



Planting seeds of  
Hope for the future  
Bequest kit



# You Can Help Us to Help Others

**Michelle Crawford**, Chief Executive Officer, Concern Australia

## Thank you for taking the time to read this booklet about how you can leave a lasting legacy.

Leaving a gift in your Will to a charitable organisation is one of the most generous decisions that you can make in your lifetime.

A gift in a will to Concern Australia creates opportunities that meet the urgent and ongoing needs of vulnerable young people.

It creates a lasting legacy, beyond your life, to enable others to experience life in all its fullness.

By leaving a gift in your Will to Concern Australia, you will help us to continue to carry on the pioneering work of our Founder, Rev. Dr John Smith.

You will enable us to deliver and grow programs supporting young people and

children through education, housing and homelessness and youth justice.

With your gift we can create lasting change long into the future.

Every gift we receive – no matter how large or small – can make an enormous difference in the lives of young people.

We will always direct your gift to where you want it to go first, and then to where it is most needed to improve the lives of others. We will acknowledge you in a way you would prefer.

Thank you for considering how you can practically support us to achieve our vision of an Australia where vulnerable young people and children have HOPE for a successful and positive life.

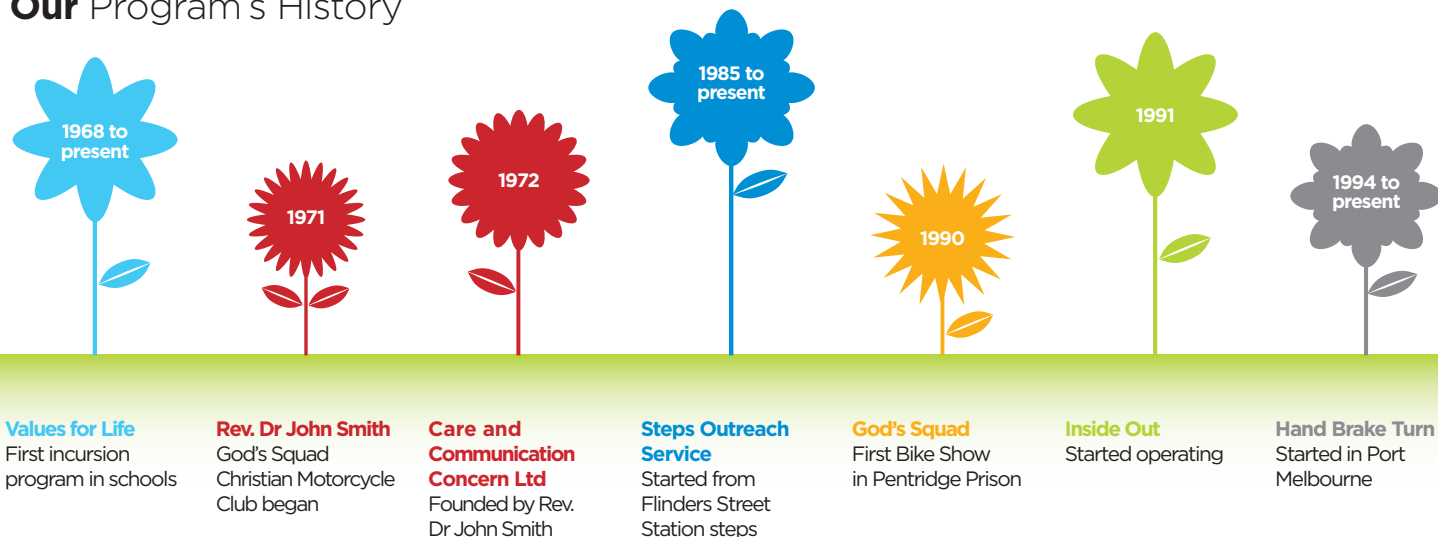
May you be blessed in blessing others.



**Founder, Chairs and CEO October 2018**

(L to R) Mike Rule, David Eldridge, Rev. Dr John Smith, Michelle Crawford, Russell Smith and Jason McDonald

## Our Program's History



# Our Background and Values

Concern Australia is a well established organisation which finds its roots in the pioneering work of Rev Dr John Smith and the God's Squad Christian Motorcycle Club dating back to the 1970s.

Our programs grew out of a need for providing pathways and opportunities to support young men coming out of the youth justice system, who no one else wanted to help. This early work gave hope, created opportunities and helped to instill purpose and meaning into the lives of young people.

