Acknowledgment of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation Transplant Australia and the World Transplant Games acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather for the 2023 World Transplant Games. We recognise their connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
The Hon Anika Wells MP
Minister for Aged Care
Minister for Sport

It is an honour to welcome hundreds of competitors from across the globe to the World Transplant Games 2023. These Games provide a fantastic opportunity for athletes to compete on the global stage after undergoing life-saving organ and tissue transplantation. This event will not only help raise awareness of the vital need for organ and tissue donation in Australia, but will also celebrate the Greatest Gift of All – life.

Supporting participation and inclusion is a priority for me as Minister for Sport, and the Albanese Government congratulates everyone taking part to deliver this international competition for transplant recipients, donor families, living donors and their supporters. These Games are another exciting event in our green and gold decade.

The Government’s support for these Games also demonstrates our commitment to becoming a world leader in organ and tissue donation, which will enhance our reputation for excellent transplant outcomes and ensure a high quality of life for all Australians. The World Transplant Games 2023 will be an inspiring display of sporting achievement, and I wish all competitors the best of luck for what will be a memorable event.

The Hon Ged Kearney MP
Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care

It is my privilege to welcome everyone involved in the World Transplant Games 2023 to Australia. I have no doubt you will enjoy your time in our beautiful country. These games are a special sporting event in our calendar. They unite athletes and their supporters to celebrate the life-saving gift of transplantation and compete in honour of organ and tissue donors on the world stage.

As the Minister responsible for organ and tissue donation in Australia, I know firsthand how difficult the past few years have been for everyone in the transplant and donation community, navigating the risks of COVID-19 in the community and health sector.

While globally there is a gap between the supply of and the need for organs for transplantation, the Australian government is committed to returning donation and transplantation activity to pre-pandemic levels and to driving further improvements so that more people can receive a transplant.

I ask that you share your story about the importance of organ and tissue donation while you are in Australia and help give hope to around 2,000 Australians currently on the organ transplant waitlist, and an additional 13,000 Australians on dialysis who may benefit from a kidney transplant.

To all the recipients and donor families in attendance — you are an inspiration to us all. Have a relaxing and enjoyable time in Australia and the very best of luck as you compete.

The Hon Mark McGowan MLA
Premier of Western Australia

I am pleased to welcome the 24th World Transplant Games to Perth – the world’s largest sporting event for transplant recipients. The games will see up to 1,500 participants from more than 50 countries around the world come together to compete in 17 different sports over 7 days, in a unique celebration of life through sport.

This is an incredible platform for these extraordinary athletes to come together and inspire all Australians, and remind us of the importance of organ and tissue donation and how it can save and transform lives.

The games are a unique opportunity for Perth to shine as we host this inspirational global event, with our world-class sporting venues providing the backdrop for this celebration.

Western Australians are privileged to have access to world class transplant services here in Perth. I wish our local transplant recipients every success in this your home games.

I am proud to affirm the WA Government’s support for the games through Tourism WA, the Department of Health, VenuesWest, Lotterywest and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.
Welcome

Mr Chris Thomas
World Transplant Games
Federation President

Your health is our priority. Welcome to Perth. We are finally here! We hope you have the best of times celebrating the ‘greatest gift’. Our team has certainly worked hard to make this games experience a truly memorable one.

Of course it is not a World Transplant Games without some form of contagion threatening to interrupt the Games. In France in 2003 it was SARS, Bird Flu in Bangkok and Swine Flu on the Gold Coast. Even the Swedish Games were threatened by a volcano eruption in 2011.

All of this means we have great experience in managing the health care needs of games athletes and supporters and these Games will be no different. We have worked closely with local health authorities and St John Ambulance to manage all aspects of health care including COVID and flu.

We need your help too. Taking personal responsibility by wearing masks when appropriate and washing hands regularly will help us all stay safe.

The scene is now set for a great games. And after four years, it is well overdue. Thanks to the Australian Government through the Office for Sport and the Organ and Tissue Authority; the West Australian Government; and all our corporate and philanthropic partners for believing in us. Thank you to the volunteers and staff. You made this possible. Let the games begin!

Mr Jason Ryan
Transplant Australia Chairman

Australia is a leader in world transplant sports with representation on the World Council and now the Board since 1997. The inaugural CEO of Transplant Australia, Mark Cocks AM, led the way serving as Treasurer. Professor Daryl Wall contributed greatly over many years as Medical Director. And now current Transplant Australia CEO, Chris Thomas, will conclude an eight year presidency as the only person to have chaired two World Summer Games.

