

GIFTS IN WILLS

FAQs FOR INDIVIDUALS

Writing a Will is one of the most personal and significant decisions you'll ever make.

It's important to take the time you need and have all the information to help you make up your mind. Here's a selection of some of the most common questions we are asked by people considering leaving a gift in their Will to Peninsula Health.

Q. I don't want my family and friends to miss out, what should I do?

A. We understand that your family and friends come first. All we ask is that once you've taken care of your family and friends, you also consider including a gift to your local hospital, or any of your other favourite charities.

Ask your solicitor the best way of providing for your family and supporting your favourite charities.

Q. Do I have to be rich to include a gift in my Will?

A. It's a common myth that only the rich and famous can leave money to charity in their Wills. This couldn't be further from the truth.

Thousands of Australians from all walks of life leave gifts to their favourite charities every year. Every gift we

receive, however large or small, is important to us. They all add up. Even a small percentage of your estate can make an enormous difference.

Q. What does it cost?

A. Writing or updating a Will is not as expensive as you might think. Solicitors can provide estimates on request, but the cost will depend on how complex your personal affairs are. You can include a gift to Peninsula Health whenever you next revise or update your Will at no extra cost.

Q. How do I include Peninsula Health in my Will?

A. If you wish to remember your local hospital in your Will, you can use our suggested wording as a guide. But, we recommend that you speak to a solicitor or financial advisor to get their advice and make sure your final wishes are reflected in your Will.



When considering leaving a gift in your Will, it's important to make sure that you look after your family and friends first. Once you've taken care of them, you can then divide whatever is left over to your favourite charities. Often our supporters leave 90% of their estates to be shared amongst their family and friends, and then leave instructions to divide the remaining 10% between their chosen charities.

Q. Can I add a gift to Peninsula Health in my existing Will?

A. Yes. If you've already written a Will but would like to add a gift to Peninsula Health you can easily do so by adding a codicil – which is a short legal amendment – to your existing Will with the help of your solicitor. Visit the *Law Institute of Victoria* to find a local solicitor.

Q. How will Peninsula Health use the gift I leave in my Will?

A. We will use your gift as directed in your Will. A gift in your Will that supports our work in general terms provides us with the greatest flexibility to respond to critical priorities in the future. If you'd like your gift used for something specific, please speak to our Gifts in Wills Team to discuss your options. No matter what you choose, we will honour your wishes and use your very kind gift as you intended.

Q. I want to leave a gift in my Will to my local hospital. Is that possible?

A. Yes. You can choose to include any ward, service or hospital managed by Peninsula Health.

Our local hospitals include:

- Frankston Hospital
- Rosebud Hospital
- Golf Links Road Rehabilitation Centre
- Palliative Care Unit
- The Mornington Centre.

These facilities are fully owned and operated by Peninsula Health.

To ensure that your gift is directed to the correct facility, it is important to use our correct legal name and Australian Business Number (Peninsula Health ABN 52 892 860 159).

Q. Can I tell you once I've included a gift in my Will?

A. Yes. We'd love to hear from you if you've included a gift in your Will to Peninsula Health. If you do choose to tell us, we'd love to thank you personally.

We will always respect your privacy. We recognise and appreciate that your Will is completely personal to you and we'll honour your gift with the care, sensitivity and respect it deserves.

Q. Who do I contact if I have questions?

A. For further information or to ask us any questions, please contact our Gifts in Wills Team.

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