

## 10.12. Defibrillators and CPR Training

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### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to present an overview of the current defibrillator installations across North Sydney and to provide a recommended approach in relation to future public-access defibrillators and CPR training.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- Council currently has 11 defibrillators across its staffed sites.
- There is one public-access defibrillator in Tunks Park.
- Six additional parks have been identified as recommended locations for public access defibrillators.

### RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council note the report.
- 2. THAT** Council endorse the six locations nominated for installation of public access defibrillators.

## Background

At its meeting of 12 February 2024, Council resolved:

1. THAT North Sydney Council run a campaign to encourage the community to learn, or update, their CPR skills.
2. THAT Council help support the running of CPR classes through the local community centres, or other sites.
3. THAT Council look at the feasibility and cost in a further report of having defibrillators in our public spaces, such as parks and sporting fields and providing CPR training to interested Councillors and staff.

## Report

Council has undertaken a program of work to install defibrillators throughout Council buildings. Defibrillators are installed at the following locations:

- Council Chambers - two units
- North Sydney Oval / Function Centre - two units
- St Leonards Depot - one unit
- Council Depot (Camberay) - two units
- Stanton Library - one unit
- Coal Loader - two units
- Community Recycling Centre - one unit

These installations meet Council's Work, Health, and Safety (WHS) requirements in relation to the safety of our workers. The GPS locations of all Council defibrillator sites are provided to ServiceNSW ([aed.nsw.gov.au](http://aed.nsw.gov.au)) so to alert members of the public in case of an emergency.

Council has reviewed all parks and open spaces across the North Sydney local government area to determine if public-access defibrillators should be installed. The basis for the assessment was whether the park or open space supported active recreation (organised sport).

There is no requirement for sports clubs using Council parks to carry their own defibrillator; some sports clubs provide their own defibrillator, and some do not.

The following sites have been identified as active recreation reserves without a public-access defibrillator:

Park	Park Address
Anderson Park	Clark Street, Neutral Bay
Camberay Park	Park Avenue, Neutral Bay
Forsyth Park	Montpelier Street, Neutral Bay
Primrose Park	Denos Lane, Cremorne
St Leonards Park	Bon Andrews Oval, North Sydney
Waverton Park	Larkin Street, Waverton

Note: Tunks Park already has an installed public-access defibrillator.

The total cost per annum for installation and maintenance at the above six parks would be \$6,840 (GST exclusive). Should Council wish to include these additional units in the current service agreement, the units would be serviced on a three-monthly basis.

The defibrillators will be owned and maintained by the supplier. It should be noted that these units are not locked (to allow access in an emergency) but are alarmed. Other Councils with public-access defibrillators have reported limited issues since installation, and that the public promptly report any observed issues.

From a public liability perspective, if a member of the public (or Council staff) uses the defibrillators in an emergency, they will be protected by the good samaritan clause of the Civil Liability Act 2002. 'A good samaritan does not incur any personal civil liability in respect of any act or omission done or made by the good samaritan in an emergency when assisting a person who is apparently injured or at risk of being injured'.

The defibrillators are designed to only operate when no heartbeat is detected, limiting the risk of inappropriate use.

Research was undertaken to determine practices in surrounding Councils. Lane Cove and Mosman provide council-installed and maintained defibrillators in their premises and several of their open spaces. At Ryde and Ku-Ring-Gai councils, defibrillators are installed in Council premises, but not at their open spaces.

### **Costs of providing CPR training to interested Councillors and staff**

The cost of providing CPR training (which includes defibrillator training) is approximately \$2,000 per session (maximum 25 participants).

CPR training for staff will be considered as part of Council's learning and development and WHS programs. CPR training for Councillors will be included within the Councillor Professional Development Program for interested Councillors and discussed as part of the induction process in the new term.

### **Financial/Resource Implications**

The cost of additional defibrillator units for parks is \$6,840 per annum (excluding GST).

The cost of CPR training (which includes defibrillator training) is approximately \$2,000 per session (excluding GST, maximum 25 participants). At up to three sessions, this would be \$6,000 (excluding GST).

The cost will be funded through the operating budget for parks and gardens.

**Consultation requirements**

Community engagement is not required.