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The official newsletter of the Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Save Sight & Public Health Care Foundations

THE LIONS NSW EYE BANK AND THE NSW BONE BANK GET NEW PREMISES



New state-of-the-art premises for the NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Service incorporating the Lions NSW Eye Bank were officially opened by the NSW Health & Medical Research Minister, Jullian Skinner MP on 27th June 2013.

The function was attended by representatives of NSW Health, the Sydney Eye Hospital, the Save Sight Institute, doctors, medical researchers and members of other organisations that work with the Lions NSW Eye Bank. The Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation was represented by Chairman, PDG Phil Bower and Directors Lions Brian Rope and Jean-Claude Legrand.



SENIOR SCIENTIST, RAJ DEVASAHAYAM DISCUSSES WITH MINISTER SKINNER THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF CORNEAS FOR TRANSPLANT.

The new facilities will be utilised by all of the NSW tissue banks with predominant use by the Lions NSW Eye Bank and the NSW Bone Bank. The Minister made particular mention of the role played by the Lions NSW Eye Bank and the contribution by Lions in funding that facility over many years.

LIONS NSW EYE BANK

53 Lions Eye Banks worldwide provide quality eye tissue for corneal transplants along with research.

Support **YOUR** Foundations so we may continue to support **YOUR Lions NSW Eye Bank.**

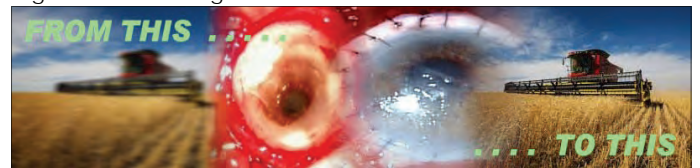


NEW CORNEAL STORAGE TECHNIQUE ELIMINATING WAITING LIST FOR CORNEAL TRANSPLANTATION

Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital and the Lions NSW Eye Bank have introduced a corneal storage technique – Organ Culture Storage – which significantly increases the potential donor pool and the storage time for donated corneas to be used for transplantation for up to 28 days – compared to six days with traditional cold storage.

Stored in an incubator at 34 degrees Celsius, organ culture corneas can be stored at a temperature close to the physiological temperature of the human body, and have resulted in a 47% increase in corneal transplants – effectively eliminating the waiting list for corneal transplantation.

Professor Gerard Sutton, Corneal and Refractive Surgery Specialist, Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital and Acting Medical Director of the Lions NSW Eye Bank, said the advantages of using organ culture are significant and manifold.



WAGGA WAGGA FARMER'S SIGHT RESTORED WITH A CORNEAL TRANSPLANT

"In 2005, the waiting time for a corneal transplant in NSW was two years. With the introduction of this technology we can now schedule patients for corneal transplantation within three months," Professor Sutton said.

"Through the higher temperature used in organ culture, metabolism of the cells are maintained and provide the corneal tissue with a complex mixture of amino acids and growth factor which enables it to repair damaged cells and maintain its normal function.

"In cold storage, low temperatures and the presence of antibiotics can make it difficult to detect any bacteria that may be present in the tissue, as most bacteria will not grow under these conditions. However, the 34 degree Celsius storage and additional microbiological testing of the Organ Culture Storage increases the safety of the donated corneas through improved sensitivity to detect bacterial and fungal contaminants," he said.

Donated eyes are examined as soon as possible to determine suitability for transplantation. The density of the endothelium within the donated eye is an index of the quality of the cornea and is key to the decision of suitable recipient selection.

Professor Sutton said, in cold storage, endothelial density assessment is performed within 12 hours from death, as after this period the endothelium becomes excessively folded. In Organ Culture Storage, this can be extended to within 24 hours, as the endothelial assessment is done at a later stage.

"As a result of the increased ability to detect microbial contaminants and extending the time from death to storage, Organ Culture Storage offers a larger donor pool from which donated corneas can be used for transplantation," Professor Sutton said.

