



Peninsula
Health

A gift in your *Will*
enhances future healthcare
for the people we love.

Our story

Peninsula Health has been an integral part of our community for more than **80 years**. Our journey began with the establishment of the Frankston Hospital in **1941**, which was funded by residents of the district, sporting bodies, friendly societies and scouts.

From humble beginnings as a 32-bed facility, we have evolved into a major metropolitan health service, providing world-class healthcare close to home for the people of Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula.

The growth and success of Peninsula Health is not solely due to government funding, but also to the unwavering support of our local people and numerous community groups.

It is the vision of our pioneers and the generosity of our supporters since those early days – when the community

rallied together to furnish the hospital in 1941 – that have shaped Peninsula Health into the outstanding health service it is today.

Our mission is healthy lives for everyone, through sustainable, innovative and compassionate care. One of the most impactful ways to support our mission is by considering Peninsula Health in your Will.

A gift in your Will is a profound and lasting contribution. It serves as a testament to your values and leaves a legacy that extends far beyond your lifetime.



Photo: Nurse giving flower to a child 1979

Thank you for considering Peninsula Health in your estate planning. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of our community members for generations to come.

1941



Opening of
Frankston Hospital

1961



Opening of
Rosebud Hospital

1968



Formation of
the Frankston
Hospital Pink
Ladies Auxiliary

1991



Opening of
Golf Links Road
Rehabilitation
Centre

1992



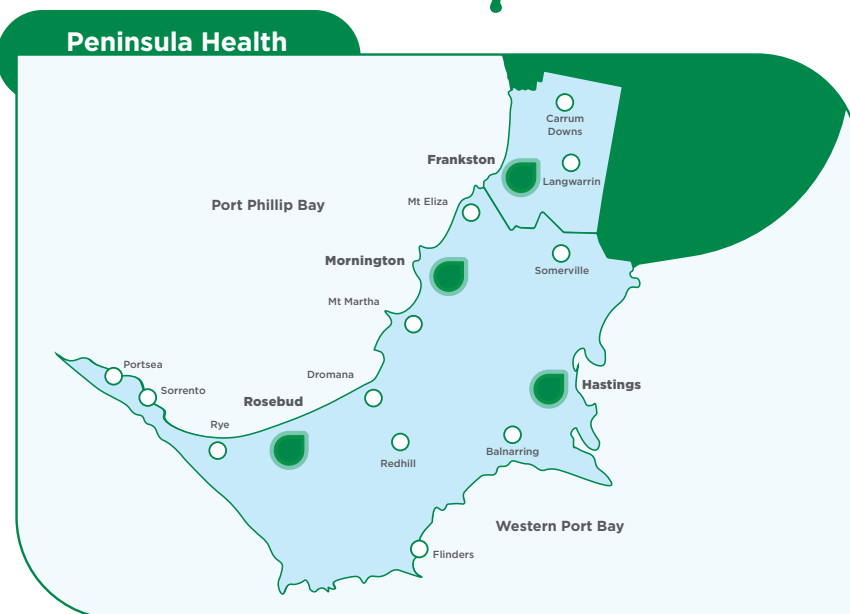
Frankston and
Southern Peninsula
Hospitals merge to
form Mornington
Peninsula Hospital



Peninsula Health

caring for our community

Peninsula Health is the major metropolitan health service for Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula. Our health service consists of five major sites: Frankston Hospital, Rosebud Hospital, Golf Links Road Rehabilitation Centre, The Mornington Centre and Frankston Public Surgical Centre.



We also have five community health centres in Frankston, Mornington, Rosebud, Hastings and Seaford.

Our services for the community include care across the life continuum from obstetrics, paediatrics, emergency medicine, intensive care, critical care, surgical and general medicine,

rehabilitation, and oncology, through to aged care and palliative care.

We provide extensive services in health education, community health, promotion, ambulatory care and mental health.

Peninsula Health is a major teaching and research health facility, training the next

generation of doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and support staff.

We have strong partnerships with Monash University, Deakin University, La Trobe University, Chisholm Institute and Holmesglen Institute.

1995



Establishment of the Peninsula Health Care Network, bringing together the Mornington Peninsula Hospital with the Mt Eliza Centre and Frankston Community Health Centre

2000



The Peninsula Health Care Network evolved into Peninsula Health

2007



Opening of The Mornington Centre

2022



Opening of the Frankston Public Surgical Centre



Construction of the new Frankston Hospital begins, with the \$1.1 billion development to open in early 2026



A gift to help others receive the best end of life care

Ms Elizabeth Green was an ordinary Peninsula local, who made the extraordinary decision to include Peninsula Health in her Will.

In life, Elizabeth understood the power of remembering her local hospital in her Will, and the hope, healing and comfort it would bring to future generations on the Peninsula.

Now, her generosity is helping our caring and dedicated doctors and nurses give the very best of care, comfort and compassion to patients in our Palliative Care Service.

A heartfelt thanks for a healthy heart



Photo: Palliative Care Centre staff



Photo: William Wood

William Wood's story beautifully illustrates the symbiotic relationship between a grateful patient and a dedicated healthcare service.

His decision to give back to Frankston Hospital, both through monthly donations and a gift in his Will, stems from a deep sense of gratitude towards the staff who provided him with exceptional care during his time of need.

