

Your legacy can bring hope to a future without lung disease

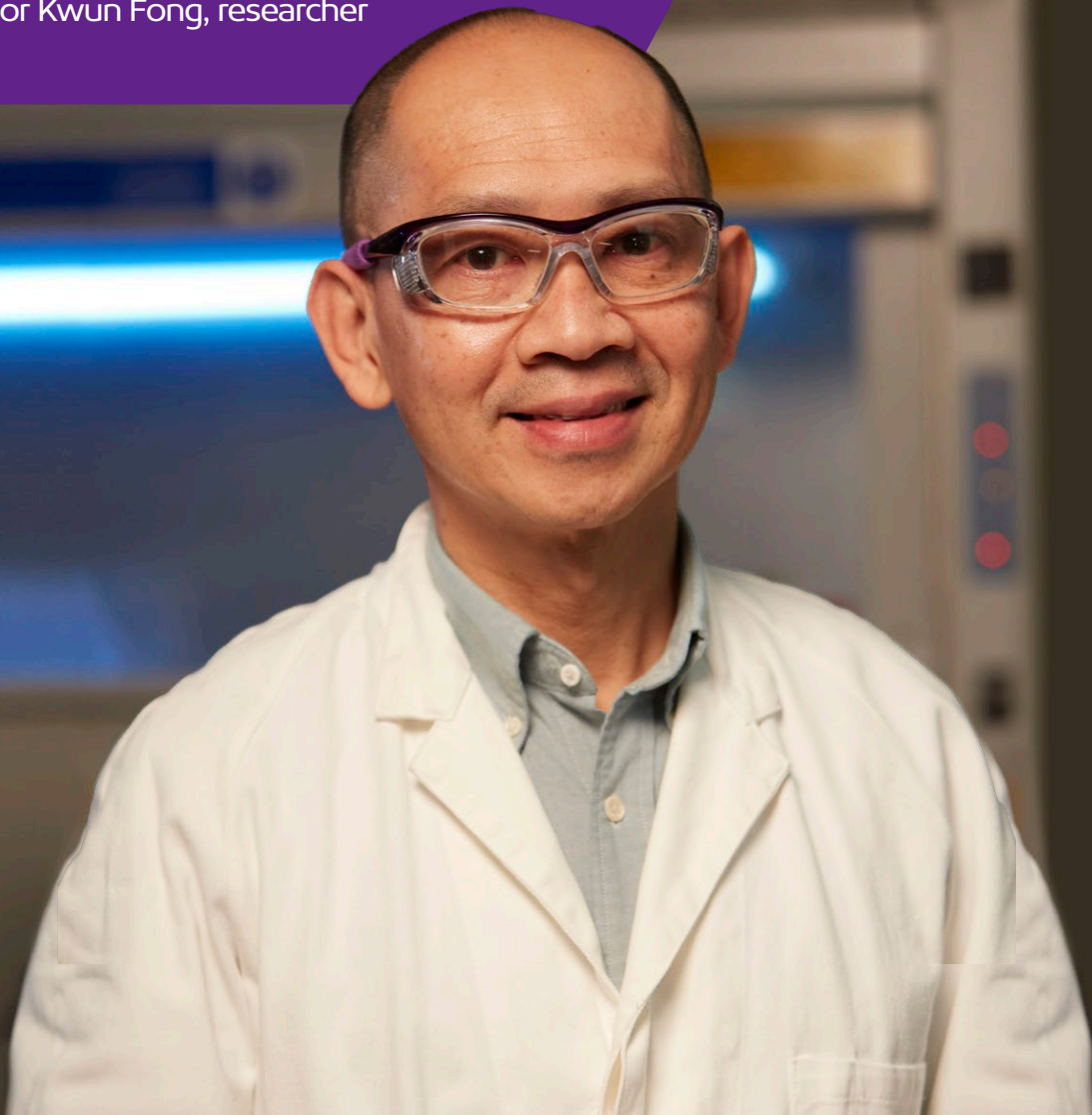


A guide to leaving a gift of lasting hope in your Will



"I hope to find a cure."

Professor Kwun Fong, researcher



Together we can build a better future

By remembering Lung Foundation Australia in your Will, you can help us lead the way in research against lung disease and leave a legacy of hope for the future of Australians living with devastating lung conditions.

It's only natural to consider loved ones first and foremost when thinking about your Will. After they are taken care of, many also reflect on other important parts of their lives and find place to include the causes that matter to them.

The outlook for people diagnosed with a lung disease is heartbreaking and yet research into these conditions is severely underfunded.

