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Title: Defibrillators – service, maintenance, and testing

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To: All Clubs – Presidents, Secretaries and Committee members

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Late last year, the South Australian Government passed the Automated External Defibrillators (Public Access) Act 2022, requiring the installation of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in all public buildings, including schools, universities, libraries, sporting facilities, and local council offices, as well as certain privately owned buildings such as shopping centres, aged care facilities, retirement villages, and commercial properties over 600 square meters in size.

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is the biggest killer of Australians, affecting people of all ages, including children and the elderly, regardless of their health and fitness levels. Anyone can experience SCA, and people have risk factors that they do not know about, including hidden heart defects, so it is a very unpredictable emergency condition. In addition, it can occur very quickly with little or no warning. The goal of this legislation is to improve the survival rate of cardiac arrest victims in the state.

Rowing SA has two defibrillators. One is housed externally, at the bottom of the stairs, at the back of the café, (beachside) housed in a protective case. The other, is currently being replaced by Heart180, delivery later this week and is usually found in the indoor rowing room. The external defib has been serviced and has a new battery.

Heart 180 have offered us support in terms of their free training videos. They have two defibrillators to choose from, all details are attached.

Please ensure that your defibrillator's have been serviced, maintained, and tested as per the new SA legislation.

Attachments:

Heart180 brochure – Rowing SA flyer
Public access bill
SA Health AED Notice