



DONOR HEROES' NIGHT

Saturday 18th May 2024



Shine a light of remembrance for our organ and tissue Donor Heroes' Media Release #3

Australian households are reminded on the evening of Saturday 18th May, to light a candle or shine a porch light in support of the thousands of Donor Heroes who have changed people's lives through their generous act of organ and tissue donation.

The 5th Donor Heroes' Night commences online on Donor Families Australia Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/DonorFamiliesAustralia> from 6pm on the evening of May 18, 2024. The Event enables donor families, recipients and their family members and the Australian community, the opportunity to posts a photo and comments that commemorate and celebrate the lives of an estimated 25,000 Australian organ and tissue donors who have given the ultimate gift so that others may live.

DFA therefore extends an invitation to all Australians to be involved in Donor Heroes' Night.

Approximately 1,800 Australians 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 2023, there were 513 donors resulting 1,396 recipients, 253 living kidney donors, more than 2,486 people have their eyesight restored through a corneal transplant, and 9,904 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 the Australian community.

The Donor Families Australia website has a dedicated event page located at www.donorfamiliesaustralia.org/donorheroes-night that provides access to the event flyer, stories from families of their Donor Hero who are happy to share their stories with the media and general information concerning the 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/>