



**Your guide to leaving
a gift in your Will**

**Your beautiful gift
to the future**



**Cancer
Council**
Queensland

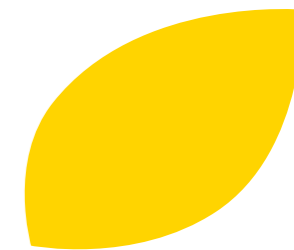


Rebecca Bell, who has kindly included a gift to Cancer Council Queensland in her Will.

*'I'm not a wealthy woman, but I want to leave what I can to **make life easier** for people who are going through cancer.'*

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Our promise to you

When you choose to include a gift in your Will to Cancer Council Queensland:

1. We understand that your family and the people you love will come first.
2. Your privacy and wishes will always be respected.
3. Your gift will be used carefully and cost-effectively.
4. You and your gift will always be treated with sensitivity and respect.
5. If you prefer to remain anonymous, your wishes will be respected. (But we'd love to know so that we can talk with you about any wishes you may have and acknowledge you for your generosity.)
6. We will thank you and remember you for your enduring support.



'When you include a gift in your Will to Cancer Council Queensland, you give a gift of hope to future generations.'

Andrew Donne
CEO,
Cancer Council
Queensland

Your gift of hope to future generations

Sadly, most of us have been affected by cancer in one way or another – either directly, or have had family, friends or colleagues diagnosed with the disease. If that has been your experience, as it has been mine, you will have a personal insight into the challenges and stress that cancer often brings to those around us and to the whole community.

Cancer Council Queensland is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people living with cancer. As a not-for-profit organisation, we rely on the generosity of the community to continue our lifesaving work, which is why I ask that you consider leaving a gift in your Will to Cancer Council Queensland. Your Will is the ultimate reflection of your values and makes a profound statement about your life. You will be leaving a legacy of hope for future generations.

Your vision and generosity will allow Cancer Council Queensland to continue with pioneering research, prevention and early detection activities, and provide the highest level of supportive care for all Queenslanders affected by cancer.

You will help us to continue our mission of reducing the burden of cancer and invest in lifesaving research to benefit future generations.

Thank you for considering making such an important gift for future generations.

A handwritten signature of Andrew Donne in black ink. The signature is stylized and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Andrew Donne
CEO
Cancer Council Queensland

Why include a gift in your Will?

More than a gift...

Alex's story

'She was my baby – my little girl. How could it be that she has cancer?'

Alex was only four years old when she was diagnosed with Wilm's tumour, a cancer of the kidney.

Alex showed no symptoms until her cancer had already grown and spread. By the time she was diagnosed, as her mum explained: 'Alex's kidney was the size of a football, she needed chemo straight away'.

'Without treatment,' she said, 'the doctor told us she would have six months – then we would lose her.' It was every parent's worst nightmare.

Chemotherapy was hard on Alex.

'She got really sick,' says her mum. 'She threw up everywhere; she had no control over her bowels, and had to go back into nappies at the age of four. She got ulcers in her mouth; I couldn't brush her teeth, because she would scream. After six weeks she had her kidney removed.'

Even now, after everything this family has been through, their nightmare is still not over. 'We don't know how badly she'll be affected by her treatment, because it can take up to 10 years for damage to show. And because she has a mass near her heart that can't be removed, she's still not cancer-free.'

'It would be wonderful to know that, if anything were to happen to Alex again, she has a better chance of survival.'

By leaving a gift in your Will you will help bring us closer to a world in which no child like Alex has to endure the terrible pain and suffering caused by cancer – and you'll save lives.

Alex's mother fervently hopes that new and improved treatments will be available for her daughter's cancer when she needs them.

Gifts in Wills provide support to families like Alex's.

You'll help save lives

Professor Ian Frazer's work on an HPV vaccine to prevent cervical cancer is an example of how your donations can contribute to worldwide breakthroughs.

In 2005, Professor Ian Frazer and his colleague announced they had created a vaccine to prevent the type of human papilloma virus (HPV) that causes cervical cancer.

It was the world's first cancer vaccine.

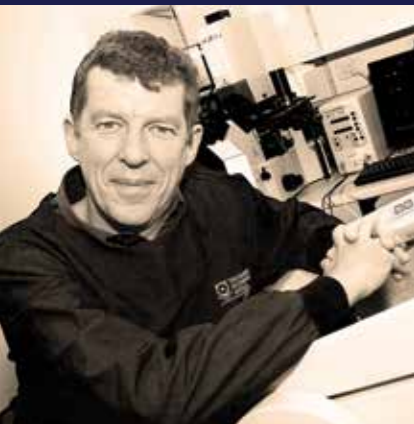
Since then, national vaccination of teenage girls and boys in Australia means that, with screening, in the future, cervical cancer will be largely eliminated in this country.

