

# MEDIA STATEMENT



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## **City of Bunbury tops regional chart for saving lives**

The City of Bunbury has been busy doing its bit to save lives and is currently leading the charge for regional councils by participating in a State-wide blood donation challenge.

The City is also giving the metropolitan councils a run for their money coming in second after the City of Wanneroo.

The Australia Red Cross Blood Service Challenge is open to all Australian council employees from 1 April to 30 June to see which council can save the most lives by donating blood.

It also aims to raise awareness and encourage blood donation through friendly competition.

So far 16 City of Bunbury employees have taken up the challenge which equates to saving 48 lives.

City Occupational Health and Safety Officer and blood-donor recipient Bronte MacMillan said giving blood is a donation more powerful than money.

“Saving a life is something you can’t put a price on and on a personal level I would not be here today if it wasn’t for blood donation,” Ms MacMillan said.

“One donation can save three people’s lives and it is fantastic to see my fellow colleagues throwing their support behind this challenge.”

City of Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan encouraged councillors and the community to donate blood.

“My wife Robyn and I are regular donors and applaud the work of the local Red Cross centre,” Mr Brennan said.

“It only takes an hour of your time and can save countless lives.”

For more information on donating blood please visit [www.donateblood.com.au](http://www.donateblood.com.au)

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