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Media Release:

Donation for the heart

New lifesaving defibrillators are installed in Central Mudgee as part of the Heart of Cudgewong – Defib Project, thanks to a \$6,800 donation from Moolarben Coal.

The funding enabled the purchase of two Automated External Defibrillator (AED) devices. They were installed this week in Rylstone outside the Globe Hotel and at the Kandos Community Charity Shop on Angus Avenue. These AEDs are in prime locations and accessible to the public 24/7, should the worst happen.

A defibrillator is a medical device that can be used to apply an electric shock to a patient to restart their heart or shock it back to its correct rhythm. It is used in emergency situations where a person suffers a cardiac arrest.

Melanie Trethowan from Business Mudgee was delighted with the installation of the AED devices.

“We are passionate about supporting the health of all residents, across the Mid-Western Regional Council area.

“As part of that mission, we recognised the immediate need to install defibrillators in the community that have 24-hour access for residents or visitors to the town.

“Ideally the AEDs will never need to be used, however they are there in times of emergency.

“Having these AEDs readily available means that rapid assistance can be provided to someone suffering cardiac arrest, before medical help arrive.

“We also encourage residents of the Rylstone and Kandos communities to familiarise themselves with the location of the AEDs so they feel confident that they can use them in any emergency.

“There is no training required to use an AED. Once it is removed from its case, it speaks to you and delivers the instructions on what to do every step of the way.

“Business Mudgee represents over 125 businesses from sole traders up to large industrial businesses in the area. We are always looking at ways to improve the local community and region.

“We appreciate the funding from Moolarben Coal to help make this vital project happen,” said Melanie.

Business Mudgee assists the business community within the Mudgee Region in Central NSW. Its main purpose is to provide business support services, networking and business opportunities for its membership. It works closely with local, state and federal government agencies and associated corporate partners.

Moolarben Coal General Manager, Brian Wesley recognised the importance of this project.

“AEDs are vital in emergency situations, so it is crucial they are in public places with high foot traffic. They may significantly increase the survival rate of an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest so we are proud we could fund the install of these lifesaving devices.

“We hope the Rylstone and Kandos communities can feel safer knowing these AEDS are on-hand should the worst happen,” said Brian.

Yancoal is proud to be investing into local and regional Australia, helping build stronger communities across the country.

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