



Where there's a Will, there's a way
Create hope for a cancer free future

A simple guide to leaving a gift in your Will



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Dear Friend

Thank you for your interest in leaving a gift in your Will.

By leaving a bequest or a gift in your Will to Cancer Council Queensland, you will be investing in the effort to defeat cancer for future generations. With your gift, we will continue our dedicated work to find new and better ways of preventing and treating cancer.

*We will use your bequest to fund **cancer research**, to enable highly specialised projects that get us closer each day to finding the cure we need.*

*We will use your bequest to **care for cancer patients**, helping to ease their distress and providing support services that make their journey easier.*

*We will use your bequest to **make a difference** in the lives of those Queenslanders affected by this tragic disease.*

It doesn't matter how big or small your gift is. Every gift makes a difference as it leaves a legacy of hope for future generations.

I urge you to leave Cancer Council Queensland a gift in your Will to help the growing number of Queenslanders affected by cancer each year.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Dunn', with a small flourish at the end.

Prof Jeff Dunn

Chief Executive Officer
Cancer Council Queensland




Support and assistance when it's needed most

Len Laidlaw visits the Charles Wanstall Apex Lodge, providing peer support for cancer patients staying in Brisbane during treatment.



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Your gift will help thousands of Queensland families each year. Families like Joan's.

In 2000, Joan's three year old grandson, Edward, was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. Neuroblastoma, a cancer of the nerve cells, is one of the most common cancers diagnosed in infants in Australia.

Joan and her family did their best to comfort Edward during his exhausting treatment:

"After 8 treatments of chemotherapy, multiple radiation, unsuccessful surgery and a bone marrow replacement from one particularly harsh round of chemo, Edward went green from all the toxins in his small body. He was admitted to the isolation unit because he had no immune system left to fight other infections.

"He went into remission for five months. Then it all came back.

"They found a tumour the size of a grapefruit near his pelvis. That was it... they couldn't do anything else for him."



Joan and Elizabeth, Edward's sister

Edward passed away twenty months later, on April 29, 2002, just before his 6th birthday.

After her loss, Joan was inspired to make a difference, and became involved in our work:

“I sometimes wish I was a doctor or a scientist, so that I could find a cure. But I’m not. I do what I can. I think eventually there will be a cure for cancer. I have a reason to fight – for all of my family members who fought hard and had their lives cut short. I’m the one who can stand up and do something about it.”

Joan knows, like we do, that support from bequestors is critical. It underpins cancer research and allows us to deliver a range of cancer support services, from counselling and practical assistance, to accommodation for regional patients and their families.



Research: Creating hope for a cancer free future

Each year, we devote over \$20 million to cancer research and services that support Queenslanders affected by cancer.

With your support, we are creating hope for a cancer free future.

Today, our work reaches cancer patients across the state, and relies on support from our bequestors who, together with our volunteers, supporters, and friends, are essential to our work.

Over the years, we have grown to become the largest single funder of cancer-related research in the state. Our efforts have contributed to the establishment of an internationally accredited research community in Queensland, dedicated to pursuing world-wide cancer prevention strategies.

In turn, the Queensland research community have played a significant role in developing international efforts in finding a cure for cancer, such as the creation of the HPV vaccine by Cancer Council Australia's President, Professor Ian Frazer, to control cervical cancer through immunisation. This medical



Former Australian of the Year Professor Ian Frazer

breakthrough will prevent thousands of young women from developing cervical cancer. Professor Frazer understands how important bequests are to ensure long term funding for his research projects:

“Ongoing gifts to Cancer Council Queensland will ensure that cancer research projects can be undertaken at the greatest possible speed, using cutting edge technologies and with the certainty of ongoing funding.”

It is thanks to brilliant research like this that cancer survival rates have increased over the last 25 years and why we believe cancer can be beaten.

Our staff are located at offices in Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Bundaberg, Maroochydoore, Toowoomba, and Gold Coast, ensuring our work has an impact for all Queenslanders affected by cancer.

By leaving a gift in your Will you will be helping to support the work of our talented researchers like Professor Ian Frazer.