Behind these three individuals have been hundreds of volunteers and staff over the years who have helped shape transplant sports in Australia. Too many to name, they all deserve praise.

For these Games, thank you to the Games Advisory Committee, staff and volunteers. Perth is a magical place. Please celebrate the greatest gift and enjoy the 24th World Transplant Games.

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Mrs Tonya McCusker AM
and Mr Malcolm McCusker AC CVO KC
McCusker Charitable Foundation

At the McCusker Charitable Foundation we believe in causes that make a difference to the lives of everyday Australians. Equally we encourage Australians to support worthwhile causes that hold a special place in their hearts.

Organ donation is one such cause that we can all believe in and influence. Registering as a donor takes less than a minute but has the potential to save up to seven lives.

We are proud to support this message through the staging of the World Transplant Games here in our beautiful home city of Perth and hope you enjoy all that Western Australia has to offer.

We encourage you to share your stories of triumph over adversity far and wide so that we can help the 1,800 Australians currently waiting for a life-saving transplant. They need our support.
World Transplant Games Federation

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Athletes’ Oath

In the name and on behalf of all the competitors in this 24th World Transplant Games, I promise the following:

That we acknowledge our undertaking to conform to the Athlete Code of Conduct signed by us.

We will participate in these Games, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them and in the spirit of fair play, equality, and inclusion for all.

To honour our donors and be thankful to their families and everyone who helped us along the journey to where we stand today. And all this, united in celebration of the gift of life, without any form of discrimination for the glory of sport, the honour of our team and country.

Officials’ Oath

In the name of all the judges, I promise that we shall officiate in these World Transplant Games with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, and in the spirit of fair play, equality, and inclusion for all, in the true spirit of sportsmanship.
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**Medals & Awards**

Medals are awarded to all first, second and third place podium winners for each sport and age group. The following special World Transplant Games Federation Awards will also be awarded:

**Outstanding Athlete and Outstanding Junior Athlete**
This award is presented to the outstanding male and female athlete in the open and junior age groups who have been nominated by their team manager and selected by the judiciary based on:
- Performance
- Quality (strength of the competition)
- Diversity (achievements in multiple sports)
- Sportsmanship

**Outstanding Team**
This award recognises a team whose athletes have won the most medals relative to the team size. (A minimum number of athletes is required subject to the overall registration numbers.)

**The Maurice Slapak Award**
Introduced in 2007 at the World Transplant Games in Bangkok to be presented to the winning team in the Men’s and Women’s 5km Road Race.

**The Inspiration of the Games Award**
This award recognises someone (male or female) who has upheld and promoted the spirit of the transplant community at the World Transplant Games. (The selection is made by the WTGF President and Trustees.)

**The Donor Family Award**
Awarded to a donor family competitor who collectively scores the most points from competing in donor family / living donor sports events.

**The Living Donor Award**
Awarded to a living donor competitor who collectively scores the most points from competing in donor family / living donor sports events.
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**Legend:**
- **Training**
- **Special Events**
- **Community Celebration**
- **Kids Program**

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Full schedule available at [www.worldtransplantgames.org/participate/schedule](http://www.worldtransplantgames.org/participate/schedule)
**Special Events**

**GIFT OF LIFE REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING SERVICE**
Saturday, April 15 | 2.00pm - 3.30pm
St George’s Cathedral, Perth
Donor families, living donors and recipients are invited to join the Rev. Steve Hilton and leaders of different faiths for a special service to commemorate the start of the World Transplant Games Perth. Join us for the service at the iconic St George’s Cathedral to be followed by afternoon tea.

**DONATELIFE 5K FUN RUN & COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**
Sunday, April 16 | 7.30am - 11.00am
Kings Park, Perth
Be inspired by the transplant recipients giving it their all in the official World Transplant Games 5km road race. Then join in the free DonateLife fun run and show your support for organ and tissue donation. Open to all runners and walkers. Games registrants not participating in the official event are invited to register for the community run.

**PARADE OF NATIONS & OPENING CEREMONY**
Sunday, April 16 | 5.00pm – 7.15pm
Matagarup Bridge & Optus Stadium, Burswood
Even if you are not registered for the Games you are welcome to support our Games Parade across Matagarup Bridge and the Opening Ceremony at Optus Stadium.

