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**DONATION FOR PAMBULA DISTRICT HOSPITAL  
GREATLY APPRECIATED**

Greater Southern Area Health Service has expressed its gratitude and appreciation to the Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club for their recent donation.

General Manager Eastern Sector Ken Barnett said \$3,000 was donated to the hospital from the club's Gala Fish Auction to buy equipment for the Pambula District Hospital.

Mr Barnett said many people demonstrated thoughtfulness and generosity and he assured the community the equipment will remain at the Pambula District Hospital until the new facility is completed.

"We acknowledge the importance and generosity of donations to hospitals which make an enormous difference to the work we do.

"They help us give those extra items that play such a valuable role in providing quality health care," he said.

Mr Barnett said it's planned the donation will be used to buy height-adjustable chairs and a foot stool.

"The chairs, which will be placed on the enclosed verandah at Pambula Hospital, will benefit both patients and staff as they will be able to be adjusted for patient comfort and will provide improved manual handling for staff," he said.

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