Every day 45 Australian families lose a loved one to life-limiting lung conditions.

Together we can bring hope and find a cure.

A gift left in your Will allows us to commit desperately needed funding into research - and **research means everything.**

It will save lives.

Your legacy will be a vital part of our success and ensure the fight against lung disease continues beyond your lifetime.

Thank you for considering including a **gift of lasting hope** in your Will.

Professor Lucy Morgan
Lung Foundation Australia Chair



For Ethan, research means the hope of one day becoming a policeman

Seven-year-old Ethan spent his early childhood very unwell and was misdiagnosed by doctors for many years. When he was finally diagnosed with bronchiectasis, a chronic and debilitating lifelong lung disease that experts understand little about, it only brought minor relief to his mum Lauren.

The impact on his day-to-day life takes a huge toll on the family, as does the knowledge that significantly more research is required to find new treatments to help those like Ethan who are living with this crippling disease.

For Ethan, the future is unknown, but Lauren remains positive and sees research as the best hope for him to live a long and healthy life.

“Research means I can have a healthy boy and that he can live until he is old and grey with a rocking chair on a porch somewhere.”



Your legacy pledge will bring hope of finding a cure for people like Ethan

“I would hate for him to sit on the sidelines, that’s not what life is all about.”



Research means the hope that father of two, Michel, can defy the odds

Michel is one of the 13,800 Australians diagnosed with lung cancer each year. Lung cancer is the fifth most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia and the leading cause of cancer death. Yet it receives only 5% of cancer research funding in Australia.



Michel's lung cancer diagnosis was shocking, as at 42 years old he was fit and healthy. He considers himself lucky as, due to research, he was able to access life-changing medication. Sadly, this isn't an option for most as there are significantly fewer treatment options for lung cancer.

Devastatingly, Australians diagnosed with lung cancer face a five-year survival rate of just 20%. There is a critical need to invest into ground-breaking research to uncover new treatments and hopefully one day, a cure.

“Research is the line between our reality and our dreams, they call it research, we call it hope. You take away research, you take away our dreams and hopes, it’s that simple.”

Your legacy could allow families like Michel's to have more cherished time together

“I want to make sure I witness everything with my girls – from the big to the small – make the most of the time I have with them.”



A gift in your Will to Lung Foundation Australia will transform lives

For over 30 years, Lung Foundation Australia has been Australia's most trusted lung health charity. We are determined to always be here for someone in need. We are at the forefront of life-changing research and every year we make new strides that bring hope that we are one step closer to a cure. But there is still a long way to go.

In recent years, we have seen advancements in treatments that have increased survival rates and quality of life across many lung diseases – providing hope that has never existed before. **Hope that one day a cure can be found.**

Yet there is still more to be done. Scientific breakthroughs can take years to accomplish. Every dollar gifted to Lung Foundation Australia will make real, lasting change for people living with life-limiting lung conditions.

Your lasting hope

With the help of our passionate community and supporters like you, we know that we will continue to discover ground-breaking developments so that the next generations can enjoy a future without lung disease.

“Donations from generous individuals are not a drop in the ocean when it comes to research funding. It's the whole pool.”

Professor Lucy Morgan, Chair

Breakthrough therapies might be just around the corner

Leave a lasting impact to support researchers

Hope begins with research

"In supporting early career researchers such as myself, you are directly contributing to the advancement of lung-focused research."

Dr Laura Glenn, researcher



Leaving a gift of hope: Your questions answered

Having an up-to-date Will is the only way to ensure that your assets will go exactly where you want them to, and that your loved ones and the causes that matter to you will be provided for. Making a Will is not complicated and is a positive action that can bring you peace of mind.

When you include a gift in your Will, you often leave an even bigger impact than you ever thought possible. Every gift, no matter the size, will make a difference.

How can I include a gift to Lung Foundation Australia?

Leaving a gift in your Will is straightforward and a lasting way to keep supporting the causes that were important to you during your lifetime. To include Lung Foundation Australia in your Will, just take our following suggested wording to your solicitor or appropriate legal advisor when writing your Will.

What is the best type of gift to leave in my Will?

Many people choose to leave us a percentage or residual gift because they do not lose value over time and automatically adjust to the changes in the value of your estate. Even a small percentage after all your loved ones have been taken care of will make a significant difference.

If I already have a Will, can I add a gift or change it?

Yes, you can. A codicil form is a cost-effective way to amend your Will to include a gift to Lung Foundation Australia.

