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\$1.4 million injection into communities thanks to Glencore community investment program

Eleven regional community groups have been selected to share in more than \$1.4 million in Glencore Community Program North Queensland (GCPNQ) 2015 funding for initiatives that will improve the way of life of thousands of north Queenslanders.

The GCPNQ, now in its eleventh year, awards funding each year to address the areas of most need identified by north Queensland communities through the Glencore Community Attitudes Survey, held in Mount Isa, Camooweal, Cloncurry, Townsville and Bowen every two years.

Since 2005, the GCPNQ has contributed more than \$30 million towards projects to improve health, education and liveability outcomes and artistic and cultural enrichment across north Queensland. This includes multi-million dollar investments in the development of community and social infrastructure to improve access to critical health services, affordable housing, and lifestyle and recreational facilities, particularly in the north west.

Chief Operating Officer for Glencore's north Queensland copper assets Mike Westerman said the GCPNQ is based on the company's belief that communities should benefit from its operations both in the short and long term.

"The strength of our community funding program lies in the fact that the program directly addresses the areas of most concern to local people, and places an emphasis on local capacity building to help develop strong, sustainable communities." Mr Westerman said.

"While our north Queensland communities share some similarities, each face unique challenges, which is why feedback from our communities via our biennial survey has been such an important part of this program's success.

"Through our funding program we aim to foster partnerships that will help develop happy, healthy and vibrant communities now and into the future."

The 2015 GCPNQ funding recipients are:

Laura Johnson Home: To continue the redevelopment of Laura Johnson Home by funding the construction of 17 new units to be offered to Laura Johnson Home staff as well as other employees from not-for-profit organisations in the north west. The project aims to assist with the attraction and retention of staff in the health and aged care arena.

Cootharinga Society of North Queensland: To create the Glencore & Cootharinga Community Hub to enable Cootharinga North Queensland to provide people with disabilities in Mount Isa and north west Queensland with quality services and life skills for future independence. The funding will enable Cootharinga North Queensland to purchase new furniture and equipment to run the skills development program. The project will include the creation of a community garden to teach gardening skills, resulting in a market stall and sale of produce for sustainability.

Mount Isa Fish Stocking Group: To fund the final fit out stage of the interpretive display centre and hatchery viewing platform at the Mount Isa Fish Stocking Group Hatchery located at Outback at Isa. The Hatchery project is a facility for the breeding and growing out of native fish species and facilitation of education and training programs for the benefit of north west Queensland communities.

RACQ North Queensland Helicopter Rescue Service: To fund 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.

Commerce North West: To fund a City Development Officer within the Commerce North West Team, jointly funded by Mount Isa City Council, Commerce North West and Glencore. The new City Development Officer will help with marketing, promotion, project facilitation, special events and tourism for Mount Isa.

Books in Homes: To fund a program that helps children improve their literacy skills and develop and maintain a love for reading. The Books in Homes program provides books to students to take home to ensure early literacy engagement and the development of reading skills needed for lifelong success. Participating schools will include: Camooweal State School, Healy State School and Townview State School (Mount Isa); Cloncurry State School and St Joseph's School (Cloncurry); and Townsville South State School and Townsville West State School (Townsville); and Queens Beach State School (Bowen).

Whitelion Stride: To fund the Sport for Life school holiday program which is a community engagement prevention strategy that aims to promote healthy youth development through engagement in sport. The program will hold two workshops in 2015 for both Mount Isa and Cloncurry to deliver healthy eating and lifestyle skills through sporting mentors and engagement.

Hear and Say: To expand the Townsville Hear and say Centre to better respond to the early intervention and lifelong hearing needs of children. The project will provide a coordinated response to the needs of deaf children, expanding candidacy for hearing loss treatments and advances in hearing technologies.

Cloncurry Shire Council (John Flynn Place): To fully fund a small outback picture theatre at John Flynn Place offering a series of six films documenting the beginnings and operations of the Australian Inland Mission and Flying Doctor Service.

Cloncurry State School: To fund outdoor shade areas for the Cloncurry State School for the Prep and Year One lunchtime and play areas, as well as the Year 11, Year 12 and Senior's Retreat area.

St Joseph's Catholic School, Cloncurry: To fit out the Science Laboratory and Industrial Technology and Design classrooms in the new Junior Secondary Building at St Joseph's Catholic School in Cloncurry. The Junior Secondary Building consists of three General Learning Areas (classrooms), an Industrial Technology and Design Room (graphics and manual arts classrooms), a Science classroom and Laboratory, resource library and staff facilities including a meeting room and office space.

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Images

Thumbnail	File name	Caption
	<p>Laura Johnson Home</p>	<p>Laura Johnson Home received funding to build worker affordable accommodation</p>
	<p>Mount Isa Fish Stocking Group</p>	<p>Mount Isa Fish Stocking Group received funding to complete the final fit out of the interpretive display centre and hatchery viewing platform</p>
	<p>Whitelion Stride Foundation</p>	<p>Whitelion Stride Foundation received funding for the Sport for Life school holiday program for Mount Isa and Cloncurry children</p>
	<p>RACQ NQ Rescue Helicopter</p>	<p>RACQ NQ Rescue Helicopter Service received funding to continue its helicopter service for the Mount Isa and north west Queensland region.</p>
	<p>Books in Homes</p>	<p>Books in Homes received funding to continue its program which provides books to students to take home to improve their literary skills</p>

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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, and Bowen Coke in Bowen.

In 2015 the Glencore Community Program North Queensland entered its eleventh 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.