



Let your love live on

How you can leave a gift to Mater
in your Will—and make a difference
to the lives of others



Please include Mater in your Will

Leaving a gift to Mater in your Will is a profound way to make a lasting and positive change to the health—and the lives—of many people into the future.

Most of us choose to make a Will because we want the best for those we love—and to guarantee that those we care about benefit from our life's work.

But once you have provided for your loved ones, please include a gift to Mater in your Will. It can allow you to support a cause close to your heart beyond your lifetime.

Your gift can help build a better future for people struggling with challenges, including cancer patients, those living in disadvantaged communities, the elderly, the homeless, premature and seriously ill babies and young adults battling chronic illness. It will enable Mater's doctors, clinicians and other staff to continue to respond when needed. Importantly, it can fund research to discover better treatments and potential cures for some of society's greatest health problems—diseases such as diabetes and cancer.

And, as this guide explains, leaving a gift in your Will is easy to do.

Thank you for considering a gift to Mater in your Will. It is a powerful commitment to changing the future for all of us.

A gift of love: Rusty Lush

When Russell ‘Rusty’ Lush and Lorraine met at a country dance, it was love at first sight. She was just 18 and he was only 20, but they were married within two years.

Their life together was a real love story. They adored each other, and together they welcomed two beautiful children and three gorgeous grandchildren into the world.

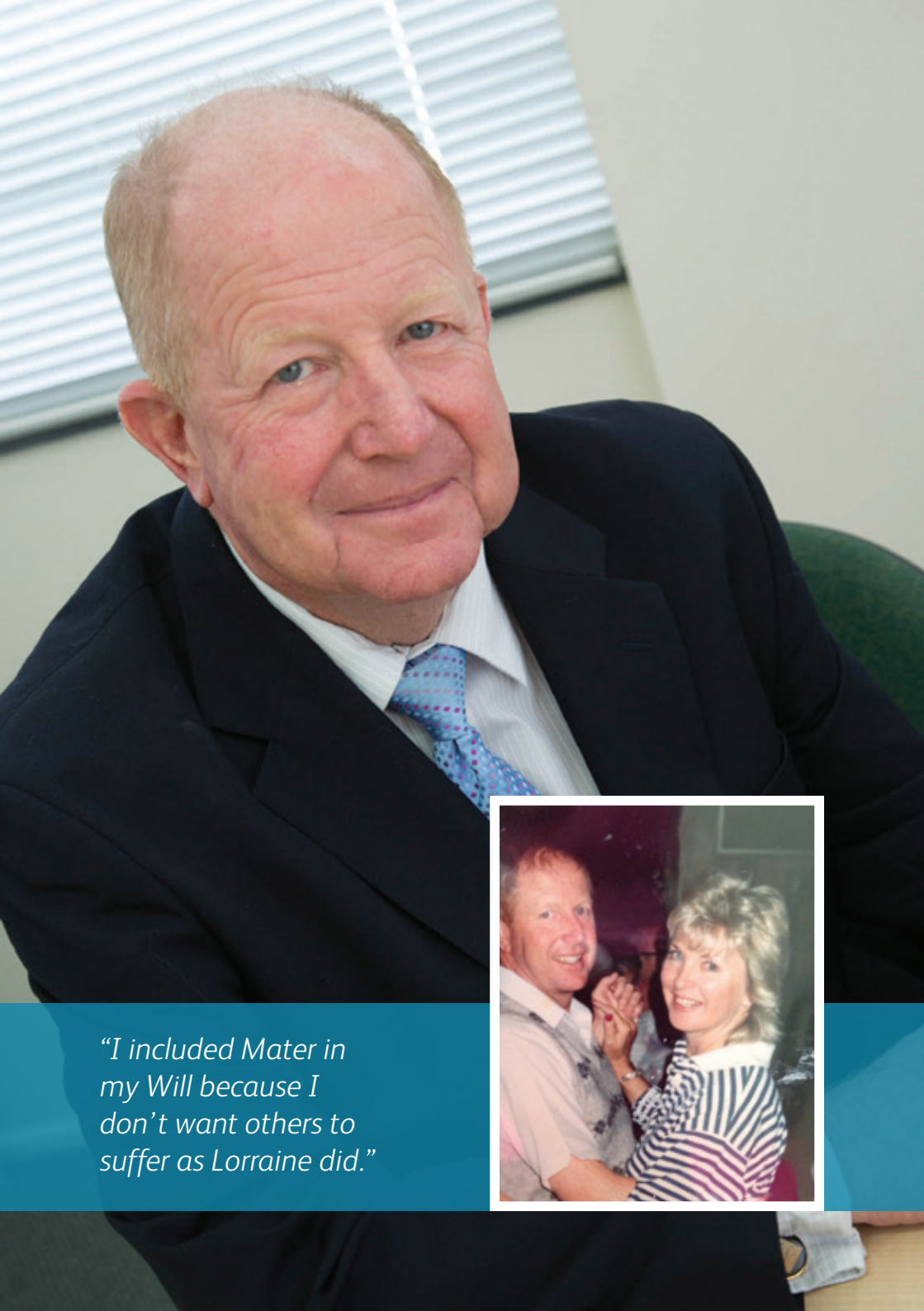
Sadly, in 2005, the good times came to a tragic end when Lorraine was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. By the time her illness was detected, it had already spread and the best Mater’s oncologists could do was give her as much time as possible.