Funded in part by gifts to Cancer Council Queensland, this breakthrough promises to protect future generations from cervical cancer in Australia and around the world.

Gifts in Wills to Cancer Council Queensland will ensure that cancer research projects can be undertaken using cutting edge technologies and with the certainty of ongoing funding.

'We're here for Queenslanders when they need us most. We fund research into new and better detection and treatment options, we advocate for you, and we empower people to reduce their cancer risk.'

Joanne Aitken, General Manager, Research, Cancer Council Queensland



Professor Ian Frazer, University of Queensland, Australian of the Year 2006 and co-creator of the world's first cancer vaccine.

You'll help unlock cancer's secrets

Thanks to a discovery made by Queensland researchers, women with particular sub-types of breast cancer have been given fresh hope with a new, targeted treatment that could kill specific cancer cells.

In an exciting discovery, Professor Gregory Monteith from University of Queensland's School of Pharmacy and Mater Research Institute and his team have identified potential new drug targets for breast cancer that act by changing the level of calcium inside breast cancer cells to stop their growth.

The study, funded by Cancer Council Queensland, found that a particular cellular channel is found at a much higher level in some breast cancer cases, including those that do not respond to most targeted therapies.

But instead of switching off the protein to stop the breast cancer growing or metastasising, Professor Monteith found that if activated further it can cause the death of breast cancer cells.

This form of treatment may also complement other treatment options, and could represent a way to make current drugs more effective, giving new hope to people with breast cancer.



Professor Gregory Monteith from the University of Queensland has identified a type of 'kill switch' for certain types of breast cancer cells.





You'll give practical help to people with cancer

When a two kilogram lump on Carl's back was diagnosed as cancer, he and his wife Linda were able to stay at Cancer Council's Ellis Lodge for six weeks during his treatment in Brisbane.

When Linda was found to have a tumour on her bowel just three days after Carl finished his treatment they were able to get the support they needed to get by.

'If it wasn't for places like Cancer Council Queensland's Ellis Lodge in Brisbane, we might have had to just pull the pin to be honest,' says Carl.

By 'pull the pin', Carl means he might have had to refuse treatment.

Coming to terms with a cancer diagnosis is one thing. But to feel like you have no choice than to refuse treatment because of financial hardship is heartbreaking.

With your help, Cancer Council Queensland will be able to be there for people with cancer, when they need it the most.

No one should have to face cancer alone.

'If you or someone you know needs support, I encourage you to call 13 11 20. We're here to listen. We're here to help.'

Andrew Donne, CEO, Cancer Council Queensland

Thanks, in part, to research into cancer prevention, treatment and management, approximately 30,300 cancer deaths were avoided in Queensland between 1996 and 2018.

Five cancers – prostate, melanoma, breast, thyroid and testicular – now have five-year relative survival rates higher than 90 per cent in Queensland.

Thanks to kind supporters like you Cancer Council Queensland invested \$7.6 million into lifesaving research in 2021

By including a gift in your Will to Cancer Council Queensland you'll help bring us closer to a cancer free future.

More than a gift...

Gifts in Wills help fund the research that may save the lives of people you love.

'Knowing there were people out there who would help us when I got cancer and then when my wife Linda did too really eased the stress.'

Carl Rattray
Roma, Qld

Garth and Kay

‘Everyone is touched by cancer.’

Garth and Kay’s story

‘Every family has a cancer story.’

Garth and Kay Stephens decided they wanted to include gifts in their Wills to Cancer Council Queensland after Garth’s father died of cancer.

‘That’s when we decided, let’s put something in. We updated our Wills and decided to formalise the gift,’ said Kay.

‘Everyone is touched by cancer,’ Kay went on. ‘Every family has a cancer story.’

Garth chimed in. ‘Mum had cancer, Dad had cancer, Kay’s father had cancer and I’ve had cancer.’

Garth now acts as a peer support volunteer for people living with cancer and Kay has been behind five Australia’s Biggest Morning Teas to raise funds for cancer research and support.

‘I see Cancer Council Queensland really trying to get to people with cancer to help them live a good life, even if it’s terminal cancer. There are solutions around. And people don’t always know what’s available to them.’

When you include a gift to Cancer Council Queensland you make a lasting contribution to research, education and support services for cancer patients and their families when they need it most and well into the future.

‘The legacy I want to leave is **kindness.**’



Rebecca

Rebecca's story

‘I just want to help with the research and supporting cancer patients and their families. That takes money.’

Rebecca Bell has volunteered her time for many years with Cancer Council Queensland.

Now, she wants to do more and encourage others to do the same.

‘I’ve been a cancer carer and support person since I was seven years old... My own dad had prostate cancer with secondary cancers,’ says Rebecca Bell.

