

More defibs for Richmond

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OPEN FOR SAVING LIVES: At front - Gerry and Anne Morgan of Nepean Imaging Radiology Group with the new defib, to be installed in the practice foyer, and at rear Donna Packham and Dr Ravi from Hawkesbury Heartstart and Mayor Mary Lyons-Buckett.

TWO more Richmond businesses are now able to save your life – at least during business hours.

Nepean Imaging Radiology Group's practice manager Gerry Morgan, and owner and managing director Anne Morgan not only paid for their own defibrillator to install in the March Street business, but paid extra to subsidise others who can't pay for the whole unit themselves. They are also offering the use of the unit to the public when the business is open.

The defibrillator, delivered to the business on Wednesday, was bought through Hawkesbury Heartstart, the organisation started by Windsor Rotary members with the aim of getting as many defibs as possible out in the community to save lives of those having a heart attack.

The units are designed for an operator with no experience of one, with spoken directions telling the operator what to do.

Dr Ravi of Hawkesbury Heartstart also took delivery of a unit at his business, Macquarie Towns Specialist Centre on March Street (next to the fire station) on Wednesday.

Mayor Mary Lyons-Buckett attended both hand-overs due to the importance of the units for the community.

"It's very generous of the Morgans and a great contribution having this life-saving device the public can access," she told the Gazette. "We also need to get them in places like Wisemans Ferry, St Albans and Freemans Reach."

Mr Morgan said they bought the unit as it was "of vital importance" to them to be part of their community.

Dr Ravi is openly asking sporting clubs, community groups and businesses to put their hand up to host a defibrillator. If a group cannot afford the full price of a unit, Heartstart may be able to subsidise part of it. Go to the Hawkesbury Heartstart Facebook page (the page, not the group) and send a message if you want to know more, or contact Dr Ravi on 0414 267 059.