

August 2019

Sails of the Opera House turn Magenta for DonateLife Week

DonateLife Week is Australia's national awareness week, dedicated to promoting organ and tissue donation and is led by the Organ and Tissue Authority (OTA) in partnership with DonateLife agencies in every state and territory and other key stakeholders across Australia.

DonateLife Week is a key part of the Australian Government's national program to increase organ and tissue donation and transplantation outcomes in Australia. The National launch for DonateLife Week 2019 was conducted at the Opera House, with the majestic sails turning magenta to celebrate the occasion.

We want to inspire all Australians to make a real difference to the lives of others by registering and telling their family they want to be a donor.



NSW Donation Specialist Nurses Jenny Holman and Yoni Hope-Hodgetts at the National Launch of DonateLife Week held at the Opera House



Did you know that not everyone can be an organ donor. To be an organ donor, people must die in hospital. Of those who die in hospital, only 2-3 % die in circumstances where it is feasible for them to donate organs.



Many more can become eye and tissue donors as tissue can be donated up to 24 hours after death, regardless of where death occurs.



6.7 million Australians aged 16 or over have registered to be a donor. If every registered donor found one person who wasn't registered, we would double the amount of potential donors. Who is your plus one?



It takes less than a minute to join the Australian Organ Donor Register at donatelife.gov.au—all you need is your Medicare card number.



National Eye and Tissue Data Now Available Monthly

The NSW Tissue Banks contributes to a National data set of eye and tissue donation and transplantation activity used to inform the public and act as performance measures and outcomes for the sector. Monthly reports are now freely available on <https://www.anzdata.org.au/anzetd/>



The NSW Tissue Banks incorporating the Lions NSW Eye Bank, NSW Bone Bank and Australian Ocular Biobank, acknowledges the outstanding generosity and long term support of the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation.



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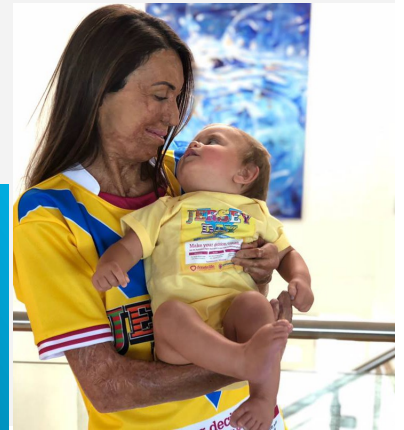
Jersey Day 2019

On Friday August 30, 2019 we are asking schools and workplaces across Australia to allow students and employees to wear their favourite sporting jersey to school or work to show their support for the **DONATE LIFE** network and begin the conversation with their friends and families about Organ and Tissue Donation.

JERSEY DAY has been inspired by the story of **NATHAN GREMMO** who was tragically lost in an accident in May 2015. Nathan's family chose to give the gift of life to others to honour the legacy of Nathan's generous personality.

This campaign is all about raising awareness – there is no requirement to raise funds. Simply wear your favourite sporting jersey to school or work on Friday August 30, 2019 and begin the conversation with your friends and family about organ donation.

JERSEY DAY



Turia Pitt supporting Jersey Day



Introducing Kimanh

We are delighted to welcome a new addition to our Quality Team, Ms Kimanh Fok. Pictured here with Amy Deller, the Manager Clinical Governance and Quality, Kimanh brings quality management and clinical design experience to the NSW Tissue Banks and joins us from the Forensic and Analytical Science Service. Welcome Kimanh!

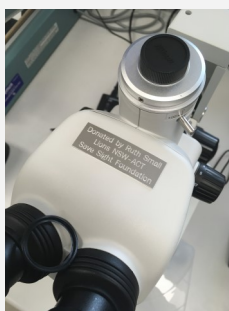


Let's talk
organ and
tissue
donation

Register as an
organ and tissue
donor
today at
donatelife.gov.au

New Microscope Purchased from Lions Generosity

The NSW Tissue Bank has recently purchased a new light microscope with funds generously donated by Lion Ruth Small.



The microscope has been set up in the eye tissue laboratory and will be used to assess tissue after dissection of the cornea to look for evidence of cancer, haemorrhages and retinal disease.



Members of the Lions Save Sight Foundation unveiling the new light microscope

Contact

Please contact the staff of the NSW Tissue Banks on 02 9382 7855 if you have any questions or would like a speaker for a meeting, dinner or event. To book facility tours on the 1st Wed of Month, at 11am please ring 02 9382 7855