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Papua New Guinea drawn to Hunter Water's world-class expertise

Hunter Water is using its expert knowledge of water and waste water services to help improve the quality and functionality of the Papua New Guinean water and sewer systems.

Hunter Water and the Water PNG have developed a partnership through an agreement supported by the Asian Development Bank. The project aims to advance Water PNG employee's skills and provide support the team to improve water quality, minimise water loss, improve system operations and develop a long term master plan for infrastructure development in Lae.

The Water PNG team recently visited the Hunter Water to receive training on a wide range of topics. Earlier this year, specialists from Hunter Water also spent time in Lae supporting local Water PNG staff and developing plans for future improvement works.

Executive Manager Customer Services, Dean Taylor said that "The Agreement has meant that Hunter Water employees got the chance to make a direct and practical contribution to a developing country."

"Through participation in this project, our staff obtained valuable skills working with other cultures, as well as opportunities to broaden our operational knowledge on an international scale."

For Water PNG, the gains have been quick and significant in terms of the extra capabilities of its staff and the increasing amount of extra revenue received each month due to a reduction in water loss.

"This is an opportunity for knowledge to be shared both ways and at Hunter Water we welcome the opportunity to build these important long terms relationships with our international industry colleagues," Mr Taylor said.

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