



## **MEDIA & PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

<b>WHAT:</b>	<b>Morning tea to recognise recipients of the Chinchilla Community Benefits Trust</b>
<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>10.00am Thursday 28 March 2013</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>The Chinchilla Museum Villiers Street, Chinchilla</b>
<b>WHO:</b>	<b>Western Downs Regional Councillors George Moore, Charlene Hall and Carolyn Tillman Kogan Creek Power Station Site Manager Ivan Mapp</b>

Seven Chinchilla community groups have received a helping hand for local project courtesy of the long-standing Chinchilla Community Benefits Trust. The fund, administered jointly by CS Energy and the Western Downs Regional Council, was established in 2004 to provide community support during the construction of the Kogan Creek Power Station and beyond.

Kogan Creek Power Station Site Manager, Ivan Mapp, said the Chinchilla Community Benefits Trust aimed to provide support for local groups to improve community facilities, services or amenities.

Ivan said the Chinchilla Community Benefits Trust have provided funding totalling \$50,000 to seven worthwhile community projects. The projects that have received funding include:

<b>Community group</b>	<b>Project details</b>	<b>Funding from the Trust</b>
<b>Chinchilla Golf Club</b>	Cart storage shed	\$10,000
<b>Chinchilla Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry</b>	Purchase of gas stoves and rechargeable lights	\$1,050
<b>Kogan &amp; District Progress Association</b>	Purchase of two park benches and chairs	\$5,544
<b>Chinchilla Historical Society</b>	Install electrical points and lighting to museum buildings	\$10,040
<b>Chinchilla Clay Target Club</b>	Construction concrete trap house and shooting lanes, renovation of kitchen and office, upgrade electrical wiring to club house	\$7,500
<b>Chinchilla Touch Association</b>	Install lighting to playing field at Bulldog Park	\$10,000
<b>Chinchilla Rotary Club</b>	Refurbishment of public BBQ area near Chinchilla Tourist Information Centre	\$5,000

“Since 2004, we have distributed eight rounds of funding, totalling more than \$800,000 for community projects and services in the Chinchilla area,” Ivan said.

“The power station will be here for a long time, and the majority of our employees are permanent Chinchilla residents.

“This fund helps to ensure that the region continues to be a great place for us to live and work, and demonstrates CS Energy’s commitment to improving our community and environment.”

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