



SAHSSI's vision is communities living in secure housing, free from abuse.

A bequest to Supported Accommodation and Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra (SAHSSI) will help vulnerable members of our community to receive support and care into the future. SAHSSI relies on community support to continue providing vital services such as specialist homelessness services, and domestic and family violence services.

Your bequest will make a difference.

MAKING A WILL MATTERS

Making a Will is the only way to ensure your assets are distributed as you would like and that your loved ones are provided for. It is your final opportunity to express appreciation to family, friends and your preferred charity. Regardless of your situation, a valid Will is the only way to ensure your Estate is distributed in the manner you choose. Making a Will is not difficult or expensive and you can update or change your Will at any time. The best time to make a Will is NOW! If you are unsure how to go about making or changing a Will, please contact a solicitor for advice.

By leaving a gift to SATTSSI in your Will, you can make a lasting and positive difference in your community while taking care of your loved ones first.

WHAT IS A BEQUEST?

A bequest is a gift or donation made legally through your Will. There are several types of bequests including:

- **A Specific Bequest** - This specifies the type of gift, whether it is money, property, a life insurance policy or stocks and shares
- **A Percentage Bequest** - Is expressed as a percentage of your estate which takes inflation into account
- **Residual** - A gift of whatever is left of your estate after all your other gifts, taxes and debts have been fulfilled
- **The Whole Estate** - A bequest that comprises the entire estate and is usually left by those without a beneficiary

Bequests are often left by people who simply want to support their preferred charity's work into the future.

WORDING YOUR BEQUEST

The wording you use in your Will is important. The wrong wording may mean that your assets are not treated as you intended. If in doubt, it is always best to seek advice from a solicitor.

If you wish to make a bequest to SAHSSI, we suggest using the following:

- A.** I give to Supported Accommodation and Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra (ABN 85 784 780 738), the sum of \$..... [or.....%] of my estate, free of State and Federal duties, for general use.
- B.** If the gift in (A) cannot take effect completely or at all, to the extent that it cannot take effect I give it to the charitable organisation or organisations in Australia which my executors consider most nearly fulfils or fulfill the objects I intend to benefit.
- C.** The receipt of the treasurer, secretary or public officer for the time being of the beneficiary organisation is an absolute discharge to my executor(s).

KEEPING LOVED ONES INFORMED

It is usually the case that your assets are passed directly to your partner. For this reason, it is wise to consider and prepare your Will together. You may like to share the contents of your Will, including bequests to your preferred charity, with other members of your family. It may be worthwhile to discuss your reasons for bequeathing a particular charity, what the charity does, what program you want to support or where the charity operates from.

Every gift - whether large or small - made to SAHSSI will help our local community to receive support and care into the future.

LET US KNOW

Once you have completed the formalities of leaving a bequest to SAHSSI please let us know. You need only tell us as much information as you wish. You can, of course, remain anonymous if you choose.

We would like to show you - during your lifetime - just how much SAHSSI appreciates your generosity. And it would be great to thank you personally, rather than the Executor of your Will.

You may have specific ideas on how you would like your gift to be used, and a discussion with us would ensure we could carry out your wishes.

The knowledge of your bequest gives SAHSSI confidence in knowing the necessary financial resources will be available to provide people with care and support into the future.

CONTACT US SAHSSI

We strive to achieve housing solutions and to raise public awareness to enhance the safety and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities.

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