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last gift one  
that creates  
lasting change**

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# Welcome

from James Toomey



**Thank you for considering leaving a gift to Mission Australia in your Will.**

It's important to pause and consider the type of legacy we want to leave behind. I am deeply appreciative that you are taking this opportunity to consider leaving a gift to Mission Australia in your Will. Your actions are powerful, and your generosity can greatly impact the lives of vulnerable children and their families.

Over the years, I have been humbled to have met some incredibly selfless, compassionate and generous people like you, who have chosen to leave a gift to Mission Australia in their Will. Inspired by their stories and seeing firsthand the vital services

Mission Australia provides to people in need, I have also listed Mission Australia as a beneficiary in my Will.

Knowing that Mission Australia has been continuously meeting human need and spreading the knowledge of the love of God since 1859 gives me great confidence that the good work will carry on long after I'm gone.

Thank you again for taking the time to consider leaving a gift for future generations of Australians. Your desire to create a lasting legacy will help change people's lives for many years to come. I hope you find the information in this booklet informative and inspiring.

With gratitude,

**James Toomey**  
CEO Mission Australia

# Helping those who can't help themselves

**As children, Byron and his sister spent years in an orphanage. Without any welfare in those days, their mother simply couldn't afford to care for them after their father left.**

Byron vividly remembers clinging to his mother's leg during her monthly visits, and the trauma he felt not knowing if he was wanted or loved by anyone.

These humble beginnings instilled a deep sense of compassion in Byron. Often he would help the nuns change the linen for the younger boys who wet the bed.

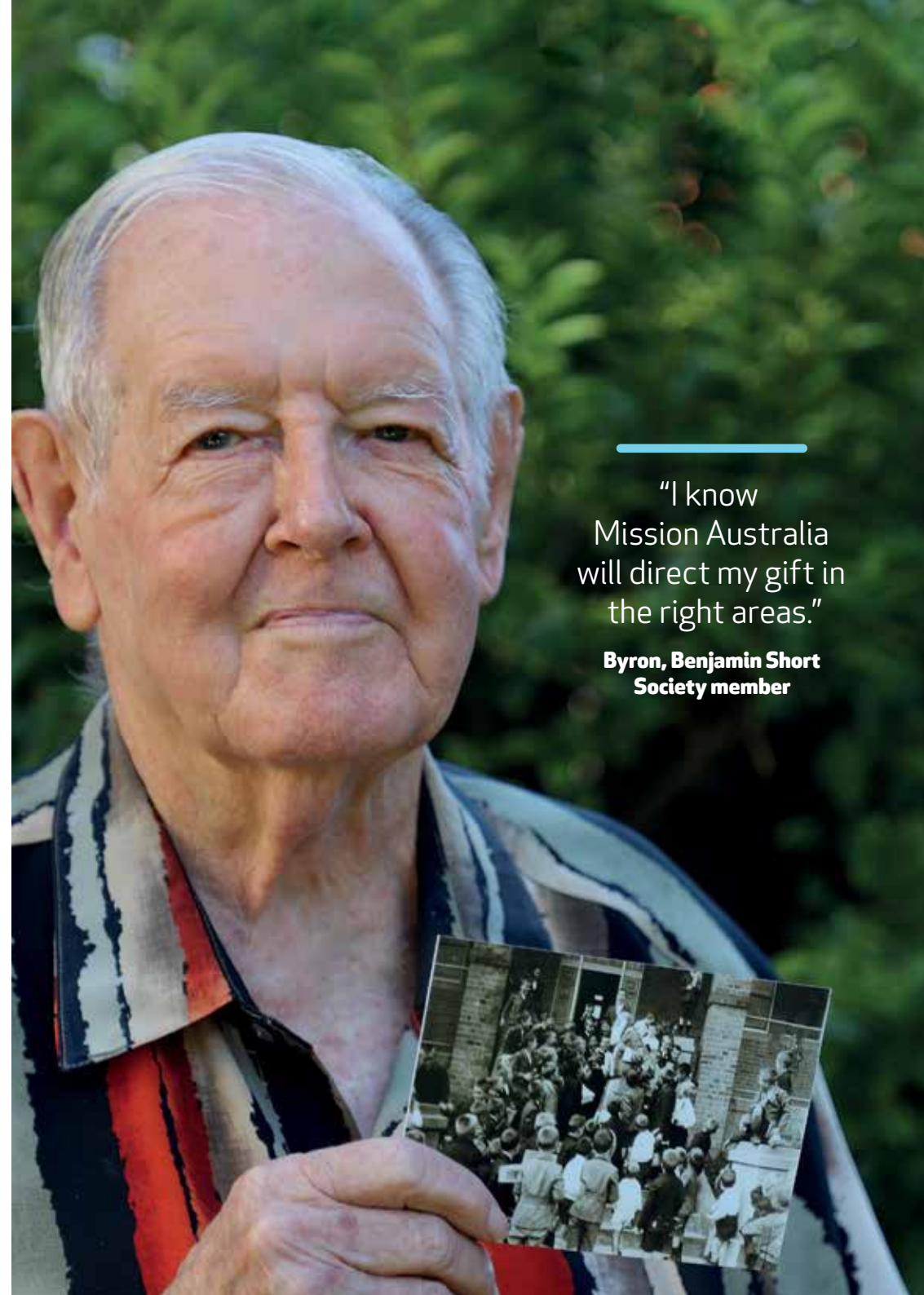
By the time he left the orphanage, Byron was determined and hard-working, and went on to have a successful career including owning a hotel and a printing company.

