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to handle a gift in your Will?

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# Thank you!

for helping us care for those living  
on the margins of our society.

We are honoured by your  
generosity and pray that you  
will be blessed as you have  
blessed others.

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**Let us guide you through  
this important decision.**

# Your gift will make a difference

The Wesley Mission Queensland (formerly Wesley Mission Brisbane) story is one of compassion, hope and opportunity.

It is also a story of caring for those on the margins of our society and a belief that everyone deserves the opportunity to have the best in life. We are here for families, young people at-risk, people living with disability and those who have nowhere else to turn. We will continue to partner with like-minded charities and organisations to provide innovative and proactive solutions to assist those who are most in need, as well as operate Queensland's only children's hospice Hummingbird House; (a joint initiative of Wesley Mission Queensland and Hummingbird House Foundation); and the Youngcare Apartments at Sinnamon Village, Coomera and Wooloowin.

Our work has made a significant difference over the decades, but we know there is still much to be done to help those less fortunate.

That is why I would like to extend you an invitation to consider leaving a gift (also known as a bequest) to Wesley Mission Queensland in your Will.

Every gift makes a difference and contributes to bringing change. Through careful thought and consideration, you have an opportunity to leave a legacy that will reflect your personal values and echo across the ages.

There are a number of ways you can remember Wesley Mission Queensland in your Will, and there are details over the page to help you make an informed decision.

Yours sincerely,



**Geoff Batkin**

*Chief Executive Officer,  
Wesley Mission Queensland*





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# Pass it on and change lives!

## To leave a legacy, you must first make a Will.

A Will ensures that, after death, your wishes are protected and efficiently implemented, plus it allows you to:

- Name the Executor/s you would like to carry out your wishes as you intend them.
- Make arrangements for the guardianship of minors, naming people you can rely upon to bring up your children according to the values you hold dear.
- Give your Estate (divided as you choose) to family, friends and/or charitable organisations.
- State your wishes as to whether you prefer to be buried or cremated, and any other instructions, such as organ donation.
- Nominate whom you wish to conduct your funeral service. Wesley Mission Queensland can assist if needed.

If you don't have a Will, your Estate will be distributed according to government regulations. This can be costly, and can cause unnecessary problems and anxiety for your loved ones.

If you are unsure of how to go about making or changing your Will, please contact your legal advisor, the Public Trustee in your local government office, or a Trustee Company.

Your Will can only deal with those assets which you own in your own name or as tenant in common. Assets which you own as joint tenant pass to the other tenant on your death by survivorship. Also, superannuation is not an asset you can deal with by your Will, although you can make a binding death nomination to instruct the trustee of your superannuation fund how to pay your death benefit, at the same time as you make your Will. More complicated assets such as interests in companies or partnerships require specific professional advice. Your solicitor and accountant should be consulted.

Remember that your Will speaks from the date of your death. If you have sold or otherwise disposed of an asset since you made your Will, you should consider the impact on your testamentary wishes. You may need to make a new Will or add a codicil to your existing Will.

“ At only 15 years of age, Mustafa walked 13 hours through the night from Iran to Turkey. He eventually fled to Indonesia where he lived in a house with over 80 other refugees before boarding a boat bound for Australia in search of freedom and opportunity. Thanks to our Logan Youth Foyer program he has a better life and an even better future. ”



# What form would you like your generosity to take?

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## Specific Bequest

This is the gift of an item of specific value, passed on to Wesley Mission Queensland to generate funds. It can be in the form of a gift of real estate or an investment such as stocks or shares.

### **Suggested wording for a specific bequest:**

“I give and bequeath [Insert a description of the item being gifted] to The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q.), GPO Box 674, Brisbane, for the benefit of Wesley Mission Queensland in aid of that organisation and for its general purposes\* and declare the signature of a duly authorised person of the Trust to be a full and complete discharge.”

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## Residual Bequest

A residual legacy is a gift of whatever is left of your Estate (or percentage thereof) after all your gifts, taxes and debts have been fulfilled. When you choose this form of gift, you can have peace of mind knowing that your loved ones will be cared for, without sacrificing your long-term support for Wesley Mission Queensland.

As a residual legacy does not reflect a specific gift amount, this form of gift keeps its value regardless of inflation. In other words, the gift you nominate today is worth just as much in the future.

### **Suggested wording for a residual bequest:**

“I give and bequeath (free of all duties) the rest and residue of my Estate to The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q.), GPO Box 674, Brisbane, for the benefit of Wesley Mission Queensland in aid of that organisation and for its general purposes\* and declare the signature of a duly authorised person of the Trust to be a full and complete discharge.”

