

**MM10/25 PROPOSAL TO INVESTIGATE INSTALLATION OF  
DEFIBRILLATORS IN PARKS AND SPORTING FIELDS -  
Mayor Trenton Brown****File Number:** CLM/25/1/1/8 - BP25/309

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Every 20 minutes, someone living in Australia experiences a cardiac arrest.

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a life-saving device that uses an electric shock to reset the heart. As sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in Australia, defibrillators are a vital tool. AEDs are automated devices, so first aid responders require little or no training to use them. AEDs are easy to use for both the user and the patient.

The Heart Foundation has explained the “Chain of Survival” as:

Call – call 000 immediately

Push – push hard and fast in the middle of the person’s chest to deliver CPR

Shock – use an AED to deliver a shock as soon as possible.

The City of Ryde has AEDs installed at the North Ryde Office (Levels 1, 2 and 3), Ground floor at Pope Street office, Council Chambers, Ryde Aquatic Centre, Operations Centre and all 5 libraries.

Currently defibrillators in parks are the responsibility of sporting clubs to manage and maintain.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council investigate and bring back a report by October 2025 regarding installation, management and maintenance of defibrillators in parks and sporting fields.
- (b) That consultation with stakeholder groups such as the Heart Foundation, the Heart of the Nation and relevant sporting groups be undertaken to incorporate their expertise into Council’s recommendations.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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