



**QUEENSLAND EYE INSTITUTE
FOUNDATION**

Funding the Queensland Eye Institute through Viertel's Vision

MAKING A BEQUEST

Vision loss robs people of
their independence, mobility
and quality of life.

Together we can work to
eliminate all preventable blindness
from our community.

Your gift can change so many lives...

A gift for the future...

Dear Friend,

In our lifetime, each of us has been touched by eye problems, be they trivial or serious, through the experiences of family, friends or even ourselves.

For many Australians, eye disease or blindness has a devastating effect on their everyday lives. They can lose their independence and be denied the enjoyment of the simple things that the rest of us take for granted.

Research into the diagnosis and treatment of diseases which can lead to blindness, such as Macular Degeneration and Glaucoma, amongst others, is imperative.

Making a bequest to the Queensland Eye Institute Foundation will ensure that such vital research will continue.

Your legacy will go towards improving the lives of countless people: those affected by eye disease and their families.

Since 1965 the Prevent Blindness Foundation (renamed the Queensland Eye Institute Foundation in 2013), has relied on the generosity of our donors. Even today, our ability to continue or begin work on new and crucial research programs to prevent blindness depends on people just like you.

The QEI Foundation, through its unique triad of research, education and clinical work at the Queensland Eye Institute, is committed to funding and developing world class research that will ultimately prevent blindness. Our team of doctors, scientists and researchers work tirelessly in pursuit of answers to the challenges of eye disease.

With the opening of Queensland Eye Institute's new premises in 2014, we are providing better facilities for not only our researchers and clinicians, but also improved clinical care for our patients.

Right now the support of people like you, through bequests and donations, is absolutely crucial to our success in taking another step towards our goal of preventing blindness.

Your gift to the Queensland Eye Institute Foundation will make an incredible difference to the lives of many people as we continue to provide life changing and even life saving treatment.

I am sincerely grateful for your support and thank you for considering a gift that will continue to benefit so many in the future.

Kindest Regards,



Professor Mark Radford
Executive Director & CEO

Making your wishes about your gift clear

Have you made a will?

[If you have made a will, is it up to date?](#)

A will is an important document that states, in writing, the way in which you would like your assets distributed amongst your loved ones after your passing. In Australia, if you pass on 'intestate' or without a will your assets will be distributed according to the laws of the State, rather than to your own personal wishes.

By making a will, you can be assured that your estate will provide for those dearest to you as well as any causes you wish to leave a gift to.

After looking after those close to you, you may decide to leave a bequest to a charity or number of charities. If so, we'd be very grateful if you would consider the Queensland Eye Institute Foundation.

The Queensland Eye Institute Foundation enjoys deductible gift recipient status which can potentially provide additional tax exemptions, however you should seek appropriate legal and financial advice when creating or making any decisions in regard to your will or making a bequest.

What is a bequest?

A bequest is a special gift and can also be made anonymously if you wish. It is an instruction made in your will that outlines your wishes for part of your estate to be reserved for a certain beneficiary.

Leaving a gift or bequest in your will is easy...

If you don't already have a will and wish to create one, you should seek legal advice. Should you not have a solicitor, you may also contact the Public Trustee in your State.

If you have an existing will and wish to leave a bequest, all you need to do is add a codicil, which is a brief legal amendment to your existing will.

How to make a bequest

Before meeting with your solicitor or other appropriate advisor, it is a good idea to consider what you may leave behind and what you should include as part of your overall estate to be covered in your will. Such things may include your home or other property, savings, cash, insurance policies and death benefits, stocks or shares, superannuation, pension benefits, vehicles, furniture or other items as well as any liabilities.

A residual bequest is a gift of the remainder or a percentage of your estate after those close to you have been taken care of. It is a straight forward way of ensuring that your family, friends or other parties are taken care of while ensuring your other wishes in regard to other beneficiaries of your estate are made clear.

How to word your Bequest in your will

Once you have considered your estate and decided on your beneficiaries it is important to choose the right words.

To include Queensland Eye Institute Foundation (and subject to legal advice) below is some suggested wording. This example clause includes options of either specific or monetary gift of share or all of residuary estate:

I GIVE (here: describe the gift or share of the estate. Some examples are given: [a specifically described asset] or [the sum of \$] or [a particular percentage or share of my estate or of my residuary estate] or [the residue of my estate or all of my estate]) to QUEENSLAND EYE INSTITUTE FOUNDATION CAN 009 737 384 (the Foundation) of 140 Melbourne Street, South Brisbane, to be applied for the Foundation's general charitable purposes [and here if desired: insert the specific purpose that you would like the gift to be used for, or preferably, express as a wish, the purpose to which the Foundation might use the gift. You may wish to discuss the proposed use with the Foundation before making your will].

In relation to this gift I DECLARE that a general charitable intention shall apply and that the receipt of the [Executive Director/secretary/treasurer] or other officer duly authorised by the Foundation in that behalf shall constitute a full and sufficient discharge to my executor who shall not be obliged to seek or enquire into the application of the subject matter of this gift.

[Note: the words in italics above are for your consideration when making the gift]

Once your Will has been drawn up, remember to keep it in a safe place and tell your family/friends and/or executors where to find it.

This booklet is not intended to provide legal advice.

We recommend you seek such advice from a registered solicitor.

Am I able to specify a particular disease for which I want to help find a cure?

Of course, it is common for our donors to ask that their bequest is directed to an area from which they have directly benefited.

Can my family be informed of the result of my legacy?

We actively encourage our donors and their families to join us for a tour of our facilities. In our experience many families enjoy seeing how the legacy of their loved one is being fulfilled. We take enormous pride in showing families the results of their support and our aims for the future.

Can my bequest remain anonymous?

Yes. We are very respectful of our donors' wishes and mindful that whilst wanting to make a bequest, some of our donors prefer that their gift remains anonymous.

Who do I contact at the Queensland Eye Institute Foundation for more information?

If you would like more information about the work of the Queensland Eye Institute or have any questions about leaving a bequest, gift or making a donation please contact our Community Liaison Officer or Executive Director on **07 3239 5050**.

Thank you for supporting the sight saving work of the Queensland Eye Institute.

Your legacy will make a very real difference.



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