

## Community has chance to say “Thank You” to unsung heroes

Health and medical researchers save thousands of lives each year and now the community has an opportunity to acknowledge their contribution.

Research Australia’s “Thank You” Day campaign aims to raise public awareness of the benefits of health and medical research.

Research Australia CEO Rebecca James said the campaign is important as it recognises the unsung heroes of the health and medical research sector.

“Thank You” Day is about acknowledging the hard work of researchers, public health officers, support staff, philanthropists, government organisations and volunteers who make our health and quality of life their top priority,” said Ms James.

The community is encouraged to get involved in the campaign by:

- Conducting a “Thank You” Day event at work, home or social club
- Sending a message of thanks by visiting Research Australia’s website [www.thankyouday.org](http://www.thankyouday.org) or SMS 0428THANKS.
- Promoting “Thank You” Day to family, friends and colleagues using Research Australia’s promotional toolkit

Over 1.16 million “Thank You” messages have been collected in the past seven years.

All messages received during the campaign will be passed on to the researchers and those who support their work. Messages will also be passed on to political leaders to highlight how important health and medical research funding is to Australians.

The “Thank You” Day campaign runs throughout November and culminates in the annual Research Australia Thank You Day Awards held in Melbourne on Friday 20 November.

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### About Research Australia

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