



CQ RESCUE

Leaving a gift in your will



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A MESSAGE FROM

Dr Peter Bastable

Since 1996, CQ Rescue has been a lifeline to thousands of patients in this region delivering emergency aeromedical and search and rescue assistance to those in dire need.

CQ Rescue has grown to become one of the regions most trusted and well-respected charities.

The reality is that, without ongoing community support it would be impossible for our crew to fly to the rescue. We rely on the generosity of the community and individuals like yourself to continue to deliver rapid response, critical care medical treatment at the frontline where it is needed most.

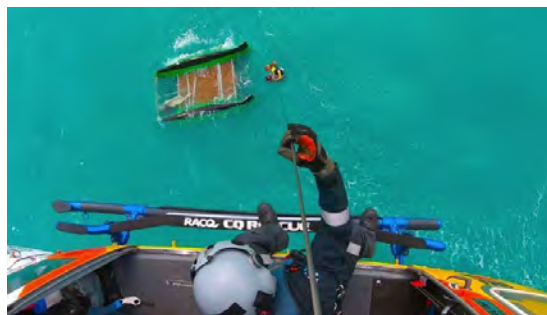
Your generosity could make all the difference to patients and their families requiring our emergency response crew. Leaving a gift in your Will is greatly appreciated by CQ Rescue and it will make a significant contribution in assisting us to maintain a constant presence in the Mackay, Whitsunday and Isaac regions. You can be sure your Will achieves something positive and lasting when you include a bequest to CQ Rescue.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to you for considering our rescue helicopter service in your Will, whether you have already made the generous decision to leave a gift or you are currently considering your options.

Thank you for your confidence in our lifesaving service.



Dr Peter Bastable, OAM
Founding board member, CQ Rescue



HOW YOUR WILL *can help others*

Everyone needs a Will to ensure friends, family members, partners and children are properly provided for when you are gone and assets are distributed according to your wishes.

When preparing your Will, you should always seek legal advice to ensure your Will is valid and properly executed, otherwise your Will may be challenged.

And like all changes in your life, your Will should also grow and change with you through the different phases of life.

Remember, whilst important legal documents, Wills are often simple, quick and can be inexpensive to make.

Less than 10 percent of Australians leave a bequest to charity each year, although this is increasing as people become more aware of charities' reliance on bequests.

Sharing what you have with others is one of life's greatest joys. A bequest to CQ Rescue also offers an opportunity to provide a lasting memorial of your generosity well into the future and your gift, regardless of size, will be gratefully received by CQ Rescue.

CQ Rescue appreciates those who have advised us they have included our organisation in their Will and we are privileged to call these very generous people our friends. For those willing to be acknowledged we will publicly recognise their generosity by inviting these friends to events to learn more about the work of CQ Rescue.





LEAVING A BEQUEST to CQ Rescue

If you decide to leave a bequest to CQ Rescue, it can be a gift of cash, a percentage of an estate, property or shares. Regardless of size, your gift will contribute directly to the operation of the CQ Rescue emergency helicopter service.

Including CQ Rescue in your Will means continued support of the rescue helicopter service so that we can be a lifeline when we are needed most.

Operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, the RACQ CQ Rescue helicopter is staffed full time by a highly experienced flight crew consisting of pilots, aircrew, rescue officers and medical personnel.

Each year there is an ever increasing demand on our services and operating costs continue to rise.

SUGGESTED WORDING for a bequest

I, [insert full name] bequeath the [specify the type and amount of your gift] free of all duties to the Central Queensland Helicopter Rescue Service Limited for the purposes of said service, and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer, or other proper officer for the time being of the said Central Queensland Rescue Service Limited shall be sufficient discharge of my Trustee for same.

CQ Rescue's Registration Numbers
ABN: 73 415 515 751
ACN: 067 116 670

Should your circumstances require a more specific bequest clause you should seek professional legal assistance.



STEPS TO

making your will

It is recommended you review your Will every 5 to 10 years or when your circumstances change through marriage, birth of a child, divorce, property ownership, retirement or perhaps a change of Executor.



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:** You will need to think about who you would like to administer your Will as Executor. You can nominate a partner, close friend, family member or solicitor. People usually choose two executors but you can select up to four. There is no restriction on an Executor being the beneficiary of your Will.

3 **Guardian for children:** If you have children under the age of 18, it is important to choose and ask a guardian to look after them in the event of your death.

4 **Your assets and property:** Make a note of your assets and calculate their value. The value of your estate will be your assets minus any outstanding money owed (mortgage, loans etc).

5 **Leaving a gift:** Make a note of why you would like to make a beneficiary. There's no limit to the number of different gifts you can make. Once you have provided for your loved ones, you can also consider making a gift to charity to transform the lives of people in need in the future. Even a small percentage of the residuary of your estate can making a lasting difference.

6 **Approving the Will:** After you meet with your legal advisor and discuss your wishes, the Will be drafted and sent to you to look over and approve. Any changes can be made at this point. Once you are happy, your legal advisor will ask you to sign in the presence of two witnesses (who cannot be a beneficiary). Your Will is not valid until it is signed and witnessed.

7 **Keeping the document safe:** You can keep your Will at home or your legal advisor may offer to hold it for you. Don't forget to let your family know where it is and make sure it's safe.



NO WORDS CAN EXPRESS

my gratitude

Like any doting grandmother, wife and daughter, Janice Trenow absolutely cherishes the lives of each of her family members. But the Bowen family has more reasons than most to be grateful.

Three members of Janice's family including her husband Mark, grandson William and her father Colin Smith have been airlifted by RACQ CQ Rescue.

In 2015 Colin was transferred by RACQ CQ Rescue to Mackay Base Hospital with severe internal bleeding, the result of an existing medical condition. Earlier that year, one-year-old William Trenow, Janice's first grandchild, had been aboard the same helicopter being transferred to Mackay Base Hospital. The very sick little boy was again transferred to Townsville General Hospital by RACQ CQ Rescue with a life-threatening condition.



" No words can express my gratitude. RACQ CO Rescue has truly given me so much. I do consider that I've won the lottery three times as no amount of money could ever replace the lives of our family. "

- Janice Trenow, Bowen



The Trenow family was already familiar with the life-saving work of the Mackay-based rescue helicopter as Janice's husband Mark had been airlifted 10 years previously after a serious quad bike accident.

In July 2005, Mark rolled a quad bike several times at a property near Gumlu 70km west of Bowen. He sustained seven fractures of the skull and had a 'bubble' on the brain. Mark was not expected to recover. Janice even signed organ donor forms as her husband was transferred to Townsville Hospital in the helicopter to start a very long recovery process.

"The RACQ CO Rescue helicopter and crew are really our guardian angels," Janice said when she and her family visited the hangar.

"We are forever grateful to RACQ CO Rescue and care given to our three family members - Mark, William and Colin. You hope you never have to use their services, but thank goodness they are there. Their prompt, dedicated and professional care helps save lives - I know first hand how vital their service is."

"Without them, my family wouldn't be able to make the memories we are."

Janice Trenow, Bowen





Your selfless LEGACY

Help our work live on. Take action today to help us continue to save lives.

By leaving a gift in your Will to CQ Rescue through a bequest, you make a powerful and generous commitment that will make a lasting difference to those living in the communities in which CQ Rescue operates.

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For more information on how you can leave a lasting legacy, please call

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