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Your legacy
could be a
world without cancer



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A woman with long brown hair tied in a ponytail, wearing a light blue lab coat and safety glasses, is working in a laboratory. She is looking down at a piece of equipment. In the background, there are shelves with various lab supplies and a large glass-enclosed piece of equipment. The lighting is bright and clinical.

1 in 3 Australians will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

The remaining 2 will be closely affected by a diagnosis.

It's a deadly problem that needs disruptive solutions, starting with pioneering programs and revolutionary research. Because we know only brilliant ideas can tackle something as big as cancer.

Supporting ACRF means backing projects that push boundaries and blaze new trails. You're giving scientists access to cutting-edge technology that drives innovation — ultimately saving millions of lives.

It's an investment for people who need it most, and also for yourself.

**Every donation helps us back brilliant.
Australian Cancer Research Foundation.**

A history

of Backing Brilliant research

Thank you for your interest in leaving a gift to cancer research in your Will. It is thanks to the generosity of individuals like you, that ACRF has been able to grant over \$204m to groundbreaking cancer research across Australia. The gifts we receive through our Gifts in Wills program, make up a huge portion of the contribution we've been able to make to cancer research in Australia.

ACRF has a long history of backing pioneering projects that disrupt the way we understand and approach cancer. From supporting Emeritus Professor Ian Frazer AC in the development of a world-first Cervical Cancer Vaccine, to supporting the world-leading team at Children's Cancer Institute in their pursuit of zero deaths from childhood cancer, we are proud to say we have played a significant part in the progress of cancer research in Australia since our formation in 1984.

When meeting our wonderful supporters, I hear so many stories of how cancer has personally impacted them and their families.

It's a devastating disease that continues to effect each and every one of us. Through ACRF you can leave a legacy for a cancer-free future knowing that ACRF only supports pioneering research projects – those with potential to take leaps forward, towards one day making cancer a manageable disease.

We understand that leaving a gift to a charity in your Will is no small commitment, it's an important decision to make as you determine your lasting legacy.

We are honoured that so many individuals choose ACRF to help fulfill their wishes and our team is set up to support you and answer any questions you may have.