**THE DONOR BEACH WALK**
Monday, April 17 | 9.30am to 11.30am
City Beach, Perth
Learn about the inspirational Life Project sculptures celebrating organ and tissue donation. Join donor families and living donors for a gentle walk along a boardwalk or the beautiful sands of City Beach, followed by morning tea. Donor families and living donors will receive first priority. Limited places available.

**RIDE WANNEROO**
Tuesday, April 18 | 1.00pm – 2.00pm (check in from 12.00pm)
Wanneroo Raceway, Neerabup
Wanneroo Raceway is Perth’s world class motor sport facility. And now it will be open exclusively for the World Transplant Games. Exclusive opportunity for Games registrants not participating in the official cycling events to sign up for this experience. You will need to source your own bike.

**CULTURAL EVENING**
Tuesday, April 18 | 6.00pm – 10.00pm
WA Museum - Boola Bardip, Perth Cultural Centre
The Cultural Night will be your very own ‘Night at the Museum’. Guests will be able to choose their own adventure, explore the exhibitions, enjoy the music and local hospitality, and celebrate with old and new friends from all around the world. The Museum has a major exhibition around Alice in Wonderland so don’t forget your (Mad) hat and watch out for that rabbit hole.

**GREAT AUSSIE BBQ & GALA CELEBRATION**
Friday 21 April | 4.45pm – 11.15pm
HBF Stadium, Mt Claremont
Celebrating all the achievements of the Games, you are invited to relax with friends old and new in a truly Aussie experience, with the Great Aussie BBQ. Following the BBQ, formal presentations will be made before we dance the night away.
Donor Family & Friends

Living donors and donor families play a very special role in the World Transplant Games. Without their selfless acts of generosity, there would be no one on the starting line.

Across the world thousands of families are connected through their unique contribution to the gift of life. Some have agreed to organ donation after the passing of a loved one. Others have agreed to the living donation of a kidney.

The Games are a unique opportunity for these people who are connected through their unique contribution to organ donation, to gather, share experiences and witness first hand the amazing second chance at life that organ donation provides.

Highlight events for living donors and donor families include, the Gift of Life Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving and the Donor Beach Walk.

The Australian Donor Family Quilt

When you walk through the beautiful Perth Town Hall to register for the Games there are some amazing artworks and displays. One of them is a very special project, dear to the hearts of Transplant Australia members, called the Australian Donor Family Quilt.

Originally unveiled at the Australian Transplant Games in Canberra in 2010, the quilts feature beautiful patches, lovingly prepared by donor families as a tribute to their loved ones. The three original quilts have toured Australia, being shown at transplant games, thanksgiving services and other moments of reflection when we thank donors and their families for their contribution to the gift of life.

A fourth quilt has been created to coincide with the World Transplant Games and all of the quilts will be on public display in the Perth Town Hall for the month of April. In the years to come we hope donor families will continue to contribute to this wonderful project that both honours donors and encourages more Australians to register to be an organ donor.

Thank you to Sally Giblin and the Queen Bee Quilters for the hours of work they put in to making these beautiful quilts.
Behind every athlete is someone else’s family. When the Games comes to town, Rowena will be cheering not just for the athletes but to honour her beautiful daughter, Macaiah, who became an organ donor after passing away five years ago. Macaiah’s kidneys and lungs saved the lives of three people and that makes Rowena an incredibly proud Donor Mum.

“Even though Macaiah is no longer with us, part of her is helping others live the life she never got to.”

Rowena Alexander is from the Kimberley and is now living in Perth. She is part of a growing number of First Nations families embracing organ and tissue donation. Traditional cultural beliefs have made even the discussion about donation difficult, and it has been a taboo subject to talk about.

“"But knowing that those three people are out there gives me something to smile about during my grief. Macaiah’s gift of life has given other people the chance to do the things she never got to do.

Rowena is proud to be participating in the Games and sees it as a chance to honour her daughter and advocate for organ donation on the world stage. She hopes that by sharing her daughter’s story more Aboriginal Australians will have those tough conversations and do their part for their community.

"" We need more Aboriginal donors, so that we can save the lives of more Aboriginal people. This issue is just too important to ignore. “”

Rowena said she had seen too many friends from her community suffer waiting for a kidney transplant and knew her decision may inspire others.

Rowena said it was an incredibly difficult decision to make. “There came a point where we realised we weren’t bringing our girl home from the hospital. It was incredibly difficult and emotional. The hardest decision I’ve ever had to make in my life.”