Rebecca is inspired by the way research has changed the face of treatment dramatically since she lost a good friend in high school more than 50 years ago.

‘It just gets me excited to know that other people who are 14, 15, now have much more hope of survival and a good life to look forward to because of cancer research.’

Most of all, she says, the legacy she wants to leave is kindness.

‘I’m not a wealthy woman, but I want to leave what I can.’

Rebecca

Penny

‘Hopefully one day we will have a cancer free world.’

Penny's story

Penny McLennan sees herself as one of the lucky ones.

‘Our immediate family,’ Penny says, ‘has never been touched by cancer’.

‘But,’ she adds, ‘so many friends have. I have certainly lost a few friends to cancer’.

Penny has been donating to Cancer Council for more than 15 years.

‘I’ve never had to rely on Cancer Council for anything,’ she says, ‘but I just think they’re a wonderful organisation that deserves a bit of help’.

That’s why Penny has decided to include a gift to Cancer Council Queensland in her Will.

As is right, family comes first and Penny says her daughter has no issue with her mother including Cancer Council Queensland in her Will.

‘It just makes me feel wonderful to know that some of my money is going to such a good cause. It’s that simple.’

Penny

Cancer Council Queensland funds more cancer research than any other independent community-based charity in Queensland.



Advancing towards a cancer free future

When people choose to come together to support cancer research, important advancements happen. We find better ways to treat cancer, detect it earlier, and improve the quality of life for those affected.

A gift in your Will is a generous gift to the next generation, ensuring they can have better access to lifesaving treatments and support services. It's a wonderful thing to be remembered for.

What you help do

In 2021 Cancer Council Queensland donors helped to:

- Fund **6** research grants 
- Invest **\$7.6 million** in lifesaving research 
- Provide support to over **6992** people impacted by cancer



Women living in more remote or disadvantaged areas continue to be more likely to be diagnosed with advanced breast cancer.

Research is showing that sun safety campaigns are reducing melanoma among younger Queenslanders.




A study looking into the disparity of survival outcomes between First Nations peoples and other Australians is helping inform the Queensland government's draft Queensland Cancer Strategy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

In the 1980s, the five-year survival rate for cancer in Queensland was 53%.

Now it's 72%.



\$7.9 million spent on support services to help cancer patients and their families and carers across Queensland, including accommodation for more than **3121 patients and carers** in six lodges across the state.



More than **60,000** people have used our Cancer Risk Calculator to find out how they can reduce their cancer risk.



6992 contacts were made with Cancer Council 13 11 20 for information and support.

This service offers cancer patients, carers, families and the community the support of speaking to a specialist cancer professional, to find out more about cancer and available support services.

Over **195,000** kilometres were travelled to help cancer patients and their carers staying at our accommodation lodges get to their treatment and medical appointments.




The Cancer Council Pro Bono Legal and Financial Service received **395** referrals from across Queensland. 

1967 wigs and turbans were provided free to Queenslanders who experienced hair loss as a result of their cancer treatment.

Our Shade Grant Initiative, run in partnership with Queensland Health, distributed **\$275,000** to 21 eligible not-for-profit organisations catering to children 0-18 years. 

Your questions answered

Q Do I have to be wealthy?

Anyone can leave a gift of any amount in their Will. You don't have to be wealthy. Of course, you should consider your family and loved ones first.

Every donation helps with research, preventing cancer and supporting cancer patients and their families.

Q What types of gifts can you leave in your Will?

There are several different ways to leave a gift in your Will.

A residual gift – A residual bequest is a simple way to leave a gift that needn't interfere with any other specific bequests left to loved ones. This type of bequest retains its value over time. By leaving a residual gift to Cancer Council Queensland you are instructing your Executor that, once your debts are paid and specific gifts are distributed to loved ones named in your Will, the remainder (or a proportion of the remainder) of your estate will be gifted to Cancer Council Queensland.

A fixed specific gift – A gift in the form of other property such as real estate, shares, vehicles or items of jewellery.

Whole or part of your estate – You can leave your entire estate or any part of your estate to Cancer Council Queensland.

A fixed sum of money – Also known as a pecuniary bequest, in the form of a specific cash amount. Your solicitor can advise you of ways to ensure the gift retains its relative value (for example, by increasing the amount by reference to CPI).



The remainder of your estate



A fixed asset, such as shares or motor vehicle



A percentage of your estate



A fixed cash amount

Types of gifts you can leave in your Will

Q Why would I allocate my gift to ‘general purposes’ rather than something specific like research?

Most of our supporters choose to include a gift for ‘general purposes’.

The work of Cancer Council Queensland is vast and varied and changes over time as community needs change and new research breakthroughs occur.

Therefore, the more flexibility we have to direct your gifts in the best way possible, the better equipped we are to create a cancer free future.

