



Media Statement

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Register to give life

Having the energy to walk around a shopping centre is a new experience for 26-year-old Jade Anderson.

Hocking resident Jade underwent a double lung transplant last year after suffering with cystic fibrosis from birth.

Since then Jade has been able to live a life she had never thought possible.

“Last year I was so sick that I ended up in a wheelchair and I couldn’t cook or shower for myself,” Jade said.

Jade said she had to think carefully about her breathing as it was a struggle, whereas now she can run on the treadmill without any worry.

“The lung donation has given me a new life and future.”

Jade said she feels fantastic thanks to the transplant and wants to encourage as many people as possible to register for organ donation.

“I am now looking forward to going back to Bali this year and actually having the breath to walk up the stairs at the water park,” she said.

On February 22 hundreds of people will line the track at Gloucester Park to create a ‘Circle of Life’ to raise awareness about organ donation.

A group of passionate Western Australian’s has created the Circle for Life project to encourage organ and tissue donation.

Following the race meet, the Minister for Health’s Parliamentary Secretary, John Hyde will launch the inaugural Circle of Life and the track will be filled with hundreds of people holding hands.

Australian Organ Donor Awareness Week (February 17-24) aims to raise awareness for nearly 2000 Australians who are currently waiting for organ transplants to save or improve their lives.

Research shows that more than 97 per cent of Australians say they support organ donation but this is not reflected in the registration rate.

If you are aged 18 or over, you can register to donate your organs or tissue on the Australian Organ Donor Register.

Organ and tissue donor consent registration forms may be obtained at any Medicare office in Australia or by calling 1800 777 203.

Alternatively registration can be made online by visiting the Australian Organ Donor Register (AODR) at www.medicareaustralia.gov.au. Further information is available at Australians Donate website at www.australiansdonate.org.au.

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