



# Martin Pakula MP

## State Member for Keysborough

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### **NEW DEFIB TO HELP KEEP NOBLE COMMUNITY TENNIS CLUB SAFE**

The Noble Community Tennis Club will be better equipped to deal with medical emergencies thanks to a new defibrillator and training package from the Andrews Labor Government.

Member for Keysborough Martin Pakula today announced the Noble Community Tennis Club was one of 301 successful applicants to receive the life-saving package from the third round of the new *Defibrillators for Sporting Clubs and Facilities Program*.

The Labor Government is rolling out 1,000 defibrillators to clubs and facilities across Victoria.

The roll out has been a huge success – around 900 defibrillators have already been delivered to clubs so far, with defibrillators and training packages still up for grabs.

Defibrillators at local sports clubs like Noble Community Tennis Club help to keep players and spectators safe, and are a vital tool for the community.

During a life-threatening sudden cardiac arrest, every second counts and bystanders can play a critical role. Without a defibrillator close by, the survival rate for sudden cardiac arrest is between two and five per cent. When a defibrillator is used within the first few minutes, the rate of survival can rise to 70 per cent.

Figures show that more bystanders than ever are stepping in to save lives. The use of public defibrillators for cardiac arrests has soared from 2.8 per cent in 2006/07 to 11 per cent in 2015/16.

The new devices will appear on Ambulance Victoria's database, so that Triple Zero operators will be able to direct callers to the new devices when emergency strikes.

For more information about the *Defibrillators for Sporting Clubs and Facilities Program* or how to apply online for future rounds, visit [www.sport.vic.gov.au](http://www.sport.vic.gov.au).

#### **Quotes attributable to Member for Keysborough Martin Pakula**

*"I'm really pleased that the Noble Community Tennis Club has received this life-saving equipment and I congratulate them on their efforts to keep their participants and spectators safe."*

*"This funding will give the club the equipment and training they need in case an emergency strikes."*

#### **Quote attributable to Minister for Sport John Eren**

*"My cardiac arrest changed my life. I know only too well just how important it is to have a defibrillator nearby."*

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