

**You are making tomorrow
a brighter place to be**



 **Vision
Australia**

 **Seeing Eye Dogs**
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**YOUNG LADY
HOLDING BLACK LABRADOR**

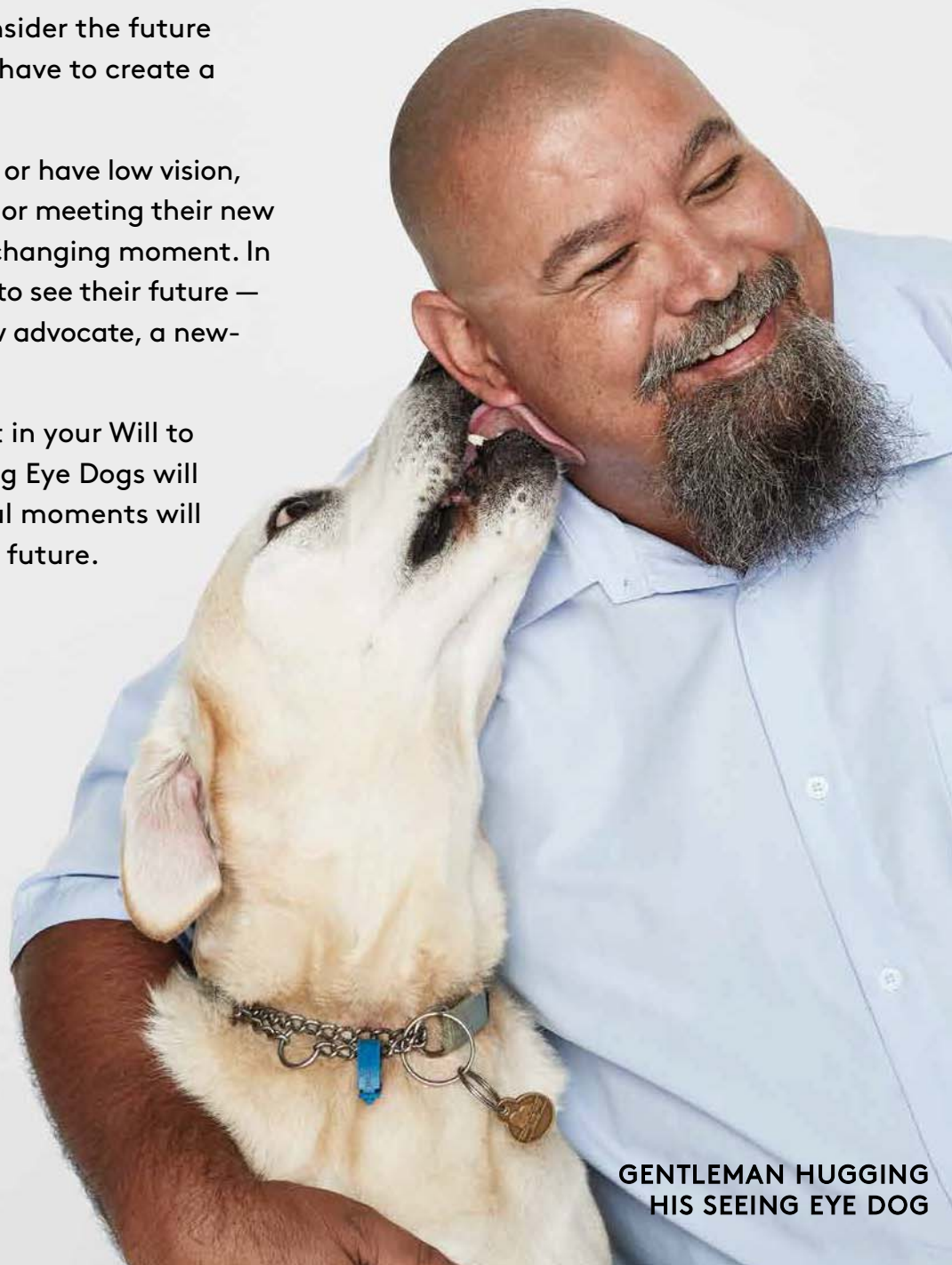
When you entrust us with your gift - you can feel assured

Seeing the future.

