

# Making a Gift in your Will & In-Memoriam gifts



*Enriching lives of veterans & seniors to create  
connected, supportive & vibrant communities*

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# Thank you

*For your interest in supporting RSL LifeCare or Veteran Services. Your dedication to our causes really means a lot to us. We appreciate the generosity from individuals and families that will assist us in raising awareness and funds to support those we serve.*

We have developed these guidelines to help you ensure your generous donation is directed as per your wishes.

Please carefully read through these guidelines. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on 1300 232 564

## About RSL LifeCare

RSL LifeCare is a charitable organisation caring for over 7,500 residents in our 27 retirement villages and 27 Aged Care Homes across NSW and the ACT.

Since 1911 RSL LifeCare has been serving the community by providing professional, caring support for veterans. Today, we welcome all members of the public – whether veteran or non-veteran – to live in our villages, care homes or at your home. Despite our growth and the passage of time, RSL LifeCare remains true to its original aim and mission – to provide a home of peace and security to senior Australians.

Our purpose is to enrich veterans & seniors lives and create connected, supportive and vibrant communities. By striving to achieve this we will continue to provide innovative and personalised care for our clients and residents.

## Where your gift goes

RSL LifeCare and Veteran Services greatly appreciates the generous support provided by donors. Founded on donations and volunteer effort over a century ago, these two pillars continue to be pivotal to the success of RSL LifeCare, be it:

- Support for the development of innovative programs of care and wellbeing.
- Support for more simple initiatives that enhance the amenity and lifestyle of our people “above and beyond” what could otherwise be expected, helping us to add life to years and years of life.
- provides practical support to veterans via a range of services designed to assist in recovery, ongoing health needs and welfare.

- We support disadvantaged veterans and the general community by assisting them in our Retirement Villages, Aged Care Homes, or directly in their own homes with our Veterans Home Care services.
- Our Homes for Heroes program, in partnership with Wesley Mission provides younger veterans who have become homeless an accommodation first solution with wrap around support services to assist a healthy transition back into civilian life.
- RSL DefenceCare have recently joined RSL LifeCare Veteran' services, the service helps existing and ex-service Defence personnel and their families.

## Leaving a gift in your Will

Leaving a Gift in your Will (of any size) is an extraordinary act of generosity and a way to make a significant difference, helping us provide the best possible care to our residents.

Gift in your Wills to RSL LifeCare, Veteran Services or one of our villages or homes are an important source of funding. By making a Gift in your Will, you will help us to continue to provide services, programs and fun for our residents.

We strongly recommend you discuss your Gift in your Will with your family, so that they are aware of your wishes, and a solicitor prior to finalising your Will.

There are several ways in which you can leave a Gift in your Will and these can include;

- A percentage (%) of your estate or the residue of your estate
  - This allows you to ensure your loved ones are looked after as well as giving a gift to the RSL LifeCare. This is often viewed as the most flexible way to leave a Gift in your Will; as you don't have to keep altering your Will to adjust the value of your gift to account for inflation or changes to your circumstances.
- A specific dollar amount;
  - Leaving a fixed amount of money from your estate. It's important to know this does not allow for changes in your circumstances or inflation and may need to be changed over time.
- The residue of your estate – what is left of your estate after your loved ones have been provided for.
- The whole estate; and
- Specific assets (such as real estate, shares, life insurance policies/annuities)

## Wording to leave a gift in your Will to RSL LifeCare

Your solicitor or Trustee will assist with the correct wording for a Gift to RSL LifeCare and the following is a guide:

**'I give to RSL LIFECARE LIMITED (ACN 000 048 957) of Level 5, 120 Pacific Hwy, St Leonards NSW 2065 \_\_\_\_\_ (state your Gift here) for its general purposes or (state a specific location or purpose that you would like it directed to).'**

It is important that your Gift in your Will is worded correctly, and the following is recommended as a guide. **Note** – *you should alter the suggested wording as suited to your personal needs, such as the specific village, home, service or purpose. You may wish to give this wording to the solicitor who is preparing your Will.*

**A percentage:** "I give and bequeath to RSL LifeCare for its general purposes\*, \_\_\_ % of my estate for which the receipt of the Treasurer or other authorised officer shall be an absolute discharge."

**A specific sum:** "I give and bequeath to RSL LifeCare for its general purposes\*, the sum of \$\_\_\_ for which the receipt of the Treasurer or other authorised Officer shall be an absolute discharge."

**The Residue:** "I give and bequeath to RSL LifeCare for its general purposes\*, the residue of my Estate for which the receipt of the Treasurer or other authorised Officer shall be an absolute discharge."

\* You may also specify a program such as Veteran Services, a village, home or service you would like your Gift to assist. Just substitute Veteran Services, the name of the village, home or service for "general purposes". Please contact 1300 232 564 to confirm the correct name of the village or home you are choosing to assist.

### Notes

A Will is a legal document that clearly sets out your wishes for the distribution of your assets after your death. Having a clear, legally valid and up-to-date Will is the best way to ensure that your assets are protected and distributed according to your wishes.

RSL LifeCare has been endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a deductible gift recipient and an income tax exempt charitable entity for tax purposes.

### Banking

All monies that are donated can be sent by cheque or money order to Bequests, RSL LifeCare, Level 5, 120 Pacific Hwy, St Leonards NSW 2065.

Alternatively, if you would like to deposit funds directly please contact the Manager Fundraising and Events on the details below.

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## In Memory Gifts

### Making an In-Memorial donation

Donating to RSL LifeCare, Veterans Services or one of our homes or villages in memorial is a considerate and powerful way to honour a friend or loved one. We often see families request a donation be made In-Memorial, in lieu of flowers when they lose a loved one. It's a meaningful way to express sympathy.

When making an In-Memorial donation, you can choose for it to go to general purposes that will support the area of greatest need or specify a village, home or service to support.

When making your donation, please include the full name of the person in whose honour the donation is being made. If you would like us to notify the family of your gift, please make sure you also include their full name and mailing address. For your privacy, we will not disclose the amount of your donation. We will also send you a tax-deductible receipt (for all donations over \$2).

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