

Gift in Will *guide.*



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We are confident that if our little boy was born anywhere else, he wouldn't have survived. Stirling is a beautiful example of when research and expert healthcare work today. That's why we decided to add Mater to our Will”

Moreton family

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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.

Three simple steps to write your will

How would you like to be remembered?



Consider who you'd like to include in your Will.

This may include loved ones, family, friends, pets and charities you would like to support.



Write your Will online today or through a solicitor.

To underpin our commitment to excellence, Mater has partnered with [SafeWill](#) to deliver an easy, accessible and affordable online Will service with an option to leave a Gift in Will to Mater Foundation.

You can also write your Will by engaging a solicitor or contacting [QLD Law Society](#) or [NSW law society](#) for general advice.



Choose a Gift in Will.

You have a number of available options should you opt to include a Gift in Will to Mater Foundation.

- **A residuary gift directs** the balance of your estate to your chosen beneficiaries.
- **A percentage of your estate** specifies the share that each of your beneficiaries receive.
- **A pecuniary gift** is a stated sum of money.

Let us help you. We invite you to contact Brett Lucas or Joan Stockman for a confidential discussion about your Will. Please call 07 3163 8000 or email bequests@mater.org.au

How to leave a *Gift in Will*

You would trust Mater with your life.
You can trust Mater with your legacy.

What does your Will need to say?

To keep things simple, we've provided some helpful wording that you can share with your solicitor so you can include a Gift in Will to Mater:

“ I give and bequeath to Mater Foundation Limited as Trustee for Mater Foundation, 14 Stratton Street, Newstead QLD 4006 ABN 96 723 184 640

(# Insert type of gift here
_____)

(** For the use of
_____)

I declare that the receipt of the Secretary or other appropriate Officer of the said company shall be full and sufficient discharge to my trustees who will not be obliged to see the use of such funds. ”

Insert type of gift. Options include: "the residue of my estate", "a percentage of my estate", a specific sum of money, or specific items.

***Specify a cause/area within Mater Hospital, or write "Foundation" if you wish Mater Foundation to designate funds to the area of greatest need.*

Mater Foundation Limited
ABN 96 723 184 640

**For a confidential discussion,
please complete our online
form or call Brett Lucas or
Joan Stockman on 07 3163 8000.**

Already have a Will?

If you already have a Will and would now like to include a Gift in Will to Mater, simply contact your solicitor to add a "codicil" to your Will, which is an amendment to your existing Will.

Letting us know

If you decide to leave a Gift in Will to Mater, you are under no obligation to share this information with us. However, we would find it helpful to know your wishes as it gives us the opportunity to welcome you as a 'Mater Guardian', personally thank you, and better plan for the future. Any information you share with us will be kept strictly confidential and used respectfully and appropriately.

Our promise to you

Since 1906, Mater has delivered services for our community grounded in the values of compassion, dignity for all, and quality. It continues to innovate and lead with world-class healthcare, research and education initiatives to benefit mothers and babies, cancer research and care, young adults, neurosciences, chronic health conditions and vulnerable communities.

You can rest assured your generosity will translate to tangible benefits and outcomes, enhancing Mater's vision to empower people to live better lives through improved health and wellbeing.