8 in 10 families say yes to donation if they know their family member wanted to be a donor. This drops to 4 in 10 if they are unaware. Not yet registered as an organ and tissue donor? Register now and let your family know.

#DonateLife

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The Gift of Life Baton

The Gift of Life Baton is a gift from Transplant Australia and the Australian Government to the world transplant community to act as a universal beacon between each World Transplant Games.

The Baton, designed and produced in Australia by leading industrial design company, Form Designs Australia, is also uniquely West Australian, featuring a specially carved piece of Jarrah, a hardwood native to the South-Western Australia.

WTGF President and Transplant Australia CEO Chris Thomas said the Baton was the culmination of a six year dream.

“Transplant Australia wanted to recognize all donors. The baton is a symbol of the gift of life that is given from donor to recipient. It is designed to be embraced by all countries, with the simple wording “Thank You” engraved in multiple languages. It also features the World Transplant Games logo as a uniting symbol of the global transplant sport community.”

The Baton was launched at Olympic House in Switzerland by the Australian Ambassador to Switzerland, Mr Phillip Green, in the presence of the President of the International Olympic Committee, Thomas Bach, in October 2022. It has then been touring Australia in the lead up to the Games and will be gifted to the World Transplant Games Federation at the closing ceremony for use in future games.
**Junior Program**

The World Transplant Games is an amazing opportunity for children and teens to shine. The Junior Program is open to all junior competitors and junior supporters. It’s an opportunity to have fun in a great variety of activities and connect with other kids, just like them and create close friendships with kids from around the world.

**Bookings are required for all events. For more information go to** www.worldtransplantgames.org/juniors

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**FAMILY DAY OUT**

**Monday, April 17 | 10am – 2.30pm**

Caversham Wildlife Park, Whiteman

Spend some quality family time at Caversham Wildlife Park. Get up close and personal with some of Australia’s favourite mammals. You can meet the koalas, feed the kangaroos and see over 200 species of animals, birds and reptiles. Transport will be provided, kiosk facilities on site with vouchers provided. Any child under 12 must be accompanied by at least one adult family member. Free for one adult and one child per family registered for the games to a maximum of 80 families. Additional tickets which include park entry, transport from the city and a $20 lunch voucher cost $53 per adult and $48 per child (15-18) years and $42 (3-14 years). Bookings essential.

**KIDS ARTS & CRAFTS SESSIONS**

**Wednesday, April 19 | 10am – 12pm or 1pm – 3pm**

HBF Stadium, Mt Claremont

Kids can join in the fun, getting creative with paints, drawing, collage and more. They can work on a group project together, creating a mural that celebrates the Games. Transport will be provided as per the transport schedule for the swimming day at HBF stadium. Join in one or two sessions – 10am to 12noon and 1pm to 3pm. Lunch is not included.

**FUN & GAMES**

**Thursday, April 20 | 1pm – 3pm**

WA Athletics Stadium, Floreat

Let’s get Physical! This will be a fabulous fun time for the kids to take part in a great variety of outdoor activities. Under the supervision of coaches and volunteers, children can take part in novelty races and test their skills on a range of throwing, catching and movement stations. Transport will be provided as per the transport schedule for the athletics day at HBF stadium.

**KIDS NIGHT IN**

**Thursday, April 20 | 6pm – 8.30pm**

Novotel on Murray, Perth

A special night out for the kids! Come and have pizza together – watch a movie, play table tennis and board games and have fun. All children must be dropped off and collected from the Novotel on Murray by an adult family member. A shuttle bus will be available. Family members are welcome to stay but supervision will be provided during the event by our amazing, qualified volunteers. Maximum 60 children.

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**Meet Kaya the Games Mascot**

Kaya the Quokka is the mascot for the 2023 World Transplant Games. Her name means “Hello” in Noongar, the language of the traditional owners of the land on which the Games will be held, Perth. Her name is as welcoming as her smile and you will see her at different venues during the Games, cheering you on. Feel free to come over and meet her, give her a “high five” and grab a photo.

Her home is the beautiful Rottnest Island (Wadjemup), a small island 20km off the coast of Perth. Rottnest is perfect for a day trip. And if you get over there, you’ll find lots of Kaya’s adorable, playful friends on the island. You might even be able to get a #quokkaselfie.
Volunteers we thank you

Mike Heck has never had an organ transplant but he knows someone who has and that was enough to inspire him to volunteer for the World Transplant Games.