Our work

Each year more than 21,000 Queenslanders are diagnosed with cancer and sadly, more than 7,000 Queenslanders lose their lives to the disease.

There is great demand for our support services, a demand that is matched by our great determination to find a cure.

Reaching out to Queenslanders with cancer

Our aim is to ensure that Queenslanders don't have to face cancer alone. Our work relies on the funding so generously provided by our bequestors. You will enable us to continue our investments in research and support services over the long-term, to help address the increasing incidence of cancer in Queensland.

Every gift makes a difference, no matter how big or small

We appreciate any gift no matter how big or small. Every bequest helps bring us closer to finding a cure in the fight to defeat cancer.

Preventing cancer... saving lives

By leaving a gift in your Will you will be supporting our programs and services to help Queenslanders prevent cancer and detect cancer early.

Our important work includes:

- Developing and delivering lifesaving breast and cervical cancer programs for women, to ensure women have the knowledge and skills to take preventative action, and to support women with cancer through all stages of their cancer journey.
- Providing support to men and GPs in the area of prostate cancer and developing world-first support programs for men and their families, to improve quality of life during treatment and then beyond recovery.
- Community Speaker Programs, educating more than 18,000 Queenslanders about a broad range of cancer-related matters.
- Distribution of anti-tobacco education to primary and secondary schools, to discourage young Queenslanders from taking up smoking.
- Our SunSmart education programs, which engage schools and early childhood centres across the state, protecting young people from future risks of skin cancer.
- Educating health professionals about cancer care, to help improve their knowledge and enhance quality of care for cancer patients.



Caring for cancer patients with information and support

As a bequestor, your gift will be used to support a wide range of specialised programs to meet the needs of cancer patients and their families.

For most people, a diagnosis of cancer can be extremely distressing. Every year we receive more than 20,000 calls to the Cancer Council Helpline from cancer patients and their carers, friends and families, seeking information about cancer. We support all of these callers by responding to their concerns, and when appropriate, provide referrals to our unique Cancer Counselling Service.

Over the past three years, our Cancer Counselling Service has provided free telephone-based and face to face counselling for more than 600 Queenslanders distressed by cancer each year.

In addition to psychosocial support, we provide 1,500 families from across Queensland with financial assistance each year, and almost 800 regional families with access to low cost accommodation while undergoing cancer treatment in Brisbane, Townsville and Rockhampton.

We recently opened a new \$8 million Cancer Council Queensland Palliative Care Centre in Townsville, to provide state-of-the-art support for terminally ill Queenslanders.

With thanks to our bequestors, we will continue to look for new ways of providing special support when cancer patients need it.



Cancer Council Queensland Townsville Palliative Care Centre



Cancer Council's Helpline is available throughout Queensland



Three easy steps to leaving a gift in your Will


Leaving a gift in your Will is the biggest way you can help to reduce the impact of cancer in Queensland. The process is easy, and will make a world of difference to our vision for a cancer free future:

Step 1

If you do not have a Will, then the first thing you need to do is obtain independent legal advice on creating one. If you do not have a solicitor, simply contact the Public Trustee in your state or take advantage of our Free Will Service, details on page 12.

Step 2

If you do have a Will, then all you need to do is add a codicil – a short legal amendment to your existing Will. There are a number of ways to leave a bequest, however the easiest way is to leave a residual bequest.



A **residual bequest** is a gift of the remainder of your estate, or a percentage of the remainder of your estate, after your family, friends and beneficiaries have been taken care of. It is a wonderful way to ensure we receive the most help possible, while ensuring your loved ones are provided for in the manner you would wish.

Alternatively, you can leave a specific amount or item, such as a house, shares or land.

Other ways include leaving a percentage or specified amount of your entire estate (after all debts and expenses have been paid).

Leaving a specific amount can sometimes be more complicated, as inflation or other changes in your circumstances might require you in the future to recalculate the value of your estate and the amount you choose to bequeath.

Step 3

It is also possible to specify how your bequest is spent. Many of our supporters have been personally touched by cancer and sometimes wish their bequest to be invested in an area of personal interest.

Our work is vast and varied and we are often required to respond to changes in knowledge, practice or treatments. Therefore, the greater flexibility we have to invest your gift, the better our chances are of improving cancer control and reducing cancer incidence and mortality for future generations.



