

LEAVING A BEQUEST

TO SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY

Southern Cross University, one of Australia's youngest universities, is proud of its innovation and drive to pursue teaching and research opportunities to make our region stronger.

Whether contributing to the cultural richness of northern NSW, pursuing internationally acclaimed research in the environmental sciences, engaging creatively with Indigenous peoples or developing new initiatives in response to emerging needs, Southern Cross University is dedicated to leaving an indelible imprint on the students, staff and communities it serves.

There are many ways for Bequest gifts to support the University. We welcome discussions with people who are inspired to support our work.

Your Bequest to Southern Cross University will:

- change lives
- support ground-breaking research
- make our community stronger, healthier, more caring and culturally rich
- give young people a head start in life
- support excellence and innovation in teaching and research.

Leaving a Bequest

A gift in a Will is called a Bequest. You can leave a gift to a valued community organisation just as you can to a person. In a way, a Bequest is the easiest way to give to community.

Bequest giving is a simple and effective way of continuing your support for your favourite organisation(s). It allows you to make a significant and positive impact and it represents a real investment into the future of your community.

Your Bequest can take a number of forms

A percentage of the value of the estate (meaning the Bequest will grow in proportion to the size of the estate).

A Residual Bequest is the balance of the estate after family and other beneficiaries have been provided for.

A Specified Bequest is a specific amount of money or an item of property.

If you wish to make other forms of provision in your Will please contact the University or your solicitor for more information.

Proper wording

It is important that your Will identifies beneficiaries by their legal name, and that you clearly indicate how you would like to divide your estate.

The following is sample wording that you might wish to use to support the University. However, we advise you to consult a qualified solicitor who will ensure your wishes are clearly and legally stated.

UNRESTRICTED

'I give (my estate/percentage/the residue of my estate/a specific gift of property or cash) to Southern Cross University for its general purposes.'

RESTRICTED

'I give (my estate/percentage/the residue of my estate/a specific gift of property or cash) to Southern Cross University for its general purposes. I express the wish, but without creating any binding trust that if practical this gift be supplied towards (nominate the area of interest/ and the income of which shall be used for the University's general purposes).'

We welcome enquiries from you or your solicitor on how to leave a Bequest to the University. Please call us so that we can provide the information you need to make your decision, including the recommended wording.



Making A Will

Did you know?

- More than 30 per cent of Australian adults do not have a valid Will.
- A Will can be made invalid by a variety of life changes.
- If you die without a valid Will, the Crown decides how your estate is distributed, which may not reflect your wishes.

For advice on preparing your Will, please contact your own solicitor, or call Southern Cross University for a list of contacts.

Who should be included in a Will?

A Will is not about death. A Will shows you care about those you love. Making a Will can give peace of mind knowing that your wishes for family, friends and community organisations close to your heart have been made clear and will be attended to.

You may decide to leave specific items (e.g. jewellery, real estate, family mementoes) to particular beneficiaries, or you may choose to divide your entire estate on a percentage basis. We hope that you will consider including Southern Cross University as a beneficiary in your Will.

For additional information, contact us:

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