Decades later, Byron got the opportunity to ride along in one of our Missionbeat vans.

He saw in the men and women on the street something of his younger self. "People are struggling not because of their own irresponsibility; they're struggling because of other circumstances."

**Impressed by the work of Mission Australia and reminded of his own difficult circumstances as an orphan, Byron made the decision to leave a gift to Mission Australia in his Will.**

"Mission Australia extends a hand to those in need, they seem to be concerned with a lot of the issues that need attention." **Byron**



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"I know Mission Australia will direct my gift in the right areas."

**Byron, Benjamin Short Society member**



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**Brett**

## Invest in the future of Australians of all ages

**Brett's life spiralled out of control following the tragic death of his long-term partner.**

He lost his home after developing severe depression and suffering anxiety. Brett was referred to a Mission Australia transitional accommodation property. He was supported with one-on-one

counselling, and over time took part in a diverse range of group programs to holistically assist in his recovery.

As Brett's health improved, we helped him apply for social housing, then assisted him to move into his flat and furnish it once his application was approved.

Staff at the service later received this letter from Brett:

*I am writing in appreciation to you and all the staff of Mission Australia. The journey I've been on could not have been so successful and positive without your help.*

*It has been like being invited into a family. I was a real mess when I got here and I have received exactly the right help to start the healing - mentally and emotionally - following the death of my partner.*

*Thank you everyone.  
Brett*

# Empower future generations by supporting early intervention

“I don’t know where we would be today without support from Mission Australia.” **Emily**

**With two young children, Emily\* was hesitant about leaving her violent ex-partner’s home. She felt powerless but when Emily came across a local Mission Australia centre, her children’s future started to look bright again.**

Our staff supported Emily in finding a safe home for her family, securing a part-time job and helping her children settle into childcare. Thankfully, Emily and her young children are in a safe environment where they can thrive.



# How to ensure your last gift is one that makes lasting change

**Many of us have the desire to leave this world better than how we found it.**

Throughout our lives, we give our time, energy and finances to the people and things we love and want to see prosper. Your Will is the best way of ensuring that these things continue to be cared for long after you’re gone.

Since 1859 Mission Australia has been an integral part of Australia’s social fabric, creating lasting change by reducing homelessness and strengthening communities. For all of that time Australians have trusted us to be responsible stewards and efficient investors of their donations and bequests, allowing us to support millions of vulnerable people. Like them, you can be confident that your gift to us will be used to make the greatest possible difference

in the lives of the people you’re determined to help.

**Leaving a Gift to Mission Australia in your Will ensures your last gift is one that makes lasting change.**

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“Gifts in Wills are critical to Mission Australia and the people we support. They enable us to safeguard our vital community services for the future, ensuring we can continue to help Australians young and old lead happy, healthy and fulfilling lives.”

