



Continuing your
legacy through a
Gift in Your Will





Thank you for considering a gift in your will to the Bionics Institute. Your choice will ensure we can continue our pioneering research and improve the lives of people for generations to come.

I've seen firsthand how powerful such a gift can be; how it can speed up research and lead to medical breakthroughs.

I believe that medical devices are the future of medicine. They have no known side effects and give hope to people not responding to traditional medicines.

That's why supporting these important medical developments is a legacy I'm incredibly proud to be a part of. Not just as a CEO of this great organisation, but also as a supporter - you see, I have also chosen to leave a gift in my Will to the Bionics Institute.

Of course, I will always put my family first when it comes to preparing my Will.

But it's so important to me to leave behind a legacy that is in line with the values that have defined my life; a belief in science, a passion for helping people and a commitment to innovation.

This is the legacy I can leave, and I'd be honoured if you similarly chose to leave a legacy that helps generations to come have access to life-changing medical devices.

Together, we can make an incredible difference to the lives of others and be remembered for the values that defined our life.

With my warmest thanks,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert J. K.", written in a cursive style.

Robert Klupacs
Bionics Institute CEO

You can help improve lives through a gift in your Will

A gift in your Will today will enable our researchers to transform lives for people with debilitating conditions in the future.

The Bionics Institute is an internationally recognised medical research institute founded in 1986 by Professor Graeme Clark to develop the cochlear implant.

We have built on this legacy to lead the world in the research and development of innovative medical devices and therapies to improve human health.

Our multidisciplinary team comprising world-class scientists, engineers and researchers aims to develop treatments and diagnostic tools that transform lives for people living with debilitating conditions, such as:



Alzheimer's disease



Chronic pain



Crohn's disease



Epilepsy



Hearing impairment



Rheumatoid arthritis



Parkinson's disease



And much more

For more information on gift in Wills, or for a confidential discussion, contact our team at (03) 9667 7500 or philanthropy@bionicsinstitute.org.

“It’s a nice feeling to think that even when I’m no longer here, I am helping something continue that other people are going to benefit from, just like Simon.”

- Belinda, Gift in Will donor



Leaving a lasting legacy

“The research of the Institute changed our lives, and I hope that by leaving a gift in my Will, then even when I’m gone, I can leave a legacy to help change someone else’s life for the better.”

Simon received a cochlear implant when he was only three, after contracting a severe form of meningitis and becoming profoundly deaf in both ears.

Tests showed that there was unfortunately no chance of Simon’s hearing regenerating and as Simon became so profoundly deaf, hearing aids were not an option, making his future initially look very uncertain.

However, the cochlear implant developed by the Bionics Institute provided another chance for Simon to hear, and after just three months he received a cochlear implant in one ear, as was most common at the time.

Simon was able to attend rehabilitation in Sydney where alongside the clinical team, Belinda and his family undertook a huge effort to help him adjust as quickly as possible to his new hearing and ensure he didn’t fall behind with language development. He adapted really, really quickly, finishing all of the rehab in just a few weeks and fully adapting to hearing in just one ear.

Thanks to receiving a cochlear implant, Simon has been able to attend a mainstream school and university and has gone on to achieve his dream of becoming a commercial airline pilot. He is, to the best of our knowledge, the first implant recipient in Australia and possibly in the world with a cochlear to become a commercial pilot working for a major airline, something we are incredibly proud of.

“We can’t thank the Institute enough for their hard work in creating the opportunity for Simon to have this device and lead the life he does. It’s transformed our lives. Not just Simon, but all of us as a family.

Leaving a gift in my Will is a way for me to consolidate my gratitude. It has given me the comfort of feeling that I am giving back.”

- Belinda

A gift in your Will could help us find new treatments for people like Sara, who suffers from the debilitating effects of Crohn's disease.



“The Bionics Institute’s research into innovative new treatments give people like me hope of a better future.”

How to include the Bionics Institute in your Will

Through your Will, you have the power to make a significant and important difference to people living with challenging diseases.

There are different ways of including a gift to the Bionics Institute in your Will.

The type of gift that is right for you will depend on your personal and family circumstances. Your solicitor will be able to help you choose the best option for you.



Residuary Gift

After making provision for family and loved ones, you can choose to leave all or part of the remainder of your estate ('residue') to the Bionics Institute of Australia.



Set Amount

You can leave a specific sum of money. For money to keep its value over the years, you can ask your solicitor to index-link it.



Percentage Gift

You can leave a nominated percentage of your entire estate.



Whole of Estate

You can leave your entire estate to the Bionics Institute of Australia.



Specific Item

You can leave specific items of value, such as property, art, or shares.

