

*Endless Flights*  
Society

**I WILL**

help save lives for generations to come





# CEO'S MESSAGE

In my position as CEO of LifeFlight, I am frequently overwhelmed by displays of incredible generosity from people in our community. During more than 45 years with LifeFlight, I've also witnessed, in particular, the integral impact bequestors have on our fundraising efforts.

These extra special gifts demonstrate the ultimate show of commitment and belief in a worthy cause, and I could never truly express my sincere appreciation to these admirable supporters for their confidence in LifeFlight.

Having been with the organisation since its founding days, I've proudly watched the incredible growth of what began as a humble volunteer-run service performing weekend beach and surf patrols. Today, our organisation operates a full-time fleet of rescue helicopters and air ambulance jets, which are on standby to serve the community around the clock.

The credit for this increase in services simply must go to our dedicated supporters, particularly our bequestors, who have been fundamental to this remarkable journey.

Together, we have touched so many lives, and I am dedicated to the future sustainability of this vital community service. But as you know, we cannot deliver critical care services to our patients without help from the communities we serve.

The support of our donors is absolutely essential to ensuring our world-class medical team and devoted crew members can continue looking after those in need well into the future.

**If you've already made the very generous decision to leave a bequest to LifeFlight Foundation, I thank you. If you're yet to pledge your commitment to LifeFlight in your Will, let me assure you that we will work hard, every day, to ensure your bequest makes a very real and lasting difference to the lives of our patients.**

Please join us on this journey.  
**Together we can save lives.**

**Ashley van de Velde**  
Chief Executive Officer, LifeFlight



# PATRON'S MESSAGE

As a long-time supporter of LifeFlight, I have had the pleasure of spending time with the pilots, medics and support crew who ensure this vital service continues to save lives in Queensland and beyond.

I am always blown away by the passion and dedication exhibited by the crew, and I have complete faith that if anyone was in need of their service, they would be right there to help.

As a Queenslanders myself, there is no doubt that without the service that LifeFlight provides, many of my local community members would not be with us today.

I have been a supporter of LifeFlight since the establishment of the Toowoomba base in 2006,

and in 2017 donated \$2 million to match the funds provided by the Federal Government to build the new LifeFlight base at the Toowoomba Airport.

I truly believe that through continued investment in services like LifeFlight, more lives can be saved every day. I ask that you please consider leaving a Gift in Will to LifeFlight Foundation.

To me, LifeFlight is like an insurance policy – you don't know when you, or a loved one, will need to use it.

Join me in supporting this local Queensland service, that will continue to save lives, today, tomorrow and for many years to come.

**Clive Berghofer AM**  
LifeFlight Patron

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# Leaving a Bequest to LifeFlight Foundation

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A gift to LifeFlight Foundation in your Will is a special way to support a cause that is important to you, and yet, has little or no impact on your lifestyle today.

When you leave a bequest to LifeFlight Foundation, you can be assured that any amount – large or small, will make more of a difference than you realise.

LifeFlight has made a difference to the lives of thousands of Queenslanders, having helped more than 90,000 people since 1979.

Every day, LifeFlight crews treat seriously ill and critically injured patients, whilst providing rapid-response airlifts to hospitals around the state. Aeromedical intervention can significantly

increase a patient's chance of survival, greatly reduce the possibility of permanent disability, and assist in a shorter recovery time. This vital rescue service provides the people of Queensland with the assurance that emergency medical care is available 24/7, 365 days a year.

Many LifeFlight supporters tell us that they wish they could give more. So often, this is the very reason for leaving a legacy – they see it as an opportunity to give a significant gift to an organisation they have respected and supported in their lifetime.

Your promise of future support to our organisation is an investment in your community, and we could never thank you enough for choosing to leave the LifeFlight Foundation a gift in your Will.

**We hope you will join us in the journey, today, tomorrow, and beyond.**

## Why do I need a Will?

Your Will is the only way you can be confident that your affairs will be handled in the way you wish them to be. It can also be a heartfelt way to provide for those you care about, or to support the causes that are dear to you.

Whether you have few possessions or many, you should have a Will. And you should update your Will every few years, particularly as your circumstances change, to ensure that it is an accurate reflection of your current wishes.

If you do not have a legally prepared and administered Will, your estate may be settled according to the laws of the State and your requests may, sadly, never be met.

### Intestacy (dying without a Will) also occurs when a Will:

- Fails to properly dispose of all estate assets
- Is invalid because it has not been signed or witnessed according to the law
- Has been poorly drafted and the legal rules of constructions are not followed
- The person writing the Will did not have the mental capacity to make a Will

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# Steps to making your Will

## 1. Find a legal advisor

Find a solicitor or trustee company who can help. Consulting a professional is very important, they will know what questions to ask and may have useful suggestions for you to consider, making the process much easier.