Built on this strong history, motivated by Jesus' love, our focus has always been cutting edge, innovative responses for young people who face limited opportunities and experiences.

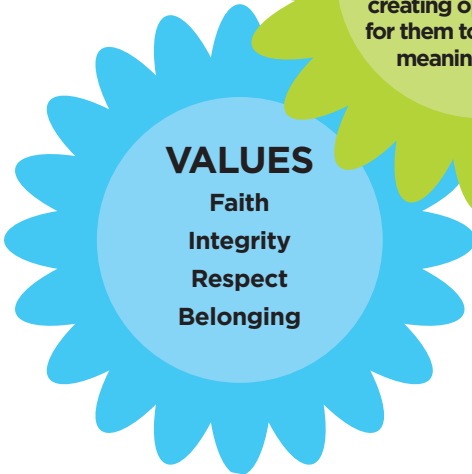
Today a dedicated team of 30 staff and 60 volunteers connect with 30,000 vulnerable young people across Australia through our innovative program responses – but we know there is still much more to do.



**VISION**  
An Australia where vulnerable young people and children have HOPE for a successful and positive life.



**MISSION**  
Concern Australia works in partnership with young people and children, creating opportunities for them to enjoy full & meaningful lives.



**VALUES**  
Faith  
Integrity  
Respect  
Belonging



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| <b>Concern Australia</b><br>Becomes the organisation's name | <b>LiveWires</b><br>Established as an after school and holiday program | <b>Malmsbury Bike Show</b><br>At Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre | <b>Strategic 2020Vision</b><br>Launched | <b>South East Site</b><br>Official opening in Dandenong | <b>North West Site</b><br>Official opening in Braybrook | <b>Hand Brake Turn</b><br>Celebrates 25 years and 10,000 students |
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## Our Focus Areas

Concern Australia has continually worked with young people exiting or connected to youth justice and those experiencing disadvantage. We continue to deliver programs that are preventative, responsive and support the critical needs of young people today, helping to empower young people to make positive life choices.

Our programs fit under three key focus areas:



### EDUCATION

**We deliver workshops to help build resilience in young people, an after school and school holiday program and run a pre-vocational automotive training program.**

***What informs our work:***

23% of young people do not finish high school. 60% of students are from low socio-economic backgrounds.

1.1 million Australian children are living in poverty, which can negatively affect their school life and mean they are less likely to achieve educational or employment outcomes.

We have intentionally based our work in areas of need, working with young people in low socio-economic areas. In terms of Social Educational Disadvantage, 70% of children in Collingwood, 63% in Dandenong and 60% in Braybrook are in the bottom quarter of education rankings.



### HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

**We deliver housing and target care packages for young people (coming out of youth justice) in child protection as they transition towards independent living. We also support young people who are experiencing homelessness.**

***What informs our work:***

Homelessness has risen 13.7% in Australia in 5 years. In the 2016 Census, 116,427 people were counted as homeless. 2 out of every 5 Victorians who are homeless are under 25 years old.

In Victoria, 3,780 young people live in out of home care. We know that transitioning to independent living at 18 years old can be challenging.

Within one year of leaving out of home care, 50% of young people will be unemployed, in jail, homeless or become a new parent.



### JUSTICE

**We provide chaplaincy and support for young men living at Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre.**

***What informs our work:***

Working within a youth justice base, the young people we work with are complex, high risk and often recidivist offenders.

Recidivism rates are 43.6% in Victoria. Once children and young people are in the youth justice system, the reoffending rates are high, with 40% reoffending within 2 years and 61% reoffending within 6 years.

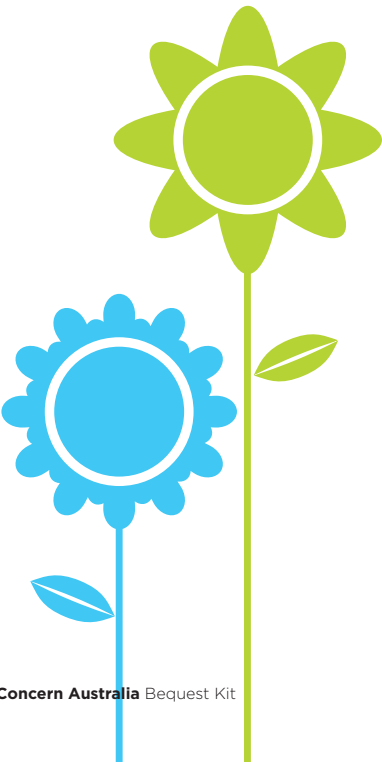
We are proud of our reputation for always offering second chances, new beginnings, new opportunities and holding hope for all young people.

