Cancer Council Queensland



Your beautiful gift to the future

A guide to including a gift in your Will



"I'm not a wealthy woman, but I want to leave what I can to make life easier for people who are going through cancer. The legacy I want to leave is kindness."

Rebecca Bell, who has kindly included a gift to Cancer Council Queensland in her Will.



Our promise to you

When you choose to include a gift in your Will to Cancer Council Queensland:

1. We understand that your family and the people you love will come first.
2. Your privacy and wishes will always be respected.
3. Your gift will be used carefully and cost-effectively.
4. You and your gift will always be treated with sensitivity and respect.
5. If you prefer to remain anonymous, your wishes will be respected. (But we'd love to know so that we can talk with you about any wishes you may have and acknowledge you for your generosity.)
6. We will thank you and remember you for your enduring support.



We are over 60 years strong, thanks to the Queensland community

1961 **The Queensland Cancer Fund is established by a group of concerned community members.** Their purpose: to help people affected by cancer.

1971 The Queensland Nurse of the Year Award is launched.

1981 Sid the Seagull ushers in a new era of sun protection, appearing on TV for the first time and launching the long-standing Slip, Slop, Slap campaign.

1983 We begin funding the Australian Childhood Cancer Registry, one of the longest running databanks for childhood cancer in the world.

1989 Our Transport to Treatment service begins.

1991 Our first Accommodation Lodge opens its doors in Townsville. Our five lodges are for Queenslanders who need to travel to major urban hubs for their treatment.

1996 Our 13 11 20 Information and Support Line launches.

2001 First Relay for Life in Queensland held.

2004 The Viertel Cancer Research Centre is established as a cancer research unit within Cancer Council Queensland.

2005 Professor Ian Frazer develops the world's first cervical cancer vaccine, thanks in part to Queenslanders including gifts in their Wills to Cancer Council Queensland.

2007 The Queensland Cancer Fund was renamed to Cancer Council Queensland and we adopted the daffodil, the international symbol of hope, as our logo.

2012 Our Wig and Headwear service launches.

2018 The Australian Cancer Atlas is officially launched. The Atlas shows in detail how each area across the country is faring when it comes to cancer diagnosis rates, screening and survival.

2020 The Cancer Risk Calculator is launched as a free online tool the public can use to find out ways to reduce their cancer risk.

2021 **We celebrate our 60th anniversary.**





A legacy that inspires: Why your gift matters

When people ask what truly makes a difference in the fight against cancer, the answer is clear: it's the quiet, powerful decisions made by individuals like you. Those who choose to leave a gift in their Will to Cancer Council Queensland.

Why does this matter? Because over one-third of our life-saving work is only possible thanks to these legacy gifts. These gifts fund the research that leads to breakthroughs. They support early detection programs that save lives. And they ensure that no Queenslander faces cancer alone. All because someone cared enough to act.

People are often surprised to learn how many others have already made this choice. In fact, thousands of compassionate Queenslanders have included Cancer Council Queensland in their Wills, because they believe in a future where cancer no longer claims the lives we love. This growing community of legacy donors is creating a ripple effect of hope.

And here's something important: when you include a gift in your Will, you're not just giving, you're aligning your actions with your values. You're making a public commitment to the kind of world you want to leave behind. That consistency between belief and behaviour is powerful – and deeply fulfilling.

You don't need to be wealthy to make a meaningful impact. What matters is the intention behind the gift – because even a modest legacy can change lives for generations.

We're deeply grateful for your consideration. Because when you choose to act, you're not only giving hope, you're becoming part of something larger than yourself. A legacy of compassion. A future shaped by generosity.

Matt Gardiner

Chief Executive Officer,
Cancer Council Queensland





You'll help save lives

Professor Ian Frazer's work on an HPV vaccine to prevent cervical cancer is an example of how gifts to Cancer Council Queensland directly contribute to major breakthroughs.

In 2005, Professor Ian Frazer and his colleague announced they had created a vaccine to prevent the type of human papilloma virus (HPV) that causes cervical cancer. It was the world's first cancer vaccine. Since then, the national vaccination of teenage girls and boys has meant that cervical cancer rates have dropped significantly in Australia.

The breakthrough, which was partly funded by legacy gifts to Cancer Council Queensland, promises to protect future generations from cervical cancer in Australia and around the world.

By including a gift in your Will to Cancer Council Queensland, you're ensuring that cancer research projects can be undertaken using cutting edge technologies, and with the certainty of ongoing funding.