Giving to research saves lives and gives hope for a cure

The types of gifts you can leave in your Will

Residual gift	a portion of your estate residue, which is the amount left after your loved ones and expenses have been provided for
Percentage gift	a percentage of the overall value of your estate
Pecuniary gift	a specified fixed amount of money
Specific gift	a non-monetary gift. Can be in the form of other property such as shares, investments, vehicles, boats or items of jewellery

Can I change my mind?

Yes, you can and should update your Will if your circumstances change. Reviewing your Will every few years is important to ensure that it is up-to-date and reflects your wishes.

Do I need to tell you if I have included you in my Will?

We greatly appreciate and value every gift left to us in Wills. We would love the opportunity to thank you personally for your significant support to life-changing research. We often only find out about these generous gifts after someone has passed away. Knowing beforehand allows us to recognise your support and plan for the future.

Of course, we understand that your Will is a very personal matter and will respect your wishes if you choose to stay anonymous.

We strongly recommend that you always seek independent advice from a qualified legal advisor in preparation of your Will to ensure it reflects your wishes.

Suggested wording to include Lung Foundation Australia in your Will

To ensure that your Will reflects your wish to leave Lung Foundation Australia a gift, we recommend taking the below wording with you when you make or update your Will.

'I (insert name here) bequeath to Lung Foundation Australia ABN 36 051 131 901 for its general purposes [Choose and insert the appropriate statement from the list below]

- **the whole of my estate**
- (insert number) **percentage of my estate**
- **the residue of my estate** (or ...% of the residue of my estate)
- **the amount of \$** (insert the value of your gift in cash)
- **my** (insert name of asset e.g. shares, house)

free of all duties, and the receipt of the Secretary or other authorised officer for the time being shall be a complete and sufficient discharge for the Executor(s).'

Leaving your gift in your Will for general purposes allows us to direct your gift for the greatest impact in the fight against lung disease and lung cancer.

If you do wish to specify how your gift is used, please get in contact with us at legacy@lungfoundation.com.au or on 1800 654 301 and we will be happy to help you with the wording to ensure your wishes are met.

“If I was diagnosed 5 or 10 years earlier, I wouldn’t have had access to the last three treatments which I’ve had – I need there to be more funding, because there is not enough funding in lung cancer research and research is saving my life.”

Lachlan, diagnosed with lung cancer at age 20



Our hope. Your legacy

“Leaving a gift in my Will to Lung Foundation Australia feels like keeping the memory of my loved one, Bill, alive. It’s a gift to make sure that Lung Foundation Australia can continue the work that has supported me and my family so well – from research to information and education, but most of all the support and advocacy it gives to individuals with lung disease.”

Caroline Polak Scowcroft on why she has chosen to support Lung Foundation Australia in this very special way.

Bill Scowcroft lived with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and was a prominent voice in the lung health community. In his final years, he and his wife Caroline were heavily involved with Lung Foundation Australia and were supported through our peer support program.



A powerful pledge and a gift of lasting hope

Vital life-saving research is made possible through the generosity of our community and people like you

Elizabeth was devastated when her mum, Ellen, passed away from lung cancer. Shocked to learn how little is invested in research, Elizabeth worked to raise \$37,000 in honour of her mum. With these funds, we are supporting Dr Afaf Abed's research into treatment response in people with lung cancer - a critical step in helping to identify the most effective treatment for individuals as early as possible.

"If there was more research put into lung cancer, I still might have my mum." - Elizabeth



"The only way to improve our understanding of lung cancer and its treatment is through research, and research needs funding. It's a generosity, from those who donate, which we need and appreciate."

Dr Afaf Abed

Our promise to you

We know that leaving a gift in your Will is a significant and deeply personal decision. We are so grateful to everyone who chooses to include Lung Foundation Australia in their Will and leave a gift of hope. That is why we promise:

- We will always respect your privacy and your wishes regarding your level of communication with us.
- We know that your family and loved ones must take priority. We always encourage discussing your decision with them.
- We will invest your gift responsibly and in the best way to improve the outcomes and quality of life of those living with lung disease.
- We will ensure that the handling of your gift is with care, sensitivity and respect to ensure your wishes are met.
- We understand and respect that you may change your mind about your gift.
- We will give you and your loved ones the opportunity to connect with us and personally see our work made possible due to gifts in Wills.
- We will thank and remember you for the lasting support you are giving to others. If you wish to remain anonymous, we will respect this decision.

Have a question? Please get in touch.

Our team would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to contact us at legacy@lungfoundation.com.au or call us at **1800 654 301**.



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