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PowerNet Gifts AED to H&J Smith

The installation of an automated external defibrillator at H&J Smith's Invercargill store means help will be close at hand in the event of a life-threatening cardiac arrest.

Gifted by PowerNet on behalf of its network owners (Electricity Invercargill Ltd), the AED was presented to H&J Smith store manager, Jo Hutton by PowerNet director, Tom Campbell today (2 August).

"We're delighted to once again support our community with a donation of this life-saving piece of equipment," Mr Campbell said.

The AED is the seventh PowerNet has gifted for use at locations around the southern region. Over the previous three-year sponsorship, AEDs have been donated and installed from the Maniototo area through to the Bluff Township.

Together with the donation, H&J Smith staff will also receive Level 1 first-aid training.

The AED donations are part of PowerNet's continuing sponsorship of St John's community work in the south.

At today's event, PowerNet signed a new agreement with St John to continue their three-year sponsorship partnership for another three years, and to extend it further into Otago and to the Catlins.

"Our partnership with St John is reaping fantastic safety benefits for our southern communities. Through first-aid training supported by our sponsorship, many people are being armed with the skills and knowledge to save a life," said PowerNet chief executive, Jason Franklin.

The community sponsorship programme's goal is to have a first-aid trained person in every household and to raise awareness of health and safety in the community.

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