"The extraordinary generosity of Queenslanders helps make cancer research possible. A gift in your Will helps us continue our work to prevent cancer, give people more time and a better quality of life, and bring hope to people and families affected by cancer — now and for generations to come."

Professor Haitham Tuffaha
Chief Research Officer,
Cancer Council Queensland



You'll give practical help to Queenslanders living with cancer

We work with thousands of Queenslanders going through cancer and their loved ones, every year. Here are just some of our support services:

13 11 20

Our 13 11 20 Information and Support Service is here for all Queenslanders affected by cancer, at every stage of diagnosis

Cancer counselling

Our specially trained nurse counsellors and psychologists support Queenslanders impacted by cancer.

Accommodation

Our Support Hubs in Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Brisbane, and Toowoomba provide a welcoming home away from home for those who need to travel to access treatment – particularly those in regional and remote areas.

Transport to Treatment

When Queenslanders need support getting to and from hospital or treatment facilities, we offer a range of transport services at no cost.

Wigs & Headwear

We provide wigs and other items of headwear to Queenslanders experiencing hair loss because of their treatment.

"It's my job to listen and ensure Queenslanders have access to support and services when they're most vulnerable and distressed. My role is also about supporting carers."

Robyn
Supportive Care Consultant,
Cancer Council Queensland







Garth & Kay's story

Garth and Kay Stephens made the decision include gifts in their Wills to Cancer Council Queensland after Garth's father passed away due to cancer.

"That's when we decided, let's put something in. We updated our Wills and decided to formalise the gift," says Kay.

Garth acts as a peer support volunteer for people living with cancer, and Kay runs Australia's Biggest Morning Teas to raise funds. "Everyone is touched by cancer," Kay says. "Every family has a cancer story."

Garth says: "Mum had cancer, Dad had cancer, Kay's father had cancer, and I've had cancer."

"I see Cancer Council Queensland really trying to get to people with cancer to help them live a good life, even if it's terminal cancer. There are solutions around. And people don't always know what's available to them."



1 in 2

Queenslanders will be diagnosed with cancer **by the age of 85.**

Over

30,000

Queenslanders are diagnosed with cancer every year.

Around

300,000

Queenslanders are alive today after a cancer diagnosis in the last 30 years.

Queensland is the skin cancer capital of the world.

In the 1980s, the five-year survival rate for cancer in Queensland was 53%.

Now, it's **74%**

thanks to continued investment in cancer prevention, treatment and support services.

The five most common cancers in Queensland are **prostate, melanoma, breast, colorectal and lung cancer**.



Your questions answered

Do I have to be wealthy?

Anyone can include a gift of any amount in their Will. You don't have to be wealthy. Of course, please consider your family and loved ones first.

Every donation helps with research, preventing cancer and supporting Queenslanders going through cancer and their families.

What types of gifts can you leave in your Will?

There are several different ways to include a gift in your Will.

A residual gift

By including a "residual gift" to Cancer Council Queensland you are telling your executor that, once any debts are paid and specific gifts are distributed to the loved ones named in your Will, the remainder (or a proportion of the remainder) of your estate will be gifted to Cancer Council Queensland.

A fixed specific gift

This involves gifting an asset such as real estate, shares, vehicles or specific items.

A fixed sum of money

Also known as a pecuniary bequest, this involves gifting a specific dollar amount. Your solicitor can advise you of ways to ensure the gift retains its relative value (for example, by increasing the amount by reference to CPI)

Whole or part of your estate

You can include your whole estate or any part of your estate to Cancer Council Queensland.

Why would I allocate my gift to "general charitable purposes" rather than something specific like research?

Most people choose to include a gift in their Will for "general charitable purposes". Our research, prevention programs and support services here at Cancer Council Queensland continue to grow and evolve over time, and the more flexibility we have to carefully direct your bequest in the best way possible, the better equipped we are to meet the needs of Queenslanders.

Some people do choose to direct their gift to a particular type of cancer or area of personal interest, perhaps because of their own experience with cancer or in tribute to a loved one lost to cancer. These gifts are more than welcome, and we would be honoured to fulfill your wishes.

If you do have a specific purpose in mind, please feel free to call our friendly team on 1300 663 936 or email giftsinwills@cancerqld.org.au for a confidential chat.

Do I need a solicitor?

We strongly suggest you talk to a solicitor to help write or update your Will. Some people write their own Wills using kits online or bought from a newsagency or post office. However, in order for a Will to be valid, there are certain legal requirements that need to be met, and working with a solicitor will help ensure that everything's done correctly

Solicitors charge different amounts to write Wills, so do some research to make sure you get the best deal.

