



Your kindness can  
**Live on**

with a gift for children and  
adults with vision or hearing loss



Royal Institute  
for Deaf and Blind  
Children



## A generous gift helps Baz *hear*

When Rosemary left a gift to RIDBC in her Will to cover the cost of four cochlear implants for families living in regional Australia, she changed the lives of three children and their families forever.



# A message from the CE



Thank you for supporting Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children (RIDBC).

Throughout our 157 year history, RIDBC has provided life-changing education, health, therapy and support services for children and adults with vision or hearing loss and their families, wherever they are.

While we are focussed on supporting the current generation of babies, children and adults with vision or hearing loss, there is always a new generation to come and there will always be a need for help.

Community giving and philanthropy are cornerstones of RIDBC's charitable fundraising and it is thanks to the generosity of people like you that we can ensure the continuation of our vital services.

For decades now, gifts in Wills are one important way our services can continue. So many kind-hearted parents, families and friends have chosen to remember us in their Wills.

By giving to RIDBC in this way, you can partner with us to make a positive difference for children and adults with vision or hearing loss into the future.

Thank you for your consideration of a legacy to RIDBC. You can be confident that your contributions will be managed with the utmost care and respect.

Every gift makes a difference. On behalf of the children, adults, families and staff at RIDBC - thank you!

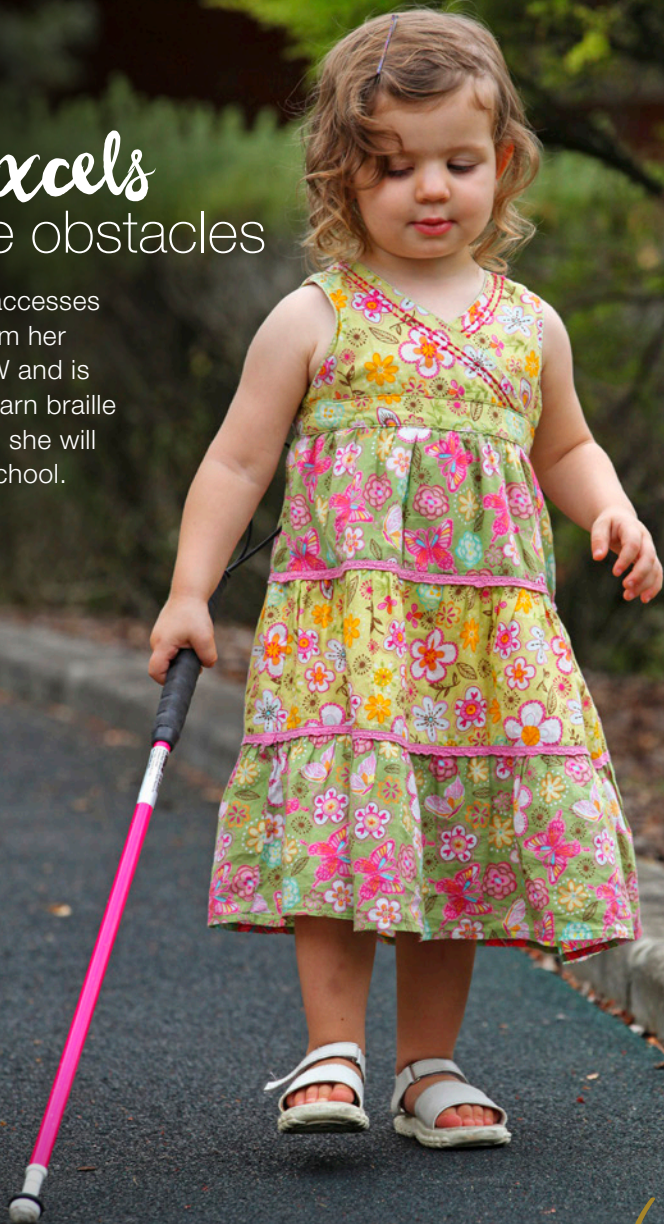
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Chris Rehn  
RIDBC Chief Executive



# Morgan *excels* despite the obstacles

Morgan is blind and accesses RIDBC Teleschool from her home in regional NSW and is being supported to learn braille and develop the skills she will need to succeed in school.



