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New defibrillators give peace of mind to local veterans

RSL Sub Branches in the Pioneer-Fitzroy-Highlands District are to receive new automatic external defibrillators (AED) thanks to a $30,000 grant from the RSL Queensland Veteran's Welfare Fund.

District Vice President Phillip Luzzi said installing the defibrillators would provide peace of mind to veterans and their families.

"The reality is that many veterans in the region are older and at risk of heart attack – I've had one myself," Mr Luzzi said.

"Having a defibrillator on hand can mean the difference between life and death."

RSL Queensland President Stewart Cameron said it was just one of numerous practical ways that Sub Branches care for veterans' health and wellbeing.

"We know that using an AED greatly improves the chances of survival from a heart attack, so we are pleased to support such a great local initiative," Mr Cameron said.

"RSL Sub Branches are also active in providing mental health support, emergency financial assistance, housing help, and compensation or pension claims."

The new AEDs will be installed at RSL Sub Branches in Sarina, Springsure, Emerald, Gemfields, Gracemere, Yeppoon, Marian, Seaforth, Clermont, Finch Hatton, and the Citizen's Auxiliary in Nebo.

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