



## RECIPIENT TEAMS

PLASMA FOR LIFE



I DON'T FEEL ALONE

We know that being diagnosed and living with an immunodeficiency is something that can greatly affect quality of life and wellbeing – and there's no need to tackle that alone.

Creating a reicipent team creates a sense of community for everyone involved and helps bridge the gap between plasma donation and immunoglobulin treatment.



## WHAT IS A LIFEBLOOD TEAM?

A Lifeblood team is a blood donation group and a powerful way to bring people together to donate for a shared purpose.

Anyone can sign up to start their own team, or join an existing team.

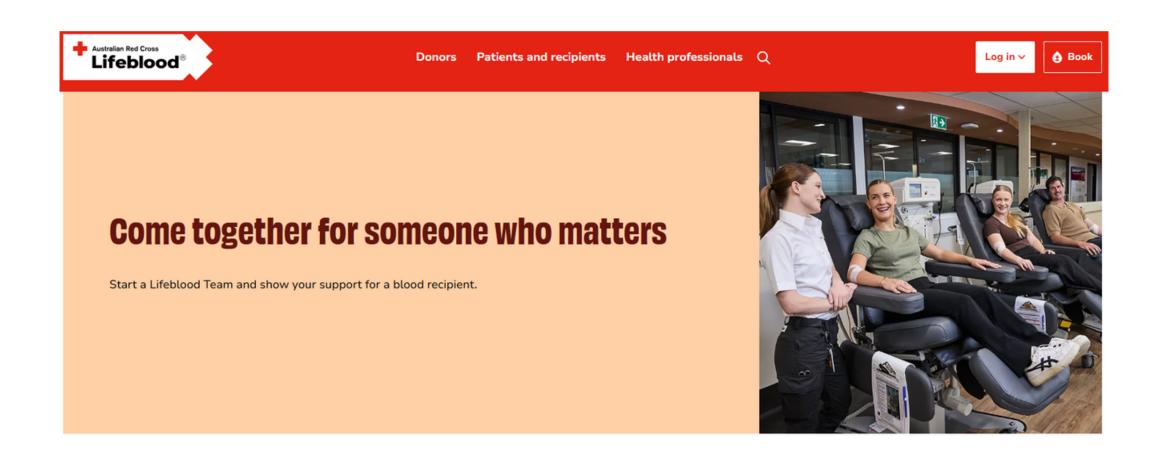
Through the Lifeblood website, teams can track their impact to see their donations and how many lives they've saved.

Team members can donate together, or seperately. Every donation made counts towards the team!



## WHY CREATE A TEAM?

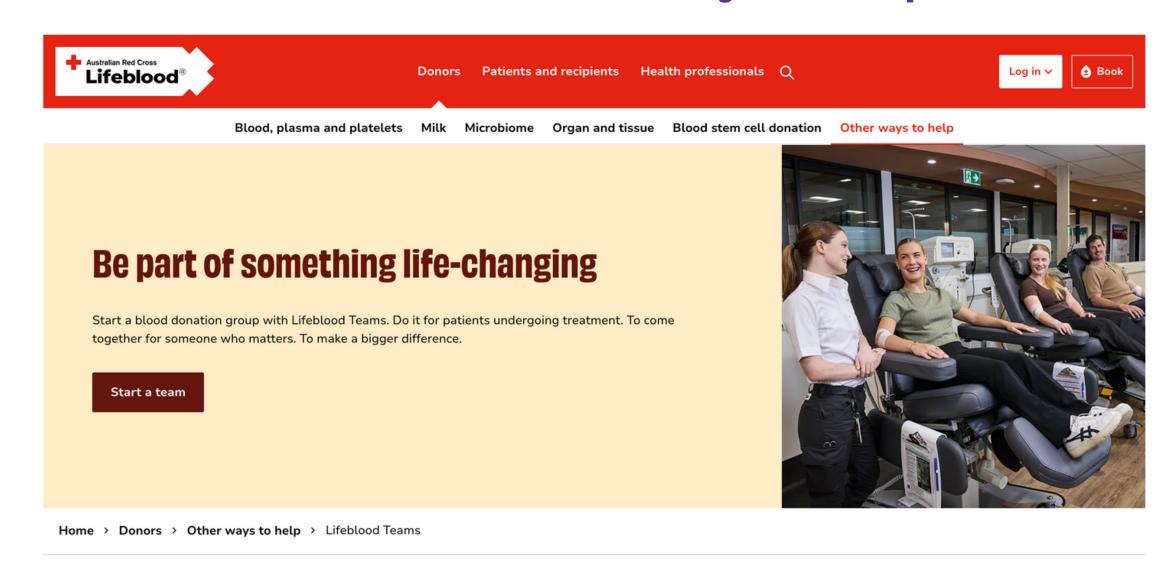
Creating a team for a recipient of plasma products is especially powerful because it strengthens the connection between the donor and the impact of their donation.



Click **here** to hear from an IDFA member about why they created a team and the positive impact it creates.



