

Memorial to 'raise organ donation awareness'

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A Geraldton family is behind plans to build a memorial aimed at raising awareness of organ and tissue donation in the community.

Just hours after their daughter Alysha was killed in a car accident on the Brand Highway last year, Bruce and Karen McDowell honoured her wish to become an organ and tissue donor.

Now the family plans to build a Donor Awareness Fountain at Marina Park, to pay tribute to 18 similar donors from the region.

Bruce McDowell hopes the memorial will encourage people to discuss the issue with their family.

"Donating is not something that we naturally talk about and this will give families an opportunity to turn to each other hopefully and say, 'what do you want to do?'" he said.

"If we can get that sort of response from people, we are then achieving what we set out to do."