“ In helping others, we shall help ourselves,  
for whatever good we give out completes  
the circle and comes back to us. ”

Flora Edwards

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#### **Pecuniary Bequest**

This form of gift specifies a set dollar amount, determined by you at the time of drawing up or altering your Will.

#### **Suggested wording for a pecuniary bequest:**

“I give and bequeath the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q.), GPO Box 674, Brisbane, for the benefit of Wesley Mission Queensland in aid of that organisation and for its general purposes\* and declare the signature of a duly authorised person of the Trust to be a full and complete discharge.”

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#### **A Testamentary Trust**

You can also make a gift through a testamentary trust, which would provide Wesley Mission Queensland with ongoing financial support.

#### **Are you considering leaving a gift to a specific program?**

\* To request that funds be directed to a specific program, please replace the words “its general purpose” with the name of a specific Wesley Mission Queensland program.

# Your gift can yield rich dividends in human gratitude.

In 1934, at the height of the Depression, Reverend Harold Manuel Wheller, the Minister of what is now known as Albert Street Uniting Church, had an ambitious vision. In an era where caring for the aged had yet to come to light, he dreamed of building “a village for ‘Aged Folk’ where the dignity of old age could be preserved.”

Reverend Wheller’s dream was met with scepticism. His vision to address the needs of the aged in a new and innovative way was regarded an “interesting and possibly dangerous experiment in the realm of social service to aged people.”

Yet his calling to care compassionately for the aged inspired support from unlikely sources. One such was Mr George Marchant, a successful local soft drink manufacturer. Mr Marchant was not even a member of the Albert Street Congregation, but was inspired by Reverend Wheller’s enthusiasm and initially pledged £100 to the project. The more he learned of Reverend Wheller’s innovative plans for his revolutionary home for the aged, the more committed he became to supporting the project.

Mr Marchant’s initial generous contribution of £100 grew to an extraordinary £22,000 by the time he donated land and provided the funds to construct the buildings to accommodate 40 residents.

What began as a vision in response to increasing social need became The Garden Settlement for Aged People; an innovative residential community regarded by international authorities on aged care as the benchmark for others to follow.

Mr Marchant died on 5 September, 1941. The generosity of Mr Marchant did not only apply to Wesley Mission Queensland. He made substantial contributions to other organisations to help sick children through donations of money and land. His generosity has made significant improvements to the lives of many Queenslanders and we honour both Mr Marchant and Reverend Wheller for their contribution to Wesley Mission Queensland.



Wheller Gardens opening  
23 November 1936



Harold Manuel Wheller (1882–1979)



Mr George Marchant (1857 - 1941)



“ The best investment I ever made was putting money into The Garden Settlement. It yielded rich dividends in human gratitude, comfort and honour. ”

Mr George Marchant

## Ann Elizabeth (Betty) Smith, M.B.E legacy of faith, compassion, dedication and love

As part of the 80 year celebrations of the Wheller Gardens site, Wesley Mission Queensland opened the Betty Smith Heritage Precinct in honour of a wonderful woman whose service to her friends, the community, and the church lasted a lifetime.

Ann Elizabeth 'Betty' Smith was born in Brisbane in 1916. As a child, Betty regularly attended church with her parents and older brother, Frederick Richard (Dick) Smith.

Betty found profound meaning and fellowship in church life. In the 1940s she joined the Ann Street Presbyterian Church and, never one to be idle, dedicated herself to teaching Sunday School, coordinating camps, running the church drama group and serving as a member of the State Council of the Presbyterian Fellowship.

It was her love of books and writing, though, that would steer Betty's professional aspirations. In the 1950s she joined the youth department of the Ann Street Presbyterian Church, where she wrote Sunday School lessons for the Presbyterian/Methodist Board of Christian Education. She also wrote several children's books on bible stories – books that have been translated into seven languages and sold all around the world.

For her services to religious education, Betty was awarded the M.B.E. (Member of the British Empire) by the Queen. Betty regarded this as a great honour; all those around her agreed it was richly deserved.

In 1977, Betty joined Albert Street Uniting Church, where her ongoing dedication, commitment, and faith touched the lives of everyone who met her. She volunteered in the church office twice a week; she edited the church quarterly magazine, 'Encounter'; she wrote poems, liturgies, and carols for the School of Seniors; she graced the stage in church drama performances; she gave great insight at meetings of the Elders Committee; and she took great care in writing up the Marriage Register and Baptism Register in her pristine cursive handwriting.

Though Betty never married, she built a large loving family around her – comprised of her relatives, her friends, her congregation, her colleagues, and her three beloved cats.

