

MEDIA RELEASE #1

Donor Heroes' Night is now being embraced Internationally

Donor Families Australia (DFA) call on nations that have embrace organ & tissue donation to become involved in the 6th World Donor Heroes' Night held on the evening of **Sunday 18th May 2025**.

World Donor Heroes' Night is a celebrating and commemorates the hundreds of thousands of organ and tissue Donor Heroes that have given of themselves since organ donation and transplantation was embraced in the mid 1980's.

Donor Families Australia have been hosting the World Donor Heroes' Night event via its Facebook social media platform at

<https://www.facebook.com/DonorFamiliesAustralia/>. Last year's Donor Heroes' Night involved 31,500 hits during the evening event.

The event enables Donor Families, Recipients and their Families and all those that support the principals of organ/tissue donation and transplantation the opportunity to acknowledge our Donor Heroes'. To taking a photo of their porch light or light candle and posting it onto the Donor Families Australia Facebook Page supported by a comment.

While Donor Heroes' Night revolves around celebrating our Donor Heroes, the aim is to also raise the importance that Donor Family play in fulfilling their loved ones wishes. Many Donor Families are now seeking a more prominent roll, ensuring stronger support for future Donor Families and the promotion off raising organ & tissue donation awareness. Particularly here within the Australian community.

Mr Graham Harrison, the founder of Donor Heroes' Night within Coordinator, stated that *"as a result of this event, it is hoped that all communities around the world may be more inclined to consider becoming an organ and tissue donor and have that all important conversation with their family"*.

Further information on World Donor Heroes' Night and the benefits of organ and tissue donation can be found at: <https://www.donorfamiliesaustralia.org/donor-heroes-night>

Associated hashtags: #DonorHeroesNight #DonorHeroes #DonorFamilies #leavealighton #forevergrateful

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BOILERPLATE: Donor Families Australia is a national member-based independent support and advocacy group comprising families who have donated their loved ones' organs and tissue. It's the only organisation of its kind in Australia specifically dedicated to Donor Families. <https://www.donorfamiliesaustralia.org/>