Suggested wording for leaving a bequest

“ I give and bequeath (here specify your gift i.e. % of the residue of my estate, or the whole of my estate) to Cancer Council Queensland, 553 Gregory Terrace, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, in the State of Queensland, to be applied for the general charitable purposes of Cancer Council Queensland and in respect of such legacy,

I declare as follows:

- *The receipt signed by a person authorised from Cancer Council Queensland shall constitute a full and sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees; and*
- *My executors and trustees shall not be obliged to see or enquire into the application of money or assets, the subject of such legacy.”*

Depending on the type of bequest, you may need to amend these words. You should discuss this with your solicitor.

Leaving a bequest is an important decision, one that requires careful consideration. While we cannot offer you legal advice, we would like to provide you with every reassurance that your bequest will be used wisely and effectively.



If you would like to receive a copy of our latest Annual Report or have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will, please email us at donorrelations@cancerqld.org.au or simply phone 1300 65 65 85.

Your gift will give us all hope for a cancer free future.

Free Will Service

Your Will has the power to save lives, and help us create a cancer free future

If you would like to leave a gift in your Will to Cancer Council Queensland, we can provide you with a referral to a qualified solicitor who can help you make a new Will or update the one you already have.

At no cost to you, the solicitor will provide you with:

- A basic Will drafted to your requirements.
- Professional advice on the various options for your Will.
- Peace of mind that your wishes will be fulfilled.

We pay a small fee to most of our Free Will Service solicitors for their services.

You can also use your own solicitor when leaving a bequest in your Will.



Become a Lifetime Partner



Our Lifetime Partners are special supporters who have left a bequest to Cancer Council Queensland in their Will. We are privileged to have Lifetime Partners across Queensland, whose generosity will help to continue our important work well into the future.

We recognise and honour our Lifetime Partners by providing up-to-date information about our research and service activities.

The future of our work in cancer research and support services would not be possible without the extraordinary generosity of people like you who use their Will to provide vital funding for Cancer Council Queensland's work.

Every gift no matter how big or small helps. Please consider leaving Cancer Council Queensland a gift in your Will today.

Why become a Lifetime Partner?

We all have a cancer story to tell, some with a happy ending, others without. Whatever your motivation, updating your Will is a simple process that could make a huge difference to many thousands of people.

Here are some words of encouragement from some of our Lifetime Partners. We tremendously value their support, and yours:

“My family is able to spend more time together we might not otherwise have had. I know cancer research works.”

Jasmin, Brisbane

“As a nurse I realise how valuable leaving a bequest is, allowing me to help provide the essential care people need when coping with a cancer diagnosis – bequests truly are gifts of hope.”

David, Mackay

“I’m still here today because of research that has been done in the past. We need to support more research to beat this horrific disease once and for all. Perhaps you too could leave a bequest.”

Tom, Mt Isa



Fay and David, Torquay

“We are so grateful to Cancer Council Queensland for their ongoing research.”

David’s treatment saved his life; treatment that came about through research such as that conducted by Cancer Council.

“The bequest we have made in our Will to Cancer Council Queensland makes us feel we are giving something back to this wonderful organisation.”



Thank you

for taking the time to consider Cancer Council Queensland in your Will. We are honoured and humbled by the generosity and kindness of our bequestors and do hope that you can make this important commitment by leaving a gift in your Will.

Prof Jeff Dunn
Chief Executive Officer



Dr Hayward

Dr Hayward's research aims to identify genes in melanoma development to help design a drug to treat the disease.

Need more help?

If you have any questions about leaving a bequest to Cancer Council Queensland, please contact our Donor Relations Team today.

Phone: 1300 65 65 85

Email: donorrelations@cancerqld.org.au

Website: www.cancerqld.org.au/bequests

Write to us:

Donor Relations Team
Cancer Council Queensland
PO Box 201
Spring Hill Qld 4004

Leave a gift in your Will today and help us create a cancer free future.

For information and cancer support contact Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20 (toll free) Monday to Friday.

Business number: ABN 48 321 126 727. Registration number: CH450



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