

Lifesaver praised for CPR

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A COAST lifesaver has been praised after he brought a man, who collapsed in front of his family, back from the brink at the long-weekend.

Cosimo Ronconi from the Ithaca-Caloundra City Life Saving Club sprang into action when he saw a group of people waving at him from a distance on Saturday morning at Bulcock Beach.

The club's honorary secretary, Patricia Barry, said Mr Ronconi raced over to the emergency and started performing CPR on the man.

"To start with, he didn't have any backup," she said.

"I know Cosi (Mr Ronconi) was really delighted that when he undertook CPR he managed to bring the man back.

"He said he felt so good for the man's family.

"We just hope that everything is going well for the patient and his family."

The man was transported to the Sunshine Coast University



SAVING LIVES: Cosimo Ronconi performed CPR on a man.

Hospital. His condition remains unknown.

Mrs Barry said everyone was "really proud" of Mr Ronconi, who has been with the club for about six years.

A Queensland Ambulance Service spokesman confirmed paramedics attended the incident about 11am, but couldn't release information on what kind of medical episode the man suffered.

Mrs Barry said it was quite common for people to have medical episodes near the beach on the esplanade.

"We obviously have a defibrillator and we use it more commonly on the esplanade than the beach," she said.

Numbers stack up in favour of women

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CALOUNDRA is one of Queensland's "oldest" suburbs, while nearby in Buderim, the women appear to be outliving, and certainly outnumbering the men.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed Caloundra to Kings Beach residents were the fifth-oldest in Queensland at a median age of 54.2 years, 171 years above the state average.

Cooloola, in the Gympie region, was the second-oldest at 58.5 years, just below greater Brisbane's 59.6 median.

The latest data also found north Buderim had the second-highest female to male ratio of any suburb in Queensland: for every 100 women, there were 87.3 men.

At the township's community-run Old Post Office, the ratio is even higher, with the women dominating the 70 volunteer roles 65 to 5.

Chairwoman Carol Marks said a strong network of women "enjoy the camaraderie" in the organisation.

But she couldn't pinpoint why there were so many.

"I don't know, I just know amongst us a lot of the women



are 70s-plus, including myself, and a number are widows. I guess we are outliving men," she said.

"We have one lady who is in her early 90s, she comes along every second Friday, ... and others in their 80s."

Women are even starting to work their way into the Men's Shed, with a couple of the

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CAROL MARKS

ladies attending the odd session, Carol said.

The grandmother made

Buderim her permanent home 20 years ago, after moving from Sydney's northern



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