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AED Donated to Borland Lodge Adventure and Education Trust

Borland Lodge Adventure and Education Trust is the latest Southland organisation to benefit from a life-saving donation from PowerNet and St John.

An automated defibrillator (AED) was donated to the lodge last week (Thursday 18 August), one of three being donated to Southland communities this year.

The donation is part of PowerNet and St John's three-year sponsorship partnership to improve public safety and education in the south.

The partnership includes the donation of three AED devices annually to the network communities which PowerNet manages.

Borland Lodge Manager, Pete Illingworth, said the Borland Lodge Adventure and Education Trust were delighted to receive the donation.

"We have about 10,000 people stay at Borland Lodge each year. The Trust is very safety focused and is immensely pleased to receive the generous donation of an AED from PowerNet. It is great to have the AED on site and know it could potentially save a life in the future. The AED will be installed on the wall in the Borland Lodge office and will be accessible to all people staying at the Lodge," Mr Illingworth said.

When available within minutes of a cardiac arrest occurring, an AED can vastly improve a person's chance of survival.

PowerNet Business Support General Manager, Tim Brown, said the AED donation was another way the company could support the Southland community to stay safe and healthy. Along with the AED donation two Level 1 training sessions for Borland Lodge staff will also be provided by the PowerNet funded programme.

"Our partnership with St John is about using our joint resources to promote safety in our communities, mostly through education. It's great that PowerNet is able to back this up with the donation of life-saving equipment such as AEDs," he said.

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