# Leave A Lasting Legacy

There are many ways that you can plant a seed of hope and leave a lasting legacy for the future generations of young people to have hope for a successful and positive life.

Any gift will be gratefully accepted and every seed helps to build hope for the future for young people. Your gift ensures our work will continue to make a positive impact for young people experiencing disadvantage or vulnerable.

Please contact us on 03 9470 2972 to discuss any specific gifts or program areas that you would like to support so that we can ensure the most current needs are being met.



Gift Value	Gift Benefit	Focus Area
\$1,000,000	Permanent home for Concern Australia	●
\$500,000	Purchase a transitional house to address youth homelessness (South East and North West)	●
\$120,000	After Hours and School Holiday Program Coordinators	●
\$120,000	Youth Workers for Steps Outreach Service	●
\$120,000	Hand Brake Turn Youth Workers	●
\$100,000	New, innovative programs – Seed funding	●
\$100,000	Volunteer Recruitment and Training	●
\$85,000	Chaplaincy expansion – Parkville, interstate	●
\$150,000	Research and Impact Assessment of Programs	●
\$50,000	Hand Brake Turn Mobile Vehicle	●
\$50,000	Communication / Digital storytelling	●
\$50,000	Pick My Program Growth Funding	●
\$25,000	Sponsor an Inside Out house (17 Houses)	●
\$20,000	Program evaluation for Values for Life	●
\$15,000	Toolkits for 100 Hand Brake Turn students	●
\$15,000	Extend Values for Life around Australia including remote areas	●
\$15,000	Adventure Club monthly activities	●
\$15,000	Scholarships for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander young people	●
\$15,000	Gift Fund for Young People	●
\$10,000	Overnight crisis accommodation to support 100 young people at risk of homelessness	●
\$10,000	Values for Life school resources and workshop material	●
\$10,000	LiveWires School holiday activities	●
\$5,000	Sponsor the God’s Squad Bike Show at Malmsbury	●
\$1,500	Scholarship for a young person through Steps Outreach Service	●
\$1,500	Scholarship for a young person through Hand Brake Turn	●
\$1,200	Sponsor Values for Life workshops at a school for one day	●

### Focus Area Key

● All Programs   ● Education   ● Housing & Homlessness   ● Justice

## Our Programs

Concern Australia works in partnership with young people and children, creating opportunities for them to enjoy full and meaningful lives.

We support young people considered at-risk or disadvantaged from circumstances, which involve abuse, homelessness, crime, poor education and lack of employment opportunities.

We empower young people and children to achieve their hopes, dreams and aspirations by providing opportunities to effect positive change in their lives.

Our programs focus on assisting children and young people (5-25 years) to overcome barriers and help them achieve their potential.



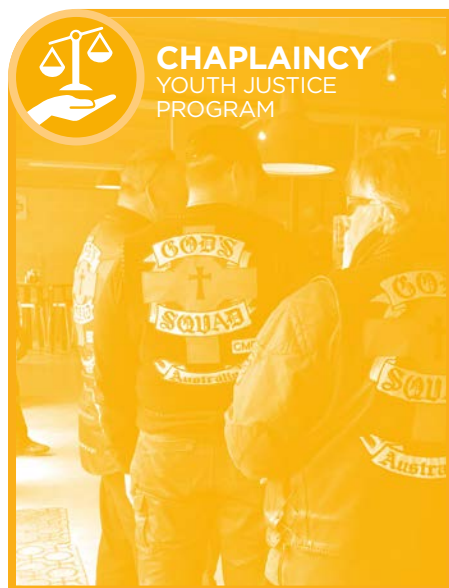
### EDUCATION



### HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS



### JUSTICE



### Concern Australia offers pastoral care to young males (17-21 years) in the Malmesbury Youth Justice Centre.

Since 1990, when the God's Squad held its first Bike Show in Pentridge Prison, our Chaplains have continued to provide opportunities for young people at Malmesbury to engage with older role models in an informal way through the annual Malmesbury God's Squad Bike Show, an ANZAC Day Memorial service, Easter and Christmas celebrations.

