



The Bancroft  
Society

Creating a  
legacy for future  
generations



A MESSAGE FROM QIMR BERGHOFER'S DIRECTOR

## You have the power to create the future of health

Your Will reflects who you are, what you value and the contribution you'd like to make to the world – and how you will be remembered when you are gone.

By choosing to support medical research through a gift in your Will, you will make a real difference not only for your loved ones, but for all the world's people for generations to come.

The impact you will have will be truly inspiring.

Your extraordinary kindness will continue to change – and save – lives for generations to come. You will be part of the medical breakthroughs that diagnose illnesses earlier, treat them more effectively, or prevent them from happening in the first place. You will keep more families together and spare countless people from pain and suffering.

By working together we can create the future of health.

Yours sincerely

**Professor Fabienne Mackay**  
Director and Chief Executive Officer



## A gift in your Will can help change the future of health

Imagine a future where diseases like COVID-19, cancer and dementia simply did not happen. Or when they did, they could be treated effectively, so that no one suffers or dies an untimely death.

This is the future researchers at the world-leading QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute imagine for themselves, their families and others across the world.

By supporting the work of QIMR Berghofer in your Will, you will be saving the lives and improving the health of Australians and keeping families together.

Every gift to QIMR Berghofer, no matter how large or small, plays a vital role in funding crucial research. The reality is that most gifts in Wills left to QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute are left by thoughtful Australians – people like you that share our vision and want to make a positive difference to the world after they're gone.





'For the last 14 years, I have spent countless long days and nights in the laboratory researching brain cancer, and, in particular, the most common children's brain cancer, medulloblastoma. I have also spoken to parents who have lost children to this aggressive and devastating tumour. The only comfort I can give them is to promise I am doing everything possible to find answers and to stop other families going through the same loss.

My team and I are working tirelessly to get a new treatment for childhood brain cancer into clinical trial, but it takes time and money.

A gift in your Will has the power to help us achieve more research breakthroughs. Thank you for considering supporting QIMR Berghofer in this visionary way.'



**Professor Bryan Day**  
Head, Sid Faithfull Brain Cancer Laboratory



'After we lost our son, we wondered who we would give the money to when we die, one day.

Over the years, we found out about legacy donations. We agreed it would be better to leave a donation to a cause that is close to our heart. We hope medical researchers find a cure one day, and that they can help save someone else's life.'

**Richard and Carole Szekely**



*James Szekely,  
son of Richard and Carole*



'Your gift can help us build a healthier and brighter future. Thank you for considering supporting the work we do in this profound way.'  
QIMR Berghofer Scientists



## You will make a profound difference to the future of health.

**Our Mission:** Better health through medical research.

**Our Vision:** To be a world renowned medical research institution that translates discoveries into clinical practice.

Gifts left in Wills to QIMR Berghofer will continue to have an impact for years to come by making a difference to the future health of Australians and people around the world.

Your investment will create a healthier future to enable:

- Continued progress of clinical trials
- Training and educating of students through PhD scholarships
- Continued support for laboratories working tirelessly across Cancer, Infectious Diseases, Mental Health and Chronic Disorders
- Launching of new projects that may otherwise have not been able to commence
- Like-minded people to leave a lasting legacy by including a gift in Will to QIMR Berghofer





### You will join a special group of people

Leaving a gift in your Will to QIMR Berghofer is a wonderful act of compassion. We believe it's important to honour and celebrate this exceptional gift. If you choose to leave a Gift in your Will, you will be provided with the opportunity to join a special group of people - The Bancroft Society. This is our way of thanking you. This prestigious society is named after the Bancroft family, who pioneered medical research in Queensland from the 1860s and laid the foundations for QIMR Berghofer.

As an honoured member you will receive invitations to exclusive events, access to our scientists and facilities and you'll be an important part of our Institute now and into the future.

We will also acknowledge your generosity, with your permission, by including an inscription on our Wall of Appreciation at the time your estate is finalised. Any request to remain anonymous will be respected.

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### Our Promise

Making the decision to leave a gift in your Will to support vital medical research is one that we want you to feel content with. That is why we make the following promise to you:

- We will always respect your privacy. We recognise and appreciate that your Will is completely personal to you.
- We understand your family and loved ones will always come first and we respect that.
- We will never pressure you and recognise that it is your decision and you need to make it in your own time.
- 100% of your gift will go directly to support research. We will use it carefully and cost effectively so it has the greatest impact.
- We will give you and your loved ones the opportunity to connect to the work we do that is made possible by gifts like yours.
- We will thank you and remember you for your enduring support.





## How to leave a gift in your Will

We appreciate that this is a very personal matter and it is something that needs to be discussed with your family and a solicitor. If you do not yet have a Will, contact a solicitor about drawing one up. While some people draft their own Will using kits online or bought from a newsagency or post office, a solicitor will ensure all requirements are fulfilled in order for your Will to be valid.

Many people decide to remember someone special to them and thoughtfully pay tribute to a loved one through a final gift in their Will.

Make sure you talk to your family about your intentions. Family comes first and it's important your loved ones know about your desire to support QIMR Berghofer Medical Institute so they can fulfil your wishes.

You can leave a gift in your Will in a variety of ways. Discuss these options with your family and your solicitor to work out what works best for you.

- A Residual Gift: With this type of gift, QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute receives the balance of the estate after those specifically named in the Will have been provided for.
- A Percentage Gift: This can be any percentage of your total estate up to 100 percent. This type of gift enables you to share your estate among several people or organisations without specifying the property or amounts.
- A Pecuniary Gift: This is a gift of a fixed sum of money made to QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute.
- A Specific Gift: This type of gift enables you to leave a specific cash amount or other asset to QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute.

## Wording your Will

Once you've decided on the type of gift you'd like to make, ask your solicitor to draft a clause. We recommend using the following wording:

*I give and bequeath (specify the type of gift) to the Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research, 300 Herston Road Herston QLD 4006, ABN 31 411 813 344, to be applied for general charitable purposes, and in respect of such legacy, I declare as follows:*

- (a) A general charitable intent shall apply;*
- (b) The receipt of the Secretary for the time being shall constitute a full and sufficient discharge to executors and trustees;*
- (c) My executors and trustees shall not be obliged to see or to enquire into the application of money or assets, the subject of such legacy.*





## The Bancroft Society

Please do not hesitate to contact our Gifts in Wills team for a friendly and confidential chat.

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