Lorraine passed away after two years and five months of ill health, leaving Rusty bereft but also more determined than ever to keep fighting the disease that took his beloved wife from him.

So with his children’s blessing, Rusty decided to add Mater to his Will. Lorraine is at peace now, but Rusty knows that thousands of Australian women remain at risk from ovarian cancer—including his own family.

It brings him great comfort to know that because of his gift, Mater’s researchers can take another step towards beating ovarian cancer.

By including Mater in your Will, you too can support the worldwide fight against cancer and other serious diseases.



"I included Mater in my Will because I don't want others to suffer as Lorraine did."





How can my gift help?

All gifts to Mater in Wills play a vital role in improving the lives of future generations. Your gift to Mater Foundation will be directed to the areas of most need, which may include:

Cancer care: providing compassionate support to people with cancer and their families, ensuring they have access to the latest treatments.

Neuroscience: offering specialist care in neurosurgery, spinal surgery, neurology, stroke and advanced epilepsy services through the Mater Centre for Neurosciences.

World-class research institute: taking Mater Research findings from the laboratory bench to the patient's bedside as quickly as possible, and sharing them globally.

Exceptional mother and baby care: looking after Queensland's most fragile babies. Our specialists have even performed surgery for spina bifida on babies before birth.

The Sister Angela Mary Fund: funding urgent needs that directly benefit mothers and babies, such as new equipment, surgical procedures and groundbreaking research.

Community outreach: responding to the needs of the poor and marginalised with specialised services.

Mater Future Fund: using this endowment fund's interest to support health, research and education programs.

A gift of love: the Moreton family

Perhaps it was because Stirling Moreton couldn't wait to see the world. Or maybe he was eager to meet his mum. Whatever the reason, 14 weeks before he was due, little Stirling decided it was time to be born.

If Stirling had arrived so early, he'd have been unlikely to survive. So his mum, Miriam, was flown to Mater Mothers' Hospital, where the fight began to keep Stirling safe inside her womb.

It was touch and go. Three times Miriam went into labour, and three times the experts at Mater managed to keep Stirling where he was.

When Stirling was eventually born, he was only a month early. And thanks to the efforts of Mater and Miriam, he was out of our Neonatal Critical Care Unit within a few days.

Today, Stirling is a happy and healthy little boy. But to his mum and dad, he's a living miracle—a beautiful example of what can happen when we work together to fund healthcare and research.

That's why Stirling's parents decided to add Mater to their Will. They know it's the best way to ensure our researchers and clinicians have the funds they need to give children the best chance of survival.

By including Mater in your Will, you too can help support the healthcare needs of a new generation.



*"We included Mater in
our Will so others can
be as lucky as we are."*

Three easy steps to preparing your Will

Step 1:

Consider how you would like to share your assets.

We recommend you speak with your family in the first instance about your wishes, and make adequate provision for your loved ones. If you would also like to include a gift to Mater in your Will, we can help ensure that it achieves your goals. For a confidential discussion, speak with our Donor Liaison Manager on 07 3163 8000.

Step 2:

Contact a solicitor or other Will maker.

Seek independent advice from a specialist Will writer such as a solicitor, a trustee company or the Public Trustee. These professionals are the best people to prepare your Will. They can ensure your Will meets all legal requirements, giving you peace of mind that your wishes will be carried out.

Step 3:

Let Mater know about your gift.