SEE THE LIONS NSW EYE BANK NEWSLETTER ANNEXED TO THIS ISSUE OF "PERSPECTIVE"



CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

My Warm greetings to all,

The Car Raffle tickets have been sent to Clubs, let's see if we can do better than last year, this is our biggest fundraiser and helps immensely with providing the means to finance grants to Clubs for health related projects.

We held a workshop for Community Challenge Chairs at the last Foundations meeting. This has left me feeling positive and optimistic this year's Challenge will be the best yet. Lion Gwenda Sim and her team toured the Save Sight Institute and the Lions NSW Eye Bank to see just what the Challenge supports. Karina Fagin (this years winner) attended the workshop and provided us with valuable input from a contestant's point of view.

I attended several meetings throughout this year of the Save Sight Institute, the Lions NSW Eye Bank and The Sydney Eye Hospital Trust as well as the opening of the new Lions NSW Eye Bank, with Directors Jean-Claude Legrand and Brian Rope. This is a wonderful new state-of-the-art facility well signed to identify it as the **LIONS** NSW Eye Bank.

The Foundations' Annual General Meeting held at Multiple District 201 Convention in Canberra was well attended by Club representatives and Directors. Remember, the N District Clubs **OWN** the Foundations and it is in their interests to attend.

We have had positive comment from our International President, Lion Barry Palmer AM, who with wife Ann, Council Chairman Gary Parker and Lois, DGN5 Warren Latham and others joined Director Jean-Claude and myself with Professor McCluskey, Professor McAvooy and other Hospital Professors and staff on a tour of the labs that had benefitted from our grants as well as the Lions Eye Bank. International President Barry joined with me in presenting our annual recurring grant cheque of \$100,000 to the Lions Eye Bank.



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT LION BARRY PALMER AM AND FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN PDG PHIL BOWER PRESENTING \$100,000 GRANT CHEQUE TO LIONS NSW EYE BANK MANAGER JANE TREGGLEN.

We welcomed our new Governors as Directors at our August meeting and I am pleased to say most attended committee meetings to get a "general feel" and decided which ones they may join. Several Directors and our Secretary Ruth were apologies due to illness and in one case, Lion Jeff Kukura having a hip replacement. We wish all a speedy recovery and good health.

Thank you, for supporting our Foundations,
Phil Bower, Chairman



FOUNDATIONS' WEBSITE

www.lionssavesightfoundation.org.au is updated with the latest information. In addition to the latest news, grants etc., most of the Foundations' forms can be downloaded. And there's also a great deal of general information on the work of **YOUR** two Lions NSW-ACT Foundations.



Lions Clubs NSW-ACT
Save Sight and Public Health Care
Foundations



ANNUAL FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

ALL RAFFLE PROCEEDS are BANKED and INVESTED and are NEVER SPENT.
Grants are funded from interest & dividends on the Foundations' investment portfolio.

1st Prize - Hyundai Accent 5 Door, 5 Speed Manual Hatch. Value: \$18,000
2nd Prize - Sunbeam 4 Burner Gas BBQ. Value: \$1,000
3rd Prize - Pair Swarovski Spectacle Frames. Value: \$800
4th Prize - Lady's or Gent's Watch. Value: \$150



\$1.00 / Ticket
DRAWN ON SUNDAY 23rd MARCH 2014

LIONS CARE ! DO YOU ?

LIONS CARE for our Communities.

Our Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Save Sight and Public Health Care Foundations assist Lions Clubs to raise much needed funds to help care for your community. Our Lions Clubs Foundations are always there to assist local Clubs' efforts to achieve a particular goal for sight or public health care projects but to have funds available for such a purpose – **we need your help !**

To enable the Foundations to continue with this work we are asking members of our local communities, over the age of 18, to take part in the

LIONS SAVE SIGHT COMMUNITY CHALLENGE 2013-2014.

Your local Lions Club will need to be the sponsor for your 'Challenge' and to assist you to actively work in the community to raise funds for, and awareness of, the Foundations, and to gain a new value of community, self and service.

Entrants do not have to be young, beautiful or handsome, they simply need to have a caring heart and be willing to be involved in their community, and to assist the local Lions Club to raise funds for the Foundations in this 2013-2014 year ending June 2014. Entrants are eligible for two \$3,000 awards:

The Charity Award – for the entrant who raises the highest amount of money, and

The Community Service Award – for the entrant judged as having had the greatest involvement in community service through Lions or other community service organizations.