**Gabriella Holmes**  
Program manager

# Making your life's passion a lasting legacy

**Lois has spent her whole life helping people. It's part of who she is and she doesn't feel like that should end any time soon.**

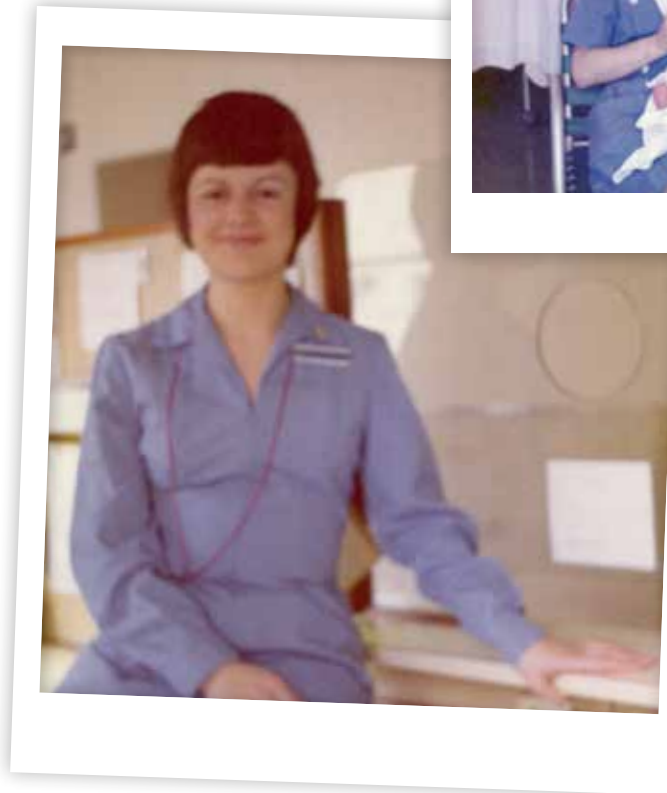
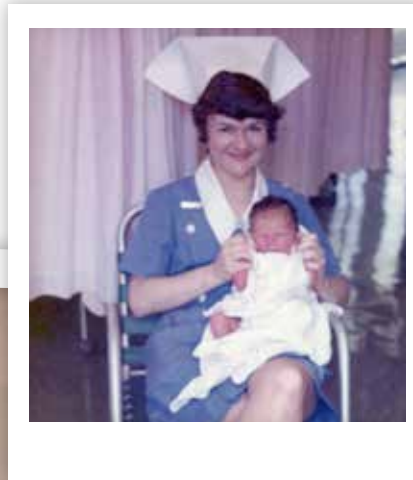
After caring for countless people over a 40-year career as a nurse, you could argue that Lois has done more than her fair share to serve her community.

**Yet she still feels a sense of responsibility and a deep desire to make a positive impact in the lives of people in need of help.**

After seeing Mission Australia support a friend through hard times to rebuild his life, then visiting a service and seeing the kindness of the staff, Lois knew how she wanted to help her community in her retirement, and beyond.

Lois updated her Will to include Mission Australia to ensure she can continue to bring love to people in need for years to come.

**"I'm not wealthy, but I can still provide for my family and make sure a significant portion of what's left goes to Mission Australia." Lois**



# Give, so the work can carry on

**Writing a Will can be something many of us don't want to think about, but there can be great benefits in getting it done early.**

For Beryl, having her Will arranged gives her certainty that the important people and causes in her life will be taken care of after she's gone.

Beryl says leaving a bequest to Mission Australia was "a no-brainer".



**"Leaving a gift in my Will makes perfect sense to me. Some people are born into good fortune, some aren't, and some are just unfortunate to get an illness or have their circumstances bring them into poverty. It's so easy and so good to share." Beryl**

# The Benjamin Short Society

**When you include a gift to Mission Australia in your Will, you will be invited to become an honorary member of the Benjamin Short Society.**

Benjamin Short founded the Sydney City Mission in 1862. Around the same time, city missions in Adelaide, Brisbane and other locations were also established to meet the country's growing physical and spiritual needs. Benjamin Short's life, Christian faith and legacy continue to shape the critical work that Mission Australia does today.

