



### Gift of life for hills is welcome

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Monbulk Police want to buy a defibrillator to be kept at the Monbulk Bowling Club - and Monbulk Primary School pupils have thrown themselves behind the cause. Monbulk principal Ray Yates, MADCOW's Jenny Watson, Sen-Constable Peter Edyvane, Sgt Mark Knight, bowling club manager Denise Rutzou. Monbulk Primary School captains (from left to right) Kirrily Dowsett, Indy Bakker, Mikayla Lamers and Jocelyn Bennett. Pre-school students Hamish and Archie. LAWRENCE PINDER

THE Monbulk community has banded together to buy a potentially life-saving piece of medical equipment.

An idea from the Monbulk and District Community Opportunities Working Group to buy a defibrillator, used to treat people suffering cardiac arrest, quickly won the support of the community.

The Monbulk Bowling Club, Monbulk Primary School and Yarra Ranges Council all chipped in to contribute to buying the defibrillator, which costs about \$2000.

The life-saving device will be kept in the Monbulk Bowling Club and all the town's sporting clubs will have access to it. Monbulk Sen-Constable Peter Edyvane, who is also a committee member of MADCOW, said the defibrillator would be kept in the bowling club because of its central location and its extensive opening hours, meaning it would be easily accessible most of the time.

Clubs will be able to attend training courses on how to use it.

As well as donating \$1000 to the cost of the defibrillator, the Monbulk Bowling Club has also donated \$1000 to the Monbulk CFA.

Sen-Constable Edyvane - a CFA member - welcomed the donation.

“The money allows us to buy extra things that enhance our capabilities,” he said.

A training night for the new defibrillator will be held on Wednesday, August 31, at 7pm at the Monbulk Bowling Club, 11 Moores Rd, Monbulk.

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