Eleven community groups to benefit from Glencore’s community program

Eleven north Queensland community groups have been chosen in 2014 to receive over $1.2 million in funding grants to boost community infrastructure and assist with community capacity building in the north Queensland communities of Mount Isa, Cloncurry, Camooweal, Townsville and Bowen.

Sporting facilities, schools, city development and a school holiday program for young people are some of the beneficiaries in Glencore’s community investment program, the Glencore Community Program North Queensland.

North Queensland Copper Assets Chief Operating Officer Mike Westerman said the grants awarded were in direct response to community feedback asking for improved community services and facilities, and improved infrastructure.

“This year we’ve focused on community infrastructure, such as the Mount Isa PCYC and the Cloncurry PCYC who will receive needed funds to help them to upgrade the Mount Isa gym and to employ a Youth and Community Engagement Coordinator in Cloncurry,” Mr Westerman said.

“Other community infrastructure includes the Salvation Army’s Mount Isa Recovery Services Centre, Mount Isa’s Good Shepherd Parish Jangawala Drop-in Centre for homeless and both of Cloncurry’s schools, St Joseph’s Catholic School and Cloncurry State School.

“Through this program we seek out, undertake and contribute to activities and programs designed to improve the quality of life, contribute to the development of sustainable communities and emphasise local capacity building.

Zinc Australia Assets Chief Operating Officer Greg Ashe said Glencore’s partnership program allows Glencore to address the material issues identified through feedback and surveys conducted in its north Queensland communities.

“The program’s strength lies in the fact that it directly addresses the areas of most concern to local people, such as improved facilities and quality education for children,” Mr Ashe said.

“We try to balance our investments across the six focus areas of enterprise and job creation, education, health, environment, social and community development, art and culture.”

The combined value of our north Queensland investments since our partnership program began in
2005 is almost $28 million.

The 2014 recipients are:

**The Salvation Army Mount Isa Recovery Services Centre - received $118,325**

Our partnership with the Salvation Army will fund capital improvements to the Salvation Army Mount Isa Recovery Services Centre, formerly known as KASH, the Kalkadoon Aboriginal Sobriety House. The centre provides residential treatment recovery from addiction services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients. The funding will assist with capital improvements of the facilities including water collection, storage and reticulation system, solar power and evaporative cooling systems.

**Mount Isa’s Good Shepherd Parish Jangawala Drop-in Centre for homeless – received $78,210**

The Jangawala Drop-in Centre has received $78,210 for a kitchen renovation to help it to continue to provide 250 meals per week for Mount Isa’s homeless and itinerant people. The kitchen provides a daily nutritious meal at the Jangawala Drop-in Centre and food parcels are also available through Emergency Relief. Renovations include a new kitchen, a new extended pantry, serving counter, and to construct an external shaded and eating area.

**Mount Isa Chamber of Commerce – received $150,000 to fund a City Development Officer**

Glencore has partnered with the Mount Isa Chamber of Commerce and the Mount Isa City Council to finance a City Development Officer position. The role is to position Mount Isa as a premier destination to live, visit, holiday and to host events including business, sporting and networking conferences.

**Mount Isa Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) – received $218,678 to refurbish the PCYC**

Glencore’s funding will assist the Mount Isa PCYC to refurbish the PCYC to enable the continuous delivery of quality targeted and affordable programming for the Mount Isa community. Funding assists to refurbish the bathrooms, kitchen, guttering, flooring, installation of a community noticeboard, and new gym equipment.

**Mount Isa City Council - received $77,500 to heat the leisure pool for toddlers and young children at Splashez Aquatic Centre**

Following the successful pool heating project in 2013, Glencore is once again partnering with the Mount Isa City Council to extend the heating process for the city’s Aquatic Centre to include the leisure pool for toddlers and young children. This enables the facility to remain open year round, meaning greater access for toddlers and young children to learn to swim and participate in other lifestyle activities, helping to increase the liveability of Mount Isa.

**Cloncurry State School – received $80,000 for Shade for Primary and Seniors’ Retreat**

Glencore’s partnership with Cloncurry State School will provide $80,000 for a pergola in the Prep play area, shade outside Primary classrooms and a Seniors’ Retreat outside the Year 11 and 12 classrooms. With the extreme temperatures in North West Queensland, sun protection is a priority for the school. Additional shade will encourage students to be more active and spend time outside,
while reducing the risk of sun and heat-related illnesses.

**St Joseph’s Catholic School, Cloncurry – received $46,000 for a Science Laboratory fit-out**

Our $46,000 partnership with the school will fund the installation of furniture, equipment and air conditioning for the Science Room and Laboratory in the soon to be constructed Junior Secondary Building. The school expanded to secondary education in 2014, offering a second option for Cloncurry students entering Year 8 and 9. The introduction of an additional, quality education option is expected to increase the retention and attraction rates of families to the Cloncurry community.

**Cloncurry PCYC - received $195,000 to fund a Youth and Community Engagement Coordinator**

This three year, $195,000 partnership will enable Cloncurry PCYC to employ a Youth and Community Engagement Coordinator who will develop a long term Crime Prevention Strategy for Cloncurry and surrounding communities, including Dajarra, McKinlay, Normanton and Karumba. The Coordinator will develop a holistic approach to crime prevention and will implement programs such as Drum Beat, Team UP and other recognised PCYC Youth Leadership programs. Working directly with local youth, the programs will target the causes of youth crime, including boredom, lack of supervision and lack of engagement activities.

**Stride Foundation - received $85,000 to fund the Sport for Life school holiday program for Mount Isa and Cloncurry children**

2014 sees the continuation of a successful partnership with the Stride Foundation to deliver the *On the Ball* school holiday program for Mount Isa and Cloncurry children. The program uses high profile sporting role models to deliver health education and life skills workshops to young people living in Mount Isa and Cloncurry.

**Perc Tucker Regional Gallery – received $160,000 to fund art exhibitions**

2014 sees the continuation of a successful partnership with the Perc Tucker Regional Gallery in Townsville, to fund the Percival Portrait Award 2014, Strand Ephemera 2015; Children’s Exhibition 2014 and 2015, National Touring Program 2014 and 2015.

**Bowen Community Council – received $27,425 to construct a second-hand goods shed**

The Bowen Community Council will use the funds to construct a shed to be used to sell second hand goods. Funds generated from the goods will then fund ongoing projects such as the soup kitchen.

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Glencore Community Program North Queensland
We own and operate 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, and Bowen Coke in Bowen.

In 2014 the Glencore Community Program North Queensland entered its tenth 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 six key areas: Social and Community Development; Education; Health; Environment; Enterprise and Job Creation; and Arts and Culture.