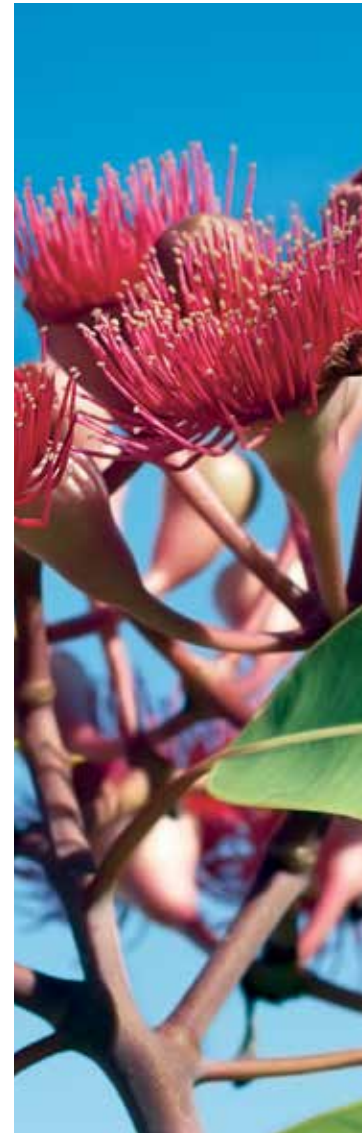
Membership of the Benjamin Short Society is an acknowledgment of your commitment to supporting the people and communities we serve.

**You will receive:**

- **A special membership certificate and lapel pin**
- **Invitations to special events and Mission Australia service visits**
- **Regular updates and newsletters**
- **The option to have your name inscribed on the Mission Australia Wall of Honour located at our National Office.**

"Our great-grandfather Benjamin Short left us a wonderful example of love and sacrifice for all those in need. Now we are seeing our own children and grandchildren following his example, which was one of obedience to his Lord and Saviour."

**Margaret McKay, Judith Short and Rosemary Chapple**



"This Australian Mottlecah flower pin

represents our gratitude and appreciation for your generosity. Thank you for standing together with us and the people we help."

**James Toomey,  
CEO Mission Australia**



# How to leave a gift to Mission Australia in your Will

**After you have looked after your loved ones, a gift in your Will can make a life-changing difference to people in need.**

Here are three ways to leave a gift to Mission Australia in your Will:

## **1. Your entire estate:**

After expenses and taxes are settled, you may choose to leave the remainder of your estate to Mission Australia. To gift your entire estate, write: To gift your entire estate, we suggest the following wording:

**I give the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal to Mission Australia – (ACN 000 002 522) Registered Office Level 7, 580 George St, Sydney NSW for its general purposes and declare that the receipt of an executive officer at the time, shall be sufficient discharge of my executor's duty.**

## **2. Residual gift:**

You may choose to leave a percentage of the residue of your estate as a gift to Mission Australia. To leave a residual gift, write: To leave a residual gift, we suggest the following wording:

**I give and bequeath ---% of the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal to Mission Australia – (ACN 000 002 522) Registered Office Level 7, 580 George St, Sydney NSW for its general purposes and declare that the receipt of an executive officer at the time, shall be sufficient discharge of my executor's duty.**

## **3. Pecuniary gift:**

To leave Mission Australia a specified amount, we suggest the following wording:

**I give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Mission Australia – (ACN 000 002 522)**

**for its general purposes, free of all duties and declare that the receipt of an executive officer at the time, shall be sufficient discharge of my executor's duty.**

Leaving a gift in your Will depends on your personal preference and circumstances.

The best way to arrange a gift to Mission Australia in your Will is to speak with your solicitor to create or update your Will. A solicitor can ensure that your estate is distributed in a way that best meets your wishes and supports your loved ones.

**Thank you for considering leaving a gift to Mission Australia in your Will. You can find more information on our website: [missionaustralia.com.au/mywill](https://missionaustralia.com.au/mywill) or write to us at [giftsinwills@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:giftsinwills@missionaustralia.com.au).**





# Contact us

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