



# Your gift will provide a better life

for people living with MND

*Our Gift*



Until there's a cure, there's care

## MND Victoria Cares... and with your help we always will



### Why should you include MND Victoria in your Will?

Thank you for reading this booklet as it means you're already thinking about your legacy to family, friends and your favourite charities.

**Making a Will** is important as it allows us to say how our life savings should be spent. A Will allows you to acknowledge the important people in your life. Family and friends who have provided love and support can be named as beneficiaries of your estate. It's a way to provide for their material comfort as well as a way to thank them after you have gone.

**Making a Will** also gives you the opportunity to leave a Gift to your favourite charities; charities who may have supported you or your loved ones during your lifetime.

**Making a Will** and leaving a gift to MND Victoria means that you really care and believe in our mission – to provide and promote the best possible care and support for the 450 plus Victorians living with MND every day.

**Making a Will** and leaving a gift to MND Victoria means you can choose to support research into finding cause, treatment and cure.

**Making a Will** and leaving a gift to MND Victoria means you will make an amazing impact on the lives of Victorians living with MND now and in the years ahead.

From everyone in the MND Community – thank you for Making a Will and considering leaving a gift to MND Victoria.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Johnson'.

**Kate Johnson**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Your Gift will live on as we manage bequest funds to support people with MND now and in the years ahead

The Association is fortunate to receive bequests, often from people who have been impacted by the disease.

MND Victoria invests the funds it receives through bequests and applies the earnings to the provision of care and support for people living with MND and to invest in research. This ensures that any bequest lives on and continues to benefit people living with MND long after the original capital would have been expended.

Our ultimate aims are to be able to meet the needs of people living with MND, be independent of Government and to fund effective research that finds the cure for MND.



## Improving quality of life

A diagnosis of motor neurone disease is devastating regardless of your age. It is terminal, there is no active treatment and currently no cure. Average life expectancy from time of diagnosis is 27 months.

Every MND diagnosis is unique – but there are ways in which we can help make each day a little less overwhelming for the person with the disease as well as their family, carers and friends.

### Creighton's Story

Creighton was diagnosed in March 2017. He and his wife Judy set a goal that he would live to enjoy his 70th birthday which he did. Creighton is able to live positively with his MND partly due to the support that comes from MND Victoria. It's important to Creighton that he can still do things independently like go out on his own in his power wheelchair and stay in touch with family through his iPad which fits comfortably on his tray table. Creighton can do this because MND Victoria supplied him with a variety of mobility aids, including the power wheelchair, at no cost to him.

The association also supplied Creighton with an electric bed so he can have a good nights sleep, and a hoist that enables Judy to get him out of bed. It is because of these items that Creighton can remain living with Judy in their own home.

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The support that comes from MND Victoria is absolutely essential and invaluable. MND Victoria is very efficient in their delivery and very prompt in meeting our needs as they arise.

*Creighton, living with MND*

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## Sandra's Story

Sandra was a carer all her life. She cared for grand-parents, parents, her own children and her husband. When she was finally able to care just for herself, MND took over her life. Once diagnosed Sandra and her daughter Shelley contacted MND Victoria as they knew they could not get through the daily challenges without expert support. Sandra's journey was quick, just eleven months. During her disease progression the association did everything it could to help Sandra stay independent. We provided a variety of mobility aids including a walking frame, manual wheelchair, power wheelchair, electric bed and shower commode. These items were provided at no cost to Sandra which was particularly important as Sandra had just turned 65 when diagnosed which meant she could not access National Disability Insurance Scheme funding.

“ Mum needed help just getting around and staying independent. MND Victoria were fantastic. They provided us with lots of equipment such as a wheelchair and electric riser chair all at no cost to us. The Association was a great help in so many ways.  
*Shelley* ”



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## How will you share your legacy?

After you have made arrangements for your family and friends, you can choose how to include Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria in your Will.

Your solicitor will help you decide what type of bequest best suits your wishes. However, we recommend a residual bequest as this ensures your loved ones are looked after first and is very easy.

A residual bequest is a gift of all or a percentage of what is left of your estate after all other gifts, taxes and debts have been paid. A residual gift allows you to decide exactly how much of your estate you want to leave to family and friends. Other types of bequests include leaving a specific amount and/or asset.

Once you have decided to leave a gift in your Will to MND Victoria please let us know so that we can acknowledge your generosity and provide you with a Certificate to keep with your personal records.



## How to word your bequest

Now that you've decided to leave a bequest to MND Victoria below is a clause that can be inserted in your Will:

"I give devise and bequeath (description of gift) share/residue of my estate, or the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Motor Neurone Disease Association of 265 Canterbury Road Canterbury 3126 ABN 44 113 484 160 in the State of Victoria or its successors for (insert any preference – the Association prefers the wording "for the purposes of the Association") \_\_\_\_\_ and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Trustee/s."

*Using these words, the Will can either identify a share of the estate (usually a percentage) or an amount.*

*Our Bequest*

## Your bequest

Please complete and return to Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria

Mr Mrs Miss Dr Other \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information

I am considering including a gift to MND Victoria in my Will

I have left a gift to MND Victoria in my Will

I would like an MND Victoria representative to contact me to discuss further options

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring the best quality care and support can be delivered to people living with MND after your death.

Please return this form to:

**MND Victoria**

Attn: Manager, Supporter Development & Communications

265 Canterbury Road

Canterbury Vic 3126

Freecall: 1800 777 175

E: [community@mnd.asn.au](mailto:community@mnd.asn.au)

[www.mnd.org.au](http://www.mnd.org.au)

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It is clear how much quality of life the electric wheelchair gave him. We will be forever grateful to MND Victoria for their equipment service.

*Paula*, wife of person living with MND

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*Thank You*

for your commitment  
to people with MND –  
your legacy and support  
will live on



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