## RIDBC's Mission

To provide quality and innovative services to achieve the best outcomes for current and future generations of Australians with vision or hearing loss.

# Reaching people who need us

As a parent, one of the most overwhelming things that can happen is to find out your child has a disability and is in need of specialist care.

Since 1860, RIDBC has been supporting those with vision or hearing loss with life-changing programs and services.

Through your generosity and forethought, you are gifting the life-changing ability for someone to recapture or experience the joy of hearing their loved ones speak and so much more.

You are a key part of enabling children and adults with vision impairment to discover the pleasure of learning, and reaching high levels of independence. Your generosity will enable them to reach their full potential.

## *It is a wonderful legacy to leave*

Bequests have a significant and lasting impact on the future of Australians with vision or hearing loss. Through the generosity of these legacies, we are able to reach the children and adults who need us most, and provide continuing support to ongoing medical research and education.

With your gift to RIDBC, our dedicated teachers, specialists and researchers can continue to provide innovative and effective programs and services for future generations.



# How to include a gift in your Will

Naturally, you will want to take care of your family and loved ones first, making sure that they are well looked after. We always recommend that you ask your solicitor about the best way to do this.

Your choice of gift could be:



A percentage of the estate



A specific amount of money



Assets such as shares or property



The residue of the estate



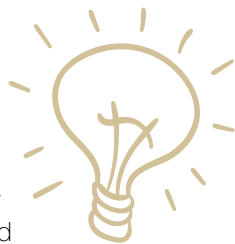
A life insurance or superannuation policy



Lila's future is looking **bright**

Just 19 hours after Lila was born, she had her first heart operation. Lila was later diagnosed with CHARGE syndrome and her parents turned to RIDBC for support.

# Suggested wording for your Will



For your convenience, here is some suggested wording and our organisational details. To ensure your intended wishes are carried out, the wording in your Will document could include:

## General Bequest wording

“ I give to RIDBC of 361-365 North Rocks Road, North Rocks, NSW 2151 the whole (or insert percentage) of the residue of my estate. I declare that the receipt of the Chief Executive or other proper officer of RIDBC is a complete discharge of this bequest. ”

## Specific Bequest wording

“ I give to RIDBC of 361-365 North Rocks Road, North Rocks NSW 2151 the sum of (insert amount)\* free of any duty or other statutory charge. I declare that the receipt of the Chief Executive or other proper officer of RIDBC is a complete discharge of this bequest. ”

*\*an alternative is to specify a particular asset or item*

## An Alternative Bequest wording

As many years may pass between the making of your Will and its operation, you may wish to consider RIDBC as the beneficiary in the event that a named beneficiary in the Will is unable to accept your bequest.

## Organisational details

RIDBC is a registered company under corporate law, section 148 (1), ABN 53 443 272 865. RIDBC is registered under the provisions of Charitable Fundraising Act (NSW) CFN 10295. RIDBC is endorsed as a deductible gift recipient under Subdivision 30-BA of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 as a public benevolent institution. RIDBC is a Registered Business – V6468503.

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We always recommend that you seek the advice of an expert such as a solicitor or a specialist in a trustee company to ensure your Will is worded correctly.

The following links may come in handy: Law Society

[lawsociety.com.au/knowyourrights](https://lawsociety.com.au/knowyourrights)  
(for information about making a Will)

[lawsociety.com.au/community/  
findingalawyer/findalawyersearch](https://lawsociety.com.au/community/findingalawyer/findalawyersearch)  
(for finding a solicitor in your area)



# The Hunter Baillie Circle

You are not obliged to let us know that you have decided to leave a gift to RIDBC in your Will.

However, we hope you do because we can then welcome you to our Hunter Baillie Circle.

This is a group established to thank and honour those who have made provision to remember RIDBC in their Will. As a member of Hunter Baillie Circle we can keep you up to date on our work and invite you to special events.

The Hunter Baillie Circle is one way for us to say 'thank you'.



Liam is  
*thriving* at  
'big school'

Liam with his mother, Julie, learning to use an electronic braille to develop his reading and writing skills.