To start your own team, click <u>here</u> or visit: www.lifeblood.com.au/donors/other-ways-to-help/lifeblood-teams



Click on 'Start a Team'



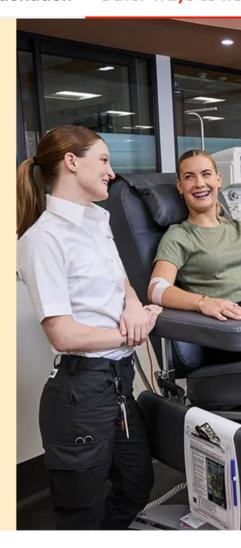
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### Be part of something life-changing

Start a blood donation group with Lifeblood Teams. Do it for patients undergoing treatment. To come together for someone who matters. To make a bigger difference.

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#### What is a Lifeblood Team?



#### **Come together for someone who matters**

Start a Lifeblood Team and show your support for a blood recipient.



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Why start a Lifeblood Team?

#### How to start a team

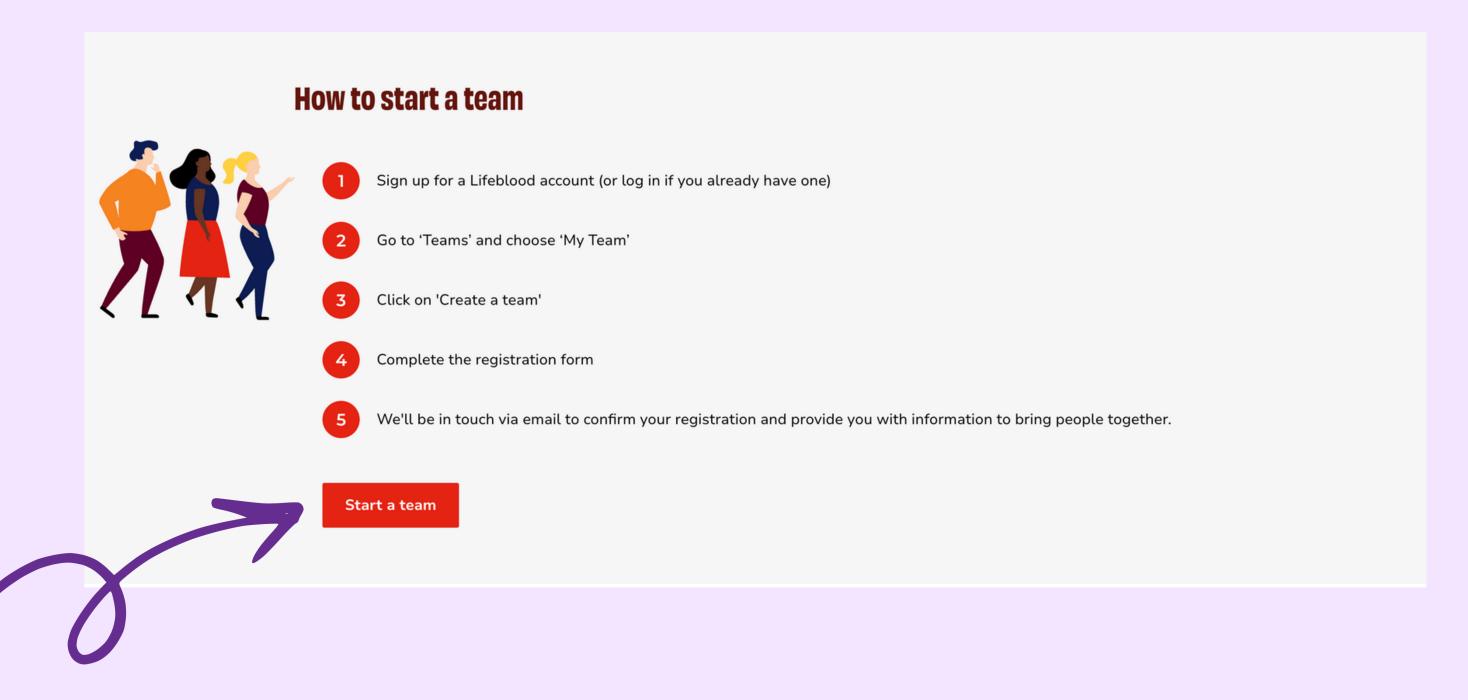


- 1 Sign up for a Lifeblood account (or log in if you already have one)
- 2 Go to 'Teams' and choose 'My Team'

