

Making a Bequest

To Illawarra Women's Health Centre

History

Illawarra Women's Health Centre Inc is an incorporated not-for-profit organisation formed in 1984 to provide a comprehensive, affordable, non-government community-based health service run by women for women. The service was established with a particular focus on understanding the experience and realities of women living in the Illawarra. The current purpose-built centre in Warilla was opened in 1986. However the service actually commenced in 1980 as a small service operating out of the Wollongong Women's Information Centre in the Wollongong LGA. The health service soon moved to Warilla, situated in the Shellharbour LGA, in order to be accessible to women in the southern areas who were isolated from the main services of the city of Wollongong. Illawarra Women's Health Centre is a feminist primary health care service for women. It receives funding for its core services from NSW Health through the South East Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service, and other grants from time to time for special projects.

What type of charitable bequests can I make?

Your legal adviser will help you make the best decision for your situation. However, there are several ways you can do this, including:

- Leaving a fixed sum
- Leaving a percentage of your estate
- Leaving the residue after other bequests have been made.

You can support the Illawarra Women's Health Centre through:

- Your Will (by giving money and assets of any nature. Your bequest should be included in your Will after meeting your duties and honouring promises made to your family and friends.)

You have a number of options in leaving a bequest:

- If you have already made your Will, you can add a *codicil* that sets out your instructions for a bequest to IWHC. You may leave a *percentage* of your estate to IWHC, which ensures that your gift is inflation proof or allows for possible changes to your estate.
- You may wish to leave a *specified sum* of money. However, we recommend that you review your Will regularly, to safeguard your gift against inflation or changes in circumstances.
- You may wish to leave the *residue* of your estate to the Illawarra Women's Health Centre after you have made provision for your family and friends.

Some things to remember

- Visit your lawyer to draft or change your Will.
- Leave clear instructions as to the gift that you would like to leave to IWHC
- There is no tax payable on bequests to IWHC.
- Please notify us of your bequest so that we can say thank you and keep you informed of the centre's activities and progress.

If you would like more information or would like to discuss the options for your bequest we would be very willing to meet with you.

Please phone the Manager at the Illawarra Women's Health Centre on 4255 6800.

How can I make a bequest?

Most people have made a Will to ensure that their property and resources go to those people and organisations that they care about. If you are making a new Will, it is important that you observe particular formalities and we recommend that you do not do it yourself.. Please consult your lawyer or local Trustee office. To assist you in making a bequest to IWHC we have included the recommended wording in the attached *Form of Bequest*.

If you already have a Will, a codicil can be added to document the changes you would like to make. This is not a complicated process but should be done by a solicitor.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give devise and bequeath to:
The Illawarra Women's Health Centre Incorporated,

Percentage / fraction / dollars (of my estate)

or

description of property or assets to be given

And the receipt of the Manager or any other authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my Executor.

Thank you for considering the idea of a bequest.