



How your legacy can help
Queenslanders in need

Help the AMA Queensland Foundation deliver a brighter
future for disadvantaged Queenslanders

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Doctors throughout Queensland come face to face with patients dealing with pain, illness and suffering every day. However, due to constraints in the health system, they are sometimes unable to offer the services and care patients desperately need.

Thanks largely to the generosity of Queensland doctors and medical personnel, the AMA Queensland Foundation provides medical solutions to disadvantaged patients by delivering vital help, medical equipment, and services to Queenslanders in need.

But we can't do it alone. We need your help.

Items such as wheelchairs for children with muscular dystrophy, incubators and cytospin machines to support vital cancer research, medical equipment for towns affected by natural disasters, and vital signs monitoring equipment for regional hospitals are examples of how the Foundation has supported Queenslanders in need.

The Foundation, along with AMA Queensland members and medical practices are experiencing unprecedented demand. With an ageing population and increased health issues, we know demand for support will continue to grow well into the future.

The Foundation needs your support to provide vital medical help and assistance to people requiring care today and into the future.

A gift in your Will, also known as a bequest, will ensure we can help Queenslanders in need and potentially overcome the most challenging medical problems of tomorrow.

Leaving a bequest in your Will is one of the most powerful tools you have to make a perpetual impact on the lives of others.

Your bequest could save lives.

For many, their Will is a reflection of their life's desire to help others: a way to demonstrate their appreciation for the health care they have received from their local doctor or medical practitioner.

A bequest in your Will can help the AMA Queensland Foundation continue to provide life-changing services, research and medical equipment to ease the pain and suffering for so many Queenslanders.

Mission

The AMA Queensland Foundation's mission is to improve medical conditions in areas of need, by raising funds to finance and implement:

- ▶ improved or emergency medical services, especially in rural and remote areas;
- ▶ improved medical education; and
- ▶ vital medical research.

Vision

In 2000, the AMA Queensland Council established a charitable foundation to provide additional alternative means for financing essential services, medical research and education.

AMA Queensland recognises there are times when extra help is needed to provide medical services and treatment to the disadvantaged. The AMA Queensland Foundation is an avenue to help such people.

The Foundation also places great value on the training of young doctors and medical research in Queensland and supports fellowships, financial assistance to medical students and research.

**A bequest in your Will to the AMA Queensland Foundation
will ensure a brighter future for many
disadvantaged Queenslanders.**

Your Will

For many people, death is not something they like to think about, let alone discuss. Sadly, we all know that an accident or serious illness can occur at any time. A Will can make things easier for the people we love and care for. It ensures your family, dependants and loved ones are properly provided for and that assets are distributed according to your wishes.

What is a bequest?

When preparing your Will and dividing your estate, your immediate family should be considered first. However for some people, giving through their estate is the only time they are able to provide a significant donation to an organisation they have respected throughout their lives.

Making your Will

The choice is yours and you should speak with your solicitor about your options for making or updating your Will. Some of your options are outlined in this document.

The AMA Queensland Foundation hopes you will consider a Residuary Bequest. This type of bequest can give you the greatest peace of mind through allocating a residual of your estate after all your other gifts, taxes, and debts have been fulfilled.

This means you can look after your family first, and be assured the Foundation will benefit and your gift will make a positive impact on the lives of other families.

More than 21 years of life-changing projects

With the help of AMA Queensland members, corporate sponsors and the public, the Foundation has contributed more than \$1.7 million to improve the health and wellbeing of many Queenslanders facing sickness, disability or financial hardship.



Here are some of the projects we have supported.

- ▶ A Fundus camera used by Dr Bill Glasson and others to conduct eye and diabetes screen clinics in West Queensland – 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.
- ▶ Purchased special equipment and a mini bus for Red Hill Special School.
- ▶ The 2014 tax appeal raised funds to purchase a brand new, specially-fitted out street van for Rosies' Cairns branch outreach program.
- ▶ Funding ENT surgical procedures for 36 remotely based Queensland children.

