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## Disco is a real heart starter in Woodend

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Program manager Anita Turner with police officers Joe Grbac, Danny Brown and Steve McKinnon. N12SR403

DANCING children have helped deliver a potentially lifesaving defibrillator machine to Woodend's Buffalo Stadium.

The \$3000 emergency heart starter has been funded by proceeds from a popular Blue Light disco program, revived in the Macedon Ranges in 2009.

Leading Sen-Constable Joe Grbac said the donation was in response to the death of Rupertswood Football Club player Stephen Buckman last year and the death of Gisborne Football Club under 18s coach Steve Simpson this year.

Both men collapsed at training and may have been saved had a defibrillator been on hand.

"We had got to the point where we felt we could do something substantial with the fundraising from the discos and really make a difference," he said.

Funds raised by the supervised disco program, attended by up to 200 primary school-aged children, have also contributed to the Gisborne Secondary College chaplaincy fund and scholarships for 10 primary school students.

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