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We have funded life-saving equipment for **Cardiac care** 



### Life-saving care for future generations

St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital has been saving lives for more than 60 years. After opening its doors to the people of Brisbane in 1958, the St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital team has been touching hearts and keeping families together, earning the reputation as a world-class hospital, particularly for complex clinical procedures.

In the midst of the pain and horror of war there are endless stories of ordinary people making heroic sacrifices for their fellow soldiers and countrymen.

Heroism comes in all shapes and sizes. In 1947, the St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital building was approved as a living memorial to the brave men and women of the Australian Armed Forces. This ideal of service has been honoured and continued through the outstanding medical care and treatment our Clinical Team deliver to all patients and their families.

St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital has made many life-saving breakthroughs that will change the future of healthcare. Just as brave Australians fought for a better future for us all those years ago, today, and for generations to come.

Gifts in Wills to St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital remain crucial to our ability to save lives and give our patients the best possible care and quality of life.



# **Our clinical services**

St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital has grown into a major hospital for people throughout Queensland and further afield, proudly utilising our 250 beds, 15 operating theatres, and three cardiac catheter labs.

As a major not-for-profit hospital providing excellence in complete care, we have a constant need to invest in ground-breaking technology and treatments to ensure world-class healthcare for our patients.

Since conducting the first open heart surgery in a private hospital in Queensland, St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital has become renowned for excellence in cardiac care, as well as orthopaedics, neurosurgery and neurological conditions, and rehabilitation.

Each year, our expert team treats more than 31,000 patients and performs more than 24,000 operations.

From our Emergency Centre and Intensive Care Unit to our hybrid operating theatre, cardiac catheter theatre, and rehabilitation unit, we work as a team to provide the most advanced care.

That's why gifts in Wills are so critical to St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital.

They give us the ability to plan for a strong and productive future while continuing to provide treatment, support and hope for thousands of Queenslanders each year.

#### Our main clinical services:

• Cardiac and Innovative Cardiac procedures We are well regarded for life-saving cardiac and vascular surgery, caring for patients from all over Queensland.

#### • Emergency and Intensive Care

We are the only not-for-profit, inner city hospital with an Emergency Centre on site operating 24/7, with some of the lowest wait times in the country.

We provide excellence in care for critically ill patients in our state-of-the-art Intensive Care Unit (ICU). The ICU specialist team provides care every hour of every day, giving patients and their families peace of mind and world-class care.

We are only able to offer these best practice services because of the generosity of people like you and the heroism of our forebears. Please become one of our "Heroes" to ensure we can provide this care and treatment for generations to come.

# How your gift will help

Every single gift, no matter how large or small, is vitally important to St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital.

Gifts in Wills provide us with the funds to improve the quality of care and health of our patients. They provide a lasting contribution in advancing our understanding of a wide range of medical conditions and diseases, and help shape the future of medical treatment.

In many cases, gifts left to St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital have helped save lives and improved the care of thousands of patients, keeping families healthier and together, for longer.

A gift in your Will to St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital will ensure our clinicians and researchers can plan long term with the confidence that funding will be available to see these projects through to completion.

Your gift will also ensure peace of mind for patients and their families for generations to come.

# Your gift could help fund and develop vital programs and services, such as:

 Our structural heart program – pioneering new technology for life-saving cardiac procedures, including the TAVI, Amulet, Impella and Mitraclip.

St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital has been at the forefront of innovative cardiac surgeries, and was the first in Australia to implant defibrillators for patients at risk of sudden cardiac arrest.

- World-class endovascular procedure and care – we are renowned for using the latest techniques in blood vessel procedures.
- Life-saving medical equipment to remain at the forefront of innovative surgery, St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital continually invests in cutting-edge medical equipment that will save lives and improve our patients' health.

# At St Andrew's, we are passionate about supporting people who need our help the most:

 Rural and remote patients – access some of the best medical specialists in Brisbane with St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital Rural Health Connect. • Veterans' healthcare – in keeping with our historic roots, we proudly provide care for Veteran patients. In the past five years, we have treated and cared for more than 19,000 Veterans.



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help fund improvements in technology, surgical procedures, and ongoing research that will lead to better outcomes for Kelley and patients like her

### Why we need your support

Kelley was diagnosed with Tetralogy of Fallot (TOF) when she was just eight weeks old. TOF is a rare, life-threatening anomaly of four heart defects that dramatically affects blood flow through the heart.

