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7th DONOR HEROES' NIGHT on 18th May 2026

Why is this Event so important to the Australian community!

Donor Heroes Night is more than an event—it's a powerful movement bringing Australians together to celebrate life, courage, and the extraordinary gift of organ and tissue donation. Because the truth is simple: at any moment, a transplant could mean the difference between life and loss.

Each year, this unforgettable night shines a spotlight on the real stories behind donation—the families forever changed, the lives saved, and the hope that continues to grow. In 2026 alone, over 2,000 Australians are waiting for a life-saving transplant, while another 14,000 endure the daily challenges of kidney dialysis. Yet with consent rates falling to just 53% and donation rates far behind global leaders, too many are still left waiting.

But there is hope.

When donor families, transplant recipients, those still waiting, and the 8 million Australians registered on the Organ Donor Registry stand side by side, something powerful happens: awareness grows, trust deepens, and lives can be saved.

Donor Heroes Night is a call to action—a chance for communities, partners, and supporters to unite, spark conversation, and inspire change. With greater awareness and stronger connections, Australia has the potential to double its transplant rate and give thousands more the second chance they deserve.

Be part of the moment. Be part of the movement. Help turn hope into life.

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/>