

AED Donated to Waihemo Lodge Hotel



L/R: Les Scott (Waihemo Lodge), Rachael Watt (PowerNet), Tania Bungard (St John) and Warren Dobson (PowerNet).

The Waihemo Lodge Hotel 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 hotel in July and is one of four donated to Southern communities this year.

The donation is part of PowerNet and St John's sponsorship to improve public safety and education in the south. The sponsorship includes the donation of four AED devices annually to the network communities, which PowerNet manages.

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

PowerNet chief executive Jason Franklin said the AED donation was another way the company could support the Southern community to stay safe and healthy. Along with the AED donation, the PowerNet-funded programme would also provide two Level 1 First Aid training sessions.

"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.