Forty years ago, when Kelly was born, the chance of surviving TOF was only 40 per cent. Now, thanks to significant advances in medical technology, that chance has risen to 95 per cent.

Thankfully, Kelley lived well past the expectations of her doctors, but the night before her 24th birthday, St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital became a critical part of her life.

After she started having dizzy spells and was rushed to her doctor, Kelley was found to be at

risk of sudden cardiac death. The only thing that could save her life was an Implantable Cardioverter – a device implanted inside the body that performs cardioversion, defibrillation, and pacing of the heart. With these capabilities, it can correct most life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias.

Kelley spent her 24th birthday in surgery and survived her ordeal, thanks to the incredible team at St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital and the ongoing support, expertise and life-saving medical technology available. She now enjoys a fulfilling life and career, and has a family – something she was never sure she'd be able to do. "I am always so thankful that I was at St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital under the care of Dr Adsett. I trust him with my life."



## Saving lives every day

St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital is committed to improving outcomes for rural and regional Queenslanders. We believe in providing access to quality care no matter where you live in Queensland, closing the gap and preventing more lives being lost to heart disease.

The Heart of Australia Program is an incredible initiative by engineer-turned-cardiologist, Dr Rolf Gomes, which delivers vital cardiac services to rural and regional areas of Queensland from the back of a 25m-long semi-trailer.

This is a custom-built, \$1.5 million Kenworth K200 prime mover, featuring two private clinic rooms, a testing room, and a reception area for patients.

The truck enables the delivery of regular clinics, services and infrastructure that were previously unavailable to rural and remote areas. St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital has fitted out the truck with state-of-the-art cardiology diagnostic equipment.

In addition, our cardiologists support the service, flying out to work in the truck wherever it goes, providing diagnosis, treatment and follow-up for a range of cardiovascular and respiratory conditions.

# Since beginning its life-saving journey through Queensland in 2010:

• The Heart Bus has seen **4,465 patients** in communities in southwest and central-west Queensland. There are also plans to expand into northwest Queensland.  During its first 12 months of operation, the Heart of Australia saw 2,500 patients, and identified 76 urgent cases, including 13 people who needed open-heart surgery.

If not for the Heart Bus, some of these patients may not be alive today.



There are 80 per cent fewer specialists per capita in remote Australia than in the major cities

# **Belle's Journey**

Belle's journey with St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital started suddenly and unexpectedly when she suffered a life-changing stroke at 28. It left her without movement on her left side and unable to take care of herself. It was even more distressing



that there were no warning signs. Belle was young and healthy, and had no family history of stroke.

She was rushed to St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital and started on her long road to recovery. Thankfully, the team at St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital were there for Belle when she needed them most. After one week of slow progress and uncertainty in the neurology ward, Belle was moved to the rehabilitation ward. Our expert therapy team decided on an intensive rehabilitation program of physiotherapy and occupational therapy – every day, three hours a day, for four weeks.

"Walking is something we just take for granted," Belle remembers. "Now I had to think of every single thing, every single step. It was so intense. I am so thankful I had the St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital team to help me. I would not have recovered as well as I have without that intense rehab work."

Thanks to the dedicated team of therapists, quality rehabilitation care, and her determination, Belle walked out of hospital on her own, one step after the other. She says it was an incredibly emotional experience to walk out the front door and finally feel independent again.

"Every member of the team was outstanding in supporting me at every point. Every person I met was warm, friendly and supportive." Please consider leaving a gift in your Will to St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital – it may one day be a member of your family who needs our help

## How to leave a gift

A Will is important to ensure your estate is distributed to the people and organisations you care about the most.

You may consider leaving a gift in your Will to St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital:

- Whole of your Estate
- Percentage of your Estate
- Residue of your Estate
- Specific gift of money, shares, property or other investments.

#### **Recommended wording**

I ...... give and bequeath ..... to St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital (or any predecessor or successor of it), to be applied for their general purposes, free of all duties, and I declare that the receipt of the authorised Officer shall be sufficient discharge for my Executor.



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### - 60 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS -

and providing life-saving cardiac procedures to the Queensland community



# Who to Contact

If you are considering leaving a gift in your Will to St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital or would like further information or support, please contact our Planned Giving Manager for a confidential discussion on **1800 961 441**, or email **plannedgiving@ucareqld.com.au**.

We would be more than happy to discuss how you can help, or we can provide guidance on suggested wording that you can take to your solicitor.

Leaving a gift in your Will means your legacy will make a difference for future generations who need critical care and life-saving procedures.

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