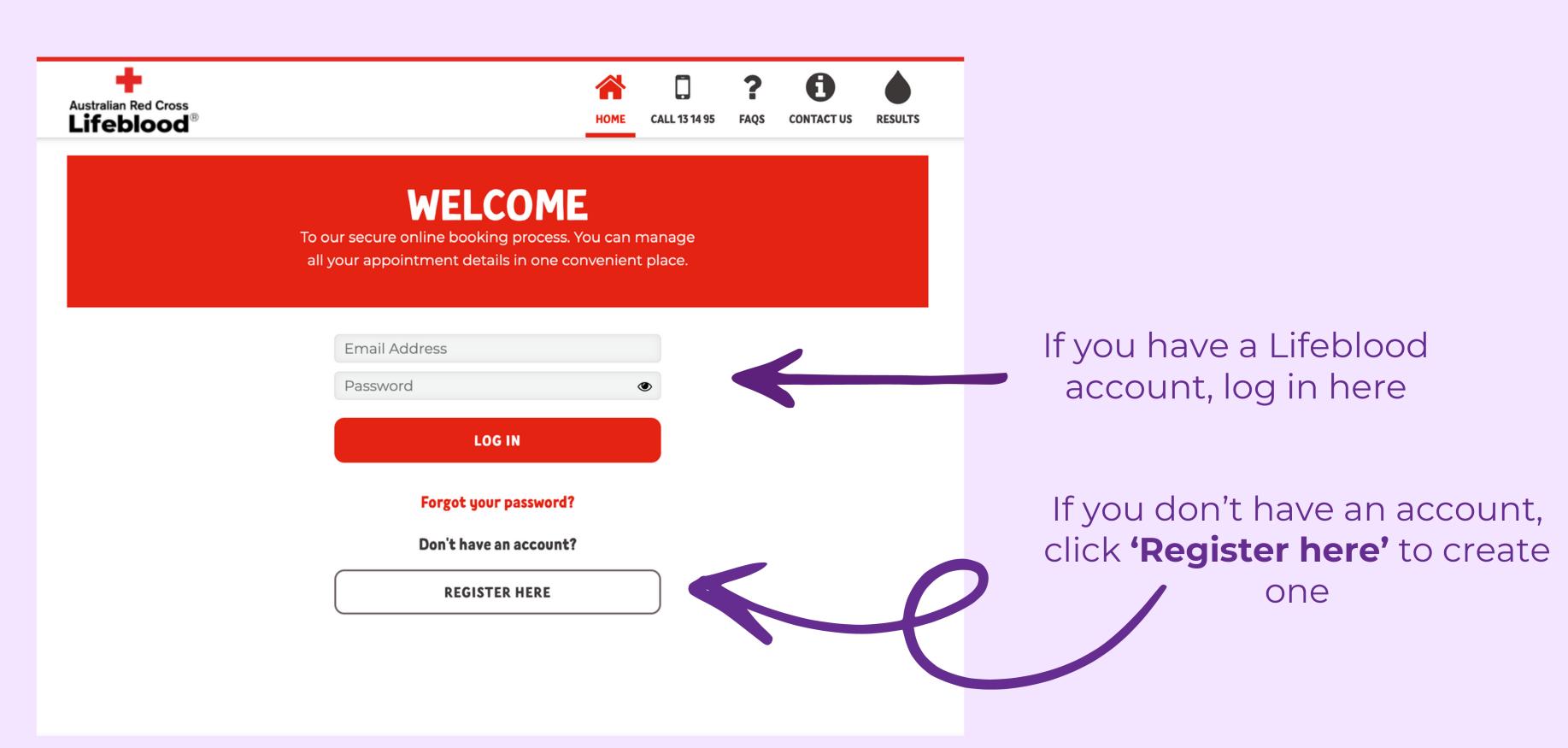
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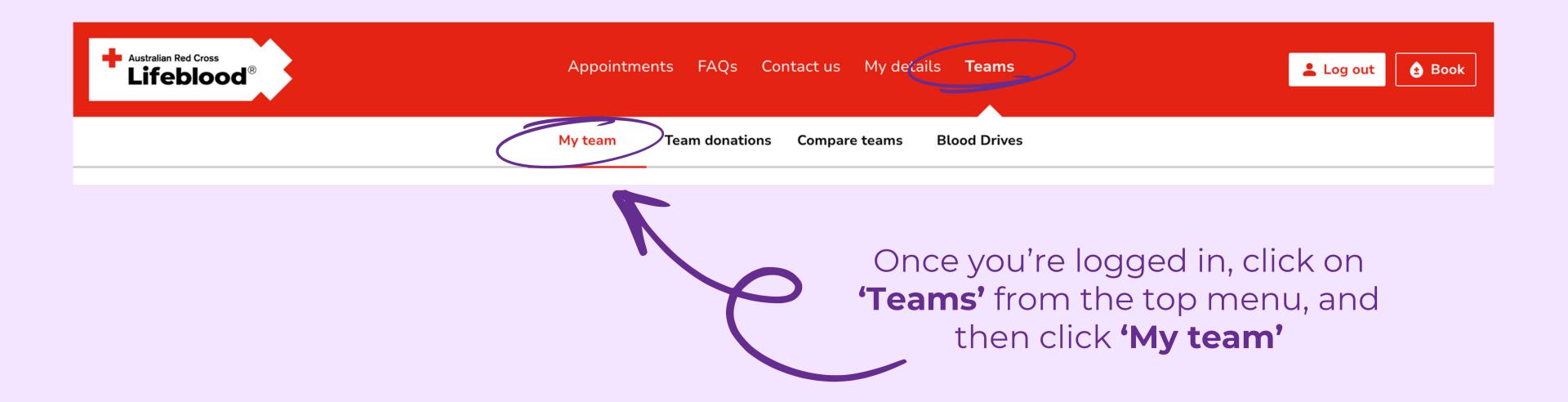
- Click on 'Create a team'
- 4 Complete the registration form
- We'll be in touch via email to confirm your registration and provide you with information to bring people together.

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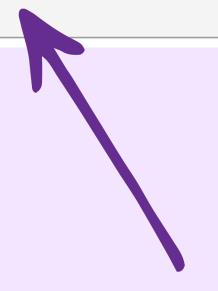




### Create a Lifeblood Team

If you would like to register a new Team or division in an existing organisation, please complete the registration process. The Australian Red Cross Lifeblood will contact you to confirm your registration.

