

KEY MESSAGES

- DonateLife Week (Sunday 23 Sunday 30 July) is Australia's major public awareness campaign to encourage more Australians to sign up and support organ and tissue donation.
- We know 80% of Australians aged 16+ support organ and tissue donation yet only 7 million are actually registered. The number should be closer to 16 million.
- And when it comes to those aged 16-24, only around 1 in 10 are registered.
- There are currently around 1,800 people on the organ waitlist who need Australia's help. This includes around 70 people waiting for a life-saving heart and 1,450 people waiting for a kidney.
- Transplant recipients come from different backgrounds, and experience different health issues, but they're united in their gratitude for donors and their families.
- Don't forget to tell your family you want to be a donor someone's life may depend on it.
- Your family will always be asked to support your decision before organ donation goes ahead. They are much more likely to agree if they know you want to be a donor.
- One organ donor can save the lives of up to 7 people and change the lives of many more through eye and tissue donation.

CALL TO ACTION:

- Donate a minute. Donate a lifetime.
- Could you donate 1 minute to give someone a lifetime?
 - Register at donatelife.gov.au or with 3 taps in your Medicare app.