# Your questions and our *answers*



## How do I leave a gift in my Will to RIDBC?

Deciding to leave a gift to a charity is a personal decision and a really generous thing to do. It is a simple process. We always recommend that you seek the advice of an expert such as your solicitor or a specialist in a trustee company to ensure your Will is worded correctly.

## I am not wealthy so is it worth leaving anything?

Leaving a gift in your Will is well within the reach of all of us. Gifts can be different depending on your life circumstances. Large or small, the most meaningful gifts come from people like you.

Many of our bequestors choose to leave a percentage of whatever is left once family and friends have been taken care of. It is called a “residual” bequest.

## Can my bequest support a specific RIDBC project?

We are able to give you and your family as much choice as we can about how your gift will be used to make a difference. We ask that you consider giving RIDBC the flexibility to respond to critical priorities as they arise in the future. If you would like to make your gift specific, our Bequest Team would be happy to discuss your wishes with you.

## Do I need a new Will if I want to leave a gift in my Will to RIDBC?

Whilst it is always advisable to update your Will to reflect any changed life circumstances, your solicitor may advise you that a simple Codicil (an extension to your Will) may be all that is required rather than re-writing your existing Will.

## Should I let RIDBC know about my gift?

By letting us know, you help us to plan for the future more effectively. You are not obliged to inform us, of course, and your gift will be treated confidentially and with the utmost respect, but we hope you do let us know so we can thank you. We would also love to understand how you would like us to keep in touch with you in the future and keep you informed about the work we are doing.

## Do I need to tell my family about my gift to RIDBC?

Naturally, you will want to take care of your family and loved ones first, making sure that they are well looked after. We always recommend that you talk to your family and loved ones about your intended gift to RIDBC, so they can ensure your wishes are followed through.

# Roger's tireless support continues

Roger Gee has been supporting RIDBC since the late sixties. Roger has decided to continue that support by organising to leave a bequest in his Will.

Roger has been an active member of RIDBC's Qantas Pathfinders Auxiliary for more than 30 years. He instigated the RIDBC Charity Flight, a very successful fundraising event, and piloted the Qantas Jumbo Joy Flight for many years.

"My involvement with RIDBC began when I met Chief Steward, Pat McGann, on a flight over 40 years ago. He encouraged me to join the newly formed Qantas Pathfinders Auxiliary which was working to raise money for deaf and blind children at North Rocks," said Roger.

Roger retired in 2006 as a 747-400 Senior Check Captain from Qantas after a 41 year career with the airline. He joined the RIDBC Board in 2008 and is a Life Member of RIDBC.

"After retiring, I was invited onto the Board of RIDBC. I was honoured, and over the past eight years have enjoyed my involvement immensely. I hope to continue helping RIDBC for as long as I can," said Roger.

Through his bequest, Roger, and others like him will help to secure the future of thousands of children and adults with vision or hearing loss, each year.

*"I have had a fortunate life and wanted to touch the lives of those who need our help the most – that is why I decided to leave a lasting legacy to RIDBC," said Roger.*



# RIDBC Gift in Wills Charter

*Including RIDBC in your Will is a big decision to make and that is why we want you to feel comfortable about it.*

*These are our commitments to you:*

We will always respect your privacy. We recognise and accept that your Will is completely personal to you.

We realise that your family and loved ones always come first.

You can tell us that you have left a gift in your Will if you want to. We would love to hear from you, but you do not need to, and we will not keep asking.

We hope you choose to let us know because then we can thank you and understand how you would like us to keep in touch with you in the future.

We will use your gift carefully and cost effectively so it can have the greatest impact for children and adults with vision or hearing loss.

You have the absolute right to change your mind about leaving a gift in your Will to RIDBC at any time in the future.

We will handle the gift you give us with care, sensitivity and respect.



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# How can we help you?



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We understand that you may wish to know more about RIDBC when considering remembering RIDBC in your Will.

If you would like some more information about our work or how RIDBC helps children and adults with vision or hearing loss, please do not hesitate to contact our Bequest Team.



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## Lola *shines* at preschool

At just 7 weeks of age Lola was diagnosed with congenital bilateral cataracts. Her journey began with RIDBC and through expert early intervention she has transitioned seamlessly to preschool.