Some people do choose to direct their gift to a particular type of cancer or other area of personal interest, perhaps because of their own experience with cancer or in tribute to a loved one lost to cancer. These gifts are more than welcomed, and we would be delighted to honour your wishes.

If you do have a specific purpose in mind, please feel free to call our friendly team on [1300 66 39 36](tel:1300663936) or email giftsinwills@cancerqld.org.au for a confidential chat.

Q Do I need a solicitor?

If you’re thinking of making or changing your Will, you’re making an important decision about your values and priorities. We strongly suggest you talk to a solicitor to help you draft a Will.

Some people draft their own Wills using kits online or bought from a newsagency or post office. However, there are certain legal requirements for a Will to be valid and using a solicitor will make sure you get it right.

Solicitors charge different amounts to draft Wills. Shop around to make sure you get the best deal. Cancer Council Queensland also provides its supporters with a Free Will Service for those who include a gift in their Will. Please call our team for details of our solicitor partners in your area.

Q Is there a simple way to change my existing Will?

If you already have a Will, the most cost-effective way to include a gift to Cancer Council Queensland is by adding a codicil – a short legal amendment to your Will.

Check with your solicitor if a codicil is appropriate for the updates you wish to make. Adding a codicil could be done via a simple email exchange with your solicitor and then popping into their office to sign the amendment.

Q Who can I talk to at Cancer Council Queensland?

If you have a specific question or you would like to know more about gifts in Wills or other aspects of Cancer Council Queensland’s work, please call our friendly team on [1300 66 39 36](tel:1300663936) or email giftsinwills@cancerqld.org.au

Free Will Service.
Supporters including a gift in their Will to Cancer Council Queensland are eligible to use our Free Will Service. Call 1300 66 39 36.

When you see your solicitor about making or amending your Will, you might find it useful to give them this information.

Information for solicitors

Information for the solicitors of people who wish to include a gift in their Will to Cancer Council Queensland.

Cancer Council Queensland believes that family comes first. We would encourage you to recommend that your client discuss their intentions with their family members.

Please encourage your client to contact us so we can acknowledge their gift by inviting them to join as a Lifetime Partner (see page 26).

Please also pass on Cancer Council Queensland's sincere thanks for choosing to support our work in this way. Gifts in Wills are a significant source of funding for the work of Cancer Council Queensland and we are incredibly grateful for each and every gift.

Suggested wording to include a gift in your Will to Cancer Council Queensland (ABN 48 321 126 727) is as follows. Please select the wording that best reflects the kind of gift your client wishes to give.

Residual gift

'I give, devise and bequeath... (insert either 'all of my residuary Estate' or 'the fraction or percentage of your residuary Estate that you would like to give') to Cancer Council Queensland presently of 553 Gregory Terrace Fortitude Valley, Queensland to be applied for... (insert either 'its general charitable purposes' or the specific purpose that you would like the gift to be used for).'

Specific or monetary gift

'I give and bequeath... (insert particulars of the specific item being given or the sum of money being given) to Cancer Council Queensland presently of 553 Gregory Terrace Fortitude Valley, Queensland to be applied for... (insert either 'its general charitable purposes' or the specific purpose that you would like the gift to be used for).'

Declaration

Irrespective of whether you make a specific or monetary gift or a residuary gift, after you make the gift in your Will, you should also include in your Will the following declaration – 'In relation to that gift, I declare that a general charitable intent applies, a receipt signed by a person authorised by Cancer Council Queensland shall constitute a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors and my Executors are not obliged to see or enquire into the application of the subject matter of the gift made by me'.

Thank you

You'll be welcomed into the **Lifetime Partner Program**

If you choose to join others who have decided to leave a gift in their Will to Cancer Council Queensland, you will be welcomed into the Lifetime Partner Program.

Lifetime Partners receive:

- Exclusive invitations to talks and seminars with some of the country's leading experts on cancer.
- Information on how gifts like yours make a difference.
- Regular updates on the progress being made in the pursuit of a cancer free future.
- Direct access to our friendly Gifts in Wills team to answer your questions along the way.

Whether you choose to receive this information or attend these events or not is entirely up to you.

Whatever you choose, your wishes will be respected.

A special group



Tony Groom, who has generously included a gift in his Will to Cancer Council Queensland.

'It was my wife's cancer that motivated me to leave a gift in my Will...I just wanted to give back what I have been given.'

**'Your kindness and generosity makes our work possible.
Every piece of research increases our knowledge and each new
discovery brings us closer to improved treatments for cancer.
This research could not happen without you. Thank you.'**

**Together we will
save lives.'**

**Professor
Joanne Aitken**
BSc(Hons) MSc PhD

General Manager, Research
Cancer Council Queensland



For cancer information and support, call **13 11 20**

Scan to contact our Gifts in Wills team