Warm regards,

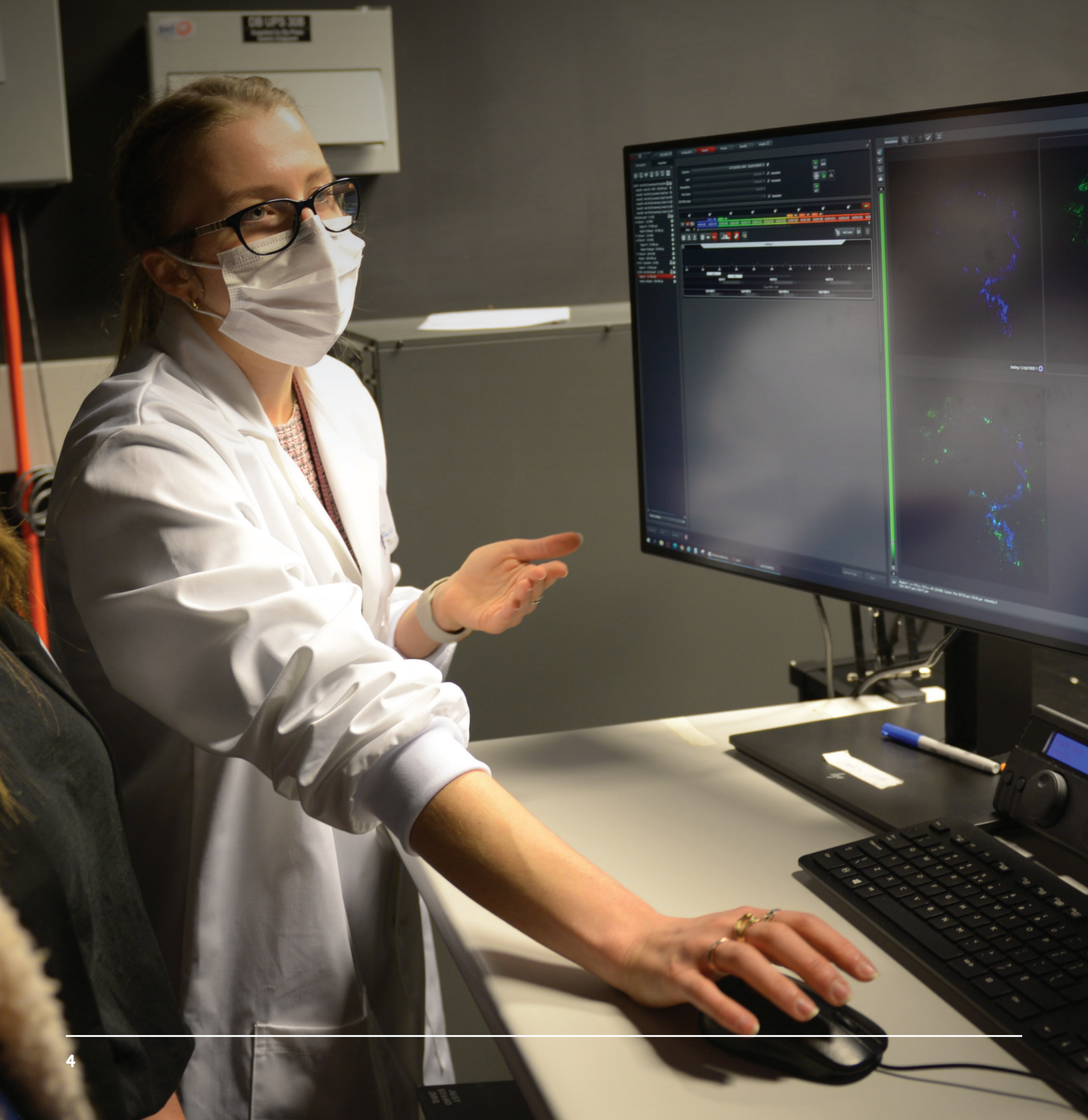


**Kerry Strydom,
ACRF CEO**





Supporting



scientists since 1984

Since 1984, ACRF has boldly supported cancer research projects that push boundaries and blaze new trails. Projects that seek to progress the way we prevent, detect and treat all types of cancer.

ACRF knows that backing scientists and their ambitious ideas is the best way to lead us towards a world without cancer.

Guided by our ACRF Medical Research Advisory Committee (MRAC) - some of the brightest minds in cancer research who volunteer their expertise, ACRF ensures that only the best and boldest ideas receive ACRF funding.

The MRAC meticulously review and assess each application that ACRF receives, to provide their recommendation on the projects that are worthy of support, those that are truly game-changing, the ones that will have significant impact.



Your generosity

1985

ACRF's first ever grant awarded to establish the Centre for Immunology at St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney. The start of our ongoing investment into cancer research infrastructure and equipment in Australia.



1991

A \$1m grant awarded to establish the ACRF Wing for Cancer Research in Victoria, focusing on novel diagnostic tests to aid in the early treatment of colon cancer and in the development of a vaccine for breast cancer.



2014

ACRF Image-X Institute established, focused on improving patient outcomes by building new technology for cancer imaging and targeted radiation therapy.



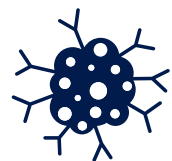
2015

First major grant worth \$10m awarded to establish the ACRF International Centre for the Proteome of Human Cancer where scientists are analysing tens of thousands of samples of all types of cancer from all over the world to develop a library of information to advance scientific discovery and enhance clinical treatment worldwide.



2018

Melanoma continues to be Australia's national cancer. This 2018 major grant of \$10m enabled the establishment of ACRF ACEMID, a national program aiming to reduce the annual melanoma death toll by using sophisticated 3D imaging, enabling patients to be monitored over a period of time.



could turn the impossible into the possible.

1999

An iconic grant awarded to Emeritus Professor Ian Frazer to establish the Centre for Immunology and Cancer, Research which ultimately seed funded the development of the cervical cancer vaccine.