Mike’s mother has had three transplants. The first was a kidney in 1993 from her sister. The second was another kidney and liver from an organ donor.

“Without organ donation my mum wouldn’t still be here. That’s an extra 30 years, thanks to the amazing generosity of others. Others who have given the gift of life,” said Mike.

Mike is not only a registered organ donor, he has also registered to volunteer at the World Transplant Games as a way of giving back.

“I have volunteered a lot, from school clubs to community groups and most recently it has been as a Technical Official for Triathlon WA. Volunteering at the Games is my way of giving something back.”

Meet Mike

Volunteer & Registered Organ Donor

“If I can help someone achieve a goal they never thought possible, then it makes it all worthwhile.”

Major events like this aren’t possible without the support and dedication of hundreds of volunteers who are passionate about making a difference in the world. Our Lotterywest Volunteers will be easy to spot in their orange shirts and should be your first point of call for any Games related questions.

Our dedicated team of Volunteers will contribute thousands of hours to assist, support and motivate you from the start to the finish of your Games journey.

We encourage you to say Thank You to the Volunteers whenever possible! Without the Volunteers, we simply would not be able to run any Games events. If you have any friends and family searching to get involved, please contact volunteers@transplant.org.au and join our Lotterywest Volunteer army!

“At the Games I look forward to seeing people’s personal achievement and seeing people come together to celebrate the gift of life.”

Volunteers we thank you

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Games HQ
The Novotel on Murray will be the headquarters for the 24th World Transplant Games. Located in the middle of the Central Business District, it is an easy walk from most Games hotels. Located at Games HQ you will find:
» Games office including Federation office
» Information booth
» Late registration
» Medical clinic
» Transport Information
» Merchandise
» Media Liaison.
The Games HQ will be open from 7.00am to 7.00pm daily. If you need to contact Games staff please call 1800 827 757.

Public Transport
Perth’s public transport system, Transperth, brings Perth places of interest within easy reach. Participants can make use of buses, trains and ferries to explore Perth, Fremantle and surrounding areas.
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I love the energy of the Games. Thousands of athletes who have had similar shared journeys as me, showing the world that life can be active and as athletic as you want it to be after a living donation.

Anil has quite literally taken the long road to get to the World Transplant Games. He has driven around 57,000Km through 17 countries to get to Perth, using that time to share the message of the importance of organ donation along the way.

When Anil’s younger brother, neurosurgeon Dr Ajun Srivatsa, suffered from a kidney disorder, Anil stepped in to help, donating one of his kidneys. It wasn’t an easy decision, but he is in no doubt that he did the right thing.

“He is my brother and I love him and would do anything for him. He is also a doctor so in helping save his life, he is in turn saving many other lives,” said Anil.

Since then, he has been a campaigner for organ donation. In 2019, when the games were held in Newcastle, Anil took part in the 100-metre race and ball-throw competition. He won gold in ball-throw under the donor category, while his brother bagged gold in golf.

Anil’s advocacy for organ donation has led him to set up the cause based Rotary Club for Organ Donation, which, through building awareness and advocacy, works towards a time when no person dies waiting for an organ transplant. He has used his connections through Rotary to help spread the message of the importance of organ donation. During his travels for the Games, Anil has travelled from the Arctic Ocean in North America to the Antarctic Ocean in Argentina. He has spoken to over 100 Rotary clubs, inspiring them to become advocates in their own communities.

“We are ordinary people who are doing extraordinary things to make living on this planet better for everyone. Rotary, with a single-minded effort globally, has managed to almost eradicate polio from this planet. What better partner than Rotary to get behind organ donation?”

Anil and Ajun will be part of a 40 strong Indian team, almost 3 times the size of the team from Newcastle. Anil is planning to compete in the swimming, 5000 metre race walk and ball throw in Perth and his brother will compete in the golf, swimming and cycling.
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Meet Michael

69, Italy, Kidney Recipient

Michael Prenner, a legend in transplant sport, set for the Australian three-peat at the Perth World Transplant Games.

April 18 will be a special day for Michael. Exactly one year after his third kidney transplant, he will be competing in his third World Transplant Games in Australia. One of the few people to have competed in all World Games held in this country – Sydney 1997, Gold Coast 2009 and now Perth in 2023.

Michael was born in Bolzano, Italy. He originally wanted to be a pharmacist but kidney disease kept him from completing his internship and instead became a teacher in chemistry, physics and mathematics. A job that he loves and that helped him deal with his health challenges.