It's often at life-changing moments that we take the time to consider updating our Will. Births, marriages, grandkids – each of these events prompt us to consider the future and the impact we can have to create a brighter tomorrow.

For people who are blind or have low vision, gaining tailored support or meeting their new Seeing Eye Dog is a life-changing moment. In that instant, they begin to see their future – a new companion, a new advocate, a new-found security.

You can trust that a gift in your Will to Vision Australia or Seeing Eye Dogs will ensure those meaningful moments will go on, now and into the future.



GENTLEMAN HUGGING
HIS SEEING EYE DOG

This is our bequest charter.

We know that making a Will is a personal decision and we understand you must come to it in your own time.

We will treat a gift in your Will with the deepest respect and, where possible, we will discuss with you your intent for your generous gift.

You can trust your gift is in safe hands. We will ensure it is used effectively and efficiently. We will use your gift where it will have the most impact to people's lives.

The way we will work together.

1. We understand that your family and loved ones must always come first.
2. We will always respect your privacy.
3. Should you wish to tell us you have included a gift in your Will, we will discuss your wishes and expectations for your gift.
4. If we are aware that you have included a gift in your Will, we will provide opportunities to see the impact your gift and others like yours have on our clients.
5. Should you want us to, we will stay in touch with you about upcoming events and activities at Vision Australia and Seeing Eye Dogs.

How a simple gesture can mean so much

"I feel very blessed. It's why we've decided to support the next generation who need a Seeing Eye Dog so they can live a better life, when ours is over. It saddens me to think that there is such a long waiting list, and hopefully the gift we have included in our Will can mean more dogs are trained and delivered, reducing the waiting time."

Elaine



PICTURE OF ELAINE



PICTURE OF NOLA

“Many years ago, I responded to an appeal to support Vision Australia by giving a small donation. The more stories I read, the happier I felt about where my money was going. It’s what led me over time to become a regular supporter.

Of course, there’s only so much I can give right now, so it got me wondering how I might be able to make sure that even when I’m gone, the support for people who need it would still be here.

Now that I’m older, it’s natural to think about the future and how you want to leave things when you go.

The one thing that’s given me the greatest joy in my life is giving, so to be able to help future generations is important.”

Nola

**We have a vision
which we hope you share**



PICTURE OF PARKER
WALKING WITH HIS CANE

Education – accessing lifelong learning is crucial.

Every child deserves the chance to enjoy the same learning opportunities as their peers. By providing tailored support and specialist equipment, Vision Australia removes the barriers for people who are blind or have low vision, giving them more opportunities for a brighter future.



MAGNIFIER OVER BOOK

Employment – developing careers and participating in the workplace.

By gaining the support they need to find meaningful employment, people who are blind or have low vision can lead fulfilling and independent lives.



TWO MEN CHATTING AT WORK

Independence – being independent within their community.

Everyone should feel safe and able to complete life's daily tasks, while feeling part of their local community. Vision Australia's specialist support helps to build the mobility and skills needed to move safely throughout the world.



CLIENT WITH VA STAFF

Social inclusion – having meaningful and active lives in society.

Feeling safe and confident in your surroundings allows you to engage fully with the people and activities around you. Vision Australia gives people the support and confidence to get out and about, supporting social activities with family and friends.



YOUNG LADY IN GROUP WITH HER DOG

A gift in your will is a lasting legacy

We are incredibly grateful for the generosity that ensures continued support and services for future generations of Australians who are blind or have low vision.



LADY EMBRACING HER SEEING EYE DOG

Our Seeing Eye Dogs are a vital part of our future

It takes time, love and quite a bit of money.

We know that the work we do at Seeing Eye Dogs is vital and that's why we're asking for your support.

Each of our dogs can go through up to two years of rigorous training to ensure the dogs are up to the task of safely guiding and protecting their future partner.

It's essential that the dogs:

- are well-fed
- maintain peak fitness
- go for regular check-ups with the vet
- are provided with the equipment needed to learn the job.

While necessary, it all comes at a cost. By including a gift in your Will, you're ensuring our dogs can continue to transform lives.

Seeing Eye Dogs is the only national breeder, trainer and provider of these remarkable dogs.

Australians with blindness or low vision, in every state and territory, trust our dogs to protect them and guide them.

We're unique in that our services travel near and far – ensuring a brighter future for more and more Australians each year.

