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## **Papua New Guinea to receive donated equipment from former Gosford Public School**

Preparations are underway to demolish the former Gosford Public School buildings on 20 Mann Street, Gosford.

Minister for the Central Coast, Rob Stokes, today announced that the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation would donate surplus furniture from the site to hospitals and schools along the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea.

“This is a great initiative that will provide much needed supplies to these communities while diverting products from going to waste in landfill,” Mr Stokes said.

Member for Gosford, Chris Holstein, said that it’s great to see that this donation will lend a hand to the less fortunate.

“I am delighted that the some disadvantaged communities along the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea will be helped by this equipment and congratulate the rotary clubs for their endeavours,” Mr Holstein said.

The contractor, Australian Demolition & Scrap Recovery Pty Ltd, has concluded on-site preparations, erecting perimeter fencing and completing the internal strip out.

The Central Coast Regional Development Corporation is the lead agency facilitating the redevelopment of the Gosford Waterfront area and specifically the former Gosford Public School site.

Greg South, Executive Manager says that the Corporation is working with the contractor to ensure the demolition and preliminary site work aim to maximise recycling and divert the demolition waste away from landfill.

“It is most gratifying to have enabled the Gosford Rotary Club and Gosford North Rotary Club to participate in the recycling program by shipping surplus furniture to Papua New Guinea.”

“We want to thank Australian Demolition & Scrap Recovery Pty Ltd for allowing members of both rotary clubs onsite to help this great cause,” Mr South said.

Alan Wort, President of the Gosford North Rotary Club and former Principal of Gosford Public School says the partnership with the Gosford Rotary Club to donate much needed school supplies, resources and furniture to Papua New Guinea has been a year in the making.

“We are delighted to be able to ship a container of furniture, part of which come from the former Gosford Public School, along with other donated instructional resources,

to isolated communities in Papua New Guinea. We know that the donation will have an enormous impact on the lives of people living on the Kokoda Track.”

We thank the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation for giving us the opportunity to make a difference,” Mr Wort said.

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