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A guide to planning your Will

Giving people with sight loss the
vision to imagine what's possible.



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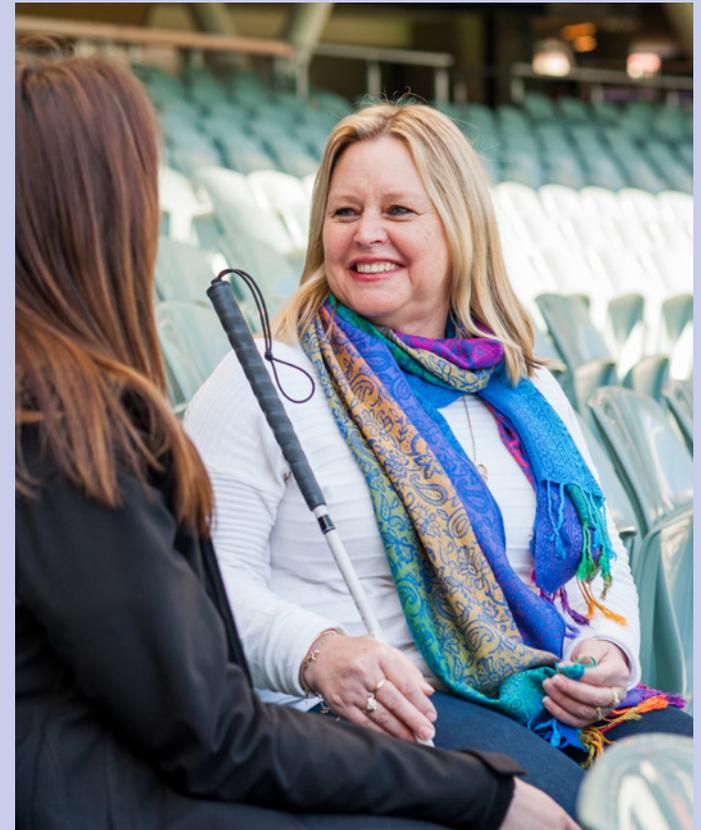


Do you want to help people with blindness or low vision to live their best life?

See Differently is a not-for-profit organisation providing services, programs and products to Australians with a vision impairment. Our services are delivered by a professional, committed and highly qualified team supported by volunteers, of all ages and from all walks of life. In addition our leading Assistance Dogs Program supports a range of people including veterans living with post traumatic stress disorder and children with autism.

The experience for someone losing their sight is personal, can be lonely, and challenging. See Differently understands blindness and low vision and we walk beside our blind and vision impaired community, empowering people with the resources they need to live their best lives.

A gift left to See Differently is an investment in a better community – they fund more than a third of our work. Will you leave a gift that's full of hope for the future?



A gift in your Will can help make a difference now and in the future.

Thank you for considering See Differently for a gift in your Will.



Making a difference matters to Theresa

"My husband and I have always supported See Differently. The work they do, the people they help and the way they do it, and those wonderful guide dogs. We have been fortunate in our lives, and we have made several major gifts to help See Differently with various projects, and we didn't hesitate when we made our wills to further gift."

138 years of outstanding community service deserves support.

Ready to write your Will? Here's a handy checklist

Before you write or update your Will, here are a few details you will need to have ready and a few others you should make sure you've considered.



- Your personal details.
- A list of your assets.
- Who you've chosen to be your beneficiaries.
- Any charitable gifts you'd like to leave
- Who will be the executors of your Will.
- Who you'd like to act as the legal guardian of your children (if you have any).
- Any Trustees who'll manage money or assets set aside for someone on their behalf.
- Any special wishes you may have.

Helpful wording for including a gift in your Will

To make sure your wishes are honoured, it's important to use the correct legal wording in your Will. If you'd like to leave a gift to See Differently, here's some ready-made wording you can give to your solicitor.



Residuary gift

"I give my residuary estate to See Differently at 11 Blacks Road, Gillies Plains SA 5086 ABN: 37 680 837 839 for its charitable purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or authorised officer will be sufficient discharge to my executors".

Pecuniary gift

"I give to See Differently at 11 Blacks Road, Gillies Plains SA 5086 ABN: 37 680 837 839, the sum of \$ (free of all taxes) for its charitable purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or authorised officer will be sufficient discharge to my executor/s."

Legal terms explained

There are a few different ways to leave a gift in your Will to See Differently. Here are some of the key words and terms explained.

Residuary gift

This is a percentage share of your remaining estate, once all other legacies and debts have been paid. This is a great way to leave a gift in your Will, as it holds its intended value over time.

Pecuniary gift

This is the gift of a specific sum of money. It can be any amount that you decide.

Specific gift

This is the gift of valuable assets, like jewellery, investments or even property.

Codicil

This is the name of a change or an addition to a pre-existing Will.



Frequently asked questions

Why make a Will?

An up-to-date Will is essential as it means you can avoid any confusion about your wishes. By writing a Will, you decide who you want to benefit. You can ensure your loved ones and the causes you care about are provided for in exactly the way you wish.

What would happen if I don't make a Will?

If you die without making a Will, you are said to have died "intestate". If this happens, Australian law will specify who inherits your estate (property, personal possessions and money). This may mean that it doesn't go where you want it to. So it really is important to make a Will so that your intentions are clear.

How often should I review and update my Will?

You should look over your Will at least every three years – or sooner if your personal circumstances change: if there has been a birth, or a death in your family, for example. You may also need to review it if there are changes to the taxation system or to your finances. It is important to keep an eye on the value of your estate to ensure you're aware of any Inheritance Tax liability.





Can I get a Will written in braille?

We do not recommend making a Will in braille as it could easily be altered (by adding or erasing dots) and the meaning changed.

Can I add See Differently to my existing Will?

If you already have a Will you can still help blind and vision impaired people by adding a codicil to amend your existing Will, to include a gift to **See Differently**. Although the codicil is a short and fairly simple legal document, we recommend that you consult a solicitor (or a qualified Will writer recognised by a professional body) to prepare it. If you have made more than one Will, it is important to ensure that this codicil relates to your most recent Will. Please note that simply making handwritten amendments to your current Will could make the whole Will invalid.

I don't have a large estate. How can I make a difference to See Differently ?

Large or small, all gifts in Wills are important to us and will help us continue to break the barriers faced by people with sight loss.

Who can witness my Will?

Usually two witnesses will be sufficient. They must be over 18 and are not beneficiaries of the Will or married to the person making the Will. If you are registered as severely sight impaired, you cannot legally witness a Will. If you are severely sight impaired, it is really important to check that your Will includes the correct attestation clause. This clause specifies that the Will was read out to you, the testator, in the presence of your witnesses, and that you understood exactly what you're signing.

How to contact our Gifts in Wills team



We hope this guide has been useful for you. If there's anything else you'd like to know, please feel free to contact our Gifts in Wills team directly. We'll be more than happy to help answer any questions you might have.

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