A gift in your Will for Vision Australia's Seeing Eye Dogs has a long reach. That's because it's a gift to people who are blind or have low vision, right across the country.

A puppy's journey to becoming a pawfect Seeing Eye Dog



Brood mums and dads

The breeding program is crucial to producing perfect puppies to successfully fill this highly specialised role.



Birth to eight weeks

After birth, the litter stay with their mother and siblings.



The first six months

Around eight weeks old, the pups go to their new home with a human carer. The pups are socialised and exposed to the sights, smells and sounds of the big wide world.



One year old

At this point, the puppies should have mastered 18 basic commands. They know when and where to go to the toilet and what they can and can't chew.



New graduate

The dog and client receive personalised training sessions and will have ongoing support for the rest of the dog's working life.

**Choosing to
include a gift
in your Will
today creates
a lasting
legacy for
the future**



ELDERLY LADY HUGGING GRANDDAUGHTER

The shape of eye clinics to come.

Modern technology means that our clinicians could have access to better, more precise diagnostic tools. New communication technologies help to expand our reach across the country.



CLIENT WEARING VIRTUAL REALITY
IRISVISION HEADSET



MAGNIFIER BEING USED

Technology makes its mark.

There is no shortage of new technologies which continue to help overcome the challenges of being blind or having low vision. Tablet technologies give access to text magnification and read-aloud software, making learning a lot easier.

Games and recreation play their part.

Health and fitness are essential—especially in our modern world. Small modifications to everyday activities can mean people who are blind or have low vision can participate fully in games and recreational activities.



YOUNG LADY PLAYING GOALBALL



CLIENT MORNING TEA OUTING

Creating amazing experiences.

At the heart of what we do is supporting people who are blind or have low vision to live independent, happy and engaged lives.

How to update your Will

When considering including Vision Australia in your Will, we always recommend that you consult a solicitor to make sure that your Will is properly in order and that you talk to your family so that they know what you intend to do and why.

Like most legal matters, Wills sometimes use technical language to make sure things are defined very clearly so that no mistakes are made in setting out your wishes. Your solicitor can make sure that you understand anything that might be unfamiliar to you.

There are a number of ways that you can ensure that you provide for your family as well as including a gift in your Will for Vision Australia.

There are two main types of gift you can include in your Will, 'residual' and 'pecuniary'.

Residual gift

The 'residue' of your estate is what is left once all your other wishes are carried out and the expenses of finalising your estate have been met. A 'residual gift' is either all or a percentage of the 'residue' of your estate. This is a way to ensure that your family and friends are looked after first while making sure that the causes you care about are catered for too.

Residual gifts do not lose value with inflation. They retain their relative value over time, ensuring that the causes you care about benefit exactly as you intended.

Pecuniary gift

A 'pecuniary' gift is one that specifies a particular amount to a person or cause.

The value of pecuniary gifts is affected by inflation. A \$10,000 gift has a much greater value today than it will have 20 years from now.

Other considerations

You can include a gift of property such as real estate or shares in your Will. If you have a Will but don't wish to rewrite it at the moment, you may be able to include a charitable gift in a document known as a 'codicil' that can be added to your Will. Next time you update your Will, the charitable gift can be written into it.

If you don't have a Will at the moment, we would encourage you to consider writing one. No matter your age, no-one wants somebody they don't know to decide how everything they worked for is distributed. When you do write your Will, we hope you will consider including a charitable gift for Vision Australia.

And remember, no matter what your circumstances, to ensure your wishes are carried out, we recommend that you see a solicitor to prepare your Will.

If you don't have a solicitor you could contact the Law Society in your state. They will not recommend particular lawyers but they can provide you with contacts for solicitors in your area. Alternatively, you could contact your State or Territory's Public Trustee. If you are having trouble contacting these organisations, please contact our Gifts in Wills Manager on 02 9334 3371 or at brighterfutures@visionaustralia.org, who will be able to provide the contact details.

