

## The Defibrillator June 2019

At the beginning of this year Hugh Townend raised the subject of purchasing a defibrillator again.

After unsatisfactory responses from the Greytown Community Board and the South Wairarapa District Council the Committee agreed that we could not make the decision to buy one without the consent of the club so we called a general meeting in March to discuss what we should do. The opinion of the meeting was they we would get a defibrillator and it was left to the committee to make the decision on how that came about

In April Hugh filled out a funding application form from South Wairarapa Rotary asking for \$3000 plus to buy a defibrillator and stating that although we would buy it we would like to make it available to the public as well.

South Wairarapa Rotarian Sharon Morgan had purchased a defibrillator in 2013 from Heart Saver in Auckland, for her own use and no longer wished to keep it. She offered her defibrillator to us for no cost. She said she would be happy if the public could use it Hugh (who had done the research on the defibrillators) was happy with it so we sent it Heart Saver for a thorough check and replacement of the parts that were needed. New Battery, Adult pads, pedi pads and new zipped carry case

Katherine then approached Bryce Neems – property manager at the South Wairarapa District Council and said we had the defibrillator, we would like it to be available to the public.

We want it in a secure lockable, alarmed metal cabinet, with Pin Pad access that would be available to the public for emergency use by phoning 111

Heart Saver have these cabinets and are willing to help us set it up for the Emergency Calls once it is installed. The council have agreed to pay for cabinet and the cost of having it installed.

The Greytown Community Board agreed that it will go on the outside of the building on the North facing wall, so that it is in a well-lit area and visible to people passing by.

The defibrillator is available to the Bridge Club at all times – at the moment it is in the computer cupboard..

When it goes into the locked cabinet we will know the Pin Pad Code and display it so that everyone at a bridge Session will be able to see it easily.

We will not have to ring 111 for the code.

Hugh has agreed to give us demos so that we know how it works

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