

Bequests made to Banksia Palliative Care Service assist us to maintain the services and programs we provide for patients and carers

- \* *Specialist palliative care nursing (24 hours, 7 days for symptom management.)*
- \* *Social work and counselling*
- \* *Pastoral care and memorial services*
- \* *Bereavement programs, including groups for children and adolescents*
- \* *Complementary therapies including: Massage, Art Therapy and Music Therapy*
- \* *Liaison with the General Practitioner and specialist medical consultants*
- \* *Respite care / over-night sitting*
- \* *Carer support options, including Carer's Support Groups*
- \* *Patient Support Groups*
- \* *Trained volunteers*
- \* *Loan of specialised equipment*

*These services are offered to patients and families.*

Banksia Palliative Care Service Inc. provides services to terminally ill people within the Cities of Whittlesea and Banyule and the Shire of Nillumbik.

For more information about making a bequest in your Will, please contact us



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# Banksia Palliative Care Service Inc.



Making a Bequest

A lasting legacy of your lifetime which cares for other's lifetimes



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## Why make a Bequest?

Almost everyone has one or more significant others – partners, family or friends who they care deeply about. For many people this care is extended and expressed as concern for the well being of others within their community and their quality of life.

By including Banksia Palliative Care Service in your Will now, you can make a lasting contribution to ensure that those who are at the end of their lives will experience quality of life during this time. The financial resources provided by bequests make it possible for Banksia Palliative Care Service to initiate and extend its services – medical, nursing, complementary therapies, grief and bereavement counselling – with a planned, long term focus.

While many people believe that palliative care services are provided by, or are part of a larger organisation such as the Anti Cancer Council or a major hospital, this is not the case. Banksia is an independent organisation and does not receive any funding from such bodies.

## How to make a Bequest

To make a bequest you need to make or supplement your Will. Because Wills have to comply with certain legal requirements, we advise you to consult a solicitor.

After you decide on the type of bequest you would like to make, ask your solicitor to draft the appropriate clause or request your solicitor to contact us to discuss your wishes.

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You can supplement your existing Will by making a codicil containing instructions for your bequest. The codicil must comply with the same legal requirements as a Will.

## Type of Bequest

- With a residual bequest, you can provide for your family and friends first and leave the residue to Banksia Palliative Care Service. As your estate increases in value, so does your bequest. A residual bequest helps offset the effect of inflation.
- By making a bequest of a percentage of your estate, the estate can be divided among a number of people and or organisations. You won't have to remake your Will to compensate for inflation.
- Banksia Palliative Care Service can receive all forms of property and can be the sole beneficiary of a life insurance policy.
- Establishing a trust in your Will allows a spouse or other person to use your property and receive all of the income derived from your estate during their lifetime. When they die, the capital can be passed on to Banksia Palliative Care Service.
- A specific cash sum is a common form of bequest but because it does not allow for inflation, it needs to be reviewed regularly.



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## Suggested Wording for your Will

A clause may be inserted in your Will using the following words:

I GIVE (insert the details of the bequest) free from all debts (secured and unsecured) and all duties (whether federal or state) payable in respect of my estate to Banksia Palliative Care Service Incorporated and I DECLARE that a receipt of the Executive Officer for the time being of the said Banksia Palliative Care Service Incorporated shall be a full and sufficient discharge of this bequest to my executor (s).

## Legal Information

For your bequest to be valid, you must use our organisation's full name i.e.

Banksia Palliative Care Service Incorporated

Banksia Palliative Care Service is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act in Victoria and is eligible to receive tax deductible donations.

Any gift of property should be reviewed with your advisers as part of the overall planning of your affairs.

For further information about bequests or any other aspect of Banksia's work, please feel free to contact the Executive Officer, Julie Paul on (03) 9497 2100 or email [juliep@banksiapalliative.com.au](mailto:juliep@banksiapalliative.com.au)

