



THE
FLOREY
INSTITUTE OF NEUROSCIENCE & MENTAL HEALTH



SUPPORT BRAIN RESEARCH

**A brief guide to how your Will can
improve lives through brain research.**

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As a survivor of both breast and bowel cancer, I have to look after my own health and keep a close eye on my family's health. That's quite a big job, considering that I have three sons, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



We've had some nervous moments in our family, as epilepsy robbed my grandson of some of the best years of his schooling, before he outgrew the brain disorder in adulthood. I feel that we could trace that back to my husband's father who is reported to have had grand-mal seizures. I don't think they were ever properly diagnosed as in those days they didn't have the research we now have at the Florey.

We're very fortunate that the epilepsy hasn't made a further appearance. I'm so relieved and very grateful that we now have the wonderful work of the Florey scientists who are searching for the causes and the cures for brain disorders every day.

I really believe in the Florey's research and that's why I made my bequest. When you think about it, without research, you can't find out anything!

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Evelyn Fawcett,
Leongatha bequestor

Our research and what we aim to achieve



Dr Rachel Hill

The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health (The Florey) is one of the world's top six brain research centres. As our understanding of the brain rapidly evolves, neuroscience is an area of medical research attracting enormous attention.

There is an urgent need to find causes, treatments and cures for the many brain disorders that create so much suffering and burden of care.

We are dedicated to improving lives through brain research.

Some of our key areas of research are:

- Alzheimer's disease
- Parkinson's disease
- Stroke
- Depression
- Bipolar disorder
- Schizophrenia
- Epilepsy
- Huntington's disease
- Motor neurone disease
- Multiple sclerosis
- Traumatic brain injury

Your bequest

A bequest allows you to make a substantial gift in the future without costing you anything today; so, if you haven't already done so, please consider including the Florey in your Will.

We rely on people like you to help support vital medical research into finding causes, treatments and ultimately cures for conditions including Alzheimer's and other dementias, stroke, Parkinson's disease and mental illnesses.

Over the past 50 years, bequests from our founders, staff and community supporters have created buildings and laboratories, supported research, and established student scholarships, bursaries and prizes. We rely on this support to help us to find cures for brain disorders.

No matter the amount, we truly value the generosity and vision of your bequest.

Your Will

Your Will is an important document, it can give you peace of mind. It ensures your wishes will be followed and that your loved ones are cared for. It also ensures your assets are distributed the way you want, so that you can support causes you care about.

Making a will means that there is no need for the court to appoint an administrator. Without a Will the appointment of an administrator could mean delays and there is no guarantee that your wishes would be honoured. It is possible that your assets would go to the government.

When preparing a Will, here are some issues to consider:

- Do I appoint a solicitor or a trustee company to prepare my Will?
- Who do I appoint as my executor to carry out the terms of my Will, and how many executors should I have?
- Who could be a guardian of my children under 18 years?
- Do I have any dependants, relatives or friends whom I should provide for?
- How can I best support the Florey through my Will?
- Should I prepare a Power of Attorney, and if so, what type: financial, medical, guardianship?
- Will I be an organ donor?
- What sort of funeral do I want?

Store the original with your solicitor and inform your executor where you keep your personal copy. Review it regularly as your circumstances change, i.e. with marriage, births and deaths in the family.

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The Florey has the capacity to effectively tackle dementia which will affect one million Australians by 2050, we are researching mental illness which affects one in five Australians, and also investigating better ways to prevent and treat stroke which is the second highest cause of death and disability.

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Professor Geoffrey Donnan,
Director, The Florey



Sally Watt was a talented professional singer who was seriously incapacitated by epileptic seizures. The Florey's imaging team used state-of-the-art imaging to save her ability to sing.

How to leave a bequest to the Florey

It is easy to leave a bequest to the Florey in your Will. A bequest is a donation or gift made through your Will and is the best way to ensure that your wishes are respected.

We encourage you to discuss your bequest with an independent legal and/or tax advisor of your choice. Law Societies in every state publish lists of accredited specialists in Wills and Estates. Trustee companies can also advise you. If you wish to change your Will talk to your legal representative.

In making a Will, the first priority is usually your family and special friends. You might then decide to include a gift to the Florey.

Some of the options you can consider for your gift are:

- Residual bequest - this is a popular option as it is simply a gift of whatever is left of your estate after all your other gifts, taxes and debts have been fulfilled. This type of bequest is often a percentage of your estate, so it maintains its value and adjusts as the value of your estate increases.
- Specific bequest - this involves leaving a gift or an item of value to the institute in order to generate funds.
- Pecuniary bequest - this simply involves leaving a gift of a set amount determined by you at the time of writing your Will.

Example for a specific financial bequest

"I give to The Florey Institute for Neuroscience and Mental Health, Melbourne [ABN 92 124 762 027] ("the Florey") the sum of \$_____ to be applied for the purposes of medical research by the Florey in such manner as its Directors may determine. I declare that the receipt of the Florey's authorised officer will be a sufficient discharge to my executors who will not be bound to see the application of this gift."

What can my bequest achieve?

Your bequest can help to achieve so many things, no matter how big or small.

For example, a bequest can fund:

- a major new piece of equipment or support a promising young scientist,
- create named Fellowships and Scholarships which develop promising young scientists whilst honouring you or a loved one,
- general research which will allow the Director to apply it to the most appropriate project and/or pressing need, and
- an endowment fund, thereby growing and delivering income in perpetuity. A gift that gives forever.

Your support will help us find cures, to reduce suffering, improve treatments and to develop new treatments for future generations.

Thank you for your vision and generosity.

Bequest form

Please return to: The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, Bequests, Reply Paid 83037, 30 Royal Parade, Parkville Victoria 3052 (no stamp required)

Title First name

Surname

Address

Postcode

Phone (daytime)

Phone (evening)

Email

I am pleased to confirm that I have made a bequest to the Florey

I would like the Florey to know the following information about my bequest:

I would like to be acknowledged in the annual report.

I prefer to not to be publicly acknowledged at this time but may wish to do so in the future.

I intend to make a bequest to the Florey in the near future.

I would like to be invited to special events.

I would like to talk to the Florey confidentially about making a bequest.

The best day and time to call me is

Day Time

I would like to be kept up-to-date on research by mail by email



If you have already made a bequest to the Florey in your Will, please let us know so that we can thank you, and if you like, acknowledge your generosity and keep you informed of our research achievements.

Thank you for your commitment to support brain disease research and for your generosity.

Need more information?

We welcome all your enquiries, and will maintain complete confidentiality.

If you would like further assistance, please contact us at:

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