



To find out more about leaving a bequest to the Trust Fund, please contact our Fundraising, Marketing and Events Manager on (02) 6064 1538 or email info@awcancertrust.org.au or visit www.awcancertrust.org.au

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Leave a gift
in your will...

create a
lasting legacy

A message from our Chairman

THERE would be few of us who have not been touched in some way by cancer. Whether it be ourselves who have been diagnosed with the disease, or our close friends or family. Although widespread, the good news is there are more and more people beating a cancer diagnosis through improved levels of care.

Between 2004 and the latest figures available from 2013, the number of people in our region surviving five years after a cancer diagnosis increased from 59 per cent to 67 per cent. That meant that in 2013, an additional 120 people survived to five years (just in Albury-Wodonga) that would not have survived in 2004. That's 120 families, and many hundreds of friends and colleagues, who know someone who would not have otherwise survived 10 years ago.

We have achieved this by providing better access to first-class services, a close

collaboration between public and private services, and through access to clinical trials and new treatments. However, we still have a long way to go.

The Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre is part of the drive to improve on these outcomes. It has brought the very best medical treatment, care and facilities to our region. It has united public and private cancer services under one roof offering a place to educate, support, research, diagnose and treat all forms of cancer.

The \$65 million facility, officially opened in November 2016, includes a 30-bed inpatient ward, 28-chair day chemotherapy facility, three radiotherapy bunkers, 17 consulting rooms, a Wellness Centre, and pharmacy. A dedicated children's treatment space and a PET scanner have been built within Albury Base Hospital as part of the same project.

The cancer centre, in addition to the nearby Albury Wodonga Patient and Carer Accommodation Centre, means we finally have the facilities we deserve.

So why do we need your help?

Funding provided by the government has delivered a fantastic building which is our



platform to launch into the future. But ongoing government funding only provides a certain level of service to our patients. If we want to become a truly first-class and proactive cancer facility, we need fundraising support from the community.

Leaving a bequest in your will is a special way of helping people in our community who are living with cancer. And it doesn't have to be a large amount to make a difference. Leaving a bequest of any size will serve to honour your memory and be a lasting legacy of hope for future generations.

It is only with your support that we shine.

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Who is the Trust?

THE **Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund** was established by the Albury Wodonga Cancer Foundation as the official fundraising arm of the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre.

A high level local board from business, industry and government oversees the Trust Fund. The board is responsible for the good governance of the Trust Fund which is also supported by a fundraising, marketing and events manager, a media and communications coordinator, and a team of dedicated fundraisers who sit on a volunteer committee.

With tax deductibility and gift recipient status, the board ensures that donations from individuals and businesses in the community are directed solely to support cancer services in the Albury Wodonga region.

The Trust Fund is fully transparent and accountable to the community through external audits, publication of an annual report and community consultations.



You can make a difference

YOU don't have to be a medical professional to make a difference to the lives of cancer patients. Every bequest to the Trust Fund, no matter the amount, will help improve the level of care provided at the **Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre**.

Some examples of how your bequest will be used include:

- New life-saving cancer equipment;
- Staff training and development;
- Clinical trials; and,
- Complementary therapies such as meditation, massage and mindfulness provided through the Wellness Centre.

The Trust Fund is a 100 per cent local charity organisation meaning that every bequest made will stay in our community and help our family, friends and colleagues in their fight against cancer.

A valid will is the only legal way to ensure that your wishes are carried out and the people and charities you care about are looked after in the future. We also suggest that you discuss your decision to make a bequest with your loved ones.

It is important to use the correct wording to leave a gift in your will to the Trust Fund. We have made some recommendations below based on how you wish to make your bequest.

RESIDUE OF YOUR ESTATE

Once your family and friends have been provided for, and any debt is paid, you may choose to leave the rest of your estate to the Trust Fund.

This can be done using the following wording in your will:

"I give all the rest of my real and personal property, whatever and wherever situated, to the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund for its general purposes and the receipt of the Fundraising, Marketing and Events Manager or other authorised officer of the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc shall be sufficient discharge to my executor or trustee."

A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR ESTATE

You may wish to leave the Trust Fund a percentage of your estate. This takes into account any growth or depletion of the value of your estate over time.

The appropriate wording for this type of will is:

"I give __% of my estate to the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc. for its general purposes and the receipt of the Fundraising, Marketing and Events Manager or other authorised officer of the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc shall be sufficient discharge to my executor or trustee."

SPECIFIC SUM

If you would like to leave a specific sum of money to the Trust Fund, you can use the following wording in your will:

"I give the sum of \$___ to the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc. for its general purposes and the receipt of the Fundraising, Marketing and Events Manager or other authorised officer of the AWRCC Trust Fund Inc shall be sufficient discharge to my executor or trustee."

SPECIFIC ITEM

You may wish to leave the Trust Fund a specific gift such as property, shares or an item of jewellery.

This can be done using the following wording in your will:

"I give _____ to the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc. for its general purposes and the receipt of the Fundraising, Marketing and Events Manager or other authorised officer of the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc shall be sufficient discharge to my executor or trustee."



Testimonial

“We both spent our working life in rural remote NSW and became only too aware of the difficulties in accessing specialist cancer services. That is why we leave this bequest in our wills.

- Anonymous bequest donor couple

INFORM US OF YOUR GIFT - If you've decided to leave us a gift in your will, we would love to hear from you so we can discuss your wishes and keep you updated on what we're doing to support cancer patients in our region. Please contact our Fundraising, Marketing and Events Manager on (02) 6064 1538 or email info@awcancertrust.org.au