In July 1985 he received his first kidney transplant at the age of 28. His doctor, who knew he was a keen cyclist suggested he compete in the World Transplant Games in Innsbruck in 1987. He started with a cheap bike and an easy goal – not to be last over the line – and was overjoyed when he came in 10th! His life as a transplant cyclist had begun and opened up a world of opportunities for him.

The World Transplant Games became an ongoing goal for Michael and cycling became his passion. Exercising on the bike helped him lower his blood pressure, and improve his physical and mental health. He set up an amateur club in his village of which he was president and manager for eleven years, reaching over 100,000 cyclists over that time. He also set up the Transplant Sportclub Sudtirol, the first sports club for transplant patients in Italy in 1990.

Michael competed in the 1989 World Games in Singapore and the 1991 Games in Hungary, being joined by four transplant recipients from his newly formed sports club. In Hungary, Michael saw the opportunity to do things slightly different so in 1992 he organised the first European Cycling Championships for transplant recipients. The event saw 50 cyclists from 10 nations attend.

In 1995 Michael won his first medal at the World Transplant Games in Manchester, a silver in the cycling. He then went on to win bronze in Sydney in 1997 (cycling and bowling) and a bronze in cycling in Budapest. He also won gold in the Eurotransplant Games cycling in Belgium in 1996 and two championship titles in the Jeux Nationaux des Transplant in France in 1998.

In May 2000 Michael had to go back on dialysis but even so, he continued to train hard. He won a pairs time trial in Bergamo and three gold and one bronze in the European Transplant & Dialysis Games in Athens.

Just over three weeks after the Games he received the call that a new kidney was available. He was barely back on his feet post-transplant when he started planning his next adventure, a multi day cycling tour in Europe. From 2001 to 2018 Michael organised the annual Euregiotour for Transplantation. A three day cycling tour covering 300km from Innsbruck to Acro with up to 100 cyclists from nine countries. The event was to raise awareness of the importance of organ donation and a way to show their gratitude to the donors and donor families.

While all this was going on Michael continued to train hard. He won numerous medals in cycling including a silver medal in Japan 2001, a bronze in France in 2003, a silver and bronze in Canada in 2005, bronze in Thailand in 2007 and silver the last time he was here in Australia in 2009. In his last cycling race at the World Games in Durban in 2013 he came 10th in the road race.

The accolades for Michael are numerous. He has competed in 15 World Transplant Games and been on the podium in 4 continents. He has also competed in Italian, German, French and European Championships taking numerous medals of all colours. But it’s not just his sporting prowess that makes him a champion. Michael has been a passionate advocate for organ donation as well as encouraging transplant recipients to be active through his organisation of numerous cycling clubs and events, his involvement with the European Transplant Dialysis Games Federation and his ongoing advocacy for organ donation.

We look forward to celebrating with Michael as he takes the field for his Australian threepeat. Just one more achievement for this amazing man.

“...My kidney transplants have given me 35 years of life and 25 years of cycling. I have always made the best of it and only lived the positive, which has helped me a lot.”
Perth: A city rich with natural wonders

A cosmopolitan city with raw natural beauty

Situated on the banks of the Swan River, Perth/Boorloo is both a modern city, and nestled in nature. Discover unique wildlife encounters, vast scenic parks and wine country but also a thriving metropolis of small bars, creative restaurants, curated cultural experiences and street art. It’s all here, in the one sunny city, filled with friendly and welcoming people.

With 19 stunning beaches within easy reach of the city, relaxing by the ocean is never far away. While you’re there, sip a cool drink or savour delicious local seafood as the sun sinks dreamily into the Indian Ocean.

Kings Park/Kaarta Koomba— one of the world’s largest inner-city parks— is yours to enjoy. Tour its botanic gardens with an Aboriginal guide or picnic among its wildflowers and native plants. Cruise along the river or take a short drive to the Swan Valley, Western Australia’s oldest wine region on Whadjuk Noongar Country, and indulge in food, wine and art.

Swim with playful wild dolphins, spot migrating whales, kayak to islands with seals and the world’s smallest penguins, or meet a koala or a wombat. Not many cities in the world have such cute and cuddly locals! And mere minutes across the ocean, visit Rottnest Island/Wadjemup, Perth’s very own idyllic playground where you can meet friendly quokkas and explore its 63 stunning beaches.
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**Weather & Climate**
April is a moderately warm Autumn month in Perth with temperatures varying between 13.8°C (56.8°F) and 25.9°C (78.6°F). The average humidity is 46% and you may get a few rainy days during the month.