Suggested wording

Here is our suggested wording for including a gift to the Bionics Institute in your Will. We advise you to share this when speaking with your solicitor:

I give to the Bionics Institute of Australia (ABN 56 006 580 883)

[Please choose]

- a) the whole of my estate
- b) the residue of my estate
- c) X% of my estate
- d) the sum of \$X
- e) description of property

free of all duties and deductions, to be applied for the purposes of medical research by the Bionics Institute of Australia.

I direct that a receipt in writing by an authorised officer of the Bionics Institute of Australia shall be deemed proof of payment.

It is important that you use a solicitor or accredited Wills and estates specialist to make sure that your Will is legally correct and that your wishes can be acted upon.

All gifts in Wills should be made to the Bionics Institute of Australia, ABN 56 006 580 883.

For more information on gift in Wills, or for a confidential discussion, contact our team at (03) 9667 7500 or philanthropy@bionicsinstitute.org.

Frequently asked questions

Why do I need a Will?

A Will gives you the opportunity to say how you wish your estate to be divided among those who are important to you. By not having a Will, you will be letting the state decide who should benefit from your estate.

Talking about your Will with your loved ones is an important conversation to have. If your legacy wishes are not clear, there is a risk they will not be carried out as planned.

Having a current and legal Will that has been discussed with those important to you avoids delays, problems and extra expenses at a challenging time.

After ensuring your loved ones will be cared for, you may wish to include the Bionics Institute in your Will as a reflection of your passion, interest and support.

Regardless of age, by having a Will you can ensure adequate planning for the future and peace of mind. Making a Will is not expensive, but failing to make a Will can be costly.

How does a gift in my Will help the Bionics Institute?

Often people feel that they do not have the means during their lifetime to help others as much as they would like to. It can be easy to underestimate the overall value of the assets that will eventually form part of your estate. This is particularly true if you own property, which may have increased in value over time.

By making a gift in your Will to the Bionics Institute, you can help support our life-changing work for generations to come - without affecting your independence and self-sufficiency today.

What if I have already written my Will?

People change their Wills for many reasons, particularly when their personal circumstances change. A minor change or addition can usually be made very quickly and simply, or a new Will may be written to ensure clarity of intention.

Do I need a solicitor to leave a gift in my Will?

Your Will needs to be carefully written to comply with legal requirements and to ensure your wishes are acted upon. We always recommend you seek assistance from a solicitor or an accredited Wills and estates specialist. For suggested wording, please see Page 9.

There is the option to write your Will online for free the Bionics Institute's partnership with Gathered Here. With just a few clicks you can easily and quickly create your free Will in the comfort of your own home, in just 15 minutes. To find out more visit the website.

Do I need to tell the Bionics Institute about a gift in my Will?

No, it is your choice if you would like the Bionics Institute to know about a gift that you left to us in your Will. However, if you have chosen to support us in this very generous and personal way, we would be delighted to hear from you so that we can say thank you, understand how you would like it to be used and invite you to join our community.

How will my gift be used by the Bionics Institute?

The Bionics Institute will use your gift for research projects that will have the greatest impact on people with challenging medical conditions. Your gift could support research fellowships, student scholarships or laboratory equipment. However, if there is an area of research that is special to you, or you would like to a fellowship or scholarship to bear your name, please contact us for a confidential conversation.

Your gift could enable the next medical breakthrough

After taking care of your loved ones, leaving a gift in your Will enables you to continue supporting the causes that were important to you during your lifetime and leave a legacy for the generations to come.

Remembering the Bionics Institute in your Will is a practical way of making a difference in people's lives, without affecting your independence and self-sufficiency today.

Your gift will support development of innovative new treatments that friends and loved ones so urgently need.

Thanks to a significant gift in Will, our researchers have been able to pioneer a treatment for hearing loss using nanotechnology, led by Associate Professor Andrew Wise.

“This gift really set the foundation for our work. We were able to hire two new scientists and create a particle manufacturing facility at the Bionics Institute. This facility is a huge step forward for the program as it enables us to develop and optimise the manufacturing process under controlled conditions. This is a key step in establishing a manufacturing process to produce clinical grade drug-delivery particles for a first in human trial.”

/Associate Professor Andrew Wise
Lead researcher, Hearing Therapeutics



Join our Catalyst Community

By choosing to leave a gift in your Will, you will be joining a valued community of people who have left a personal legacy to medical research.

Becoming a member of our Catalyst Community means you will be closely involved with the Bionics Institute, and we will keep you informed about our scientific discoveries, updates and news, introduce our leading researchers, and invite you to exclusive events.

You will be able to learn first-hand how the Bionics Institute is leading the world in the development and translation of bionic health solutions and making a positive impact on the lives of people living with challenging medical conditions.

Become a part of a community dedicated to making a difference to the future of medical research for generations to come.



To arrange a time talk in confidence with
Bionics Institute Head of Development
about leaving a gift in your Will, email
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