

News release

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Glencore to provide close to \$1.2 million towards north Queensland community projects

We are pleased to announce we will invest close to \$1.2 million in 2016 through our Glencore Community Program North Queensland (GCPNQ), in support of projects and initiatives that benefit the Mount Isa, Cloncurry, Camooweal, Townsville and Bowen communities.

Eight new partnerships have been awarded funding and four existing partnerships will continue to receive support under the program this year.

Our new successful projects include: the Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership program, Project Booyah to provide training and support for disengaged youth in Mount Isa, Whitelion's Sport for Life program for young people in Mount Isa and Cloncurry, a new sports field for the Cloncurry Recreation Grounds, a club house extension for the Cloncurry Gun Club, healthcare equipment for the Cloncurry Multi-Purpose Health Service, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery initiatives in Townsville and a threatened species bilby enclosure at Townsville's Billabong Sanctuary.

Continuing projects for 2016 include the popular Books in Homes literacy and reading program, support for RACQ CareFlight Rescue, the construction of affordable worker accommodation at Laura Johnson Home in Mount Isa and Cloncurry PCYC's Youth and Community Engagement Coordinator position.

North Queensland Copper Assets Chief Operating Officer Mike Westerman said while market conditions remain challenging, Glencore is committed to playing an active role in local communities and supporting ongoing development.

"Funding is directed towards projects and initiatives that support the priorities and needs of our communities, with an emphasis on capacity building and sustainable outcomes," Mr Westerman said.

"We respond directly to feedback gathered through our biannual Glencore Community Attitudes and Stakeholder Survey and our regular engagement activities.

"Our most recent survey results indicate local people want improved community services and facilities, with a focus on infrastructure, along with youth development opportunities, to ultimately improve livability and quality of life.

"We're pleased to be able to support community infrastructure this year with funding for a new sports field at the Cloncurry Recreation Grounds and we've also aimed to address youth crime in Mount Isa with a PCYC program for disengaged youth."

Since 2004 we have invested more than \$35 million through our Corporate Social Investment programs in these north Queensland communities and more broadly throughout Queensland.

The new 2016 recipients are:

Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association (\$120,000 in 2016)

Project Booyah for disengaged youth in Mount Isa

The GCPNQ funding will enable the Mount Isa PCYC to deliver a youth support and vocational training program to influence the behaviour and attitude of participants, reduce their involvement in the criminal justice system and engage them in further education and employment. The 20 week program aims to achieve and sustain real change in young peoples' lives.

Key contact: Ian Frame – Acting Inspector, Project Booyah State Coordinator, PH: 0417 576 012

Cloncurry Shire Council (\$250,000 in 2016)

New sports field

We have partnered with the Cloncurry Shire Council to support the construction of a second sports field at the Cloncurry Recreation Grounds. The field is part of the larger Recreation Grounds Redevelopment Project which also includes lighting and electrical upgrades and improvements to kiosks and amenities. The new field provides additional capacity for existing groups and the opportunity for new clubs and activities to commence. The field will be purpose built with subsurface irrigation helping to maintain a high quality playing surface throughout the year, enabling clubs to attract and host regional sports events to Cloncurry.

Key contact: David Neeves - Chief Executive Officer, PH: 07 4742 4100

Cloncurry Gun Club - (\$35,000 in 2016)

Club house extension

Our partnership will assist the Cloncurry Gun Club to build an awning extension alongside their new club house, incorporating shade, seating, canteen and bar facilities to create their main social and viewing area. *Key contact: Jim Molloy – President, PH:* 0419 775 187

Cloncurry Multi-Purpose Health Service (\$29,687 in 2016)

Healthcare equipment

We have partnered with the Cloncurry Multi-Purpose Health Service to fund various pieces of equipment that will enhance the health services already provided at the hospital. The new equipment will support aged care, the labour ward and midwifery services in particular, and includes a paediatric monitor, handheld vein illumination hand piece, breast pump, syringe driver and bladder scanner.