**Currency**
The dollar is the basic unit of Australian currency and is equal to 100 cents. Notes are plastic and available in $100, $50, $20, 10 & $5 and coins of $2, $1, 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c.

**Time Zone**
Western Australia is on Western Standard Time (WST) which is eight hours ahead of GMT or 8 hours ahead of London, 12 hours ahead of New York, 14 hours ahead of Mexico City and 1 hour behind Tokyo.

**Staying connected**
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The adapter required for Australia is Type 1 Australia plug. The plugs in Australia have two flat metal pins, forming an inverted ‘V’ shape, and occasionally a third pin in the centre. The electrical current in Australia is 220-240 volts, AC 50Hz.

**Language**
Australia’s official language is English.

**Emergency Telephone numbers**
000 is the free emergency number for police, ambulance and fire brigade.

**Driving**
Driving in Australia is on the left hand side of the road.

**Tipping**
Tipping in Australia is not mandatory for any service.

**Shopping**
Shopping hours in Perth City are Monday – Thursday 9am – 6pm, Friday 9am – 9pm, Saturday 9am – 5pm and Sunday 11am – 5pm.
The Western Australia Visitor Centre is in the heart of Perth’s CBD at 55 William Street, our knowledgeable staff are here to assist you with all your travel plans - whether you’re exploring Perth, booking a day trip to Rottnest or venturing out to explore some of WA’s spectacular regions.

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1. Relax with a picnic in one of the world’s largest inner-city parks, Kings Park – home to the Western Australian Botanic Garden.
2. Check out the Little Ferry Company and enjoy a boat cruise from Elizabeth Quay along the Swan River (Derbarl Yerrigan).
3. Let local guides Oh Hey! WA or Two Feet & Heartbeat reveal Perth City to you on a walking tour.
4. Go shopping and explore boutique stores along William Street and international brands in the Murray St and Hay St Malls.
5. Graze your way through Northbridge’s Roe St for a mix of restaurant and rooftop bars.
6. Watch a gold pour demonstration and browse the gold shop at The Perth Mint.
7. Explore arts and culture at WA’s spectacular new Boela Bardip Museum or Art Gallery of Western Australia.
8. Visit Barrack Square where you can climb the towering glass spire of The Bell Tower.

Whether you’re a nature lover, serious foodie or a history and culture buff, there are plenty of places to visit to discover the beauty of Perth.

Visit the WAVC for 10% off all retail purchases!
Meet Neldi

27, Columbia, Kidney Recipient

“I thank God and my organ donor for this new opportunity.”

“Competing in the Games will be fulfilling a dream. It will be doing something I love and showing the world that, as a transplant recipient, I’m living a beautiful life that I enjoy, and I want to give hope to others waiting for a transplant.”

Neldi had a very normal childhood. She went to school, was a good student, helped around the house and loved playing sport. Running was her thing. Since she was little, she has been competing in running races. Kidney disease resulted in her being on dialysis and in October 2013 she had a kidney transplant.

Since then she has gone from strength to strength. She got back into running, competing in races from 5km to the half marathon 21km.

“For me, running is a pleasure and something that I carry in my blood. It’s a release of energy, and an opportunity to detach from the normal responsibilities of life. To enjoy the sun, see others running and cheering, it is such a joy.”

Meet Michael

44, Australia, Kidney Recipient

Being born profoundly deaf, Michael is no stranger to adversity, so when his kidneys began to fail in his late 20s, he was determined not to let it hold him back. Michael received his first kidney transplant in 2008 and a second in 2015.

Following his successful transplant, Michael was determined to make the most of his second chance at life. Michael, who is an avid surfer and open water swimmer, has successfully completed the Rottnest Channel Crossing solo. That’s a 19.7km open water swim from Cottesloe Beach to Rottnest Island.

Now he’s getting ready to represent Australia in his hometown at the World Transplant Games. Michael has previously competed at the 2018 Australian Transplant Games on the Gold Coast and the 2019 World Transplant Games in Newcastle. He is honoured to be the captain of the Australian swim team and is ready to lead his team to gold. But most of all he is looking forward to reuniting with friends from around the world and welcoming them to Western Australia.

