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AED Donated to Bill Richardson Transport World

Bill Richardson Transport World is the latest Southland venue to benefit from a life-saving donation from PowerNet and St John.

An automated defibrillator (AED) was installed at the Invercargill tourist attraction today, 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.

Executive Director, Joc O'Donnell of Bill Richardson Transport World, said she is delighted with the donation.

"With 4,500 visitors to our tourist attraction each month it's great to have this life-saving equipment close at hand. We're really grateful to PowerNet for their generosity," said Joc O'Donnell.

The AED is installed in the foyer of the building's entrance and is available to the public during opening hours.

Staff will receive training from St John in how to use the AED device.

When accessible 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.

"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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