Cancer Council Queensland's Free Will Service is available to anybody who needs a basic Will written or updated and kindly includes a gift in their Will.

For more information about our Free Will Service, see page 18 or visit **cancerqld.org.au/free-will-service**

Is there a simple way to change my existing Will?

If you already have a Will, the most cost-effective way to include a gift to Cancer Council Queensland is by adding a codicil, which is a short legal amendment to your Will. Check with your solicitor if a codicil is appropriate for the updates you wish to make. Adding a codicil could be done via a simple email exchange with your solicitor, and then popping into their office to sign the amendment. This can also be done through our Free Will Service.

Who can I talk to at Cancer Council Queensland?

If you have a specific question, or you'd like to know more about gifts in Wills or any other aspect of work happening at Cancer Council Queensland, please call our friendly team on **1300 663 936** or email **giftsinwills@cancerqld.org.au**.



Avril's story

Avril, a retired cattle farmer in her eighties, has lived in Goondiwindi in Queensland's Darling Downs for more than half her life.

A deeply compassionate person, Avril volunteers at her local Driver Reviver site and delivers food for Meals on Wheels. She has also donated regularly to Cancer Council Queensland since 1992 yet refuses to take credit for her incredible contribution of over more than twenty years.

Avril says, "At the time, my husband and I just decided we should start supporting something we may need, and other people do need."

She has very kindly included a gift to Cancer Council Queensland in her Will.

Avril says, "I can't help physically but I can donate. So that's what I did."




“You’ve got to target the areas you think are most important in your own life. I know a lot of people who have gone through cancer.”



Information for solicitors

Information for the solicitors of people who wish to include a gift in their Will to Cancer Council Queensland.

At Cancer Council Queensland, we believe that family comes first. We would encourage you to recommend that your client discuss their intentions with their family members. Please encourage your client to contact us so we can acknowledge their gift by inviting them to join as the Daffodil Circle (see page 22).

Please also pass on Cancer Council Queensland's sincere thanks for choosing to support our work in this way. Gifts in Wills are a significant source of funding for the work of Cancer Council Queensland and we are incredibly grateful for each and every gift.

When you see your solicitor about making or amending your Will, you might find it useful to give them this information.

This is the suggested wording to include a gift in a Will to Cancer Council Queensland (ABN 48 321 126 727). Please select the wording that best reflects the kind of gift your client wishes to give.

Residual gift

"I give, devise and bequeath [insert either the fraction or percentage of your residuary Estate you would like to give, or the wording "all of my residuary estate"] to Cancer Council Queensland presently of 553 Gregory Terrace Fortitude Valley, Queensland to be applied for [insert either "its general charitable purposes" or the specific purpose you would like the gift to be used for.]

