Gift in Will guide.



More than half of Australia's adult population are yet to write a Will-even though it is the only way to safeguard their wishes

A **Last Will & Testament** is a legally binding document guaranteeing your requests regarding your estate (property and assets), children and even pets are carried out after you have passed away. Making a Will is probably the most important document in your life, but it's staggering to learn 52% of us have not yet done so.

Without a Will, the law will dictate how your estate is distributed and can result in important people or wishes being left out.

After you have considered writing your Will and looking after your family and friends—one of the most powerful things you can do is leave a Gift in Will to Mater. A Gift in Will to Mater enables you to leave a lasting legacy to benefit something far bigger than you.

It's your life's work, and so much more. Writing a Will empowers you to reflect upon your achievements and values, consider your legacy and choose what you'd like to pass on to the next generation.

Key reasons why you should make your Will a priority:

- A Will reflects who and what is important to you-loved ones, family, friends, pets, causes and charities.
- It is the only way to ensure your possessions and assets go to the people and causes you care about most.
- Having a Will also enables you to make important decisions such as appointing guardians of your children and choosing your executors and trustees. You could also make your wishes for your funeral known.
- Making a Will presents an opportunity to discuss and review your legal and financial affairs with qualified professionals.
- A Will can help avoid a costly, lengthy and stressful legal process for loved ones. Settling an estate without a Will can be complicated and drawn out.

