

Writing a Bequest into your Will

It is no small matter to consider your 'last will and testament', and so before proceeding, may I say thank you for considering taking this step.

God is gracious and provides in so many different ways, yet it is a work of his Spirit that prompts a person to consider making financial arrangements for future gospel causes. That is a true gospel legacy.

Our prayer will be that any bequest given to Lower Mountains Anglican will be used to ensure that the gospel can be held out to the generations of people of the Lower Mountains who follow in our footsteps.

What do I need to do?

Writing a bequest into your will is not difficult to arrange, that is if you already have a will. It involves asking your lawyer to add a clause which reads something like:

"I give the amount of \$..... to the wardens for the time being of Lower Mountains Anglican Parish to be applied as may be determined from time to time by a majority of the parish council of the parish. The receipt by any two (2) of the wardens shall be a sufficient discharge for my executors."

It may be that you only require an addendum (codicil) to your existing will (rather than a whole new will) which will alter, change, add to or subtract from provisions in your will. This is a simple way to keep your will and testament current and up to date.

If you would like to discuss more specific details, ask LMAP bequest questions, or get information about putting together a will – then Mark Hamwood (LMAP Member & Lawyer for R.M. Hamwood) is very willing to be a first point of contact for advice or instruction. He can be contacted at – email: mark.hamwood@gmail.com or mobile: 0402 125 435.

For legal assistance in writing a will, then here are some recommendations:

Law Firm	Contact	Address	Phone/email	Comment	Recommended by
Bridges Lawyers	Asheetha Jelliffe (Partner)	Level 2, 50 Margaret Street, Sydney NSW 2000	02 8272 7141 0421 042 141 ajelliffe@bridgeslawyers.com.au www.bridgeslawyers.com.au	Asheetha is a Christian. Standard Will would start at around \$600p/h (+GST)	Rebekah Ord
Teece, Hodgson & Ward	Richard Neal (Partner)	Level 10, 1 Chifley Square SYDNEY NSW 2000	02 9232 3733 www.teece.com.au	Richard is a Christian. Standard Will would start at around \$600p/h (+GST)	Rebekah Ord
R.M. Hamwood Lawyers	Mark Hamwood (Lawyer and Special Counsel for EWL Epsworth Lawyers)	Warrimoo	0402 125 435 mark.hamwood@gmail.com	Mark is a Christian and an LMAP member. Willing to help with basic estate planning.	Ken Noakes
McPhee Kelshaw	Paul McPhee (Partner)	Suite 1, 170 Macquarie Street Springwood NSW 2777	pmcphee@mcpheelshaw.com.au	The four principals of McPhee Kelshaw are members of local churches. Paul McPhee can assist with Estate Planning	Kevin Dodds Trevor Cork

It does cost to draft your will, at a start, a few of hundred dollars. That fee will rise depending on how complex your financial affairs might be.

Thank you again for considering and hopefully taking this step.



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