2001

ACRF's first grant awarded to Children's Cancer Institute to establish the ACRF Drug Discovery Centre. The starting point for many more world-class childhood cancer projects.



2009

\$3.5m awarded to the Centre for Cancer Biology in South Australia which houses a unique collaboration of skilled researchers looking to obtain insights into the genetic modifications that underpin the development of new tools for better diagnostics, disease prognosis and drug response.



2007

\$5m to establish a world-class Centre for Basic and Translational Cancer Research on the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital site. Thanks to the location of this Centre the work is able to connect and leverage technically excellent minds and clinically innovative technologies with a direct connection to patients.



2021

\$3m to take research on the roads, ACRF Lung Cancer Screening Centre of Excellence (LUSCE) will be Australia's first mobile Lung Cancer Screening facility. The project will research integrated screening for people who live in rural and regional Australia – reducing the impact of Australia's deadliest cancer.



2022

\$2.1m grant to Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute (ONJCRI) to establish the cutting-edge ACRF Centre for Precision Medicine. The Centre will utilise a "theranostic" approach of combined imaging and treatment with novel drugs to enhance therapeutic responses and exploit new technology for tumour treatment.





An investment in
those who need it the
most



No one thinks cancer is going to happen to them. Back in September 2019, Simon had no idea he was about to embark on the race of his life. His daughter Holly was the centre of his world, and he'd just found love again with Carli.

I was extremely strong and healthy, exercising a lot. Thankfully, physical fitness has always been a big part of my personality. My diagnosis came as a total shock. I thought I just had a stomach ulcer. In an instant, my whole future disappeared. The oncologist was saying this was a race I probably wouldn't finish, so I should get my affairs in order.

Just a few days after my devastating diagnosis we learned that, miraculously, they'd found the cancer just before it spread to my other organs. That gave them a tiny window to hit me with everything they had. It was good news, but I had a long, tough road ahead.

The first time I had chemotherapy they had a crash team standing by in case my heart stopped, the dose was that strong. It was brutal, but my only hope – they had to shrink the tumour fast, or they couldn't operate. Grimmiest months of my life.

Thankfully, the chemo worked – and after surgery, they told us they'd removed 100% of the tumour. At that point, it really felt we'd turned the corner.



For the first time, I truly believed I was going to finish this race and see another birthday.

After two more months of intensive chemo, I was cancer-free. Finishing that race to be here with my family is the biggest achievement ever. And it's all thanks to research – 10 years ago, my treatment wouldn't have been available.

Cancer has really made me think about what's important. I have a future because of the advancement of research, and I'm going to devote my time to being with the people I love – my wonderful wife and daughter and our amazing new baby boy.

Simon and Carli welcomed a little boy into their family almost two years to the day since Simon's challenging diagnosis. Thanks to generous individuals and progress in research, Simon is here to be a father to his kids and a doting husband to Carli.



Your legacy,

your way

When considering what to include in your Will, your first priority will be to take care of your family and loved ones, making sure they are looked after.

There are several ways you can leave a gift in your Will to Australian Cancer Research Foundation:

Whole estate is when you choose to leave your entire estate to ACRF. Those without dependants are choosing this exceptionally generous option.

Residual gift is when you leave a portion of your estate to ACRF. It's commonly stated as a percentage of your estate residue, or the amount that remains after providing for your loved ones and expenses.

Percentage gift is when you choose to leave a percentage of the overall value of your estate which again allows for growth in the value of your estate.

These gifts have the greatest impact on the future of cancer research in Australia, as they automatically adjust to reflect your estate's value.

Pecuniary gift is when you choose to leave a specific amount of money to ACRF. While these gifts are greatly appreciated, they do not allow for changes in circumstances or inflation.

A gift is where you specify an item such as real estate, shares or a particular item.

Any bequest amount, large or small, is greatly valued because it ensures that ACRF will have the funds to continue supporting cancer research well into the future.

"The individuals who choose to leave a gift in their Will to ACRF are actively contributing to the cancer research fabric across Australia. This really is a life-saving gift and a legacy to be proud of."