“I’ve been through hell to be alive today so I’m going to make the most of every opportunity that comes my way,” says Michael. “Every single athlete at the games are proof of the power of organ donation and I want to celebrate the amazing gift of life that every one of us has received.”

“Without my transplant I would have missed out on so much, I’m grateful for every extra day I get to be with the people I love.”
Media Planet wishes all the athletes the very best for a wonderful games.
A transplant sports legend from Hong Kong is headed to Perth for the World Transplant Games. The woman called Lai Lai, which means grandma in Canton Chinese, has suffered renal failure twice, had two transplants 12 years apart and yet has so far won 22 medals at the international level.

Ms So Pui Yee had her life ups and downs. A mother of two, she raised her family single-handedly after her beloved husband’s early passing of cancer. She was further challenged when kidney disease saw her suffering fatigue, nausea, swollen feet and shortness of breath. Pui Yee eventually reached the end stage of the disease and this once physically active woman had to live with the new normal of dialysis treatment and had just two-hours free time in between the fluid changing sessions. World Transplant Games could not have been further from her mind.

A successful transplant in 1994 changed her life trajectory. Encouraged by her renal physicians, she returned to the workplace and the table tennis table, winning bronze at her first Games in Manchester a year after her transplant. Her sense of achievement and satisfaction was beyond words. That became the starting point of her long journey with the Games. Unfortunately she again suffered kidney failure, resulting in dialysis and another transplant 12 years after her initial kidney transplant. The grateful Lai Lai retired from her job and devoted more time to volunteer activities for peer patients, sports and other physical exercises. She continued to attend the Games collecting numerous medals in pétanque and lawn bowls but table tennis remained her favourite. Fast forward to the 2013 Games in Durban, South Africa. At the gala dinner, then 65 year old Lai Lai suffered a stroke and she was rushed home for treatment and a long path to rehabilitation. Simple movements that ordinary people take for granted became like weight lifting for her. But Lai Lai would not give up. Under the guidance of a physiotherapist, Lai Lai learned how to make use of her hands and feet to aid her rough movement attempts. Two weeks later, her fingers started minimally detectable responses and after another 10 days, she could even magically stack up plastic drug containers. Once deeply concerned of confinement in a wheelchair for the rest of her life, Lai Lai started to see the light of hope again. Encouraged by the initial positive outcome, her will to recover became so strong that she grabbed almost every hospital visitor to help her stand on the railing to strengthen her legs. Persistence paid off. In 2017, Lai Lai returned to the Games to play darts, table tennis and pétanque. She was applauded by her team mates, friends and volunteers alongside the cheering audience, for not only her triumph in the sports arena but also in the tough fight for her own wellbeing, happiness, sportsmanship.

Now 75-year-old Lai Lai, who has participated in 10 World Transplant Games, is headed for her 11th Games in Perth. While her aspiration to win medals has not faded, it is the people at the Games that she is most looking forward to seeing. Winning surely brings joy, but much more happiness comes with the fact that after all these COVID years, I can get to greet and shake hands with team mates, partners, volunteers, other athletes all over the world; and yes my opponents in the games included. And seeing all of them healthy, lively and sporty would truly be a blessing. I enjoy the journey of sports more than anything else. “
Jasmine was born slightly jaundiced, as many babies are, but by six weeks old she was diagnosed with biliary atresia. What followed was a rapid decline into ill health and multiple surgeries as doctors tried to buy time, waiting for a donor liver to become available. At the age of two she received a liver transplant and since then she has been determined not to let anything slow her down.

Jasmine has gone on to complete her schooling and achieve big things in her chosen career. These days, when not working, you can find her out hiking, exploring Australia’s natural beauty, or spending as much time as possible on her stand-up paddle board. She is looking forward to competing in swimming, athletics, and ten pin bowling.

Whenever she trains, Jasmine thinks about her donor and the loss their family experienced.

“Everything I have experienced in the last 23 years would not have been possible without their selfless act of kindness and love. For me, the Games are so much more than just competing. It’s an opportunity to do something awesome, to push myself in a way that I don’t experience anywhere else in life. It’s an opportunity to provide hope and optimism to people who may be struggling on their transplant journey, and to hopefully make my donor and their family proud. Representing Australia against the whole world is such a privilege and I’m so thrilled to be a part of it.”

The support and encouragement you receive at the Games from everyone, no matter where you come from in life, is unmatched. I have not found another community of people that are so understanding and so supportive of one another for just being there and participating.”
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