

Charitable Trusts

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Setting up a charitable trust in your Will, can be a meaningful way to create a lasting legacy and contribute to causes you care about after your passing.

Charitable trusts are created to provide funds for charitable purposes. They can have a substantial impact on various societal needs such as education, health, poverty relief, animal welfare, environmental conservation and cultural development.

By addressing social issues, charitable trusts play a vital role in improving quality of life and creating positive social change. Trusts can be structured to exist in perpetuity, providing long-term benefits to the community.

Queensland Public Trustee (QPT) manages some of Queensland's leading charitable trusts which you might like to learn more about.





Queensland Community Foundation

Established in 1997, Queensland Community Foundation provides a permanent source of philanthropic funding for charitable organisations. This enables them to respond to the needs of the Queensland community. The trust achieves this through investing donations, distributing income and providing grants to charities.

Read more at qcf.org.au



Lady Bowen Trust

The Lady Bowen Trust was established in 2006 and aims to re-engage people experiencing chronic homelessness, or who are at risk of homelessness, to achieve genuine, positive and lasting outcomes. The trust partners, with established charitable organisations such as Mission Australia, provide targeted and flexible support according to individual client needs.

Read more at ladybowentrust.org.au



The Forde Foundation

The Forde Foundation was established in August 2000 in response to the findings of the Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions, better known as the Forde Inquiry. The foundation provides a small grants program to former residents of Queensland institutional care, in specific areas such as dental, health and wellness, and education and employment-related training.

Read more at fordefoundation.org.au



Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation

Established in 2008, the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) is dedicated to expanding educational pathways and creating brighter futures for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people across Queensland.

By providing vital scholarship funding, QATSIF empowers First Nations students to complete their senior school studies — opening doors to further education, careers and lifelong opportunity.

Read more at qatsif.org.au

Making a trust a beneficiary of your estate

When making your Will, talk with your lawyer or QPT if you want to nominate an established charitable trust, such as those outlined in this factsheet, to be a beneficiary of your estate.

Needing a Trustee

Alternately, when you make your Will, you may wish to provide a long-term benefit to a charity of your choice, by providing income from your estate, rather than by giving an immediate gift. As these trusts can be long-term or perpetual, it's vital to appoint a trustee who will continue to diligently administer the funds over the long-term life of the trust. Queensland Public Trustee may be able to act as trustee for a charitable trust that you want to set up through your Will.