Every dollar raised today goes to supporting the work of
AMA Queensland Foundation today.

Every bequest received today supports the work of
AMA Queensland Foundation tomorrow.

- ▶ In 2022, raised \$25,000 for Juiced TV to purchase a new broadcast camera to create positive experiences for sick children and their families at the Queensland Children's Hospital.
- ▶ Funding specialised tele-practice programs through Hear and Say for children living remotely requiring intensive speech therapy support.
- ▶ In late 2018, the AMA Queensland Foundation approached the Queensland Government to secure funding for the Hep C Kombi Clinic for three years. Queensland Health supported this application and committed \$231,000 in funding.



Leaving a bequest in your Will

To make a bequest to the AMA Queensland Foundation in your Will, you can choose to give a portion of your estate, a set cash amount, real estate, shares, securities, life insurance, or other assets, such as fine art.

Once you have determined how you want to make a bequest to the Foundation, please consult your solicitor and request the inclusion of the following paragraph in your Will.

Please advise us if you wish your bequest to remain anonymous.

Suggested legal wording:

I give and bequeath free of all duties and taxes, (death, estate, succession or otherwise, payable in consequence of my death), (a portion of my Estate), OR, (a portion of the residue of my Estate) OR, (the sum of \$.....) OR, (a specific asset) to the AMA Queensland Foundation (ABN: 31 093 701 083) general purpose fund. To be applied for the general purpose of the Foundation. I declare that the receipt of the officer of the said Foundation shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Trustee for the payment of the said sum, and that my Trustee shall not be bound to see the application thereof.

Storage and safekeeping of your Will

It is always advisable to keep the original copy of your Will in a secure place such as with your solicitor or trusted professional advisor. Make sure you retain a copy detailing the exact place of the original Will so that your executor will have easy access to it after your death. Your executor and at least one beneficiary should be informed as to its whereabouts or provided with a copy.

Does your Will ever need changing or updating?

Wills should be reviewed as family and financial circumstances change, such as:

- ▶ marriage, separation, divorce
- ▶ births and deaths in the family
- ▶ major illness
- ▶ bankruptcy
- ▶ retirement
- ▶ your children entering into de facto relationships
- ▶ setting up your own practice.

You may feel the need, for instance, to change the guardianship arrangements you have made for your children or appointment of executors. A new Will is generally required to properly take such matters into account.

Honoured Friends of the AMA Queensland Foundation

The AMA Queensland Foundation is humbled by those who have chosen to include the Foundation in their Will. We refer to those who have advised us of their intentions as Honoured Friends.

Through their bequests, the work of the Foundation will continue serving the people of Queensland well into the future.

Please connect with us

We know that making a Will can be a very personal matter.

However, if you decide to make the AMA Queensland Foundation one of your beneficiaries, we would love to know so that we may acknowledge and recognise your generosity.

We aim to keep our supporters well informed about how their generous assistance will make a perpetual difference to the Foundation and the people we help.

If you require further information or wish to discuss making a Bequest in more detail, please complete the response form on page 11 and send it to the AMA Queensland Foundation.

All communications will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Please contact the AMA Queensland Foundation for more information about leaving a bequest on:



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Response form

Yes, I want to help the AMA Queensland Foundation deliver a brighter future for disadvantaged Queenslanders.

Please tick:

- I/we would like to personally discuss making a Bequest to the AMA Queensland Foundation in my Will.
- I/we have already included the AMA Queensland Foundation in my/our Will.

Title: _____ Given name/s: _____

Family name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email address: _____

Please address to:

AMA Queensland Foundation
PO Box 123,
Red Hill QLD 4059



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Help us to support the seriously ill in our community and overcome the most challenging medical issues facing us today and in the future.

Please contact the AMA Queensland Foundation for more information about leaving a bequest.

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