## 2. Choose the executor

An executor is someone you appoint in your Will to ensure that your wishes are carried out just as you intended. You can nominate friends, family members, professionals or any combination of these. It is common and advisable for two people to share the task of executing your Will. Alternatively, your executor/s could be professional advisors, but bear in mind that there will be a charge for their services.

## 3. Guardians for young children

If you have children under 18, you need to think about who you would like to look after your children should anything happen to you. Before you appoint any guardian/s, make sure they are comfortable with this arrangement.

## 4. Listing your assets

Make a list of your assets and estimate their approximate value. It does not have to be exact, but it will certainly help you decide how to leave your estate if you know how much you are leaving.

## 5. Distributing your assets

There is no limit to the number of different gifts you can make. Think about who you want to

include as beneficiaries of your Estate. Once you have provided for your loved ones, you could also consider making a gift to LifeFlight Foundation. Even a small percentage of the residuary of your estate (1%, 2%, 5% or more) could make a real difference.

## 6. Funeral arrangements

In addition to detailing the distribution of your Estate, your Will is also an opportunity for you to state what you would like to happen at your funeral.

## 7. Meeting with the solicitor / trustee

The legal advisor will discuss your wishes, take your instructions and advise on how best to word your Will.

## 8. Approving the Will

When drafted, your Will shall be sent to you to look over for approval. Any changes can be made at this point. Once you are happy with the document, your legal advisor will ask you to sign it in the presence of two witnesses. A witness cannot be a beneficiary and your Will is not valid until it is signed and witnessed.

## 9. Keeping your Will safe

You can keep your Will at home, or your legal advisor may offer to hold it for you. You may also want to inform your family and your executor of the location of your Will.



## Issues to consider when making or changing your Will

It is advisable to regularly review your Will as your circumstances change, so that it accurately reflects your current wishes.

- **Life Changes** – Such as marriage, separation or divorce, births and deaths in the family, major illness, executor or beneficiary death, bankruptcy, or retirement.
- **Joint Assets** – If you own real estate or shares jointly with other people, it is legally called joint tenancy or tenancy in common. When making or changing a Will, ensure that these, and any other commercial relationships, are taken into consideration.

- **Superannuation and Life Insurance considerations** – It is important to nominate a beneficiary of your superannuation and/or life insurance as they may not form part of your estate. Different rules apply if you have a private company or family trust so please seek legal advice.

## Deciding what you wish to give

If you would like to include a gift in your Will to LifeFlight Foundation, here are some of the options you may consider:

- **Residual Gift:**
  - A residual gift means once all specific gifts are distributed to your loved ones and your debts, bills and taxes are paid, the remainder or a proportion of the remainder of your estate will be paid to LifeFlight Foundation. It will also retain its value over time – unlike a specific cash gift that can reduce in value with inflation.
- **Percentage Gift:**
  - A percentage gift can be any percentage of your total estate up to 100 percent. Sometimes it can be difficult to choose a specific cash amount to leave when you do not know how much will be in your estate when the time comes. Making your gift a percentage of your estate, or of the residual of your estate, means no matter the value of your final estate, the proportion you intended for the LifeFlight Foundation stays the same.

### **Specific Gift:**

- A specific gift may include any sum of money, cash balances in a bank account, a residential house or commercial real estate, vehicle, stocks and/or shares. It is important that the gift is described precisely in your Will, so that the executors can understand exactly what you intended.

### **Specific Dollar Amount Gift:**

- This is a gift of a fixed sum of money made to LifeFlight Foundation.

### **Whole Estate:**

- This comprises your entire Estate and is usually left by those without family or other preferred beneficiaries, or those wanting to achieve something very significant with their gift.

Your gift  
today WILL  
save lives  
tomorrow!

# Connor's story

Connor's story starts when his mum, Danielle, heard a "blood-curdling scream" coming from where Connor was playing—near a tree that had been felled by a storm.

Before Connor's accident, the tree was lying on the ground, posing no threat at all. Danielle was keeping a watchful eye, close by. But unbeknownst to Danielle and Connor, there is a phenomenon in which a fallen tree can actually stand back up again. The tension in the wood and the weight of the soil can cause the ball of roots to spring back into the hole, where it had been growing. And unfortunately, this very rare event happened on this day at the farm—and Connor was crushed underneath.

Danielle sprinted towards the sound of Connor's scream. At first, she couldn't even see Connor he was almost completely covered by the trunk. With two vehicles, Danielle and the family managed to move the giant tree off him. But Connor was unconscious.

His life was hanging in the balance and the nearest trauma hospital was two hours away. As Danielle performed CPR on her son, a LifeFlight helicopter was prepared with special equipment for Connor's mission and then dispatched. On arrival, emergency surgery was performed, before Connor was transferred to hospital.

