



Sponsor a Defibrillator

Freemasons lodges have been providing defibrillators in community facilities for a number of years with the assistance of the Freemasons Charity. The Charity will provide a supporting grant of \$1500 as a 1 : 1 contribution towards the cost of the defibrillator.

The story behind this initiative was that a young Past Master (in his late 30's) felt unwell on the soccer pitch. He stumbled to his car and managed to get home only to have a heart attack once he was inside. Fortunately the local volunteer fire brigade arrived just in time with a defibrillator.

He subsequently encouraged his Lodge to fundraise for putting defibrillators in local community facilities. The one placed at the local swimming pool saved a man's life within the first week. From there other lodges took up the call.

So what can your Lodge do?

Check out the local community facilities i.e. swimming pool, community hall, public library, outdoor camp etc.; and check if they have a defibrillator. The following web-link should assist: <http://aedlocations.co.nz/>

Note defibrillators are best placed in facilities with ready public access for maximum hours.

Once a need has been identified establish your fundraising project.

Last point - check out where is the nearest defibrillator to your Lodge room?

