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## Leave a Lasting Legacy

Give the gift of compassion and hands on support for brain cancer patients through a gift in your will to Peace of Mind Foundation

# CEO Message

Families faced with a brain cancer diagnosis need help navigating the complex road to treatment, from point of diagnosis through to bereavement. Peace of Mind Foundation delivers supportive care services, here and now and is the leading national brain cancer support charity in Australia.

I founded this organisation with my brother Clint after experiencing firsthand the incredibly hard road my sister-in-law Caroline faced after her brain cancer diagnosis. In honour of Caroline, my vision is being realised through the work of Peace of Mind Foundation.

Over the last decade, the organisation has grown to support over 800 families annually in this dire situation. Our aim is to help even more in the future and realise our goals to expand our services, from Community Brain Cancer Navigators in every state, to an increased number of advocates for our National Advocacy Service.

The support of our generous donors is incredibly valuable to ensuring our work continues. We simply could not do the things that we do without these financial contributions.

A gift in your will leaves an incredible legacy, making a powerful impact on the lives of those with brain cancer. I commit to you that Peace of Mind Foundation will work tirelessly to ensure your gift will make a real difference.

Thank you for joining us in this important work, through your support we can ensure that every family in Australia impacted by brain cancer gets the support they need, here and now.



**Bec Mallett**

Founder and CEO





## Leaving A Gift In Your Will To Peace Of Mind Foundation

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Your promise of future support is such a valuable way to make a difference to those in need and yet has little impact on your lifestyle today. Your gift will directly support patients and their loved ones navigate the challenge of a brain cancer diagnosis.

We know that many of our generous donors would like to give more and that the option of a gift in your will is a way of achieving this through a promise of future support. Whether it's a few hundred dollars or thousands, every dollar will go to providing here and now tailored support to those living with brain cancer.

## Why Do I Need A Will?

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A will is a legal document that allows you to direct how you want the things you own to be distributed when you die. Wills are not just for people who own property or have a lot of assets, it is important for everyone to make a will to remove doubts and difficulties which can arise when there is no evidence of your wishes.

A will is a positive way to provide for the people you care about, leave particular items to certain people, make instructions about your funeral arrangements and make a gift to a worthwhile cause such as Peace of Mind Foundation if you wish.

If you do not have a legally prepared will, your estate may be distributed according to the laws of your State rather than your wishes.



# Steps To Making A Will

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## Seek legal advice

When you're ready to make your will, or support a loved one, the first step is to get in touch with a professional such as a solicitor, or contact Peace of Mind Foundation who may be able to put you in touch with a legal professional to guide you through the process.

## Select an executor

An executor is a trusted friend or family member you nominate to ensure the wishes in your will are carried out as you intended. You can also appoint professional advisors, who will charge a fee for this service.

## Consider other arrangements

If you have children under 18, you should also consider appointing any guardians as well as any specific arrangements you'd like considered for your funeral.

## Keep your will safe

Make sure your will is kept in a safe location, and that your executor and family know the location of your will. Your legal advisor will retain the original and provide you with a copy.

*"If I hadn't found Peace of Mind Foundation I would've just given up. They were able to help not only talk about my brain tumour with compassion and firsthand knowledge of what I was going through, but also got me quickly accepted by NDIS. Thank you so very much".*

**J.H., S.A.**



# Deciding What You Wish To Give

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The types of gifts you can leave in your will depend on your individual circumstances and the legacy you'd like to leave behind\*. Your legal adviser can explain the different types of gifts to use which include:

- **Specific Legacy** – a specified sum of money or gift, eg \$10,000 or my Commonwealth Bank shares.
- **Residual** – The rest of the estate after the payment of your funeral debts and any specific gifts. These can be either:
  - Whole estate
  - A percentage of the estate
  - A conditional gift (eg if your children have died before you, then the gift is made).

\*Tax implications may apply so be sure to consult with an accountant in advance.