As you can imagine, Connor had a long road to recovery. He was in and out hospital for many months, having operations and check-ups. But he is a strong and determined boy and we are pleased to report he is back to the life he loves. This is thanks to generous LifeFlight supporters, who enable the crew to be as best prepared for an emergency as they can.

Connor spent a week unconscious in hospital and a further three months recovering.

"I had two collapsed lungs, eight broken ribs, a smashed femur and needed a total airway reconstruction."

"Without the LifeFlight crew, there is no way I would be standing here today. Dr Oskar, Mike, Dan and Andrew, you are all true heroes. I think of the people that saved my life often."

Connor's rescue and ultimate survival is in a large part thanks to the generosity of people like you. LifeFlight needs your help today to ensure that crews are best equipped to continue saving the lives of people like Connor.

**Your gift WILL save lives tomorrow.**



# Suggested Wording

**To include LifeFlight Foundation in your Will, you may use the following:**

**If you wish to donate a percentage of your estate:**

"I give to LifeFlight Foundation Limited (ABN 63 618 170 184), for its general purposes, free of all duties \_\_\_\_\_% of my residuary estate for which an authorised receipt from the LifeFlight Foundation will be a sufficient discharge for the executor(s) or trustee."

**Or...**

"I give to LifeFlight Foundation Limited (ABN 63 618 170 184), for its general purposes, free of all duties the whole of the residue of my estate for which an authorised receipt from the LifeFlight Foundation will be a sufficient discharge for the executor(s) or trustee."

**If you wish to donate a specific sum:**

"I give to LifeFlight Foundation Limited (ABN 63 618 170 184), for its general purposes, free of all duties the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for which an authorised receipt from the LifeFlight Foundation will be a sufficient discharge for the executor(s) or trustee."

**If you wish to donate a specific item:**

"I give to LifeFlight Foundation Limited (ABN 63 618 170 184), for its general purposes, free of all duties my \_\_\_\_\_ for which an authorised receipt from the LifeFlight Foundation will be sufficient discharge for the executor(s) or trustee."

Once you include LifeFlight Foundation in your Will, please share this with your loved ones. In this way, they will understand the reason for your decision and respect that this is what you wish to do for others.



# Codicil Form

If you already have a Will and wish to leave a gift to LifeFlight Foundation, you can simply provide your solicitor with a Codicil that outlines the changes you wish to make to include the LifeFlight Foundation.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (full name), give and bequeath

Please choose one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ % of my estate                      the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ % of the residue of my estate    property or assets as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I LEAVE to LIFEFLIGHT FOUNDATION LIMITED (ABN 63 618 170 184), for its general purposes, free of all duties

My signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

# Recognition *Endless Flights* Society

The Endless Flights Society was established to acknowledge and thank donors who notify us of planned giving. Bequestors are honoured members of the LifeFlight family.

As a member of the Endless Flights Society, you will receive an exclusive appreciation gift from LifeFlight, regular updates from us and invitations to all our events including special member functions.

Planned Giving, like a bequest, is the single most important way for us to plan for future critical missions because we can forecast what funding is available to our lifesaving cause.

The Society is made up of like-minded and generous people on board, who are undoubtedly the most cherished members of our LifeFlight family. We hope that you decide to join the Endless Flights Society

and allow us to ensure your lasting gift is used just how you intended: to save lives and serve the community through rapid response critical care for many years to come.

We would be delighted to know if you have included LifeFlight Foundation in your Will and want to join the Endless Flights Society.



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**We respect that bequests are private and sensitive matters. Your information is handled, at all times, in the strictest confidence.**



## Why I have decided to leave a gift in my Will

As a LifeFlight volunteer who regularly visits the hangar, Layne has witnessed the crews taking off to critical rescue missions on countless occasions.

The 76 year old says their dedication and compassion is the reason behind her bequest promise.

“I just think it is so wonderful that, if someone is in trouble, no matter who they are, where they live, how much money they earn or what school they went to — LifeFlight will be there to help,” she said.

“I’ve never been rescued myself, but I’ve met plenty of people that have been rescued and every time I speak with a former patient, they agree with me.”

While Layne may not have been a patient in the LifeFlight chopper, she is no stranger to the aviation industry.

“I actually held my fixed-wing pilots licence last century, but that’s not the reason I became involved with LifeFlight,” she said.

“Leaving a bequest doesn’t affect the food on your table, the clothes you wear or the car you drive, but it does mean that there will be one last hooroo when Layne pops her clogs,” said the good humoured LifeFlight supporter.

“Many of my friends are pensioners or self-funded retirees and we have to watch our money.

“I just want everyone to know that leaving a bequest doesn’t affect your life now, but it will have a huge meaning to other people’s lives one day,” she said.



Layne Daly



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**Contact us today to find out how you can help save lives for future generations**

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