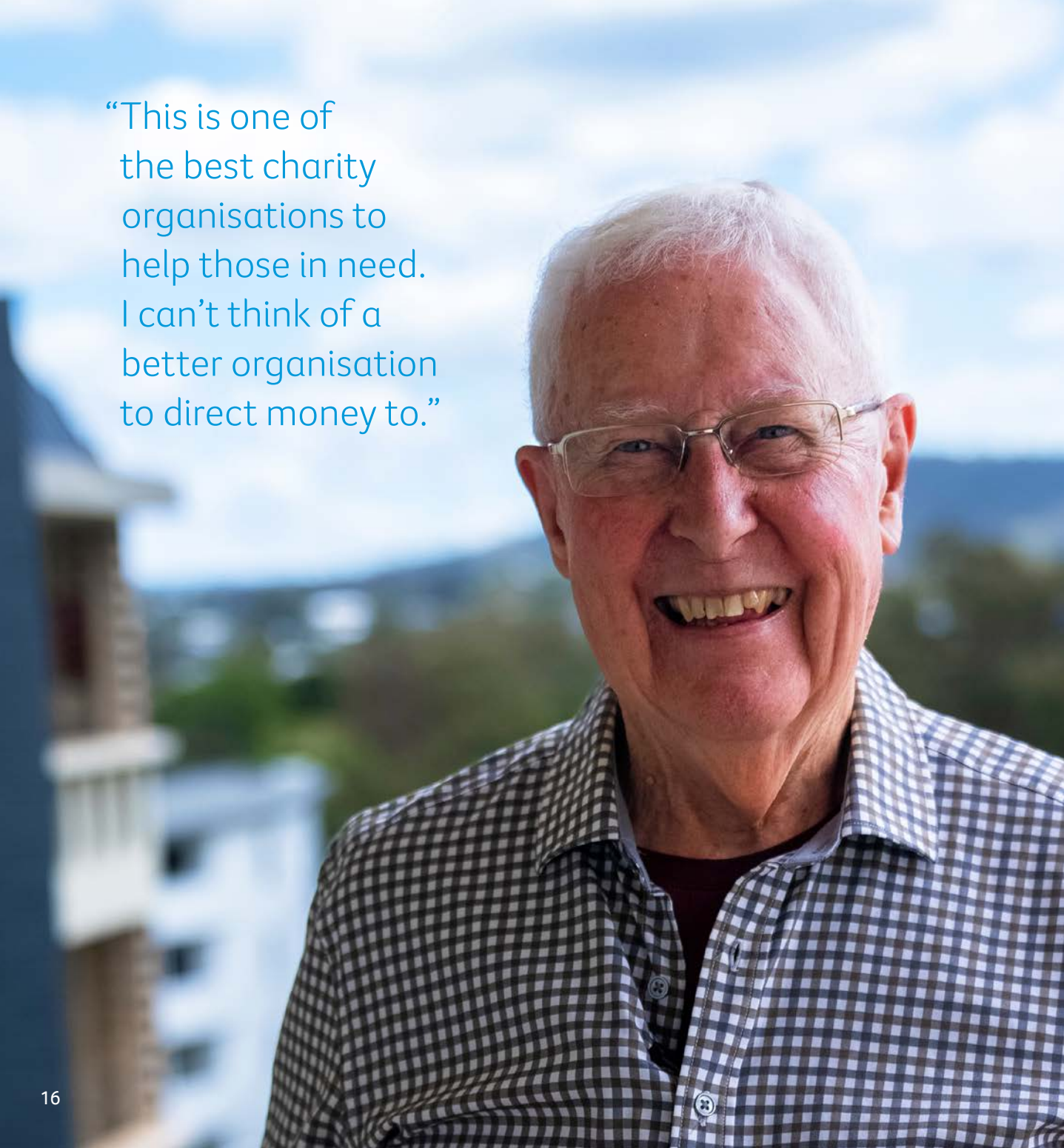
Specific or monetary gift

"I give and bequeath [insert either the particulars of the specific item being given, or the sum of money being given] to Cancer Council Queensland presently of 553 Gregory Terrace Fortitude Valley, Queensland to be applied for [insert either "its general charitable purposes" or the specific purpose you would like the gift to be used for.]

Declaration:

When you make a gift in your Will to Cancer Council Queensland, your Will should also include the words:

"In relation to that gift, I declare that a general charitable intent applies, a receipt signed by a person authorised by Cancer Council Queensland shall constitute a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors and my Executors are not obliged to see or enquire into the application of the subject matter of the gift made by me."


“This is one of
the best charity
organisations to
help those in need.
I can’t think of a
better organisation
to direct money to.”



Alan’s story

After Alan Galwey retired in 1991, he started volunteering with Cancer Council Queensland.

“So many people are affected by cancer, whether it’s themselves or a loved one. It’s a dreadful disease and there’s no doubt Cancer Council Queensland are making great inroads into research, but obviously there is a long way to go. Cancer research is vital because the sooner we can get a breakthrough, the better things will be,” said Alan.

Alan is one of many Queenslanders who have used our Free Will Service, which is available to anyone who needs a basic Will written or updated, and kindly includes a gift in their Will to Cancer Council Queensland.

Alan said “I’ve certainly left money to my nieces and nephews and to some very close friends, but I can’t think of anything better than to leave some money to Cancer Council Queensland. I just hope that work continues.”

Our Free Will Service is available for all Queenslanders

Anyone who needs a basic Will written or updated and kindly includes a gift to Cancer Council Queensland is eligible to use our Free Will Service.

If you would like to use our Free Will Service:

We have partnered with community-minded law firms across Queensland. These firms can prepare you a simple Will or update an existing Will at no cost, when you kindly include a gift to Cancer Council Queensland.

