



## Do you have a Will?

Over half of all Australians don't have a valid Will. Having a valid Will enables you to take care of your family and loved ones and make a difference to an organisation like Scouts.



# Making a bequest



Your support will assist Scouting to continue to encourage and promote the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens in their local, national and international communities.

NOTICE: This document is for reference only and should not be considered as legal advice. Please consult your independent legal professional about what is best for your specific circumstances. We advise seeking the expertise of a specialist wills and estates solicitor.

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The life values that you hold dear can live on in your name through a bequest.



## Bequests can make a difference

## Types of bequest

## Your Will

Your bequest, whether large or modest, is a lasting gift to the future leaders of tomorrow and can help the movement in the following ways:

- help continue the development of our youth members
- improve training to our leaders to assist with educating our youth
- help to run major Scouting events in Queensland communities
- continue to improve our campsites and other facilities to continually meet the needs of Scouting and the community

### Specific Bequest

A specific bequest applies to an amount which may be left for a specific purpose or to a specific group, district or region. A specific bequest could also be a specific item or items of value including jewellery, artwork, property, shares or any other asset.

It would be helpful to allow your bequest to be redirected to a district or region in the area should the beneficiary group cease to operate.

### Residual Bequest

A residual bequest is a gift of the residue of your estate, or a percentage thereof, after all your other gifts, taxes and debts have been paid. This type of bequest maintains its relative value and automatically adjusts as the value of your estate increases. By dividing your estate into percentages you can be confident that the gift received will retain its value when your bequest matures.

### Wording

To bequest money or items generally to Scouting in Queensland, please specify the beneficiary as "The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc."

We have outlined a simple guide to making your Will.

1. **Make a list of all your current assets** together with their approximate individual value.
2. **Decide how and to whom (the beneficiaries)** you would like these assets (your estate) to be distributed. You can nominate specific values or portions of your estate to be received by any number of individuals or organisations.
3. **Choose an executor** who is a trusted person or company. Your executor, upon agreeing to the task, is responsible for ensuring that all aspects of your Will are enacted according to your wishes.
4. **Visit a solicitor or trustee company** with the above information. These people will help you to put the details of your Will into words.
5. **Review your Will from time to time** to ensure that your changing circumstances are considered.
6. **Please remember your Will is not a 'do it yourself' exercise.** It cannot be legally altered simply by crossing out or inserting new words. You must consult with your solicitor or trustee, to ensure that any changes made are signed and witnessed in the appropriate manner.

