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MEDIA RELEASE

Glencore celebrates “200,000 Books in Homes” for North-West Queensland school children

For some 17 years, Glencore has been a stalwart supporter of the Charitable Foundation for Books in Homes Australia, and recently achieved delivering a milestone 200,000 Books in Homes to primary school students across North-West Queensland. Books in Homes Australia congratulates Glencore on their extraordinary achievement and thanks them greatly for their ongoing support and generosity in providing Books in Homes to the children of their communities.

Today, the Glencore sponsorship of Books in Homes Australia continues, covering eight schools in Mount Isa and the surrounding region, including Camooweal, Dajarra and Cloncurry. Courtesy of Glencore, every student at each of the eight sponsored schools receives nine books per year to own, take home, and share with their family. Being able to choose their books promotes reading for fun and as an everyday activity, thereby increasing their exposure to quality reading material and fostering a love of books that will contribute to a lifetime of reading for pleasure, as well as the pursuit of knowledge.

To demonstrate Glencore’s level of support in improving literacy and education opportunities in the lives of children in their communities, Glencore has contributed \$1.62 million in sponsorship value to provide those 200,000 books to remote communities where children may otherwise not have access to books.

Peter Large, CEO of Books in Homes Australia says:

“On behalf of our Australia-wide Books in Homes community, congratulations to Glencore for their ongoing generosity and support over the past 17 years. Having personally experienced the delivery of Glencore’s Books in Homes programs in and around Mount Isa, I have witnessed first-hand the joy those books bring to children and their families, the depth of appreciation shown to Glencore for their sponsorship, and the value placed on the books by the school communities. 200,000 books is an incredible accomplishment, and one we are very pleased to share with Glencore. 200,000 books and

still going strong demonstrates the value Glencore places in investing in the future of their communities and, in particular, the children of those communities. Thank you, Glencore, for your dedication to helping improve the lives of many thousands of children over the past 17 years!"

Zinc Assets Australia General Manager for Health, Safety, Environment and Community, Maryann Wipaki, says the Books in Homes program is Glencore Queensland Metals' flagship education sponsorship and one of our longest-running partnerships.

"We're excited to have reached this amazing milestone of having delivered 200,000 books to students in North West Queensland schools," Maryann says.

"We encourage our team to attend Book Giving Assemblies and make guest appearances at story time readings in schools, to share their love of reading with the students.

"Thanks to the initiative, teachers are happy to report that learning outcomes have improved, as well as school attendance.

"Through the program Glencore is helping to build the foundations of a literature-rich environment for children in their homes and schools, improving their potential for the future."

Thank you and congratulations once again, Glencore, for your unparalleled commitment to your community.

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NOTES TO EDITOR

For context, Glencore, via Books in Homes, has provided quality new books-of-choice each year to thousands of children, living in remote and rural communities where there is a scarcity of books and where access to bookshops and libraries can be difficult. The goal has been to encourage educational development in the key areas of reading and literacy in those children.

The books on the program are curated by the Books in Homes Book Selection Committee into four reading levels. Each school on the primary program receives a Preview Pack of 48 books three terms a year, totalling 144 new books that are added to the school library. The titles include picture books, novels, non-fiction books, graphic novels, and more. Of those books, 25% are written and / or illustrated by Indigenous creators.

ABOUT BOOKS IN HOMES



Books in Homes Australia is a charitable foundation that provides books of choice to children living in remote, disadvantaged and low socio-economic circumstances, ensuring crucial early literacy engagement and the development of reading skills needed for lifelong achievement. Our program aims to overcome the inequality of educational opportunities in communities where access to books for families is limited or non-existent and resources are often scarce. In doing so, our program contributes to helping overcome generational poverty by enhancing the chances of success in early education thereby opening up options, choices and potential in later life. Since 2001, Books in Homes has distributed over 2.9 million new books to children through schools and communities around Australia. Books in Homes Australia's vision is to create an Australia where every child and family has access to books in the home.

For more information on Books in Homes Australia visit: www.booksinhomes.com.au