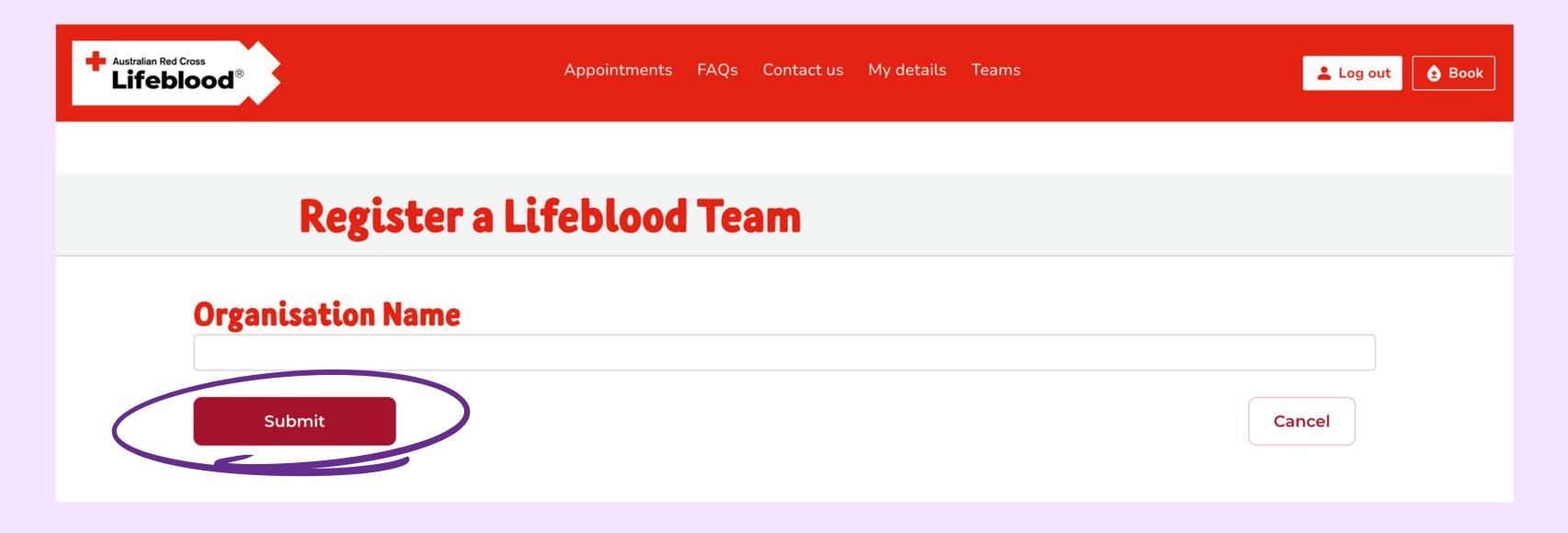
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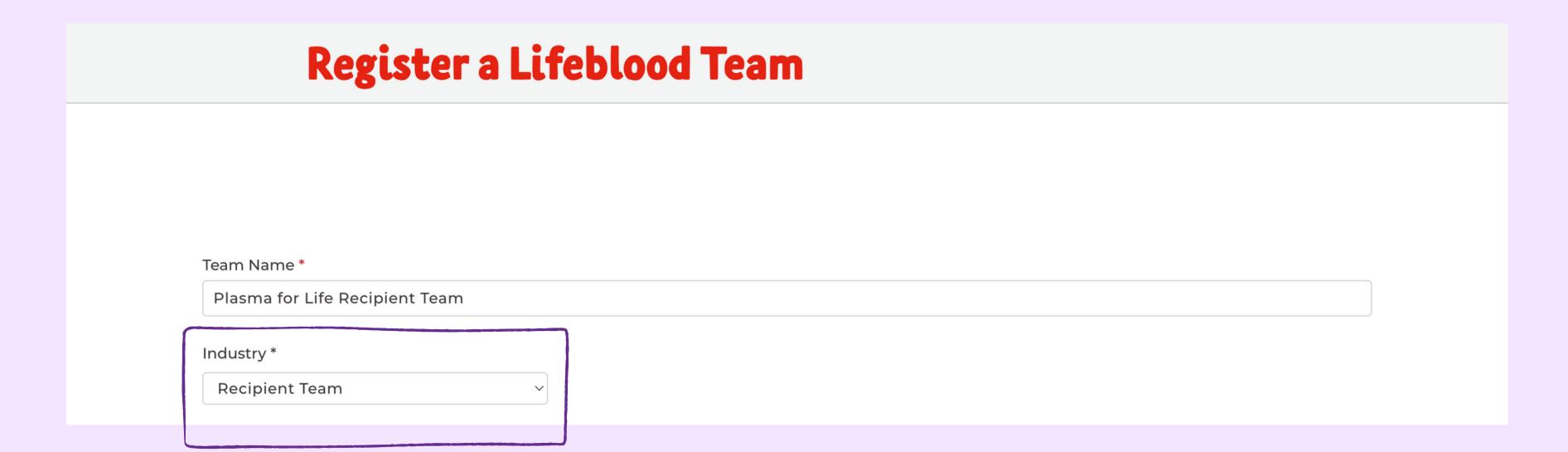
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'Create a Team'

Click on the box to type in your team name, then click 'Submit'