Key contact: Lesley Laffey - Director of Nursing, PH: 0429 241 353

The Perc Tucker Regional Gallery (\$100,000 in 2016 and \$100,000 in 2017)

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery initiatives

We will extend out already successful partnership with Townsville's Perc Tucker Regional Gallery to fund the Glencore Percival Portrait Painting Prize 2016, Da Vinci Machines 2016, Children's Exhibition 2016 and 2017, and Strand Ephemera 2017.

Key contact: Shane Fitzgerald – Manager Gallery Services, PH: 07 4727 9671

Wildlife Enterprises Pty Ltd (\$50,000 in 2016)

Threatened Species – Greater Bilby exhibit at the Billabong Sanctuary

Townsville's Billabong Sanctuary has been awarded funding to construct a bilby enclosure with interpretive signage to house a pair of Greater Bilbies and raise awareness for threatened native animals. The long-term goal is to maintain a sustainable breeding population of bilbies, as a source of genetic diversity for other wildlife parks and for release into the reserves.

Key contact: Bob Flemming – Director, PH: 0418 776 280

Whitelion (\$40,000 in 2016)

Sport for Life program

Whitelion received funding to deliver the Sport for Life program in Mount Isa and Cloncurry for another year. The program uses high-profile sporting role models to deliver health education and life skills workshops to young people living in regional and remote communities.

Key contact: Alexander Birnberg - Community Programs Coordinator, PH: 1300 669 600

Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (\$60,000 in 2016, plus an additional \$160,000 in 2016 and 2017 from Glencore Coal)

Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

The Department will receive funding for the Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program, held at Brisbane's Parliament House, which provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and learn about Queensland's democratic process through the delivery of leadership, mentoring and training programs. The program aims to ensure that young people continue to positively influence their communities and close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage in the areas of education and employment.

Key contact: Breda Wall - Media Manager - Office of the Director-General, PH: 07 3224 5414

The ongoing 2016 recipients are:

Laura Johnson Home (\$137,500 in 2016)

Affordable worker accommodation

We will continue to support the redevelopment of Laura Johnson Home by funding the construction of 12 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.

Key contact: Betty Kiernan – Chief Executive Officer, The Society for the Mount Isa Memorial Garden Settlement for the Aged Inc, PH: 07 4744 5100

RACQ CareFlight Rescue (\$150,000 in 2016)

Provision of an emergency helicopter

We will again 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.

Key contact: Leanne Angel - Executive Manager - Fundraising, PH: 07 5665 5856

Books in Homes (\$145,925 in 2016)

Literacy and reading program

Our 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. Participating schools include: Camooweal State School, Healy State School and Townview State School (Mount Isa); Cloncurry State School and St Joseph's Catholic School (Cloncurry); and Townsville South State School and Townsville West State School (Townsville); and Queens Beach State School (Bowen).

Key contact: Kim Kingston – General Manager Books in Homes, PH: 02 9434 2488

Cloncurry PCYC (\$65,000 in 2016)

Youth and Community Engagement Coordinator

Our funding 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 implements 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.

Key contact: Sergeant Heidi Rix – PCYC Branch Manager, PH: 0402 522 941

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

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Images (more available upon request).

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	Cloncurry Multi- Purpose Health Service	Cloncurry Multi-Purpose Health Service's Stephanie O'Brien – Nurse Unit Manager and Lesley Laffey – Director of Nursing, show Richard Harvey – Glencore's Chief Processing Officer through the labour ward, which will benefit from funding in 2016.
	Books in Homes – Healy State School	Tracy Pertovt – Rotary Club of Mount Isa Publicity Director and Jemma Schweikert - Mount Isa Mines Community Relations Advisor with Healy State School children after receiving their Books in Homes books during Term 1.
	Wildlife Enterprises – Billabong Sanctuary	Billabong Sanctuary Curator - Brad Cooper, with Leo, a visiting Greater Bilby. Our partnership will support the construction of an exhibit to permanently house a pair of bilbies, raising awareness for threatened native animals.

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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 2016 the Glencore Community Program North Queensland entered its twelfth 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.