Those closest to Betty will always hold tight to the warm memory of their loving, thoughtful and kind friend.

When Betty passed away in 2007, she left a generous bequest in her Will to Wesley Mission Queensland, ensuring that she could, in some way, continue to help the community she loved.

Wesley Mission Queensland's CEO, Geoff Batkin, hopes that the Betty Smith Heritage Precinct will serve to honour the life work of such a dedicated Queenslander, church member, and dear friend.

"Thanks to the generosity of people like Betty Smith, Wesley Mission Queensland is able to continue to serve the community in which we work, much in the way that Betty did her whole life," he said.

"The Betty Smith Heritage Precinct will consist of three original Marchant cottages that were built for aging Queenslanders in the 1930s, restored to their original condition.

"I am continually inspired by people like Betty and her selfless dedication to the community in which she lived, and I hope, by remembering her in this way, that we can keep the spirit of that dedication alive."

Betty's love of music was known to all. In one of her favourite hymns, The Lord is My Light, there is a line that reflects Betty's life;

'...walking by faith, I am blessed every hour.'

And blessed are those who knew Betty Smith.



Betty Smith  
(1916 - 2007)



# One woman's legacy

# Honouring

the diverse and  
precious legacies  
gifted to Wesley Mission  
Queensland over the  
past 100 years



The Sanctuary  
Wheller Gardens  
**Mrs E. E. Raymont**  
(1940)

Mrs Raymont's gift helped build our beautiful Sanctuary. Her gift has greatly enriched the lives of our residents, and those who have been privileged to join in worship.

Cooper House  
**Mr & Mrs Cooper**  
(Circa 1950)

The Cooper legacy consisted of shares in a skin and hide business that equated to approximately £17,000. Their gift is honoured by the naming of Cooper House.

UHL Hall  
**Mr G. Alfred L. Uhl**  
(1957)

Mr Uhl's gift enabled the establishment of the Community Hall at the Garden Settlement, which bears his name.

St Luke's  
**Mr A. L. Nevitt**  
(1967)

A wing of St Luke's bears Mr Nevitt's name in honour of his generous gift to establish the St Luke's building.

Sinnamon Village  
**Edith, Isobel and Percy Sinnamon**  
(Circa 1970)

The Sinnamon family gifted 40 acres of land to the Methodist Church which was used to build Sinnamon Village at 17 Mile Rocks.

Bethesda Caring Centre  
**Edna May Hill**  
(2000)

The Hill gift was allocated for the ongoing care and support of the Bethesda Aged Care Community.

Betty Smith Memorial Precinct & Chaplaincy  
**Betty Smith**  
(2007)

Betty Smith's service to her friends, the community and the church lasted a lifetime. In honour of her dedication, Wesley Mission Queensland restored three Marchant cottages to their original condition, dubbed 'The Betty Smith Heritage Precinct'.

Asher House  
**Mr John Joseph Tracey**  
(2014)

Mr Tracey, former resident of Wheller on the Park, gifted his Estate to Wesley Mission Queensland which was allocated to help build Asher House. Asher House will provide a 'home for life' for people with acquired brain injuries.

Media Program  
**Mary Lemke**  
(2014)

One third of the Lemke Estate was specified for our Marketing and Media department to purchase much needed camera and filming equipment.

## Sinnamon Village Hydrotherapy Pool

The Sinnamon Village Hydrotherapy Pool opened in 2003 thanks to a number of generous friends and several gifts left in Wills, including;

- **Margaret Babbidge**
- **Dorothy Anstice Ball**
- **Mavis Buchanan Gilmour** and
- **Eileen Mavis Wilson**

The pool is purpose built to cater for the needs of the whole community, clients seeking general fitness, and people with complex physical and neurological conditions.



The Albert Street Methodist Church's mission is formally recognised as the Central Methodist Mission and Reverend Rowe establishes Sisters of the People, supporting those in need in Brisbane city.

**1907**



Queensland's first aged care community, the Garden Settlement (now Wheller Gardens), opens at Cherside. At the time it was considered a challenging, daring experiment. Today it is home to more than 800 aged care residents and retirees.

**1936**

**Central Methodist Mission**  
(1907 to 1977)



wmbMailpaQ is established. wmbMailpaQ is a not-for-profit digital printing, packing and warehousing service that offers meaningful employment to people living with a disability.

**1974**



The Emergency Relief service is established. The centre supports hundreds of people living with disadvantage every year by providing food parcels and emergency payments.

**1985**

**Wesley Central Mission**  
(1977 to 1996)

**1930**

During the Great Depression we provided meals, shelter and emergency relief to men who had lost their jobs and were doing it tough.