Please let us know that you have included Mater in your Will—we would appreciate the opportunity to thank you and let you know about our future directions. There is a confidential form included in this booklet, or phone us on 07 3163 8000 or email bequests@mater.org.au.

A newborn baby with dark hair is lying in a hospital bed, covered with a white blanket. A hand is gently holding the baby's arm. The background is slightly blurred, showing hospital equipment.

What kind of gift can I leave?

A residual gift is a percentage of the remainder of your estate, after debts and provisions for your family have been made. Inflation will not reduce its value over time.

A pecuniary gift is for a specific amount or asset. Remember, the value of a specific amount of cash will decline over time due to inflation, so your Will needs to be updated regularly to retain the value of your gift.

Gift in action

The T Weston and ML Morrison Perpetual Charitable Trust helps provide ongoing funding for medical treatment and equipment to care for newborn babies at Mater Mothers' Hospitals. You too can make an incredible difference by including Mater in your Will.

Suggested wording for your Will

If you choose to leave a gift to Mater in your Will, it will be used by Mater Foundation to help Mater's area of greatest need. However, you may prefer to nominate where you would like your gift to be directed.

A clause should be inserted in your Will using the following wording:

I give and bequeath to **Mater Hospitals' Appeal Limited as Trustee for Mater Foundation**,
620 Stanley Street, Woolloongabba Qld 4102,

(#Description of Gift.....)

(**for the use of.....)

I declare that the receipt of the Secretary or other appropriate Officer of the said company shall be full and sufficient discharge to my trustees who will not be obliged to see the use of such funds.

- # Insert the type of gift. For example, "the residue of my estate"/"a percentage of my estate" (after you look after family members)/a specific sum of money or specific items.
- ** Specify the area of Mater Misericordiae Limited for health, research and/or education, or write 'Mater Foundation' if you wish for us to designate your funds.

Mater Foundation ABN 96 723 184 640

Changing the future:
Professor John Hooper,
Mater Research



Please complete and return to Mater Foundation

☐ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Mr ☐ Dr Other:

Full name:

Address:

Postcode:

Contact telephone number:

☐ Home ☐ Business ☐ Mobile

Preferred email:

- ☐ I would like more information on gifts in Wills via email or mail.
- ☐ I am considering including a gift to Mater in my Will.
- ☐ I intend to include a gift to Mater in my Will, but I have not yet updated my Will.
- ☐ I've already included a residual/pecuniary gift (please indicate the type of gift) to Mater in my Will.
- ☐ I would like a Mater Foundation representative to contact me to discuss my options.

Thank you for your interest and your support of Mater's ongoing work. Please be assured all information you provide remains confidential.

Our Donor Liaison Manager would be happy to discuss any queries you may have. Please call 07 3163 8000 or email bequests@mater.org.au.

Please return this form to:
Mater Foundation, 620 Stanley Street, Woolloongabba QLD 4102
Free call 1800 440 155



Our Mission

Mater Foundation supports compassionate healthcare for our community by promoting and funding the prevention and control of diseases in people of all ages.

Our Vision

Be a leading health-based fundraising organisation, trusted by community and renowned for investing in a future of exceptional healthcare, education and medical research.

Our Values

Every day we live by:

Mercy: the spirit of responding to one another

By being merciful we can bring forgiveness, joy, peace, kindness, compassion and hope to all in our care.

Dignity: the spirit of humanity, respecting the worth of each person

Each person we encounter in our working day—patients, visitors, co-workers—deserves our respect.

Care: the spirit of compassion

We show that we care for one another by being sensitive to each other's needs and showing kindness.

Commitment: the spirit of integrity

Being committed to those who entrust themselves to us is a responsibility we take seriously.

Quality: the spirit of professionalism

We strive to be leaders in our fields and to combine those skills with humanity and warmth.

Did you
know?

Mater has provided exceptional healthcare for more than 100 years. This includes meeting unmet needs in the areas of Indigenous health and providing healthcare to the homeless.

Why leave a gift to Mater in your Will?

It will save lives. A gift in your Will can help people in need in our community for years to come.

It creates a better future. A gift in your Will is a long-lasting way to directly support a cause you care about.

It is satisfying. A gift in your Will can give you peace of mind, knowing your love will live on.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.

Call our friendly supporter team on **07 3163 8000**, email us at bequests@mater.org.au or visit our website www.letyourloveliveon.org.au.

Thank you for considering a gift to Mater in your Will.

Mater Foundation, 620 Stanley Street, Woolloongabba, QLD 4102

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