copper we produce is essential to our modern society, being used extensively in electronic, consumer and building products, and with its use in green-technologies, anti-microbial applications and ability to be recycled, it is playing a vital role in our sustainable future.

Headquartered in Brisbane, Australia, we have operations and projects in eight countries and employ over 20,000 people. We play an essential role in the communities in which we live and work, by providing jobs, training, infrastructure, income for suppliers and support for social development. For more information, visit www.xstratacopper.com.

About Xstrata Zinc

Headquartered in Madrid, Spain, Xstrata Zinc is one of the world's largest producers of zinc and one of the commodity business units within the major global diversified mining group Xstrata plc. Xstrata's zinc and lead operations and exploration projects are located in Australia, Canada, Germany, Peru, Spain and the United Kingdom.

Xstrata Zinc's operations in Spain comprise the San Juan de Nieva zinc smelter and the Arnao zinc semis plant in Asturias, and the Hinojedo roasting plant in Cantabria.

In Australia, operations comprise: the Mount Isa, George Fisher underground, Handlebar Hill open cut and Black Star open cut zinc-lead mines, zinc-lead concentrator, lead smelter and Bowen Coke Works in north Queensland; the McArthur River open pit zinc-lead mine, processing and loading facility in the Northern Territory; and the Lady Loretta mine in north-west Queensland.

In Canada, operations and exploration projects include the Brunswick zinc-lead mine and lead smelter in New Brunswick; 25% of the CEZ zinc smelter near Montreal; and the Perseverance zinc deposit in Quebec.

Xstrata Zinc also operates the Nordenham zinc smelter in northern Germany; the Northfleet lead refinery in the United Kingdom; and owns 33.75% of the Antamina mine in Peru.

Around half of all zinc currently consumed is used for galvanizing steel, which is an environmentally friendly method of protecting steel against corrosion. Zinc also finds application in the manufacture of die-cast alloys, brass and the production of zinc oxides and chemicals.