



Canberra Region Kidney Support Group

# Kidney News

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# ACT CHIEF MINISTER'S AWARDS FOR ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS

**ACT Chief Minister Katy Gallagher has recognised a special group of individuals for their outstanding contributions in raising organ and tissue donation awareness, in a ceremony at the Legislative Assembly in Canberra.**

Organised by Gift of Life, a leading community association promoting organ donation awareness in the ACT region and nationally, the awards acknowledge the exceptional role played by people from the community, health and government sectors in promoting organ and tissue donation during the past year.

**Gift of Life congratulates this year's recipients.**

**The Special Award for National Leadership – Professor John Horvath AO** – for his pivotal role in developing Australia's national program to improve performance in organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

**The Ben Wiseman Award for ACT Government Support – ACT Chief Magistrate Lorraine Walker** – for her role in introducing an innovative streamlined process for eye tissue donation in relation to deaths referred to the Coroner, and for her ongoing consideration of a streamlined process of donation of organs relating to deaths in criminal cases.

**The Terry Connolly Award for Health Care Leadership – Professor Imogen Mitchell** – for her role, as the inaugural Medical Director of DonateLife ACT, in establishing arrangements and structures at the Canberra Hospital and in educating medical staff, that have greatly facilitated ACT organ and tissue donation.

**The Annette Taylor Award for Community Service – David Parker AM** – for his role in developing, and advocating to the ACT and federal governments, strategic policy changes in the area of organ donation and transplantation.

**The Angus Fairbairn-Cody Award for Support from the Public Service – COMCARE** – for the commitment of the organisation and their staff in promoting organ and tissue donation, including through regular involvement in Gift of Life's annual DonateLife Walk.

**The Jenny Deck Award for Support from Schools -- Merici College** – for their large, enthusiastic and continuing involvement at Gift of Life's DonateLife Walk.

Gift of Life President David O'Leary thanked the recipients of awards for their dedication in various ways in increasing organ donation and transplantation or in raising awareness for organ and tissue donation.

"Community advocates such as those we're recognising today play an important role in encouraging discussions amongst families and friends leading to decisions about organ and tissue donation. By increasing donor family consent and getting people to register with Medicare as prospective donors, many more Australian lives can now be saved," he said.

"The ACT has a good donation rate by Australian standards, but much more needs to be done to raise awareness amongst the community that their decision to be a donor can save the lives of up to 10 people," Mr O'Leary said.

Source: Gift of Life Inc. Media release



Katy Gallagher  
ACT Chief Minister

## Calendar of Events

Meetings for the Group are held at the Pearce Community Centre, Building 1, Collett Place, Pearce on the dates indicated below. Meetings are held on Saturdays at 2:00pm on each occasion.

Proposed meeting dates for 2014 are as follows:

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

RAM Morning Teas at Hellenic Club, Woden until December — 10:30 to 12:00

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

All welcome

## Eurobodalla Renal Support Group

The Eurobodalla Renal Support Group & Organ Donor Awareness.

Present — A Community Awareness Event.

### ***“Find Out Friday***

When- Most Fridays

Venue- Bridge Plaza. Batemans Bay.

Time- 9.30am to 5.00pm

We urge all Australians to take the time to register as Australian Organ and Tissue Donor's.

Are You Registered?

Australian Organ Donor Registration forms available.

And then

***Make sure you “Have The Chat That Save's Lives” because your family & love ones must agree with your decision if they are ever asked before your organ & tissue decision will proceed.***

***On Display Donate Life “The Book of Life”***

***Chat with Brad Rossiter — Dual Organ Transplant recipient – Kidney & Pancreas and Double Leg Amputee.***

***For more information visit — Donate Life. [www.donatelife.gov.au](http://www.donatelife.gov.au) and Kidney Health Australia. [www.kidney.org.au](http://www.kidney.org.au)***

“We look forward to seeing you there”.

Brad & Lorae Rossiter.

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Co-Chairs & Founders.

Organ Transplant Recipient- Kidney & Pancreas.

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I would like to make a voluntary donation to CRKSG for the amount of: \$..... Membership is free. All donations \$2 or more are tax deductible. Cheque/Money Order payable to CRKSG Inc. Please accept this application for membership of the Canberra Region Kidney Support Group Inc.

**Signature:** ..... **Date:**.....

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