Carly du Toit
General Manager, Fundraising and Marketing





Steps you can take for a

life-saving gift

CONSIDER

Consider which family, friends or organisations you would like to honour with a gift, and how you would like to divide your assets to fulfill your planned legacy. Any gift to ACRF is greatly valued because it ensures continued support for cancer research.

SELECT

Select the way in which you'd like to leave your legacy (refer pg 10).

SHARE

We suggest you share your intentions with the people close to you and let them know that cancer research is important to you. This can help ensure that your Will takes effect as you intend it to.

If you wish to leave a gift in your Will to ACRF, we invite you to share your intentions with us so we can showcase the progress you'll support. We would also love the opportunity to thank you personally.

We understand this is a very personal decision and will respect your privacy should you wish to remain anonymous.

DETERMINE

Determine whether your wishes will require a simple Will (using available templates such as those online at Gathered Here or Safewill, where you can search for ACRF) or will require legal input.

VISIT

If you require legal input or support, visit and discuss your plans with your solicitor. They will ensure your wishes are recorded in a legally binding way and will be carried out the way you intend.

UPDATE

If you already have completed your Will, you can easily amend or make small adjustments without rewriting the full original document. This is done by the inclusion of a codicil which your solicitor will be able to support you with.

How to *Leave a gift* to ACRF in your Will

ACRF Will Wording

"I give to Australian Cancer Research Foundation (ABN 27 076 461 360) of Suite 903, 50 Margaret Street, Sydney NSW 2000 for the purposes of funding world class cancer research, free from all taxes and duties, (here please specify your gift, eg. the residue of my estate, XX% of the residue of my estate or the sum of \$XXX). I direct that the receipt of any director or other proper officer for the time being of that Foundation will be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees."



"I would call the ACRF the great enabler, it enables our scientists to really go to a new frontier obtaining their new data that makes us change how we see the world and of course, diseases like cancer. It's not just about backing the technology; it's about providing new technology supported by really good scientific research."

Professor Angel Lopez AO, ACRF MRAC



Backing

your brilliance

ACRF Bequest Charter

- We recognise and appreciate the significance of your contribution to cancer research via your last Will and Testament.
- We acknowledge your passion for supporting research to significantly improve the lives and outcomes of those diagnosed with cancer.
- We will ensure that your contribution is assigned to projects that meet the ACRF standards of excellence for research grant funding, and that only the best and boldest research across Australia will receive your support.
- Your legacy will be used efficiently and cost effectively to ensure your support funds pioneering cancer research and your legacy will have a lasting impact on those affected by this dreadful disease.
- Your gift will be used to support research into ALL types of cancer in medical research institutes, universities and hospitals across Australia.
- You will be celebrated via our legacy honour board (unless instructed otherwise), and be remembered and acknowledged for your significant contribution to ACRF and the cancer research community.
- We will provide the option to your loved ones to be part of the outcomes and benefits of your contribution through invitations to events and communications around the impact of your support.
- We thank you for your generosity, we understand the privilege of this type of gift and will make sure that your legacy is honoured.

You're in *good* company



My name is Clio. My mother loved the name Clio because of a book she read about a gutsy, naughty, independent girl – and that's what she got. I have a lust for life and a love for meeting people and sharing stories. I spent most of my life as an early childhood educator, now retired, I spend my time doing the things I love; listening to music, spending time in my garden, reading biographies and planning my next adventure.

Cancer is one of those things that impacts so many of us. Unfortunately my family is no exception. On both sides of my family there is the BRCA1 gene. I tested and am fortunate enough to not be carrying the gene, but my sister is a carrier. Cancer took my mother. It was in her lymph nodes and then her liver and that was the end. It was horrific, so many years ago but even now it's awful to talk about.

**There's nothing more
meaningful than a legacy
of a cancer-free future.**

I've seen what cancer can do firsthand. That's why I have made ACRF a beneficiary in my Will. Cancer is part of my history, and I am committed to leaving a legacy to change the outcomes for future generations. It's important for me to support ACRF and the research they fund. For me, my hope is that we can just remove cancer from the world, that would be absolutely magnificent. And the sooner the better.

That's my hope in leaving a gift to ACRF in my Will. I'd love to encourage more people to do the same.

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