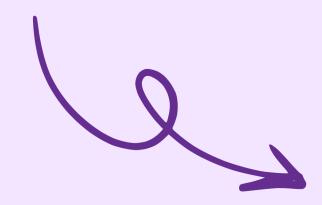






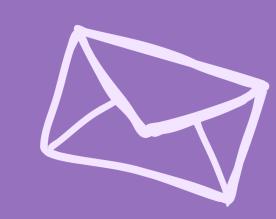
Under 'Industry', click to open the drop-down menu, and scroll down to select **'Recipient Team'** 

Fill out the rest of the form with your details, then click **'Submit Your Enquiry'** 



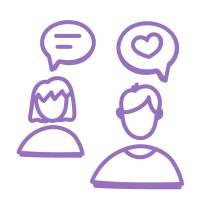
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## CONGRATS! YOU'VE SUCESSFULLY CREATED YOUR TEAM





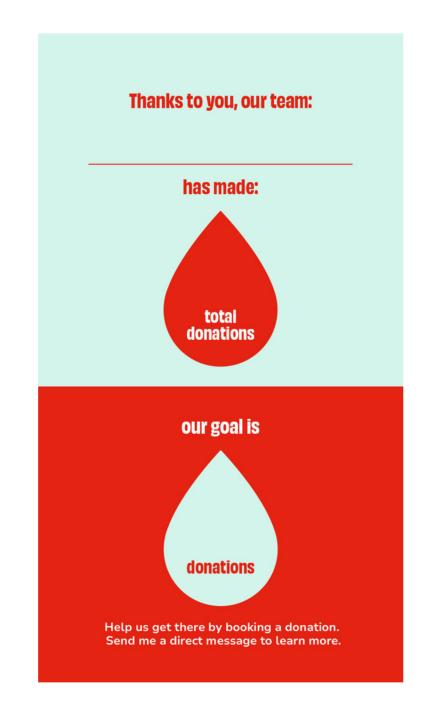
Lifeblood will follow up by sending a confirmation email and more information to your inbox



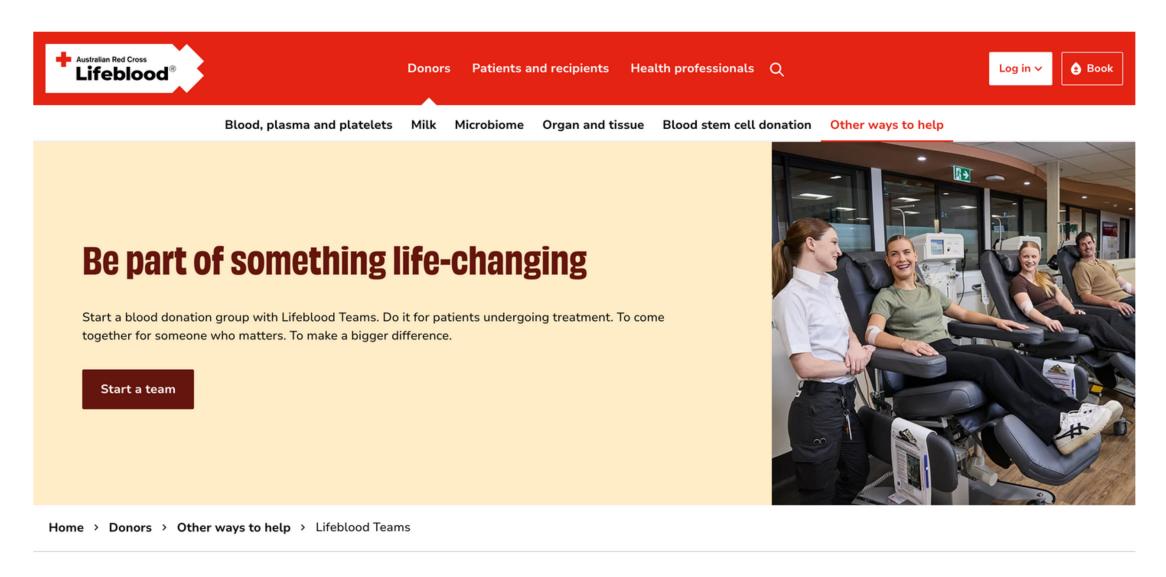
You can invite others to join your team by simply speaking to them, giving them a call, or sending them a text message.

Lifeblood also has a a team toolkit that includes personalisable resouces that you can share on social media, and a comprehensive how-to guide including templates for asking others to join your team

See the next slide for instuctions on how to access these resources.



## Click <u>here</u> or visit: <u>www.lifeblood.com.au/donors/other-ways-to-help/lifeblood-teams</u>



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#### **Getting others on your team**

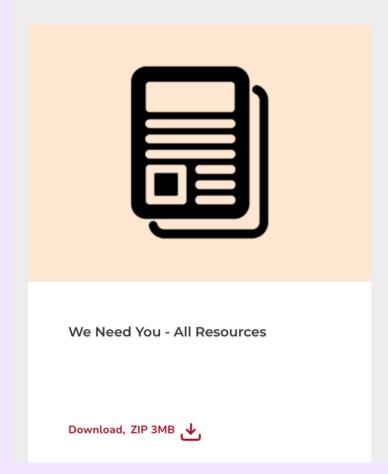
When you start a team, you become a Lifeblood Champion. This doesn't mean you have to be an expert at all things blood donation – we're here to help. We've created a suite of downloadable resources below – from social tiles with ready-to-go captions, email and Whatsapp copy to editable Instagram stories – it's all here and it's all yours.

