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ONE THOUSAND BRICKS DONATED TO GOSFORD PS

Minister for the Central Coast Rob Stokes and Gosford MP Chris Holstein today announced a donation of 1000 bricks from the former Gosford Public School buildings.

Mr Stokes said the bricks will be used for a special commemorative garden at the school's new site, and members of the school community can sponsor a brick to raise funds for the school's 150th anniversary celebrations in 2015.

"This garden will be a symbolic link between Gosford Public School's history, it's present and it's future," Mr Stokes said.

"This initiative celebrates an iconic part of the Central Coast community, and provides an environmental benefit of finding a new use for these old bricks and stop them going into landfill."

Mr Holstein said he was delighted to deliver on the request from Principal John Anderson for a tangible piece of Gosford Public School's history.

"I worked with Mr Anderson and the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation to secure 1000 bricks from the former school site," Mr Holstein said.

"I'm especially pleased to give back to the school that played such a vital role in helping shape the person I am today."

Mr Anderson said the bricks would play an important part in marking the school's opening in 1865.

"The school will open a commemorative garden, constructed with the bricks, which will honour how the school has evolved over time," Mr Anderson said.

"The bricks will be sponsored and each one will acknowledge a former or current student and staff member. The money raised will go towards landscaping the garden, a commemorative medallion for each current student and the Sesquicentenary Book."

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