



**Your Will  
can help  
us beat  
Cancer**



## Message from our CEO



**It doesn't matter where you are born or what culture you celebrate; there is something all of us have in common – that at some stage in our lives we will all be touched by cancer.**

But there is hope. Thanks to our wonderful supporters we've been leading the fight against all cancers for all people for over 80 years. By remembering us in your Will today, you help us to keep working as hard as we can – so our children can live in a world where we can control cancer.

**“Thanks to the generosity and foresight of our wonderful supporters, we've been able to help people facing cancer for 80 years.”**

If you're thinking about including a charity in your Will, please consider Cancer Council Victoria.

Your support will help more people survive cancer in the future.

With warm regards,

Todd Harper  
CEO, Cancer Council Victoria

# What we do

Since 1936, we have built an international reputation for our innovative work in cancer research, prevention and support.

We play a leading role in reducing the impact of all cancers on all people through:

- **Research:** We fund talented researchers and their cutting-edge projects to help find better ways to prevent, detect and treat cancer.
- **Support:** We provide reliable information and compassionate support to people living with cancer, their family and friends.
- **Prevention:** We strive to reduce the number of people who get cancer through education programs, and to stop cancer before it happens through early detection programs.



# One Will. Nine million people helped

**In 1945 a supporter left a legacy to Cancer Council Victoria which meant we could begin to support the pioneering cancer research work of a young Professor Don Metcalf.**

**“There’s so much just waiting to be done. It all takes time, it takes a lot of money, but it will happen,” Professor Metcalf.**

Because of this gift we were able to fund Professor Metcalf for over 50 years, which resulted in a remarkable breakthrough. His revolutionary discovery of Colony Stimulating Factors, (which regulate bone marrow growth for patients with leukaemia) are now used in life-saving cancer treatments for patients right around the world.

More than twenty million cancer patients have now benefited from his research.

And it all started with one person’s gift to Cancer Council Victoria.

Sadly, Professor Metcalf passed away in December 2014, his legacy will live on.



**Above:** Professor Metcalf, Carden Fellow, 1954–2014

## Our Visionary Supporters

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### Brian Webster

“A few months before I was diagnosed with a brain tumour, I was having terrifically painful migraines which resulted in epileptic fits. When doctors did an MRI to find out what was causing the seizures, they found a mass in my right temporal lobe. I was told to come back in three days for surgery to remove it, and then the doctor said: ‘and get your affairs in order.’

**“Oligodendroglioma – it’s a word I didn’t know existed until I turned 53. But now, 13 years after I was diagnosed with a brain tumour, I can still recall it by memory – you never forget something like that.”**

I chose to leave a gift in my Will to Cancer Council Victoria because I want to be able to fund further research to generate new ideas and to find the causes and treatment of cancer.

I’ve been free from cancer for well over a decade now, and it’s comforting to know that my gift could one day help many people for many generations.”



**“I have been twice touched by cancer – first with my mother then my husband. Since that time I have been passionate about the fight against cancer and the work of Cancer Council Victoria.”**

## **Kim Johnson**

“I wrote my Will when I had my first child. I was motivated after considering my daughter’s future welfare and after my mother and husband were touched by cancer.

Because of changing life circumstances, I have regularly updated my Will to ensure that the people and causes I care about are included. It’s straightforward to amend your Will and include a gift to a good cause.

I lost the love of my life far too young from cancer. I hope a gift in my Will can save the lives of others, and their loved ones from the pain I have experienced.”





# Remembering Cancer Council Victoria in your Will



**After providing for your family and loved ones please consider a gift to Cancer Council Victoria in your Will.**

When making or changing your Will we strongly recommend that you seek independent legal advice. Your solicitor or trustee company can also give you information about the different types of gifts that you can make in your Will, including:

- **Residue – whole**

After you have made specific gifts to family and friends, the residue or remainder of your estate will be left to us.

This will make the biggest difference to our cause because it will keep its value over time.

- **Residue – percentage**

After you have made specific gifts to loved ones, a portion of the residue of your estate will be left to us. This type of gift will also keep its value over time.

- **A specific dollar amount**

A fixed sum of money that you wish to contribute to the cancer fight (please note that this may be impacted by inflation).

- **Specific item**

A specific gift can include property, shares, or artwork.



## How will my gift be used?

Most people allow their bequests to be allocated by our experts in research, prevention and support programs that have the most urgent need for funds. However, you may also choose to specify how your bequest is used.

Gifts left to us in Wills have enabled many important advances, such as:

- The development of the Cervical Cancer Vaccine, which will prevent around 70 percent of all cervical cancers in the future. This will significantly reduce the number of women diagnosed with, and dying from, this disease.
- Our experienced cancer nurses are available on 13 11 20 to ensure people facing cancer, their family and friends have the most relevant, tailored support possible.
- The confirmation of the link between cancer and tobacco, UV radiation, alcohol and obesity, after a large-scale study of 41,000 Victorians driven by researchers at our Cancer Epidemiology Centre. These findings have played a significant role in our advocacy campaigns to introduce plain packaging of cigarettes and ban solariums.

**“Whether big or small, your gift will help us plan for long-term projects, and could help make the next breakthrough in the cancer fight.”**

**Todd Harper,**  
CEO, Cancer Council Victoria.



# Wording for your Will

**We suggest you take this wording with you when you visit your solicitor. All gifts need to be in our registered name – Cancer Council Victoria.**

“I give to CANCER COUNCIL VICTORIA ABN 61 426 486 715

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**(a percentage or dollar amount)** of the residue of my estate free of all duties and deductions to be used for its

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**(general purposes or research purposes).** The receipt of an authorised officer of Cancer Council Victoria shall be deemed proof of payment.”



# Thank you for your gift in your Will

**By telling us about your decision to include Cancer Council Victoria in your Will you can have a direct impact on our work today.**

If we know about your gift, we can start investing in long-term projects with the confidence that future funding will be available to complete them.

It also means we can keep you updated on our progress, and let you know how your gift may help us in the future.

Of course, all conversations with us are confidential and you are under no obligation to us. Your Will can be changed at any time.

**Thank you. We could not fight cancer without you.**

Please contact us with any questions you may have about leaving a gift to Cancer Council Victoria in your Will:

**Phone:** 03 9514 6512

**Send us an email:**  
bequests@cancervic.org.au

**Write to us:** Bequests & Estates Team, Cancer Council Victoria, 615 St Kilda Road Melbourne Victoria 3004

Alternatively you can complete and return the enclosed form and a member of our team will contact you.



# Need more information?

**Please complete and return this form to Cancer Council Victoria. Any information you provide us with will be treated as private and confidential.**



- I have already left a gift to Cancer Council Victoria in my Will
- I plan to write or change my Will to leave a gift to Cancer Council Victoria
- I would like more information about leaving a gift to Cancer Council Victoria in my Will

## Preferred contact method (please tick):

- Home phone
- Business phone
- Mobile
- Email
- Letter
- Home visit

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Title: ..... First Name: .....

Surname: .....

Address: .....

Suburb: ..... State: ..... Postcode: .....

Telephone: Home ..... Mobile .....

Business .....

Email: .....

**Please return this form to:**

Bequests and Estates  
Cancer Council Victoria  
615 St Kilda Road  
Melbourne VIC 3004

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