

Ernest Henry Mining celebrates Cloncurry partnerships

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Support valued at more than \$5 million by the Xstrata Community Program North Queensland (XCPNQ) was celebrated at an event hosted by Ernest Henry Mining (EHM) last night.

Representatives from seven organisations and their families attended with EHM personnel to celebrate the achievements of our 2011-2012 partnerships and the beginning of new partnerships under the XCPNQ.

Myles Johnston, General Manager EHM says holding the celebration at the Cloncurry Community Precinct is significant since we contributed \$2.75 million for its construction under the XCPNQ in 2011.

"We are proud of the achievements of our partners, and we're especially proud to host tonight's event here at the Cloncurry Community Precinct, a facility that was brought to life through funding from this program," said Myles.

"During 2011 and 2012, the program saw significant achievements including the official opening of the Cloncurry Community Precinct in August 2012, more than 2,000 books provided for primary school students at both Cloncurry schools, more than 5,000 assists through the Cloncurry Night Patrol project and the beginning of construction of a new cycleway throughout Cloncurry."

New Cloncurry partnerships for 2013 and 2014 include the Cloncurry Men's Shed and the continuation of the popular Books in Homes program for both Cloncurry schools. Programs will also be run in Cloncurry by north Queensland partnerships including the North Queensland Helicopter Rescue Service, North West Hospital and Health Service, Southern Gulf Catchments and the Stride Foundation.

Including our new partners, the program has provided almost \$27 million to the communities of Cloncurry, Mount Isa, Townsville and Bowen since 2005, with almost \$5 million invested in Cloncurry alone.

Captions:

Representatives from north Queensland organisations celebrated projects supported by the Xstrata Community Program North Queensland in Cloncurry.



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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.

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