



Werribee Hospital
Foundation
SUPPORTING OUR PUBLIC HOSPITAL

“We make a living by
what we get, but we make a life by
what we give”

- Winston Churchill



Leanne Down

CEO
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Since its inception in 1993, the Werribee Hospital Foundation has been the grateful recipient of bequests, which has enabled our organisation to increase its ability to support the community within the Wyndham Region and beyond to receive the health services they require. To receive such lasting gifts is an honour and responsibility that the Werribee Hospital Foundation values immensely. We work hard to enact the wishes of our closest supporters, and we treasure and respect the opportunity to discuss these aspirations with potential bequestors. Our discussions ensure your legacy is upheld in a way befitting to you, and that your wishes are in line with the Foundation's priorities. It's equally important that, by giving notice of your intent to leave a gift to the Werribee Hospital Foundation, we have the opportunity to personally express our immense gratitude.

By informing the Foundation of your intent to gift, we can notify you about our activities and achievements, enable conversations about future planning, and more importantly, acknowledge your valuable and generous ongoing support.

No matter the size of your gift, your contribution makes a huge difference to our mission. The kind and thoughtful support of our benefactors ensures our goal to provide high quality hospital resources for our community is achieved.

It is truly humbling to be part of an organisation that people feel so connected to that they are prepared to leave a gift to the Werribee Hospital Foundation when they consider their will.

Whether you have expressed your wishes to leave a lasting gift to Werribee Hospital Foundation, or are simply considering it as an option, I would like to pass on my personal thanks and the gratitude of an organisation that is working hard to support ongoing health services for not only now, but our future generations.





Werribee District Hospital, 1962 was Wyndham's first public hospital with 22 beds and 4 staff homes.

Who is Werribee Hospital Foundation and why we do what we do.

Werribee Hospital Foundation was established in 1993 around a transitional period when the old district hospital was closing and the new hospital in Hoppers Lane was being built.

The Foundation's vision is to ensure that the City of Wyndham has the public hospital services that our community needs.

The Mission is to support the continuous improvement of public hospital services provided located within Wyndham Government Area.

Overseen by a board of volunteer directors, the Foundation received its first bequest.

Gordon Wyndham McKeown

Gordon's family moved to Watton Street in Werribee just before Gordon was born in 1901.

Youngest of three brothers, his family owned much of the land and several businesses along the main street, including the popular bakery.

With Gordon's strong connection to Wyndham, he wanted to leave something to his hometown to support the communities' healthcare. His lasting gift will support future generations to come.

Davis Hardware Store and House in Watton Street, both considered landmarks.



Vera Davis wanted the Foundation to set up a perpetual trust in her family's name.

The Davis Hardware store and house served two generations of the Davis family, starting in 1904 when Herbert Davis moved there with his wife and daughter, Vera. Both Herbert and Vera worked in the busy hardware store that offered a variety of goods, and became a popular meeting spot. When Herbert passed in 1949 he left all of his property to Vera. Vera continued to work in the store until she was 84.

Vera lived to the ripe age of 102 and left a significant gift to the Werribee Hospital Foundation.

Vera wanted to support the public hospital and she requested in her will that the Foundation set up a perpetual trust in her family's honour. Vera's bequest has been invested wisely over the last several decades and provides ongoing funds for vital medical equipment and hospital upgrades.

Vera's vision has enabled the Foundation to continue with its fundraising efforts to support the community now and in to the future.

Why make a philanthropic bequest or donation?

Leaving a bequest or donation is a personal choice, and one that comes from the heart. There are many reasons people want to support and here are why others have decided to leave a bequest or give a gift.

- "A philanthropic bequest is an extension to caring about my loved ones".
- "I've learnt that anyone can make a charitable bequest. We all have something of value to leave behind which can be put to positive use in the world in the future".
- "My bequest costs me nothing now, but it's a promise for the future which gives me pleasure now".
- "Whatever the eventual size of my bequest might be, I know that it will definitely benefit the cause that's close to my heart".
- "Every gift in every will makes a difference, however large or small".
- "A charitable bequest lets my children and grandchildren know that my caring about their wellbeing is included in the future work of this Foundation".
- "I can see how my gifts of support are helping now, and I want to continue making the same difference beyond my own lifetime. That's why my bequest is to be used for a scholarship to support the development of future generations in the medical field for our community".
- "I can see how my gifts are making a difference, and I want to continue making the same difference beyond my own lifetime".
- "Leaving a bequest to a Foundation that supports the community that I have been part of my entire life is a good cause. It feels good to give back for what I've been given in my lifetime".



