

# FECCA receives a Donatelife Community Awareness Grant to encourage organ and tissue donation

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) was yesterday confirmed by the Minister for Aged Care and Indigenous Health, the Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP, as one of the organisations chosen to receive a Community Awareness Grant to encourage more people to join the Australian Organ Donor Register online and to discuss their donation decision with family and friends.

As part of the grant, FECCA will produce a special edition of its magazine [Mosaic](#) to focus on organ and tissue donation and host a dedicated Q&A session on donation at the [2017 FECCA Conference](#) in Darwin, in October.

Mr Joe Caputo, Chair of FECCA said: "FECCA is delighted to receive this grant aimed at increasing awareness of organ and tissue donation in Australia among culturally and linguistically diverse communities and to encourage Australians from all backgrounds to join the Australian Organ Donor Register."

"Australians from any cultural background may one day be in need of an organ or tissue transplant. It is important that all Australians are appropriately supported to understand, discuss and make decisions on organ and tissue donation," he said.

Mr Caputo continued: "This project will help individuals, educators and community leaders to navigate and use the fantastic multicultural resources that have already been developed by the Organ and Tissue Authority to provide guidance on organ and tissue donation to their respective communities."

"The grant to FECCA will benefit all Australians by helping save more lives by encouraging the registration of a donation decision on the Australian Organ Donor Register."

The Community Awareness Grants are administered by the Organ and Tissue Authority as part of its Community Awareness and Education program. The register can be accessed at [www.donatelife.gov.au](http://www.donatelife.gov.au).

To view the list of the 16 successful Community Awareness Grants recipients visit [here](#).

FECCA is the national peak body representing Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. FECCA's role is to advocate and promote issues on behalf of its constituency to government, business and the broader community.

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