If you do care enough to want to take part in the **LIONS SAVE SIGHT COMMUNITY CHALLENGE 2013-2014** please contact your local Lions Club or ring me, Gwenda Sim on (02) 4784 3151.

More information is also available on our website at www.lionssavesightfoundation.org.au

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SARAH'S NEW FOUND MOBILITY

The Warners Bay Lions Club recently received a request for assistance on behalf of Sarah Morrison.

Sarah Morrison is a delightful 21 year old young lady with a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy. Sarah is non Verbal and after a back operation in 1995 her primary form of mobility is a manual wheel chair. Sarah is therefore dependent on her wheel chair and hoist for all transfers. Following a bone density test she was diagnosed as suffering quite marked Osteoporosis in her back and knees.

The most appropriate ways to manage osteoporosis and limit its progression is to carry out daily weight bearing activities like standing and muscle stretching and strengthening and interaction with her friends at face level.

Sarah's Family and Physiotherapist, Amanda, sought the assistance of Warners Bay Lions Club to allow the purchase, for Sarah, of an Easystand Evolve Adult Standing Frame which would allow Sarah to achieve a better life.



SARAH ENJOYING HER NEW FOUND MOBILITY WITH HER CASE MANAGER, AMANDA BRIGNULL

Warners Bay Club had other major projects on its plate and sought help from other Lions and Lioness Clubs in the N3 District.

The Lioness Club of Tea Gardens-Hawks Nest and the Lions Club of Swansea readily responded to call for assistance along with the Lions Clubs of Wangi Wangi, Toronto, Tilligerry Peninsula, Charlestown and Valentine. With this support of Lions and Lioness Clubs the Stuart Centre approached another local foundation which then agreed to assist however a short fall still existed. Warners Bay Club applied to the Lions Clubs

NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation for help and a Grant Application for the remaining funding requirements was approved.

With the funding in place an order was placed for the Easystand Evolve Adult Standing Frame at a cost of \$8,665.00

The Stuart Centre of Croudace Bay, a Branch Office of the Spastic Centre of New South Wales co-ordinated and Sarah was fitted with the Easystand Evolve.

Sarah's improved life style was only achieved with the support of Lions and Lioness Clubs and the Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Healthcare Foundation for which Sarah and her family are truly grateful.

SUPPORT YOUR FOUNDATIONS

There are many ways your clubs may render this support.

- Make a donation of any size to either or both Foundations
- Nominate Lions, non Lions, corporations and organisations to receive a personally inscribed award plaque, framed certificate and lapel pin. Awards available are:

Professor Frank Billson Platinum Honour Award

Donation \$2,500.00

Keith Small Gold Honour Award

Donation \$1,000.00

Neville Tucker Silver Honour Award

Donation \$500.00

Harry Hession Bronze Honour Award

Donation \$250.00



- Support the annual **100% Participating Club** scheme by donating the equivalent of \$10.00 per member from the club's activity fund to either or both Foundations. Clubs receive an embroidered patch for the club banner in the first year and an embroidered financial year tab to add to it each subsequent year the club qualifies.

- Promote the **Life Governor** (Donation \$10,000) and **Life Member** (Donation \$5,000) **Award Schemes** among the business and corporate sector.
- Seek bequests and **personal and corporate donations**.

Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.



MUCH NEEDED EQUIPMENT FOR NEWBORN BABIES

The Women and Children's Health Unit at the Blue Mountains ANZAC Memorial Hospital is now better equipped to care for newborn babies in the children's ward and avoid the need to transport them to Nepean hospital.

Newborn babies often have some degree of jaundice and most are managed without intervention. The new phototherapy equipment enables treatment of moderate to severe jaundice in neonates (newborn babies) using special lights.

Keeping babies warm whilst providing phototherapy is vital and the new 'billisoft' phototherapy blanket allows the baby to receive the required light therapy without being exposed to the elements. The blanket also allows minimal interruption to the treatment as the baby may be fed whilst still wrapped in the 'billisoft' blanket.

