

2017 EYE AND TISSUE DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION OUTCOMES



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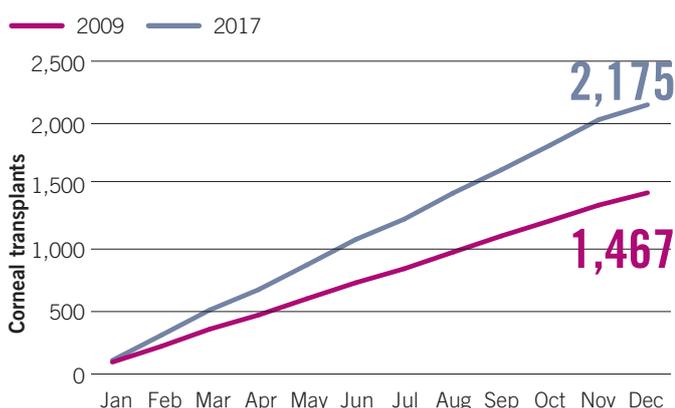
Each year the lives of thousands of Australians are transformed through eye and tissue donations.

Less than 2% of people in Australia die in the specific circumstances in hospital where organ donation is possible. A far greater number of people have the opportunity to donate tissues (including eye tissue) and benefit from receiving tissue transplants. Tissue donation does not require a donor's death to have occurred within such limited clinical circumstances as organ donation.

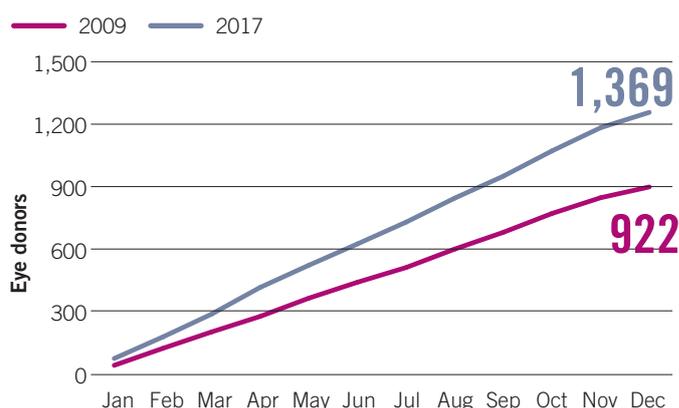
In 2017, **2,175 Australians received a corneal transplant** through the generosity of **1,369 eye donors and their families**.

This represents a **48% increase** in the number of corneal transplants compared with 2009.

Corneal transplants



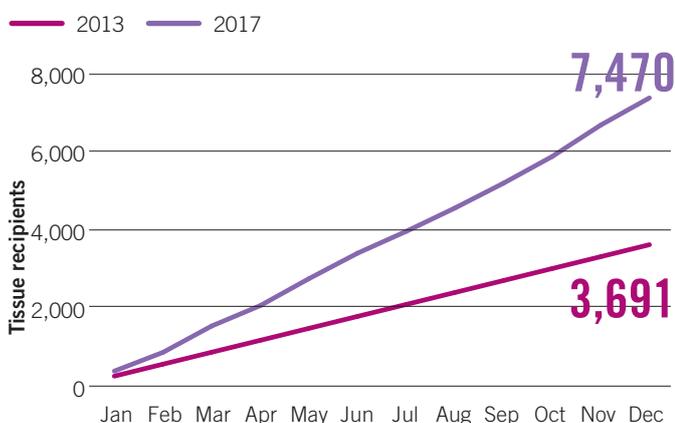
Eye donors



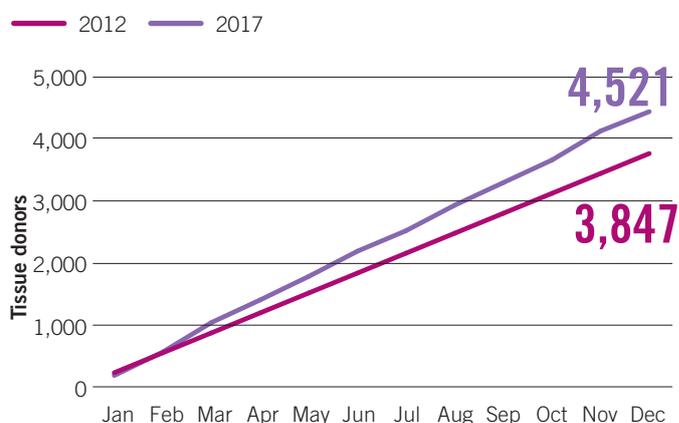
In 2017, **7,470 notified tissue transplant recipients** resulted from the generosity of **4,521 tissue donors**, including 4,157 living tissue donors and 364 deceased tissue donors.

This represents a **102% increase** in the number of tissue graft recipients compared with 2013.

Tissue graft recipients



Tissue donors



Note: In 2017 there were also 9 recipients of pancreas islets tissue not included in the totals above.

Source: Australia and New Zealand Organ Donation Registry

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