

As part of our annual library housekeeping at St Thomas More College, Sunnybank, we have identified a large amount of resources which are damaged, unrepairable or no longer meet our curriculum needs. In the past we have been able to offer such resources to the flexible learning centres, Rotary & Lions clubs and our surrounding schools. We have now exhausted our contacts, and have a large collection in which we cannot come to disposing of.

With the assistance of Mr Warren Dutton, resident and former MP of Kiunga, Papua New Guinea, OK Tedi Mining Ltd have provided a 20ft container to transport these resources to the river port town of “Kiunga” in the North Fly district of the Western Province of Papua New Guinea.

The Western Province is the least populated and arguably the most remote of the three districts. The growing mining and liquid nitrogen gas industries have led to a rapidly expanding population from 7000 in 2002 to as much as 30000 today. It has caused problems of crime and unemployment. Kiunga is located close to the border with Indonesia, and has a significant West Papuan refugee population.

It would be great if we could supply a full container, but we need your help. **Can you help us out with books, stationery (box pens, exercise books) sporting equipment or old football boots?** The drop off point is the library (Clubhouse for Souths members).



By sending resources to the North Fly District we as a community will be assisting 3 high schools with much needed resources. Mr Dutton has stated that “Almost anything would be something new for our three High Schools in our area.” He has also said that “It is best that we fill up the container to the brim to make the best use of OTML’s help.”

I look forward to receiving your donations.