*“As a community it’s awful that we have had to endure and what we continue to endure but having people like Peace of Mind Foundation’s National Advocacy Service walk alongside us, just makes this whole thing a whole lot easier. Some days I feel like the unluckiest person in the world, but today I feel a little bit luckier.”*

S.K., Victoria

# How Do I Write A Gift In Will Bequest?

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If you make the generous decision to leave a gift to Peace of Mind Foundation in your will, you'll be making a lasting contribution to the lives of others who face a brain cancer diagnosis. Here is some suggested wording to provide to your legal advisor:

I GIVE [insert dollar amount/percentage/the residue of my Estate] ON TRUST for Peace of Mind Foundation Limited (POMF) ABN 86 167 229 576 of 142 Myers Street, Geelong, VIC 3220 and I DIRECT that the receipt of the treasurer or director of POMF shall be sufficient discharge for my Trustees, and if at my death, POMF has ceased to exist or has amalgamated with another organisation or has changed its name this gift shall not fail but my Executors shall pay it to the charitable organisation which he/she or they considers most nearly fulfils the objects I intend to benefit.

*"My life completely changed when I found out my Mum had Stage 4 Glioblastoma (terminal brain cancer). Everything was scary and on top of dealing with the grief of losing my Mum, I had to organise her care and navigate her treatment. Fiona at Peace of Mind was an angel sent from heaven. As part of the National Advocacy Service, she guided us in figuring out what supports were available and did all the background work in applying for those services. This was all free of charge, and yet her support was like a life raft during the hardest time of my life. I am so grateful to Fiona and Peace of Mind Foundation for being there for me and my Mum, for offering hope at a time when we felt like we were sinking. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."*

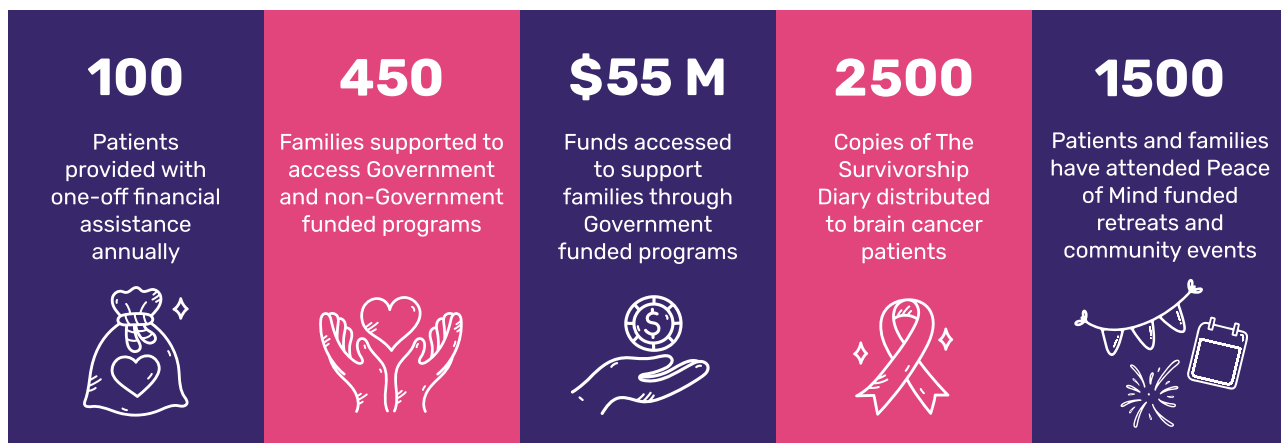
A.H., Victoria

# About Peace of Mind Foundation

Peace of Mind Foundation (POMF) is the only not-for-profit organisation in Australia focused on providing practical, emotional and financial support to patients and families facing a brain cancer diagnosis. POMF is funded entirely through fundraising efforts and provides supportive care across four key areas...

- **Support to access financial and practical assistance through government and non-government programs**
- **Counselling and advocacy services**
- **Community brain cancer navigators**
- **Retreats and community events**

## OUR IMPACT





*"What you leave behind is not what is engraved into stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."*

**Contact us for a discussion on leaving a gift in your will or if you would like assistance to prepare your will.**

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