

Another Midwest Community Group to Benefit following Award of the 2013 Karara Community Farm

Third crop awarded to Morawa Education, Industry & Training Alliance

The third crop on the Karara Community Farm has been awarded this year to the Morawa Education, Industry & Training Alliance (MEITA) as the innovative initiative continues to bring significant benefits to Midwest community groups.

MEITA, which was established to provide a high quality education and training program to attract and retain the youth of the region, will follow in the footsteps of last year's recipient, the Morawa Golf and Bowls Club, which was able to pocket more than \$65,000 in profits from its highly successful crop.

The year before, the Morawa Winter Sports Group was able to generate upwards of \$90,000 in profits.

The Karara Community Farm is an innovative community-based initiative launched by Karara Mining Limited (KML) in 2011, where 600 acres of farming land owned by the Company is provided to Midwest community and sporting groups for fund-raising purposes.

The community groups are required to supply the seed, fertiliser and labour (usually through donations) and then keep all the proceeds from the harvested crop.

KML Chief Executive Steve Murdoch said the Karara Community Farm had proven to be a highly successful sustainable fund raising initiative for community groups in the Midwest region, providing an innovative alternative to traditional approaches.

"The Community Farm draws on the expertise of the community and provides a conduit – provided by KML – for community groups to help themselves and generate significant profits which they can plough back into their activities," Mr Murdoch said.

"I would like to congratulate the Morawa Education, Industry & Training Alliance on being selected to run the third Karara Community Farm, which continues to demonstrate how mining and agriculture can coexist and participate in joint initiatives to improve the community," he added.

KML has thrown its support behind MEITA by guaranteeing support for the delivery of specific education courses at the proposed Morawa Industry Training Centre. Through that partnership 12 trainee scholarships were identified and these electrical and mechanical apprentices are now employed at Karara.

Mr Murdoch said Midwest communities were beginning to see an ever-growing flow of benefits and positive tangible economic spin-offs from the development of the Karara Project, the Mid West region's biggest resource project. To date, KML has engaged with approximately 340 business and suppliers from the Midwest and spent more than \$300 million in the local economy.

For further information on KML's community activities and programs, visit <http://www.gindalbie.com.au/>

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