**1964**

Toowong Childcare Centre opens. The centre has since shared in the lives of two generations of locals; parents who were pupils at the centre are now enrolling their own children there.



**1977**

The Sinnamon Village aged care community opens. The site is now a thriving community hub, with five aged care residences, supported accommodation apartments, a respite centre for people living with dementia, and a wellness centre.





The Beenleigh Adult and Youth Services joins with us. Now known as Logan City Services, the network runs 11 community services programs to support young people and families in the Logan region and beyond.

**2004**



The Gold Coast Service Hub at Robina opens to support youth and families. We are now the largest provider of youth services on the Gold Coast, offering a wide range of practical programs for vulnerable teens and young adults, encouraging and providing them with support to achieve positive changes in their lives.

**2010**



In partnership with Hummingbird House Foundation, we opened Humminbird House, Queensland's only children's hospice.

**2016**

Wesley Mission Brisbane  
(1996 - 2016)

Wesley Mission  
Queensland  
(2016 to today)

**2007**

We partner with advocacy organisation Youngcare to provide housing for young people living with high care needs. The apartments take a person-centred approach to care and support residents to live independent, fulfilling lives.



**2015**

In partnership with Mantle Housing, we open Clear Breeze Apartments; a state-of-the-art development providing independent living for people experiencing mental health issues



# Albert Street Uniting Church

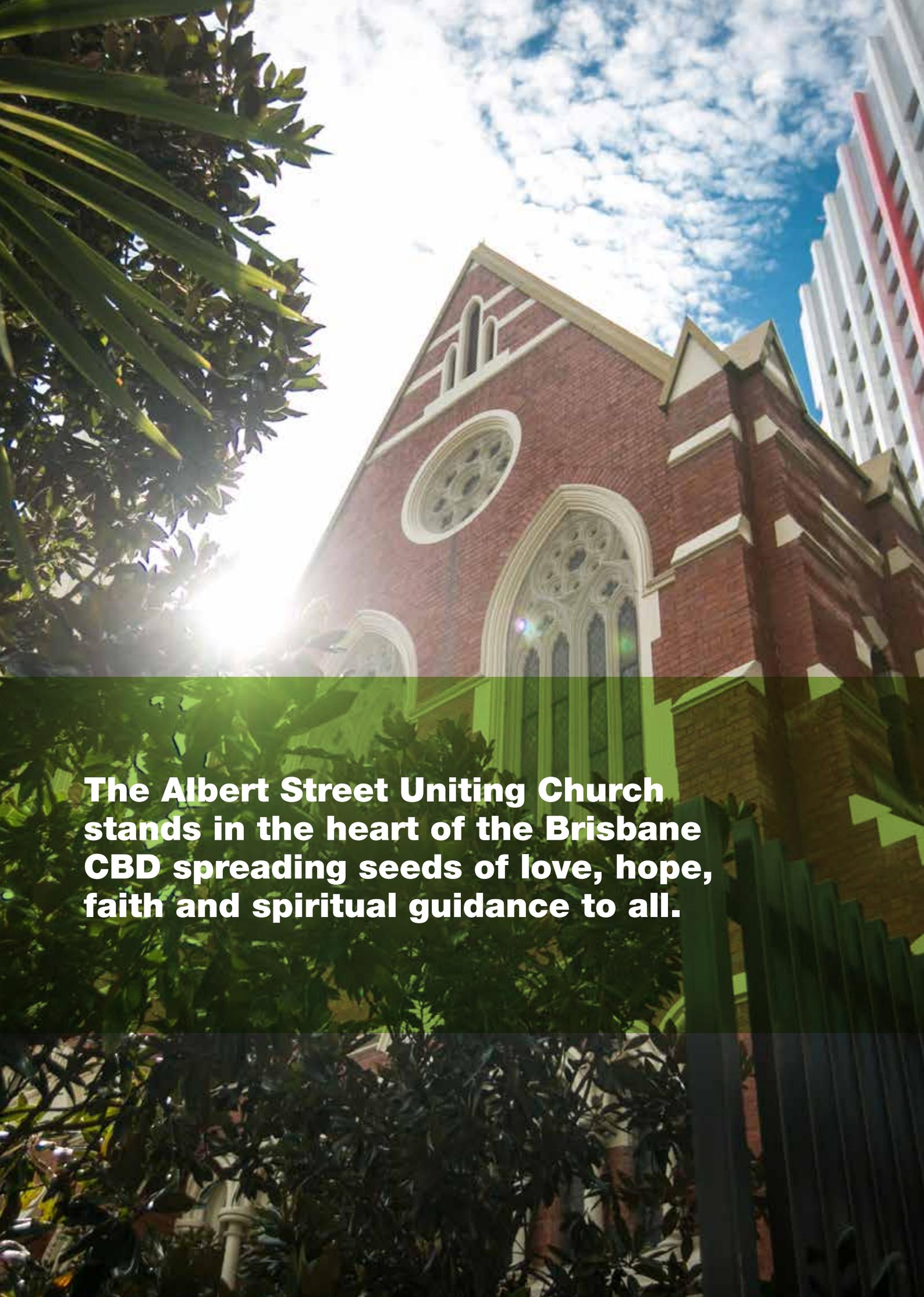
## The spiritual home of Wesley Mission Queensland.