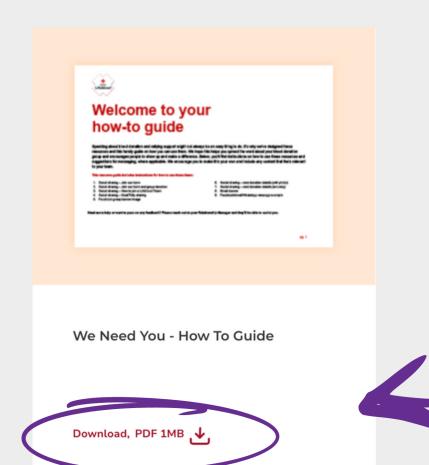
If you need more support, one of our friendly Relationship Managers will be assigned to your team and be able to answer any questions you have.

#### Toolkit 1 – We need you

It's okay to need others – for support, encouragement and for life-giving donations. Use this toolkit to help your team spread the word about the urgency and need for donations.

Start with our handy how-to guide and download the individual resources you need or get the entire toolkit (with social posts, copy, Facebook banners, Instagram stories and the how-to guide) when you download the All Resources folder.





Keep scrolling down the page to 'Toolkit 1' and click 'Download' to download the How-To Guide

#### Facebook/Email/WhatsApp message example

Hi <Name>,

<Brief introduction of the recipient, their diagnosis and how blood has impacted their life (share as little or as much as you feel comfortable) – eg: In 2024, diagnosed with cancer and has been receiving blood transfusions to help them during this time>.

Now, we need you. To come together for <Recipient Name>. To let them know they're not alone in their diagnosis. To support others who may be going through a similar experience. And to make a life-changing difference.

Want to help? Become a blood donor today and join our blood donation group, < Team Name >.

#### Here's how:

- 1. Sign up for an account at lifeblood.com.au (or log in if you already have one)
- 2. Go to 'Teams' and choose 'My Teams'
- 3. Search for our team name: <insert team name here>
- 4. All done? You'll receive updates and reminders about our group donations when they happen or you can book in to donate near you and your donation will still be added to our tally. Don't forget to snap and share your donation selfies from the day! It's such an encouragement for <Recipient Name> to see all of us coming together for them.

Your support is life-giving. It is impactful and will make a meaningful difference. If you'd like more information or want to join our next team donation, please reach out to <a href="Champion Name">Champion Name</a> at <a href="Contact Details">Contact Details</a>>.

Thank you,

< Your name here>

Once downloaded, open the **How- To Guide** and scroll down to find message templates and inctructions, like this message template

To use the template, select the text and press 'Copy', then 'Paste' it in to your message field to personalise before sending

#### **Toolkit 2 – Togetherness**

Every person can make a difference, and together we can do more. This toolkit has been designed to help you encourage and bring people together for someone you care about.

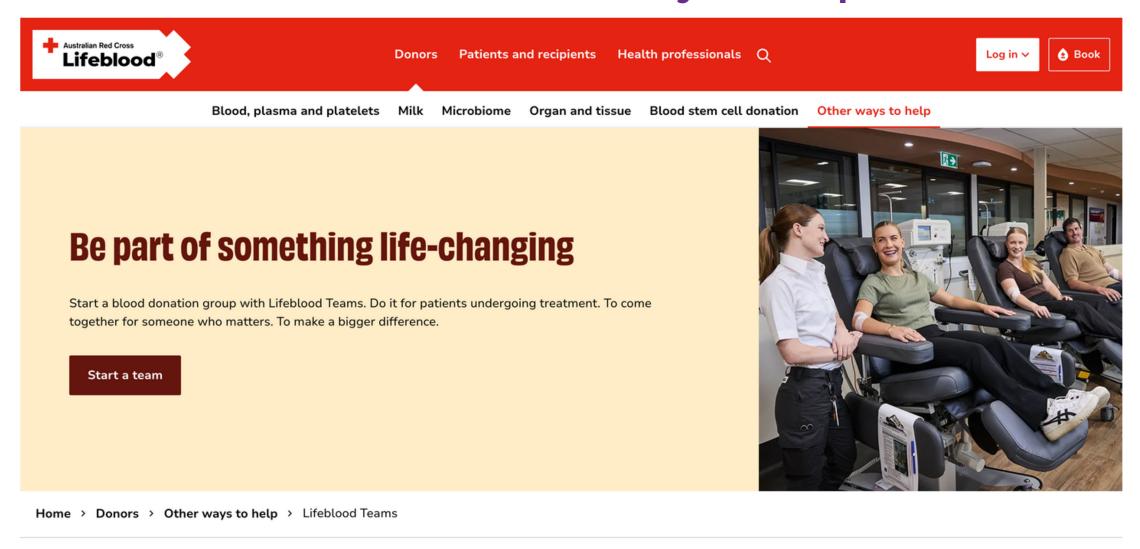
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**'Download'** to download these resources to your device.