Why choose Werribee Hospital Foundation for your charitable bequest and gift?

Health is important to all of us, it's a gift often taken for granted and so are health services. The Werribee Hospital Foundation proudly dedicates itself to ensuring the community of Wyndham and the Greater Western Suburbs of Melbourne have high quality medical resources available to them.

We do this by fostering strong links with our community members and local businesses. We build respectful relationships with our hospital's medical professionals and staff. And we have an experienced and highly regarded Board that oversees our operations. Together we are a united team with the sole vision to help support high quality hospital services, resources and equipment for our community.

We are incredibly proud of our achievements to date, but more so, we are proud of the volunteers, community members and local business owners that have generously donated their time, money and resources to ensure we achieve our mission. Together we make a real difference, and no act of kindness is ever too small.

The Werribee Hospital Foundation prides itself on creating a strong community network by running various events and campaigns. We have been able to create a sense of connected community that has been invaluable for many of our participants, and we too have felt the rewards of working side by side with our local members.

We give our sincere guarantee that by choosing the Werribee Hospital Foundation for your bequest, you will be providing invaluable support for not only your local hospital – but for everyone who is a member of your community.

What would your bequest support?

Since 1993 The Werribee Hospital Foundation, has worked with the local Wyndham community to raise vital funds for Wyndham's only public hospital providing significant financial support to Werribee Mercy Hospital.

Our Vision

is to ensure that the City of Wyndham has the public hospital services that the community needs.

Our Mission

is for the continuous improvement of public hospital services provided located within Wyndham Government Area.

What makes us different?

Werribee Hospital Foundation is focused on ensuring that the Wyndham community have a high standard of facilities and care for patients in the Wyndham public hospital system.

Our Strategic Direction

is as Wyndham's dedicated foundation, supporting public hospitals within the region. Our key focus is generating funds to support and achieve high quality health care – this sits at the center of what we do.

Your legacy gift will ensure that we can continue to deliver on our support for the community.



100% of all donations given to the Foundation are disbursed or invested in Perpetuity.

How to leave a gift in your Will



Bequests can be made in a variety of ways to suit your personal situation and preferences. In preparation for making your will, it is a good idea to seek professional advice.

- 1** We would always recommend you have made provisions for your family and friends first. We would then be honoured with whatever considerations you make towards the Werribee Hospital Foundation.
- 2** After discussing your wishes with the Foundation to ensure that we can support your legacy, choose the type of gift you would like to leave (your solicitor can advise you on the options available to you).
- 3** Arrange for your will to include:

"I give, devise and bequeath unto Werribee Hospital Foundation ABN 26 489 365 751, for its general purposes, free of all duties.

Specify bequest e.g.:

- a) The Sum of \$
- b) ... Percentage of my residuary estate,
- c) All of my residuary estate
- d) List of assets

And I direct that the receipt of the CEO or a duly authorised representative of Werribee Hospital Foundation, shall be sufficient discharge to my Executor for the Bequest which is to be applied to the general purposes of the Trust.

More information

Advising us that you are considering, or have already made a bequest to the Werribee Hospital Foundation, is a gift in itself.

We understand that you may change your mind at any time, however, providing us the opportunity to discuss the possibility, or how you may want your bequest to be used, allows us the opportunity to see your wishes through.

We also value the opportunity of being able to thank you in an appropriate way for your consideration.

If you would like any more information on making a bequest to Werribee Hospital Foundation, or would simply like to chat about how you can support in other ways, please contact Leanne Down at leanne@whf.org.au or 0412 701 987.

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**“One of the deep secrets
of life is that all that
is really worth doing is
what we do for others”**

- Lewis Carroll

Our public hospital, our community

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