



**Your gift to those who  
gave the greatest sacrifice**



This is your opportunity to **make a lasting tribute** to the heroic men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. A gift in your Will ensures that our veterans' families are taken care of and their **sacrifices are never forgotten.**



## Who will you support?

By leaving a gift in your Will to Legacy, you can **provide a lifeline** to the loved ones of our Australian military personnel for years to come.

### CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

In addition to supporting widows, Gold Coast Legacy cares for children and families across the Gold Coast. We provide a range of support to help families stay connected, supported, and able to move forward with confidence.

- ✔ Financial assistance for accommodation, domestic assistance and childcare.
- ✔ Grants, scholarships, mentorship programs, adventure activities and holiday camps.



### AGEING & VULNERABLE WIDOW/ERS

Gold Coast Legacy ensures that widow/ers are not disadvantaged by their partner's service. Our support includes:

- ✔ Grants and allowances.
- ✔ Help with heating or cooling the home, medical emergency alarm systems and access to community transport.

### BENEFICIARIES WITH DISABILITIES

When a young child or adult with a disability is dependant on a veteran, Gold Coast Legacy will be there to assist them through their lives. We provide:

- ✔ Social activities with a focus on personal growth and development.
- ✔ Employment and education opportunities mobility aids and lifestyle options.



# How to leave a gift in your Will

No matter how big or small, a gift in your Will is a simple yet powerful way to **make an impact** on the lives of those we serve.

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## SPEAK TO YOUR LOVED ONES

Writing or updating a Will is a personal decision. If you are planning to leave a gift to Legacy, consider letting your family know.

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## DECIDE YOUR GIFT

There are three main ways to leave a gift in your Will to Legacy.

### ▶ Residual

You can make a gift of the remainder, or a percentage of the remainder, of your estate once your loved ones have been looked after.

### ▶ Specific

You can make a specific bequest by stating the dollar amount in your Will to leave to Legacy.

### ▶ Asset

You can leave us a gift of a specific asset, for example real estate, shares or bonds or an item of particular value.

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## SPEAK TO A SOLICITOR

A professional solicitor can assist you in making your Will or adding a codicil – a short legal amendment – to your existing Will.

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## CONSIDER LETTING US KNOW

While we understand updating your Will is a private matter, we'd love the opportunity to thank you for your generous decision.



Your Will is an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy

## Giving to the future

If you choose to leave a gift in your Will to Gold Coast Legacy, we invite you to let us know. This allows us to thank you for your generosity and keep you connected with our community.

Those who leave a gift are recognised for their thoughtful support in helping ensure veterans' families continue to receive care, connection and advocacy into the future.

There are no other requirements except naming Gold Coast Legacy as a beneficiary in your Will.



Social outings



Legacy camps



Financial assistance



Educational grants  
& scholarships



Childcare support



Emergency  
accommodation

Today, the partners and children of those fallen or injured in service to their country are facing social and financial distress. Your gift plays a vital role in supporting numerous individuals throughout the Gold Coast.



## FAQs

### **Is having a Will important?**

Dying intestate is what it means to die without a Will. Each state has laws that will determine how your assets will be distributed which could cause some of your loved ones and the causes you may care about from being excluded or left out. An up-to-date Will is the only way to ensure that your wishes will be carried out as you wanted after you pass away. You must be over 18 in Australia to make a legal binding Will.

### **What type of gift is best to leave Gold Coast Legacy?**

A percentage/residual gift from your estate is what is left after you have taken care of your loved ones. You can use this type of gift to support your friends and loved ones and causes that you care about. Residual gifts are the simplest and most practical way of leaving a gift in your Will. Other types of gifts, such as specific items or pecuniary gifts, can devalue over time. The value of a residual gift may not be known as it is a percentage of your entire estate. This type of gift keeps up with inflation so your gift to the charity is maximised.

### **I already have a Will. Do I need to make a new one?**

If you already have a Will you might need to update it from time to time as circumstances can change. Your Will should reflect your current wishes. If you are not sure, you should ask a solicitor if the changes you wish to make on your current Will can be done with a codicil (a short legal amendment to your Will) or if you need to make a new one.

### **Can I specify where my gift goes?**

Yes, you can specify where you want your gift to go. It is worth remembering that gifts in Wills are usually not realised for many years. If your gift is left for general purposes, then it can be applied to the area in most need and can make the most impact. If you do want to specify, please call us before you make your Will, and we can ensure that your wishes are carried out.

### **What if I need to look after my loved ones?**

In your Will, your priority should be your loved ones. We would be grateful at Legacy for any gift that you may leave us. We recommend that you talk to your loved ones about your Will, so they understand why you are leaving a gift to a charity. This communication will ensure that your final wishes are carried out as you intended.

### **Can I leave my house, other property, or shares?**

Yes. To ensure we can accept your gift, please talk to us before you make your Will as it enables us to make sure your wishes can be carried out. We need to be able to convert property and shares into cash to fund our programs.

### **Do I need to tell you about leaving a gift to Legacy in my Will?**

You don't have to, but we would love to know so we can thank you for your generosity and keep you updated on our programs throughout Legacy. We respect your privacy and will keep your information confidential.

## Preparing your Will

We strongly recommend that you consult a legal professional when you create or update your Will.

Recommended wording to leave Gold Coast Legacy a gift in your Will:

'I give to Gold Coast Legacy Club Ltd (ABN 88 253 316 088) of 188 Sunshine Blvd, Mermaid Waters QLD 4218 (the residue of my estate OR \_\_\_\_\_ % of the residue of my estate OR the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_) free of all duties and testamentary expenses to be used for its general purposes. I direct that a receipt from Gold Coast Legacy Club Ltd shall be a sufficient discharge to the executor of my Will.'

### NEED ASSISTANCE?

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## **Get in touch today**

Our community of supporters play an important role in ensuring that the partners and children of veterans who gave their lives or health in recognised military service can fully realise their potential.

If you have a passion for supporting our veterans and their families, we encourage you to join us in our mission.

**Together we can give back to the families of those who have given so much to our country.**



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