

Abbreviations

AC	Companion of the Order of Australia
ADAPT	Australasian Donor Awareness Program
AKX	Australian Paired Kidney Exchange
AM	Member of the Order of Australia
ANZICS	Australian New Zealand Intensive Care Society
AO	Officer of the Order of Australia
APS	Australian Public Service
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
DCD	Donation after Cardiac Death
DFS	Donor Family Support
GIVE	Glasgow Coma Scale ≤ 5 ; intubated; ventilated; end-of-life care
GST	goods and services tax
ICUs	intensive care units
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council
OAM	Medal of the Order of Australia
PBS	Portfolio Budget Statements
PSM	Public Service Medal
SES	Senior Executive Service
SMDs	state medical directors
TSANZ	Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand



**Any day is a good day
to talk about organ
and tissue donation.**



A child's donation

My eight-year-old daughter Georgia fought a hard battle for nearly two years with a brain stem tumour. Georgia was given a six to 12 month survival prognosis. This tumour attacks children usually between the ages of five and nine years of age.

The day we all never wanted came, and Georgia passed away in January. The thing about Georgia was she was still functioning as a normal child. Playing football, going to school and doing everything a normal child would do. That was our true miracle. Most children end up in wheelchairs—unable to talk, eat, walk and eventually go blind. We were so lucky.

The tumour was removed. Most of the tumour was sent to St Jude's in Memphis

USA while some went to the research centre at Princess Margaret Hospital hospital.

We were so positive about donation. When we received the results back from the tumour, I went through a very negative patch for a few months.

Thankfully I have come through this and now believe that this was the best thing we could have done. I want to say to others in the same situation, donate tissue if you cannot donate organs. A cure for disease will only be found if you can do this.

Good luck to everyone embarking on this difficult life journey.

God bless
Maggie—Angel Georgia's mum



Forever eight.