Complimenting the 'billisoft' blanket is a new 'cosytherm' warming pad that is placed in the standard cot, providing a level of temperature control for babies that have difficulty maintaining their own temperature. Active warming of babies with a low birth weight can help reduce complications and improve their outcome.

Up until now the paediatric ward has not had this type of equipment resulting in many new-born babies having to be transferred to Nepean hospital.



THE NEW MUCH NEEDED EQUIPMENT IS PRESENTED TO DIRECTOR OF NURSING & MIDWIFERY SERVICES, MICHELLE ANDERSON (FAR RIGHT) AND NURSING UNIT MANAGER REBECCA BEDDING. FOUNDATION DIRECTOR GWENDA SIM IS SEATED IN THE FRONT OF THE GROUP OF LEURA FAIRWAYS RESIDENTS.

In addition, there are now new mobile stands for the two High Flow Oxygen giving systems which provide support for a child's airway by providing humidified oxygen at a higher flow than standard delivery systems. This type of system is used in acute situations to support children with respiratory conditions.

The hospital had just \$4,500 of the \$13,916 it needed to acquire the equipment.

During the 2012 Leura Gardens Festival, residents of the Leura Fairways retirement village held a coffee shop and barbeque to raise the initial funds necessary to purchase the equipment. The residents were then joined in their efforts by the Blue Mountains Lions Clubs and the Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation resulting in the shortfall of \$9,416 being provided to the hospital for the purchase of these much needed items.

GRANTS APPROVED

GRANTS APPROVED AT THE
25th AUGUST 2013 BOARD MEETING

Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation

No. 602: Lions Club of Norfolk Island (N5) - **\$1,384.00** for the provision of **One HeartStart HS1 First Aid Defibrillator, First Aid kit (Lge), Emergency Oxygen Pack C Cylinder** for Norfolk Island Central School. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$2,768.05 with \$1,384.05 contributed by the applicant. The grantee is Administration of Norfolk Island (N1 Central School).

No. 603: Lions Club of East Gosford on behalf of Zone 1 Clubs (N3) - **\$14,000.00** for the **setting up and fitting of a wheelchair ramp for a 5 year old male child who suffers from a rare and serious condition known as "FIRES" (Fever Infection Related Epilepsy Syndrome)**. Total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$60,000.00 with \$46,000.00 contributed by the applicant and others. The grantee is Weeroona Association (Trading as Wheeling & Able).

No. 604: Lions Club of Harrington Inc(N1) - **\$5,000.00** for the provision of a **Hyundai I30 tourer Active 5 door Wagen** for use in the Harrington and Lower Manning area by Manning Valley and Area Community Transport to assist clients of MVACTG (frail, aged and infirm) lacking in access to public transport. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$21,832.00 with \$16,832.00 contributed by the applicant and others. The grantee is Lower Manning Valley and Area Community Transport Group

No. 605: Lions Clubs of Hornsby, Ku-Ring-Gai and St Ives (N5) - **\$15,000.00** for a **Hologics Selenia Dimensions Mammography and Breast Biopsy System** for breast cancer patients within the Hornsby Hospital catchment. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$285,000.00 with \$270,000.00 contributed by the applicant and others (including ALF and LCIF). The grantee is Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Hospital (Northern Sydney Local health District).

No. 606: Lions Club of West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook (N5) - **\$2,570.00** for **Sequencing Gel Equipment, Mini-Orbital Shaker, Microfuge, set of Micropipettors and Multi-Channel Pipettes (DNA Extraction) and a Vortex** for the Children's Hospital at Westmead. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$10,763.00 with \$8,193.00 contributed by the applicant. The grantee is The Sydney Children's Hospital Network.

No. 607: Lions Club of Yass Inc (N2) - **\$9,995.00** for **Quickie Iris Wheelchair, Ixpress & Spex Seating** for a nursing home resident with Parkinson's Disease. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$19,995.00 with \$10,000.00 contributed by the applicant. The grantee is Yass valley Aged Care Limited.

