



United Way Glenelg

Portland SES receives life-saving defibrillator thanks to United Way Glenelg

The Portland SES Unit now has another lifesaving tool to add to its arsenal thanks to a grant from United Way Glenelg (UWG).

A contribution from UWG's Community Fund has allowed the unit to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for use at the group's headquarters, or when attending emergencies and community events.

With a number of volunteers over 50 the AED provides peace of mind that should a member suffer a cardiac episode the AED is on-hand. When responding to serious events including rescues and road accidents it may also be utilized in the event that the SES response vehicle arrives before an ambulance.

United Way Glenelg Executive Officer Nicole Angelino said the defibrillator would benefit the whole community.

"UWG believes that health is one of the building blocks required to enjoy a good life," Ms Angelino said.

"The dedicated volunteers of the Portland SES Unit provide emergency response capabilities to the Portland community 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"We are proud to be able to support the unit to carry out their vital work secure in the knowledge the defibrillator is available to them.

"Of course we hope that it need never be used but it provides valuable reassurance in the event of an emergency," she concluded.

The UWG Community Fund will open for applications later this year. For more information including how you can apply please contact Nicole Angelino on 0410 51 3305 or via email mail@unitedwayglenelg.com.au

The Portland SES is currently recruiting for new members. Full training is supplied and no special skills are required. For more information please contact portland@ses.vic.gov.au

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