

Australia's Sporting Clubs Select Opto Circuits' Product

500 clubs in Victoria to be equipped with Cardiac Science Powerheart® AEDs

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Opto Circuits' subsidiary and a global leader in automated external defibrillator (AED) and diagnostic cardiac monitoring devices, Cardiac Science Corporation, will supply hundreds of Powerheart® G3 AEDs towards the Campaign "Defib Your Club, For Life," to reduce deaths from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) among athletes, officials and spectators in sporting clubs of Victoria, Australia.

The campaign was sparked by the on-field death of a young player, Stephen Buckman, in May 2010. Buckman, 19, collapsed from SCA during training. His teammates, including paramedic Andrew White, came to his aid and tried to revive him but were unsuccessful.

Post this incident, White became determined to equip all 750 football clubs in Victoria with easy-to-use portable AEDs. In May 2011, he launched the "Defib Your Club, For Life" Campaign to provide a safer environment for football players, officials and supporters. Funding for the Campaign came from the government, charities and individuals.

Through its partnership with Cardiac Science, the Campaign provides a comprehensive defibrillation program, including training, that is specifically tailored to the needs of sporting clubs.

"It has been extremely rewarding setting up an organization solely aimed at a fully tailored program for installing AEDs into sporting clubs. Our aim was to have a unique offering for sporting clubs and ensuring we selected the right AED for the comprehensive program, including features of reliability and ease of use," said White.

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The program has won accolades from heart safety experts, who believe it will eventually go nationwide. Professor Christopher Semsarian, cardiologist at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, calls the campaign "an incredibly important effort."

"Cardiac Science is a proud sponsor of the campaign, working with more than a dozen national, regional and local organizations in an effort to reduce deaths from SCA at sporting venues in Victoria," said Dave Marver, Cardiac Science president and chief executive officer.

"Defib Your Club, For Life," aims to raise awareness of sudden cardiac arrest, assist clubs with fundraising for AEDs, lobby governments for funding and assist with the implementation of a public access defibrillator (PAD) program.

About Cardiac Science

Cardiac Science, a wholly owned subsidiary of [Opto Circuits \(India\) Ltd.](#), develops, manufactures, and markets a family of advanced diagnostic and therapeutic cardiology devices and systems,

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