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Media Release:

New defibrillator at Stroud and District Tennis Club

The Stroud and District Tennis Club has led the charge to improve safety at Stroud Showground with the purchase and installation of a lifesaving defibrillator, thanks to a \$2,500 donation from Stratford Coal.

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 cardiac arrest.

Peta Smith, Secretary of Stroud and District Tennis Club, was thrilled with the safety update.

“Stroud Showground, where the tennis courts are located, is home to many significant community events that attract thousands of people annually.

“Therefore, we recognised the immediate community need for a publicly accessible defibrillator at the showground.

“We hope we never have to use the defibrillator, however we now feel better prepared to manage an emergency at the showground and to offer someone a better chance at survival.

“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.

“We do encourage locals to familiarise themselves with the location of the AED should the worst happen.

“We appreciate Stratford Coal’s funding to help make this vital community project happen,” said Peta.

The Stroud and District Tennis Club have 35 members. It offers court hire to casual and non-members. Mixed competition is on Monday nights and run during the school term. Coaching is also available for both group and private lessons. It is located on Cowper St in Stroud.

Stratford Coal Operations Manager, John Cullen, was proud to support this community need.

“AEDs are vital in emergency situations, so it is crucial they are in public places with high foot traffic. They can significantly increase the survival rate of an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, so we are proud we could fund the purchase and installation of this lifesaving device.

“Local residents and visitors to the showground can feel safer knowing the defibrillator is within reach if needed,” said John.

The donation was part of the Stratford Coal Community Support Program, which aims to make a positive difference in the local community and to the lives of the people who work and live in the areas it operates.

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