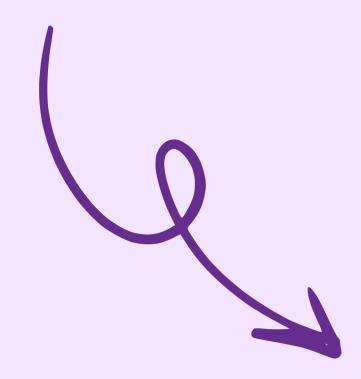


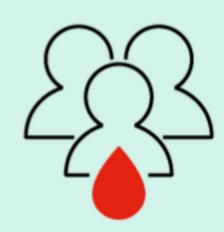
Once you've found someone who's keen to join your team, they can join by searching 'Lifeblood Teams' to get to this page: www.lifeblood.com.au/donors/other-ways-to-help/lifeblood-teams





Scroll down this page to 'Join an exisiting team' and click on 'Find a team'





#### Join an existing team

There are thousands of existing Lifeblood Teams – from workplaces to schools, sports clubs to community groups – there's one out there for you. To join an existing team, just log in to your Lifeblood account and search for a team by their name.

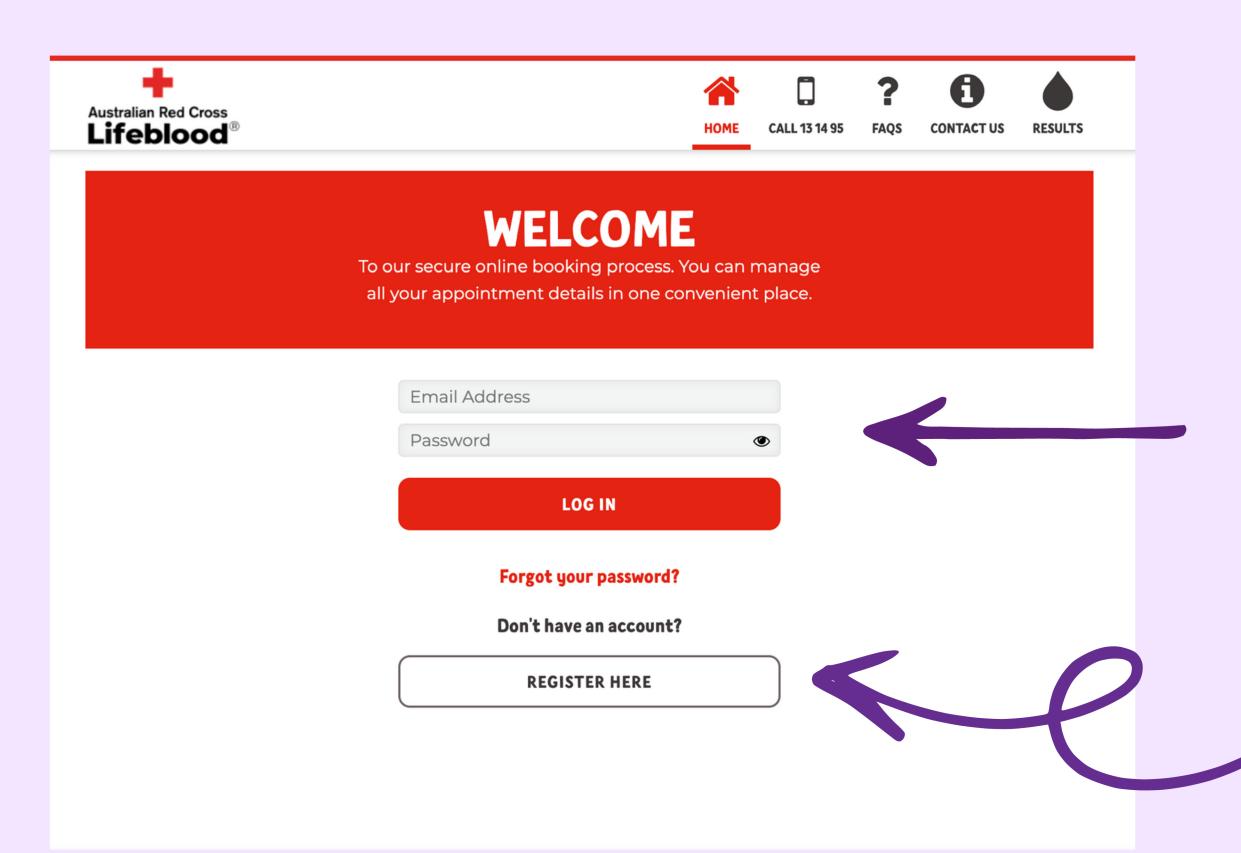
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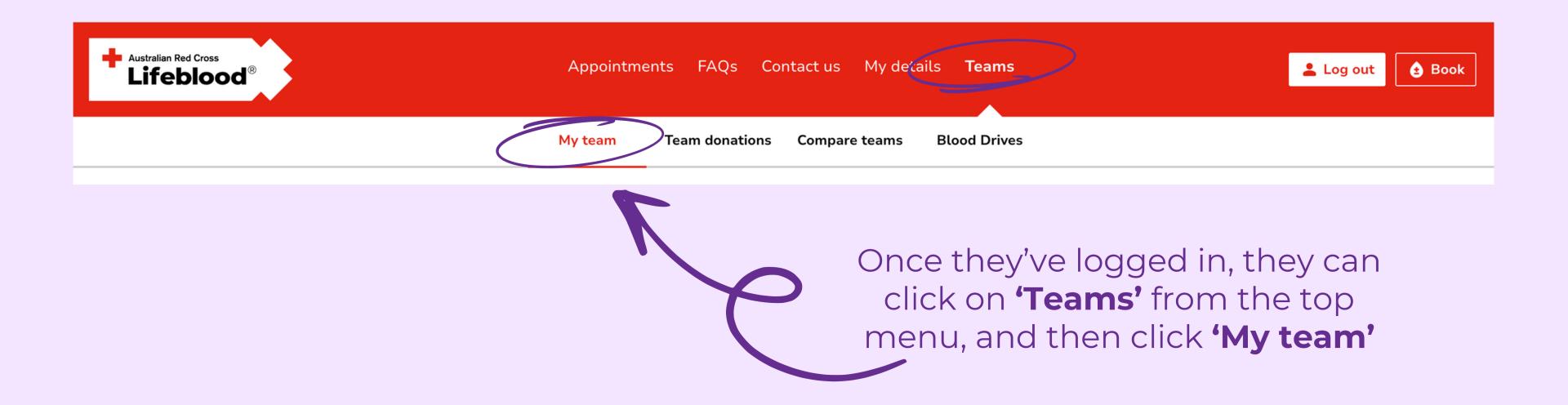
For blood recipients. For friends and family who've seen the life-saving impact of blood. For all the times you wished you could thank the person behind the donation – start a team for someone who matters. Learn more and download our toolkit to spread the word.

