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### **AED Donated to Ranfurly's Chalet Rest Home**

Ranfurly's Chalet Rest Home is the latest Southern organisation to benefit from a life-saving donation from PowerNet and St John.

An automated defibrillator (AED) was donated to the rest home late in January, one of four donated to Southern 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 four AED devices annually to the network communities which PowerNet manages.

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"Our organisation 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 in the central reception area readily accessible to all people staying at the Lodge," Mr Foster said.

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

PowerNet Chief Information Officer, Tim Brown, said the AED donation was another way the company could support the Southern community to stay safe and healthy. Along with the AED donation two Level 1 First Aid training sessions for the Chalet Rest Home 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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