Reminder

The Foundations should not be considered as the first option for providing funds. Alternative fund raising should be considered and pursued.

GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

Foundations Board Meetings are held three times a year on the fourth Sunday of August, November and March. In order to have a grant application considered by the Board the application must be completed and in the hands of one of your Foundation directors by the deadline shown below.

The maximum 'ordinary' grant that may be applied for has now been limited to \$15,000.00 and the minimum contribution that is expected to be found by an applicant is 50% of the cost of the project. The Grant Application Form can be obtained upon request from any Director whose details are on this page or our website www.lionssavesightfoundation.org.au

Board Meeting	Deadline
24th November 2013	15th October 2013
23rd March 2014	15th February 2014
24th August 2014	15th July 2014

"We need you to help us, so that we can help you, so that you can help them."

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Chairman and Board of Directors of the Foundations we acknowledge and express our sincere appreciation for the generous donations listed below. It is only with the support of these generous donations that the Foundations are able to function and continue to provide the many and varied grants related to Sight and Public Health Care.

Donations Acknowledged by the Board of Directors 25th August 2013

Donations to Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation

Lions Club of Berowra	\$1,000.00	Lions Club of Dapto	\$200.00
Georges River Lioness Club	\$100.00	Lions Club of Griffith	\$500.00
Lions Club of Kempsey	\$100.00	Lions Club of Sth Tamworth	\$280.00
Lions Club of East Gosford	\$500.00	Lions Club of East Gosford	\$200.00
Lions Club of Orange	\$400.00	Lions Club of Temora	\$300.00
Lions Club of Ingleburn	\$500.00	Lions Club of Crestwood	\$500.00

Donations for Awards

Lions Club of Bingarra	\$50.00	Lion Trish Friend	\$75.00
Lions Club of Hallidays Point	\$250.00	Lions Club of Tamworth	\$1,500.00
District 201N4	\$250.00	District 201N1	\$250.00
Lions Club of Tahmoor	\$500.00	Lions Club of Nambucca Hds	\$250.00
Lions Club of Ulladulla	\$500.00	Yass & District Printers	\$250.00
Lions Club of Camden	\$250.00	Lions Club of Baulkham Hills	\$1,000.00
Lions Club of Canberra Valley	\$500.00	Lions Club of Canberra Belconnen	\$2,750.00
Lioness Club of East Gosford	\$500.00	Lions Club of Canberra Woden	\$250.00
Lions Club of Gwandalan	\$500.00	Lions Club of Wyoming	\$500.00
Lions Club of Medowie	\$500.00		

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Launch of New Office and Laboratory

August 2013

The NSW Minister for Health and Medical Research, Jillian Skinner, joined staff and guests including transplant recipients Mrs Carol Ang, Mrs Lina Macri and Lions representatives, on the 27th June to open the new state-of-the-art facility for the Lions NSW Eye Bank and NSW Bone Bank.

The Minister announced improved donation levels for eye and bone tissue, supporting the aims of the *2012 NSW Government Plan* to increase organ and tissue donation rates.

The new facility located at Sydney Hospital, is a state-wide clinical service for the identification and coordination of eye and tissue donors, and the retrieval, storage, preparation and distribution of corneas in NSW and the ACT. These corneas are transplanted to restore vision for people who have become blind because their cornea is cloudy or irregular in shape due to injury, disease or infection.

The service is also for the retrieval and storage of musculoskeletal tissue from living and deceased donors. Tissue is used for orthopaedic and neurosurgical procedures for conditions that include delayed fracture healing, re-do hip replacements, knee and joint reconstructions and spinal surgery for people of all ages. Spinal fusions are undertaken for children suffering severe scoliosis, to stabilise their spine improve their ability to breathe and improve quality of life.

"I'm delighted to see this facility up and running, bringing together the essential life-changing work of expert clinicians who will improve the lives of more than 1,000 people this year alone."

"The waiting list for those needing a corneal transplant has dropped by 43 per cent in 2012," Minister Skinner said.

"Those donating the femoral head of the hip socket has increased by 51 per cent, while cadaveric musculoskeletal donors are up 16 per cent, improving the lives of more than 450 recipients."

