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Hansen Yuncken to install life-saving defibrillators

Working in conjunction with St John Ambulance Australia (NSW), Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd (NSW) will install 22 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at their construction sites, state and regional offices throughout NSW.

According to St John (NSW), Chief Executive Officer, Sean Gavin, defibrillation is the best chance people have of surviving a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA).

“The current survival rate from SCA outside a hospital remains low. Unfortunately, CPR alone is often just not enough. If someone receives defibrillation within the first three minutes of having a sudden cardiac arrest, their chance of survival improves dramatically. It really does make a significant difference,” said Mr Gavin.

As part of this partnership, St John will travel to every NSW site to educate Hansen Yuncken employees on the benefits of the new machines.

Amanda Murray, St John (NSW) Development Manager, comments:

“At each site we will train staff on best practice when it comes to SCA, CPR protocol and demonstrate a defibrillator in use. We are committed to ensuring that each person who has access to a defibrillator is fully aware of their capabilities and isn't afraid to have a go and potentially save a life.

“Hansen Yuncken is to be congratulated for this initiative, which demonstrates in a tangible way a strong commitment to staff health and welfare.”

Hansen Yuncken Safety Coordinators will accompany St John on these visits. They believe AEDs are an essential piece of equipment to ensure workplace safety.

“By installing the AEDs and providing training for our people, we are aiming to maximise our preparedness and response to SCA incidents for our employees, subcontractors and visitors on Hansen Yuncken premises. AEDs really are the safest and most effective way for people to save the lives of co-workers from SCA. They are a critical step in the ‘chain of survival’ for a SCA victim”, said Ray Jones, Safety Coordinator at Hansen Yuncken.

The first presentation will take place on Monday 14 April at 1:30pm at the Hansen Yuncken head office site in Rosebery. The address is Level 4, 5 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery. Sean Gavin, CEO and Amanda Murray, Development Manager from St John (NSW) will both be in attendance.

Media are welcome to attend.



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