

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Defibrillation units free to loan for community events**

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Port Augusta City Council is proud to announce the purchase of two state-of-the-art portable defibrillation units which will be available to the community to loan for free to use at events and functions held locally.

“Sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death worldwide, and prompt access to defibrillation is critical in saving lives. By investing in these portable defibrillation units, Council aims to enhance emergency response capabilities and empower individuals to act swiftly in life-threatening situations.” Mayor Linley Shine stated.

The defibrillation units are easy to use, with intuitive instructions and voice prompts that guide users through the resuscitation process. The units are equipped with advanced technology to analyse the patient's condition and deliver a precisely calibrated electric shock if necessary.

“Community members hosting events or functions within the Port Augusta region can now feel more secure, knowing that these defibrillation units will be readily available to loan, if the location they are holding an event does not have a unit available.” CEO John Banks stated.

The defibrillation units are available to loan for free from our Community Development team at the Port Augusta Cultural Centre. Call 8641 9100 and request to talk to the Cultural Centre (Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm).



Photo: WHS Business Partner Ryan Fredericks holding one of the units available to loan.

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