



## Suggested wording for Bequests

Below are some suggested wordings of various options for including a gift in your Will to Melbourne Recital Centre. All offer the advantage of maintaining the power of your gift to sustain the Centre for generations to come.

This information is of a general nature and we recommend you consult with your solicitor who is best placed to provide advice suitable to your situation and ensure your Will is valid and that your wishes are expressed correctly. For more information or for a confidential discussion please contact Leonie Thompson, Philanthropy & Bequests Coordinator, on [leonie.thompson@melbournerecital.com.au](mailto:leonie.thompson@melbournerecital.com.au) or 03 9207 2648.

1. **Residuary Will Bequest** – after looking after your family and friends and any debts, you may choose to leave what remains of your estate to a charitable organisation like Melbourne Recital Centre. A percentage residuary Will bequest is an alternative to give whatever percentage of the residue of your estate you wish to either one or more charitable beneficiaries. For example:

*I give to the MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE (ABN 46 118 617 619), or its legal successor, **the residue of my estate**, free of all duties and testimony expenses for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of that organisation shall be sufficient discharge to my executors for this bequest.*

2. **Specific Will Bequest** – you may like to nominate a dollar amount, expressed either as a nominal amount or a percentage of your estate, up to 100%. For example, members of our Encore Bequest Circle are leaving cash, property, shares and other assets to the Centre as part of their estate planning. For example:

*I give to the MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE (ABN 46 118 617 619), or its legal successor, **50 percent of my estate**, free of all duties and testimony expenses for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of that organisation shall be sufficient discharge to my executors for this bequest.*

3. **Donor Directed Bequest** – you may wish to direct your gift towards a specific program or purpose that aligns with Melbourne Recital Centre's impact areas. Please ensure that your Will provides a provision for Melbourne Recital Centre to redirect your gift to the closest alternative purpose or program if it becomes impossible or impracticable to apply it to the prescribed purpose. For example:

*I give to the MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE (ABN 46 118 617 619), or its legal successor, **the sum of [insert value of your gift in words] dollars [\$x]**, free of all duties and testimony expenses for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of that organisation shall be sufficient discharge to my executors for this bequest and I declare it is my wish that the monies arising from this bequest be used and applied by the MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE **for the specific purpose of [insert program area here]**. **If at any time and for whatever reason it becomes impracticable or impossible for Melbourne Recital Centre to continue to apply the bequest for the purpose or purposes directed by me in this my Will then MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE may apply the bequest for such other purpose or purposes that are most closely in accordance with my directions.***