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AED Donated to H & J Smith, Remarkables Park

H & J Smith, Remarkables Park 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 company last week (Thursday 24 November) one of four being 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.

H & J Smith Store Manager, Tanya Wallace, said the team at H & J Smith were delighted to receive the donation.

"We have a massive amount of locals and tourists visiting our store each year. Our company 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 located just inside the shops main entrance and will be accessible to all staff and customers" Mrs Wallace 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 training sessions for H & J Smith 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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