

## Give the greatest gift of all: the gift of life.

Did you know that this Summer, whilst you are enjoying a Christmas party with family and friends, or a round of cricket at the beach, every 18 seconds, a blood donation will be needed in Australia?

Please consider booking in to give blood or plasma these school holidays.

Your blood or plasma donation could be the gift of life to someone going through cancer treatment; or to help someone else to get through a difficult childbirth; and or even to someone to help manage their immune disease.

In fact, there are *thousands* of people across Australia who will be getting together with their family, friends and community this festive season all thanks to donated blood — and blood donors.

### **There's still time to give the Gift of Life.**

Whether it's your first time or 101<sup>st</sup> time, it's always a gift at the top of someone's wish list.

When you give blood this month, you'll score a festive limited-edition bandage designed by Madeliene Stamer. It's Lifeblood's little way of saying thank you.

The Ballarat Blood Donor Centre is located at 601 – 603 La Trobe Street. It is open 6 days a week.

To give the gift of life, either call **13 14 95**, visit **[www.lifeblood.com.au](http://www.lifeblood.com.au)** or download the **'DonateBlood' app**.



*A hole in her heart meant Sienna needed open heart surgery (and plenty of blood transfusions) when she was just two years old. Now she gets to play and run around with all the other kids.*