Suggested wording for including a gift in your Will

Residual gift

"I give the residue (or x% of the residue) of my estate to Vision Australia Ltd, ABN 67 108 391 831, for its general purposes (or specify particular services you wish to support, eg. Library, etc *) and I declare that the receipt of it's Chief Executive Officer, Treasurer or other authorised officer, shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

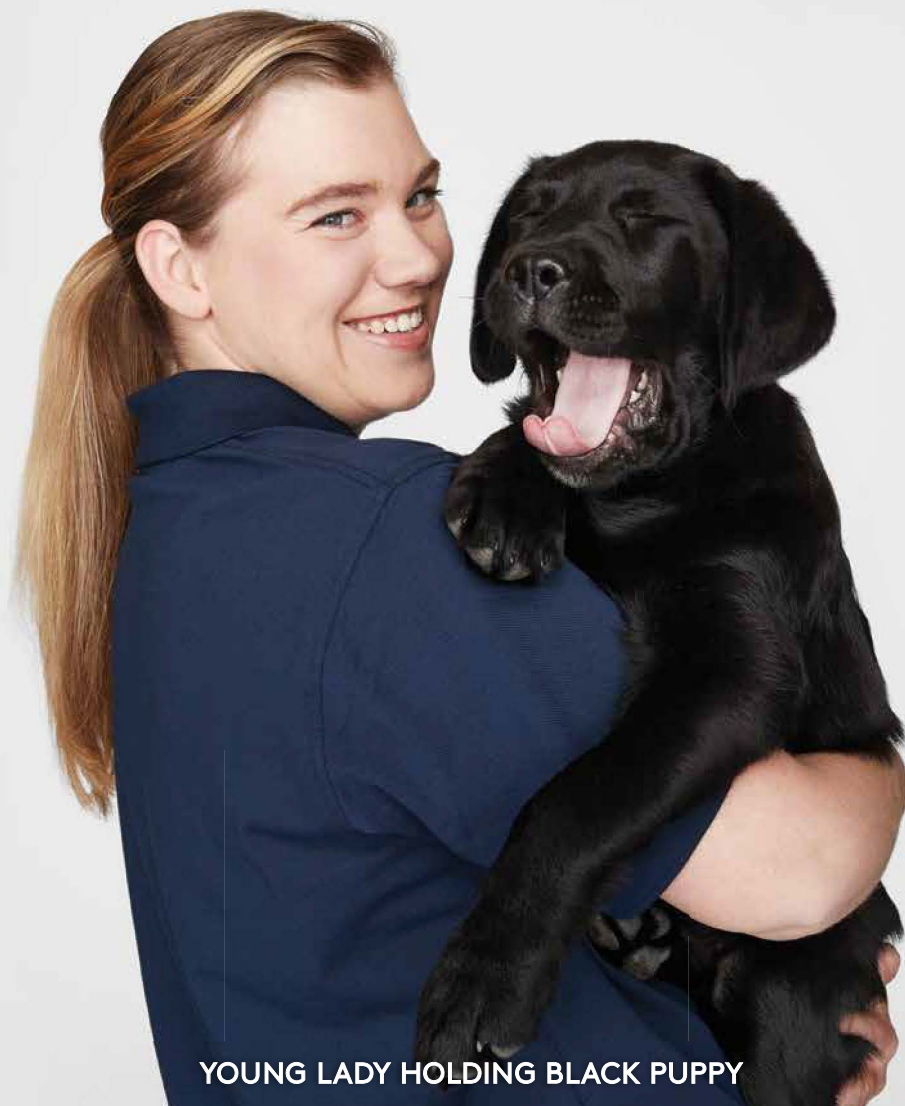
Pecuniary gift

"I give to Vision Australia Ltd, ABN 67 108 391 831, the sum of \$_x_ for its general purposes (or specify particular services you wish to support, eg. Bursaries etc *) and I declare that the receipt of it's Chief Executive Officer, Treasurer or other authorised officer, shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

[* NOTE: Programs and technologies for supporting people living with blindness or low vision are always improving. Who knows what the main need will be when your Will is executed? That is why we prefer people not to specify particular programs or services that Vision Australia currently provides. Something much better may have become available by the time your Will is executed many years from now. There are things available today that we only dreamt of ten years ago.]

If you have any questions about Vision Australia, our work or about including a gift in your Will, please don't hesitate to contact our Gifts in Wills Manager on 02 9334 3371 or at brighterfutures@visionaustralia.org.

**Become one of our
visionaries and see the
difference you can make**



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Your gift is a **brighter tomorrow.**