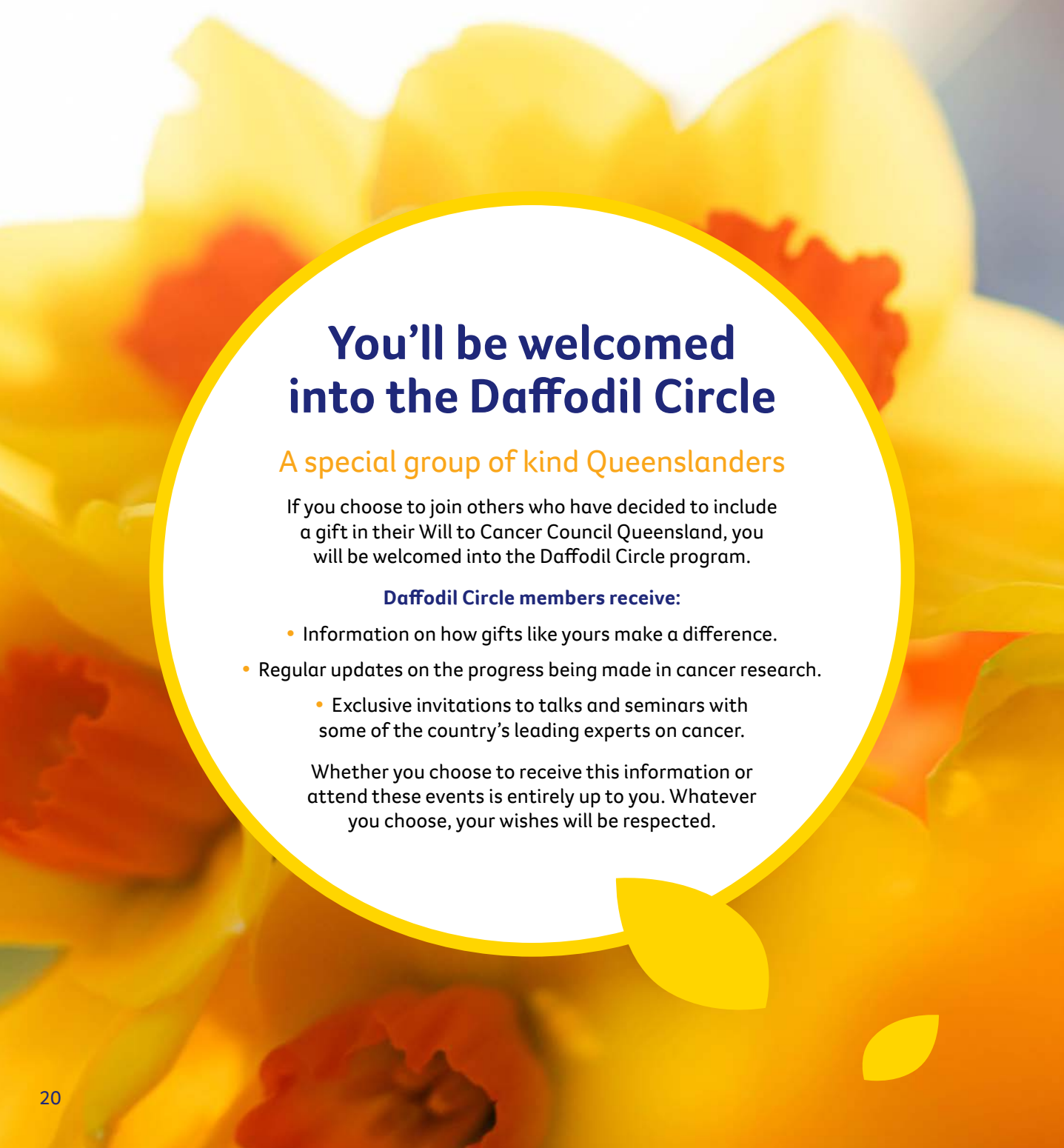
You are welcome to directly contact any of our partner law firms to make an in-person appointment.

The full list of firms can be found at **cancerqld.org.au/free-will-service**.

When you include a gift to Cancer Council Queensland, you make a lasting contribution to research, prevention programs and cancer support services for Queenslanders and their families when they need it most, and well into the future.







You'll be welcomed into the Daffodil Circle

A special group of kind Queenslanders

If you choose to join others who have decided to include a gift in their Will to Cancer Council Queensland, you will be welcomed into the Daffodil Circle program.

Daffodil Circle members receive:

- Information on how gifts like yours make a difference.
- Regular updates on the progress being made in cancer research.
- Exclusive invitations to talks and seminars with some of the country's leading experts on cancer.

Whether you choose to receive this information or attend these events is entirely up to you. Whatever you choose, your wishes will be respected.



Tony Groom, who has generously included a gift in his Will to Cancer Council Queensland.

‘It was my wife’s cancer that motivated me to leave a gift in my Will...

I just wanted to give back what I have been given.’

If you would like to learn more about including a gift in your Will or our Free Will Service, our friendly team is here to help.

Visit:
cancerqld.org.au/legacy-giving

Email:
giftsinwills@cancerqld.org.au

Phone:
1300 663 936

For cancer information & support call **13 11 20**.

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