



## **Northparkes Community Investment Program Guidelines**

Northparkes is a copper and gold mine located 27 kilometres north west of Parkes in the Central West of New South Wales, Australia. Northparkes is a joint venture between Rio Tinto (80%) and the Sumitomo Group (20%).

Northparkes has developed strong relationships with our local communities since the mine commenced development in 1993. We set out to build enduring relationships with our neighbours that are characterised by mutual respect, active partnership and long term commitment.

### **Community Investment**

Good management of community relationships is as necessary to our business success as the management of our operations. Our community investment program is focussed on generating value for our communities, value for Northparkes and sustainable outcomes.

Mine closure is incorporated into project design. This means that we focus our energies on building partnerships in the Parkes and Forbes Shires that create resilient regional communities that will last beyond the life of the mine.

Northparkes Community Investment Program has three tiers – Partnerships, Sponsorships and Donations and is focussed on these areas:

- Health  
*Community health programs including support for clinics, immunisation, health education, research and medical programs.*
- Education & Youth  
*Educational initiatives and training programs that benefit the youth in the community.*
- Environment  
*Projects or initiatives that run outside business operational requirements and licence conditions that lead to environmental benefits.*
- Economic Development  
*Projects or initiatives that directly contribute to the long term economic growth of the community.*

### **Partnerships** (over \$15 000 and/or multi-year investments)

A partnership delivers sustainable, long-term benefits over a number of years. It also builds community capacity that will continue after the partnership arrangement has finished. A partnership may extend over several years.

### **Sponsorships** (\$1 000 to \$15 000 one-off investments)

Sponsorships help with the growth of a specific event or initiative by providing financial or in-kind support, in return for the right to promote Northparkes (usually through brand and media exposure).

### **Donations** (under \$1 000 one-off investments)

Donations are one-off cash donation to a specific event or initiative that offers the community a sustainable outcome.

## How to apply

All requests for support must be made using the Community Investment Program application form. This form can be downloaded from [www.northparkes.com.au/communities.aspx](http://www.northparkes.com.au/communities.aspx) or ring the Northparkes Communities Team on 02 6861 3025 to have a form posted to you. The questions on the form help Northparkes to understand your project. **Only** completed and signed sponsorship application forms will be considered for funding.

Four rounds of \$15,000 funding are made available each year. They are advertised quarterly and applications close on the last working day of February, May, August and November.

Northparkes Mines sponsors projects that create community benefit within the Parkes and Forbes Shires in the areas of:

- Economic Development
- Education and Youth
- Environment
- Health

Applications that include letters of support from other stakeholders are preferred.

Northparkes is unable to invest in projects:

- That benefit individuals
- That fund private business activities
- That are religious or political activities, events or appeals
- Where there will be gambling?
- To fund a recurring organisational expense?
- Where the money will be used to pay off debt?
- That are usually funded by government
- That are capital works (single items worth over \$1000)

## What next?

Northparkes assesses all applications according to:

- The availability of funds
- Value created for the community
- Value created for Northparkes
- Sustainability of the project

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application within a month of the funding round closing date.

Successful applicants will be required to sign and return a funding agreement prior to being given the allocated funds. The funding agreement will detail the expectations of both parties for the duration of the agreement.

## Contact Us

Applications may be emailed to [npm.externalrelations@riotinto.com](mailto:npm.externalrelations@riotinto.com) or posted to:

Northparkes Mines  
Attention: External Relations Advisor  
PO Box 995  
Parkes NSW 2870

For enquiries please call 02 6861 3275.