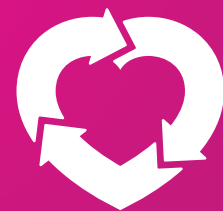


DONATELIFE WEEK

UNDERSTANDING THE FACTS AND BUSTING THE MYTHS



DonateLife

KEY FACTS AND STATS

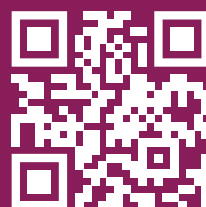
- DonateLife Week (Sunday 26 July to Sunday 2 August) is our major public awareness week encouraging more Australians to support organ and tissue donation.
- Most Australians support organ and tissue donation, but only one-third have registered.
- One organ donor can save the lives of up to 7 people and change the lives of many more through eye and tissue donation.
- Thanks to the generosity of 557 deceased organ donors, 1,438 Australians received a life-saving organ transplant in 2025.
- Around 8 in 10 families agree to donation in the hospital if their family member is registered. Only 4 in 10 families agree to donation when they don't know if their family member wanted to be a donor.
- There are close to 8 million people registered on the Australian Organ Donor Register. This is only 35% of the eligible Australian population (aged 16 and over).
- There are around 2,000 Australians on a waitlist for an organ transplant and an additional 14,000 people on dialysis for kidney failure, many who could benefit from a kidney transplant.

THIS DONATELIFE WEEK BE THE REASON SOMEONE ELSE GETS A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE.

HOW DO YOU REGISTER?

It only takes one minute to register as an organ and tissue donor at donatelife.gov.au, or scan the QR code.

SCAN TO REGISTER



ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION BUSTING COMMON MYTHS



HEALTH

Myth: I'm not healthy enough and I smoke, vape or drink. I don't think I can be a donor.

Fact: You don't have to be in perfect health to be a donor. There are only a few medical conditions that may prevent you from being a donor. You can trust the medical team at the time of your death to determine if donation is possible.

AGE

Myth: I must be too old to be a donor.

Fact: You're never too old. People over 80 have become donors.

RELIGION

Myth: My religion doesn't support donation.

Fact: All major religions do. This includes Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism and Christianity. You can read some of the religious and cultural support statements in the [community resource library](#) on the DonateLife website.

FUNERALS

Myth: Organ and tissue donation will disfigure my body, so I won't be able to have an open casket.

Fact: The surgery won't disfigure your body and you can have an open casket if you wish.

HOSPITALS

Myth: If I'm a registered organ donor, I'll automatically become one when I die.

Fact: Very few people can be an organ donor. Only around 2% of people who die in Australian hospitals meet the criteria required to be an organ donor. In Australia, families of potential donors are always asked to agree to their family member becoming a donor before donation can go ahead.

Myth: If I'm a registered donor, doctors won't work hard enough to save my life.

Fact: The doctor's first priority is always to save your life. Organ and tissue donation will only be considered at the end of your life, or when death is expected.

DRIVERS LICENCE

Myth: I'm already registered through my drivers licence.

Fact: Unless you live in South Australia, you can't currently register to be a donor when applying for your drivers licence.

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Learn more about organ and tissue donation at donatelife.gov.au