

## MEDIA RELEASE #3

# WORLD DONOR HEROES' NIGHT

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## Shine a light of remembrance for ALL organ and tissue Donor Heroes'

Households within Australian and overseas are reminded on the evening of Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, to light a candle or shine a porch light in support of the hundreds of thousands of Donor Heroes worldwide who have changed people's lives through their generous act of organ and tissue donation at. <https://www.facebook.com/DonorFamiliesAustralia>

The Event enables donor families, recipients and their family members worldwide the opportunity to posts a photo and comments that commemorate and celebrate the lives of their organ and tissue donors who have given the ultimate gift so that others may live.

**DFA therefore extends an invitation to all Australians and overseas donor families and their recipients to be involved in World Donor Heroes' Night and help raise Australia's poor donor rate of 19.4 donors/million when measured against Spain's (Best Practice) of 48.9 dpm.**

Within Australia **1,800** patients are currently waitlisted for an organ transplant, and an additional **14,000** people are on dialysis – some of whom may/will need a kidney transplant one day. In 2024, there were **527** donors resulting **1,328** recipients, **253** living kidney donors, more than **2,630** people have their eyesight restored through a corneal transplant, and **8,192** people received tissue (e.g., musculoskeletal, heart, skin) transplants – all thanks to the life-changing gift of donation. Organ and tissue donation remains a very important aid to all community. Australia's donor rate per million = **19.37** while Spain is at **48.9** dpm. **WHY??**

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

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STATISTICS Quoted: are obtained from the DonatLife website at <https://www.donatelife.gov.au/all-about-donation/statistics-in-australia>.

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/>