Our Chaplains provide pastoral care and support for young people and give them a chance to express themselves and share their concerns and needs with someone who cares.

Our Chaplains offer Church services and other programs to encourage spiritual and emotional development and growth.

Our 2 chaplains support 100 young men at Malmesbury Youth Justice Centre.



### Values for Life delivers workshops for school students and teachers on topics such as resilience, bullying, leadership, transition, and more.

Values for Life began in 1968 when Rev. Dr John Smith, started speaking in schools. It arose from the need to start addressing social issues that young people face when growing up, in a time when schools were primarily addressing academic goals.

Since then we have spoken to over a million students, teachers and parents, with the primary purpose of helping young people make positive life choices at all stages of development.

Just as relevant today, Values for Life continues to connect with over 26,000 young people each year teaching pro-social values, empathy and resilience to engage, impact and empower them to make positive choices in their lives.





**"Engaging and effective real world solutions"**

- Teacher, Beerwah Secondary College



## HAND BRAKE TURN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Air, Power Tools  
and Welders



**"I would not be where I am today without the Hand Brake Turn course, hard work and commitment to my racing career."**

- Justin Bowen, Ambassador

**359** THE NUMBER  
OF SEMINARS,  
DELIVERED  
LAST YEAR

**173** SCHOOLS  
VISITED  
LAST YEAR

WE REACHED

**26,709**

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Since 1994, Hand Brake Turn has been delivering automotive and life skills training for young people aged 15 -21 who are disadvantaged or disengaged with learning. For the past 25 years Hand Brake Turn has delivered a flexible and responsive training program for young people.

We receive referrals of young people from the Department of Justice and Regulation, the Department of Health and Human Services, along with schools and community organisations,

Hand Brake Turn's seven week automotive and life skills training program provides a tailored and measured approach to developing skills of young people. We provide positive independent adult role models for young people to learn from which has an influence on those young people who do not necessarily have stable relationships or positive role models in their lives to help them make choices about their future.

**10,000**

YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE PARTICIPATED  
IN THE PROGRAM

**48** PEOPLE  
PARTICIPATED IN  
OUR PROGRAM  
LAST YEAR

- 90% WERE MALE
- 10% WERE FEMALE
- 2% IDENTIFY AS ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
- 49% HAD A DISABILITY AND
- 61% WERE ON CONCESSION



## LIVEWIRES EDUCATION PROGRAM



*"LiveWires is the best program ever!  
I love coming here."*  
- Angel, LiveWires participant, aged 8

LiveWires provides a free and accessible after school care and holiday program for children aged 5 - 12, who are living in or around the Collingwood Public Housing Estate.

LiveWires began in 2005 in response to an immediate need for activities and programs for primary aged children on the Collingwood Housing Estate. Members of the community noticed children begging on the street and involved in anti-social behaviour. A group of local agencies, churches and schools collaborated together to write a report about the needs within the community.

Concern Australia developed LiveWires as an after hours and school holiday program to instil hope and provide a safe, caring and fun environment for children to come together and feel a sense of belonging and community.

# 53

CHILDREN  
PARTICIPATED IN  
OUR PROGRAM  
LAST YEAR

# 36

FAMILIES WERE  
SUPPORTED BY  
OUR PROGRAM  
LAST YEAR

- **60% OF CHILDREN WERE MALE**
- **40% WERE FEMALE**
- **PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS COME FROM DIVERSE COMMUNITIES INCLUDING; ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER, AUSTRALIAN, CHINESE, ETHIOPIAN, IRAQI, MALAYSIAN, MAORI, SERBIAN, SOUTH SUDANESE, TURKISH AND VIETNAMESE**



## INSIDE OUT SUPPORT SERVICES HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM



Inside Out provides accommodation and support for young people aged 16 - 19 in Child Protection and Youth Justice transitioning towards independence.

Inside Out began in 1991 initially as a partnership with The Salvation Army Crossroads providing support to young people aged 15 - 21 with a juvenile justice custodial order.

Still thriving and growing we support young people with complex needs in an Enhanced Lead Tenant (Live in Mentor) Program and through Targeted Care Packages, uniquely tailoring supports for each individual young person.