"This is evidence of the success of the Government's promotion of organ and tissue donation. While we still have some way to go, these new figures reveal a pleasing improvement in NSW donation rates."

Minister Skinner toured the new facility with Dr Robert Herkes, State Medical Director, NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Service; Ms Jane Tregloggen, Manager of the Lions NSW Eye Bank and NSW Bone Bank, Mr Terry Clout, Chief Executive, Organ and Tissue Donation Service and South Eastern Sydney Local Health District and

Mrs Janet McDonald, Board Member, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District and Professor Frank Billson former Medical Director of the Lions NSW Eye Bank. Unfortunately the current Medical Director, Professor Gerard Sutton was not able to attend due to the change in date.

The State Medical Director of the NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Service, Dr Robert Herkes, said "2012 was an impressive year for the Lions NSW Eye Bank with 483 eye donors, an increase of more than 26% from 2011. The outcome of this was 740 corneal transplants were performed and the corneal transplant waitlist fell by 43% in 2012"

"I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the generosity of all our donors and their families", Dr Herkes said.



L to R corneal recipient Carol Ang, Chief Executive Terry Clout, The Hon. Jillian Skinner MP, corneal recipient Lina Macri, Manager Jane Tregloggen



L to R Lion Brian Rope, Lion Jean-Claude Legrand, Hospital Scientist Dr Meidong Zhu, Laboratory Manager Raj Devasahayam and Lion Phil Bower Chair, Lions Save Sight and Public Health Care Foundation

Appointment of Medical Directors Confirmed

The Medical leadership of the eye bank has been confirmed with the appointment of Professor Gerard Sutton as Medical Director and Dr Con Petsoglou as Deputy Medical Director. We are fortunate to have such

distinguished clinical and strategic leadership to assist us to meet the needs of our end-users, now and into the future.

Activity : 6 Month Report

The first six months of 2013 have continued to be busy for the Lions NSW Eye bank. From a corneal transplant perspective there has been a 1% increase compared to the first 6 months of 2012, from 10% less donors.

It is similar at the National level, where there has been a very slight decrease in the number of eye donors but an increase in the number of transplants performed compared to this time last year. This is likely due to improved donor selection and tissue utilisation.

The National corneal donation and transplantation activity data features in the National DonateLife June 2013 Performance Update report. The data from each eye bank is reported to the National Organ and Tissue Authority via the Eye Bank Association of Australian and New Zealand (EBAANZ).

The full report is available at <http://www.donatelife.gov.au/news-and-events/news-and-events/2789-strong-growth-in-donation-and->

Updated Promotional Material

The Lions NSW Eye Bank promotion and information brochure has been reprinted with a fresh new look and updated contact details.

This brochure is now part of suite of material specifically covering eye and tissue donation.

Please contact us if you are interested in a copy, it will also be available from the NSW Organ and Tissue Donation website in the near future.

Excellent Media From Launch

The launch and attendance of the NSW Minister of Health resulted in a number of very positive 'hits' in the media. The launch featured in TV stories on Channel 9 and 10 news, ABC Local Radio Drive Time program, the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District Newsletter and short articles in the Australian, The Sydney Morning Herald and The Daily Telegraph.

The standout item was the story run on Channel 9 news that featured many images of the new laboratory and lab manager Raj Devasahayam and interviews with Minister Skinner, Carol Ang (corneal transplant recipient), Jane Treloggen (Manager, Lions NSW Eye Bank) and Prof Gerard Sutton (Medical Director Lions NSW Eye bank) including some eye surgery footage.



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ULTIMATE GIFT OF LIFE

MORE people in NSW will be able to undergo life-saving surgery, with organ and tissue donations hitting record highs.

Between January and June, 58 organs were donated — the “highest ever level” for the period, NSW health minister Jillian Skinner said.

Since December, 5349 people had added their names to the 2.35 million NSW residents on the national organ donation register.



Jillian Skinner.

Daily Telegraph 28 June 2013

Contact

Please contact the staff of the Lions NSW Eye Bank on 02 9382 7288 if you have any questions or would like a speaker for a meeting, dinner or event..