Since its first acts of compassion and kindness in the 1800s, the church congregation has had a vital presence in Brisbane, particularly among those who have found themselves in need or on the margins of society.

The church congregation still plays an important role in the work of Wesley Mission Queensland and is involved in the free weekly Community Meal for people who are homeless or disadvantaged; the Art from the Margins art program and the Hardship Relief Service in Fortitude Valley.

The church is open to the public every day and conducts weekly worship services, weddings, christenings and many regular family events such as the Christmas Tree Lighting Party and Winter Music Festival.





**The Albert Street Uniting Church stands in the heart of the Brisbane CBD spreading seeds of love, hope, faith and spiritual guidance to all.**

# Important Information and legal definitions

## When should a Will be reviewed?

- Upon marriage
- Upon separation
- Upon divorce
- Upon entering into a de facto relationship
- When amendments are made to the law (e.g. tax, superannuation)
- After the purchase or sale of substantial assets
- Upon the birth of a child
- Upon the death of a beneficiary or Executor
- Once children or grandchildren turn 18
- Every three years or so to make sure it reflects your current wishes

A minor change or addition to your Will can be done simply by adding a codicil. This saves redoing the whole Will. It is an extra document that becomes part of your Will, best drawn up by a solicitor, and needs to be witnessed. A codicil is a straightforward way of adding a gift to a charity in your Will.

## Who is a testator

A testator is a person making a Will.

## The difference between testate and intestate

'Testate' is the status of dying and leaving a valid Will providing for a valid distribution to the beneficiaries specified in the Will.

'Intestate' means the status of dying:

- Without leaving a Will, or,
- Leaving a Will that does not validly distribute all of the assets of the Estate

## What does 'probate' mean?

Probate is the process of transferring legal title to property from a person who has died to that person's heirs or beneficiaries. The probate process is supervised by a court and can include paying any taxes or debts that are owing, gathering and accounting for assets, determining the validity of a will, settling disputes over who is to inherit and distributing assets. The legal term for the probate process is testate proceedings.

## What is a testamentary trust?

This is a trust created under the terms of a Will. It includes:

- A trust set up for the benefit of minor beneficiaries or a protective trust for those with a disability
- A life Estate
- A trust to carry on a business

## What is an Executor?

An Executor is someone you appoint in your Will to ensure that the terms of your Will are carried out. Your Executor should be:

- Reliable and trustworthy
- Preferably with business or Estate administration experience
- Available and willing to act
- Someone who is likely to survive you (i.e. should not be significantly older than you)

If you don't appoint an Executor, the Court will appoint an Administrator to execute your wishes.

### **What is Power of Attorney?**

Giving someone 'Power of Attorney' means you are giving them the power to look after your health and/or legal and financial affairs.

An Enduring Power of Attorney allows someone you trust and nominate to act on your behalf in case you are no longer able to do so. For instance, your attorney will be able to operate your bank account if you are overseas. Should you ever become mentally incapacitated, this person would act on your behalf.

### **Guardianship**

If you have minor age children (under 18 years), thought should be given to appointing a guardian/s to look after them should anything happen to you in the absence of a partner. You should ensure that the guardian/s you appoint are comfortable with this arrangement. Decisions concerning guardianship of your children may be made by others, including the Courts, but the wishes stated in your Will will be given proper consideration.

### **Beneficiary**

Beneficiaries are the people or organisations nominated in the Will to benefit from the Estate. An Executor can also be a beneficiary.

### **Witnessing a Will**

A Will is invalid unless it is signed in the presence of two witnesses. A beneficiary must not witness a Will.

### **The effect of marriage and divorce**

Marriage revokes a Will unless the Will is made in contemplation of marriage.

In QLD, divorce revokes the appointment of the former spouse as Executor and revokes any gift to the former spouse. This may lead to a partial intestacy.

# Anything else we can do to help?

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Don't hesitate to contact us at  
Wesley Mission Queensland

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