We are proud to have impacted well over 500 high risk and complex young people since our inception and our staff and volunteers take great pride in the positive outcomes that have been achieved for the young people we support.





*"Inside Out teaches you how to be the best adult you can be"*

- Khaleah, former Inside Out client



## STEPS OUTREACH SERVICE

### HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM



*"I probably wouldn't be here today without the support from Steps!"*

- Mark, Steps Outreach Service client

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YOUNG PEOPLE  
SUPPORTED  
LAST YEAR

500

PEOPLE  
SUPPORTED  
SINCE  
INCEPTION

30

VOLUNTEER  
LIVE IN  
MENTORS

Steps Outreach Service began in 1985 providing outreach from the steps of Flinders Street station as a way to connect with and support young people experiencing homelessness.

Steps continues to offer practical and relational support reaching out and building trust with young people in the city at night time with follow up support through the day.

Our Youth Workers, provide outreach support for vulnerable young people who are experiencing homelessness, often with a range of complex issues such as mental health, drug and alcohol, trauma based behaviours or disengagement with other mainstream services.

The Steps Outreach team provide ongoing intensive, relational, strengths based, holistic long term support to assist young people with practical needs such as accessing services, material aid, securing housing, transport costs, education and training support.

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THE NUMBER OF  
YOUNG PEOPLE  
WE PROVIDED  
SUPPORT TO

20

THE NUMBER  
OF FAMILIES  
WE PROVIDED  
SUPPORT TO

274

CONTACTS WITH  
YOUNG PEOPLE  
LAST YEAR

# How To Leave A Gift In Your Will

## Options for leaving a gift in your Will

There are three main types of gifts to choose from:

### A residuary bequest

After taking care of your family you can leave all or a percentage of the remainder (residue) of your estate to Concern Australia

### A percentage of your estate

You can leave a nominated portion or fixed percentage of your estate to Concern Australia. This means you're less likely to need to update your Will later on.

### A specific bequest

You can leave a sum of money or a specified item to Concern Australia, such as artwork, jewellery, property, antiques, furniture or shares.

## Suggested wording for your Will

I give, free of all duties and taxes...

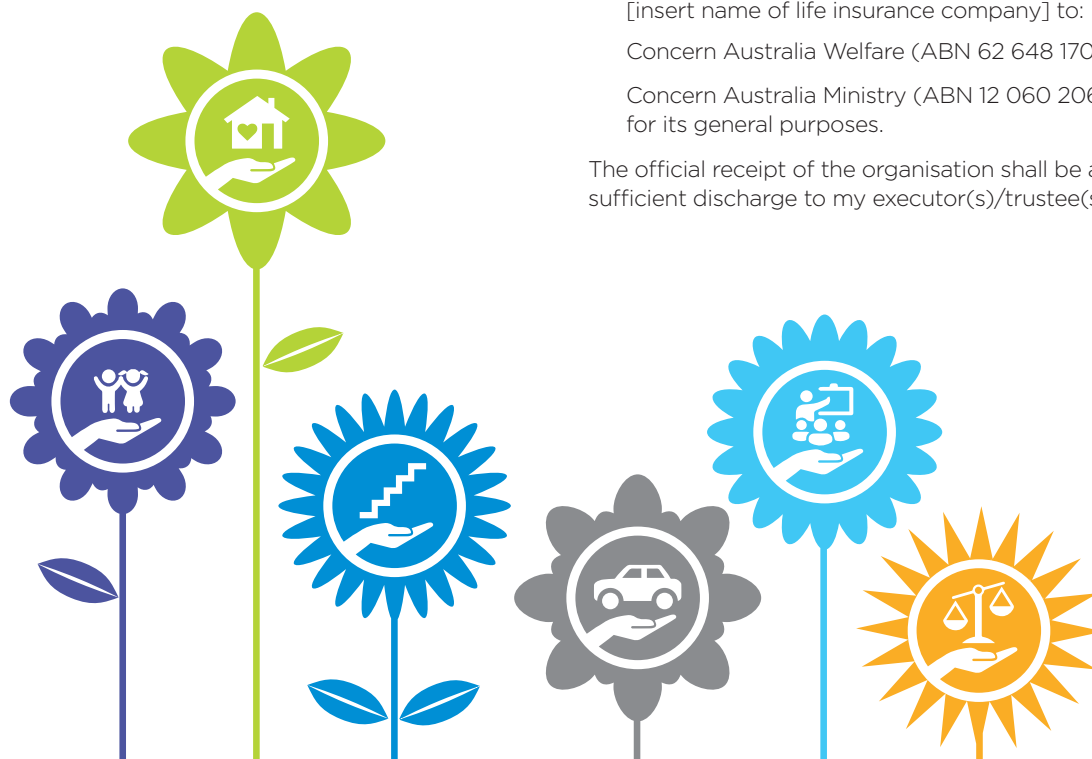
[please insert the appropriate statement(s) selected from below]

