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ONE WOMAN'S HEROES: Judy White (centre) thanks Motors Burnie staff Trudy Crocker and Max Young for saving her life after she stopped breathing outside the business on December 29. Picture: Grant Wells.

'I OWE THESE PEOPLE MY LIFE'

JULIE KELLY was driving through South Burnie when her mum, Judy White, stopped breathing in the passenger seat beside her. Ms Kelly leapt from the car and yelled for help from anybody within hearing distance. Two staff in the adjacent Motors Burnie were about to become heroes.

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Motors staff 'a bit overwhelmed' after coming to rescue

Judy meets her lifesavers



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JUDY White will be forever thankful for the heroic actions of two good samaritans who recently saved her life after she stopped breathing.

"I owe my life to these people, I just can't thank them enough," she said.

The 64-year-old Burnie resident was revived by Motors Burnie staff members Trudy Crocker and Max Young, who performed CPR on her and saved her life.

Mrs White, who suffers from heart problems and diabetes, had become unconscious in the car while on the way home from a camping trip with daughter Julie Kelly on December 29.

A frantic Mrs Kelly stopped outside the car dealership, calling for help for her critical mother.

"I shook her and said 'Mum, Mum', but she didn't respond."

Workers at the business were then alerted to the emergency.

"One of our staff members rushed in and asked if we knew CPR," Mrs Crocker said.

"I just dropped what I was doing and went straight out.

"After we had revived her, we then waited with her until the paramedics came.

"At the time, I was running on adrenaline but afterwards I was a bit overwhelmed, realising that I'd just helped save someone's life," she said, wiping away tears.

Mr Young also said he was still a bit overwhelmed by the whole experience, but was just happy

Mrs White had survived.

"It feels so good to know you've saved someone's life," he said.

Both said they had never been called upon to administer CPR before, and stressed the importance of knowing first aid skills.

The heroic pair visited Mrs White at her Upper Burnie home last week to check in on her progress after the ordeal.

An appreciative Mrs White said the actions of the staff members proved the human spirit was alive and well.

"I just wanted to let them all know how grateful I am, and I wanted to do something to say thank you," she said.

Mrs White is still recovering and has been recuperating since returning home from hospital on December 31.

THANKFUL: Judy White, who owes her life to Motors Burnie staff Trudy Crocker and Max Young. Picture: Grant Wells.