Start here →



If they have a Lifeblood account they can log in here

If they don't have an account, they can click 'Register here' to create one



Click on the white box under 'Team Name' and type in the team name

Your Team	
Team Name:	
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As they're typing, a drop-down menu will appear with team names that match. Select your team and click **'Submit'** to join the team!



## YOUR FIRST DONATION

To donate as a group, the Team Champion of your team makes a group booking through the Lifeblood website.







The **Team Champion** is the person responsible for organising team donations bringing everyone together.

If you started the team you will automatically be the Team Champion, but someone else can request to become the Team Champion under 'My Team' in the Lifeblood website if you'd prefer.

## YOUR FIRST DONATION

To donate as a group, the Team Champion makes a group plasma donation booking through the Lifeblood website, and lets everyone in the team know when they'll be donating together.









Team members can also donate plasma by themselves, with a recipient, or with a few other team members.

Each donation will count towards your team's tally no matter how you donate.



WHY DONATE PLASMA?

Plasma is the golden, liquid part of blood. It is made up of mostly water, as well as essential proteins (including antibodies), vitamins and other compounds.

Plasma can be used in 18 different ways, including immunoglobulin (Ig) treatment for people with immunodeficiencies.

Each month, more that 13,300
Australians need Ig treatment to treat various conditions and maintain their quality of life.



## ATTENDING A DONATION

On the day that your team member(s) are donating, you can attend the Lifeblood centre with them.

If you'd like, you can let the friendly staff at the centre know that you're a recipient and are there to support your teammates during their donation.

After the donors in the team have checked in and had their interview, you can relax and have a chat with them while they donate, or even take photos to celebrate!

You can also share your experience with receiving plasma products to emphasise the power of plasma donation.



## SHARING YOUR STORY

You don't have to share your story alone.

We understand that it might be hard to share your story, or you might like to have some support.

If you'd like, you can ask a supporter, friend, or family member to share their experience with supporting you, and the positive effects they've seen plasma products have on your life. This can take some of the pressure off you and provide another perspective for donors to understand the power of plasma.

You can also read our **conversations resource** for tips, ideas, and facts to chat about with donors.



## CONTINUING DONATIONS

Lots of regular donors give plasma as often as they can. This looks different for everyone, with some people donating every two weeks, once a month, or once every few months.



Because you have to wait at least two weeks between plasma donations, many donors find it helpful to have a consistent monthly donation routine.

Every donation counts, no matter how often you donate.

## STAYING CONNECTED

There are many different ways to stay in touch with your team and encourage everyone to continue donating. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Plan and book your next group donation at the end of each group donation session to help your team stay consistent.
- Start a group chat or email chain.
- Donate in pairs or smaller groups getting the whole group together can be tricky, but every donation still counts, so donate whenever you can!
- Schedule in a regular monthly donation as a whole group.
- Make donating an opportunity for a catch-up by going for a walk or lunch before.
- Set a team goal, for example reaching 50 donations by the end of the year.
- **Branch out** encourage donors to invite their friends or family to join the team or donate with them. It might just be the nudge and motivation they need to donate for the first time!

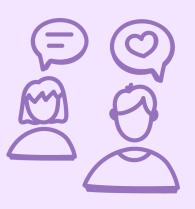


## KEEPING TRACK

You can track your team's donations on the Lifeblood website under 'Check team contribution' on the Teams webpage.

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## KEEPING TRACK



Let us know once you've formed your team.

We'll add it to our Plasma Awareness webpage to track the impact all the IDFA recipient teams have had together!





## CONGRATS! YOU'RE READY TO BUILD YOUR RECIPIENT TEAM





Click <u>here</u> to register your team with Lifeblood and get started today.



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IDFA is a national not-for-profit and leading peak body that offers education, advocacy and community for Australians living with a primary immunodeficiency or secondary immunodeficiency.

With the support of our medical advisory panel and through national and international relationships, IDFA is a respected organisation within the medical and patient community.

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