1. the residue of my estate (or [insert number] % of the residue of my estate)
2. the whole of my estate (or [insert number] % of my estate)
3. the sum of \$ [insert value of your gift]
4. [insert number] units/shares in [insert name of company/ companies]
5. my real property (or [insert number] % of my real property) situated at [insert address of property/properties] having the title reference [insert title reference]
6. the proceeds from the sale of [insert reference to specific item(s) such as artwork, jewellery, furniture, etc] as liquidated by the executor of my estate
7. life insurance policy no. [insert policy number] held by [insert name of life insurance company] to:

Concern Australia Welfare (ABN 62 648 170 797) or

Concern Australia Ministry (ABN 12 060 206 671) to be used for its general purposes.

The official receipt of the organisation shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor(s)/trustee(s).



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why is having a Will so important?**

Everyone should have a Will, but more than 50 per cent of Australians never get around to it. Without a Will, your assets will be distributed according to state law. By having a Will you can ensure that your assets are distributed in accordance with your wishes by providing for your loved ones and issues you care about.

### **I don't want my family and friends to miss out. What should I do?**

We understand your loved ones come first. Most supporters include a gift in their will after they have taken care of family and friends. Ask your solicitor or Trustee Company about the best way for you to do this.

### **Do I have enough money to leave a gift in my Will?**

Thousands of ordinary Australians leave a gift in their Will to a cause they care about. Every gift – no matter how large or small – can make an enormous and lasting difference to young people and children's lives.

### **How much will leaving a gift in my Will cost me and how long will it take?**

The cost of putting together or updating your Will depends on how complex your personal affairs are. Ask your solicitor for an estimate. Once you've made your decision, leaving a gift in your Will is easy to arrange. A phone call and a visit to your solicitor or Trustee Company is all it should take to include a gift in your Will.

### **Can I add a gift to Concern Australia to an existing Will?**

Yes, it is as simple as adding an amendment or Codicil to your existing Will. Please contact your solicitor or Trustee Company and they will assist you with this.

### **How do I include a gift in my Will to Concern Australia?**

You can use the suggested wording on page 10 of this booklet for leaving a gift in your Will as a guide when speaking to your solicitor or Trustee Company.

It is important that bequests are left to Concern Australia Welfare (ABN 62 648 170 797) or Concern Australia Ministry (ABN 12 060 206 671).

### **Can I leave conditions about how the gift is used or request a specific use for the gift?**


We ask that you keep your gift quite general so it's easier for us to fulfil your wishes in the future. This also means we can respond where the need is greatest when we eventually receive the gift. Let us know if you want to support an area of our work. We are happy to discuss this and give you as much choice as possible.

### **Should I tell you that I've included a gift to Concern Australia in my Will?**

We'd love to hear from you, if that's what you choose, so that we can thank you for your thoughtfulness. All information you share with us is strictly confidential. It is up to you. We will acknowledge you in an appropriate and agreed way.

### **Should I tell my loved ones about my Will?**

This is a personal decision for you to make, but we do suggest letting your family know of your wishes ahead of time. Discussing your wishes with your loved ones means you can explain your decision to leave a lasting legacy to give hope for future generations of young people and answer any questions they may have.



*"When the pioneer is gone, those who follow will do more and do it in less time than the pioneer"*

*Rev. Dr. John Smith  
Founder Concern Australia*

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#### Connect



#### Child Safety Commitment

Concern Australia is committed to providing child safe and protected environments in all its activities and programs and has a zero tolerance approach to child abuse or exploitation. Contact and working with children is a critical responsibility. Children have the right to be safe and protected.

For further details around our commitment, please refer to our policies at [www.concernaustralia.org.au](http://www.concernaustralia.org.au)



*Concern Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, and pays respect to their history, culture and Elders – past, present and future.*

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