



The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill

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LIFE-SAVING DEFIBRILLATORS FOR CASTLE HILL SPORT CLUBS

Community sport clubs and organisations across Castle Hill can now apply for up to \$9,000 to access life-saving defibrillators, as part of the NSW Government's Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said sport is part of the fabric of life in the community, with more people participating in sport and active recreation.

"Medical experts say the first eight minutes following a cardiac arrest are critical, so early access to CPR and a defibrillator is essential to increasing a patient's likelihood of survival," Mr Williams said.

"This funding will enable our local sporting organisations and council to install these defibrillators so they are equipped to respond to life-threatening emergencies.

"I encourage all our sporting clubs to apply for these grants that will help prevent the trauma, and the heartache, that cardiac arrest can cause families."

Minister for Sport Alister Henskens said the NSW Government has committed an additional \$2 million over four years to the program.

"Whether you're at your local sailing club or playing footy with your mates, when someone has a cardiac arrest, time is crucial – they can happen to anyone, anytime, or anywhere so it's vital that a defibrillator is readily accessible" Mr Henskens said.

"Through this funding, the NSW Liberals and National Government is ensuring our sport clubs and venues are safe environments for everyone, both on and off the field."

The Local Sports Defibrillator Program is available to sport and recreation clubs, associations and organisations as well as councils and service clubs. Up to \$3,000 is available per device with organisations able to apply for up to three devices valued at \$9,000.

Applications are open and close Friday, 10 February 2023. For more information on the Program, visit: <https://sport.nsw.gov.au>.

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