Following his triple bypass surgery in 2019, William experienced firsthand the compassionate and skilled care provided by members of the Cardiology team at Frankston Hospital.

Their support not only facilitated his physical recovery but also allowed him to return to his beloved hobbies: gardening and caring for his canaries. William's heartfelt appreciation for the hospital staff members reflects the profound impact they had on his life and wellbeing.

William's story serves as a poignant reminder of the invaluable role that healthcare professionals play in patients' lives and the ripple effect of kindness and gratitude. By giving back to the hospital where he was cared for, William not only honours our dedicated staff but also contributes to the continued provision of excellent healthcare services for future patients in our community.

An enduring thanks to Rosebud Hospital

Norma Roy's decision to leave a gift in her Will to Peninsula Health's Rosebud Hospital is a testament to her deep appreciation for the exceptional care both she and her late husband received there.

Following the passing of her husband of 72 years, Norma found solace in ensuring that his legacy would continue to support the hospital.



Having taken care of her friends and family, Norma's act of generosity reflects her desire to give back to her community and ensure that future generations will have access to the same world-class care she experienced. Living on the Mornington Peninsula for six decades, Norma has witnessed the growth and evolution of her community, and her wish to see it flourish further underscores her commitment to its wellbeing.

Norma's legacy will live on not only through her generous gift to Rosebud Hospital but also through the impact of her contributions to her community and the inspiration she provides to others through her generosity. Her commitment to ensuring outstanding care close to home reflects her deep connection to her community and her enduring spirit of compassion.



The Benson Society

Grace Benson's life story is one of dedication to both her country and her community. Born in Springvale, Victoria in 1922, Grace served with distinction in the Australian Women's Land Army during World War II, earning a Civilian Service Medal in recognition of her contribution to the war effort. After the war, Grace pursued a career in nursing, embodying a commitment to caring for others.

In 1957, Grace married Fred Benson. The couple shared a deep belief in the vital role of local hospitals like Rosebud Hospital in providing essential healthcare services to the people of the area. Grace and Fred were determined to leave a lasting legacy by directing the majority of their estate to support the hospital they held dear.



The **Benson Society** emblem features an Australian native flower called **Murnong**, known to be the indigenous flower of generations.



Photo: Fred and Grace Benson

Their generous bequest exemplifies a lifetime commitment to community service and demonstrates a profound understanding of the significance of supporting local healthcare facilities to ensure the wellbeing of future generations. In recognition of their philanthropic spirit, the Benson Society was established in 2025.

Members of the Benson Society have the opportunity to actively contribute to the growth and prosperity of Peninsula Health. Members are invited to exclusive events and firsthand experiences and can witness the tangible impact of their support on patient care across the Mornington Peninsula, further strengthening your connection to your community and the vital healthcare services it provides.

Grace and Fred's legacy lives on through the Benson Society, inspiring others to follow their example of selflessness and generosity in supporting the healthcare services that serve their community's needs.

The Bensons' story serves as a beacon of hope and a reminder of the enduring power of philanthropy to provide exceptional healthcare for generations to come.

Choosing the right gift for you and your loved ones

We recognise that everyone's personal situation is different. No matter what your circumstances are, you can choose to make an enormous and everlasting difference through leaving a gift in your Will.

We encourage you to speak with your solicitor about what a possible contribution might look like for you. It is common for supporters to choose to leave the majority of their estate to loved ones, with the remainder to charities they hold dear.

To ensure your wishes are followed, and to protect the interests of your loved ones, it is important to prepare a legal Will. A legal Will, prepared by a solicitor, sets out your wishes and details how to distribute assets after you pass.

- › **We are inviting you to join the Benson Society.** This group of like-minded supporters is dedicated to ensuring that everyone living in Frankston and on the Mornington Peninsula can access the very best of care, close to home.
- › **Members of the Benson Society** are committed to enabling the provision of exceptional care to their loved ones and members of their local community in the future.
- › **Everyone who leaves a Gift to Peninsula Health in their Will** is invited to become a member of the Benson Society. Join the quest to help our doctors and nurses have access to, lifesaving, cutting-edge medical equipment, research and technology, by leaving a gift in your Will.

How your gift will make a lasting impact

Grace and Fred Benson very kindly left a large portion of their estate to Peninsula Health. However, we understand this is not possible for everyone.

A gift in your Will to Peninsula Health isn't just a gift to our hospitals, it is also a gift that helps ensure future generations of your family have access to a health service that is able to provide them with the very best treatment and care, close to home, on the Mornington Peninsula.



Image: Al Jane Estrada, Clinical Nurse Educator,
Leah Korsten Anaesthetics Associate Nurse Unit Manager
and Mr Yahya Lahham, Vascular and Transplant
Surgeon in Theatre at Frankston Hospital.

How to leave a lasting legacy in your Will

A gift in your Will to Peninsula Health will make a lasting difference to patients and families on the Mornington Peninsula.

Once you have provided for loved ones, please consider including a gift in your Will to Peninsula Health.

You can choose to support your local hospital, a particular ward or service, or you can make a flexible general gift that will be directed to where it is needed most.

Leaving a gift in your Will is simple and rewarding. No matter the size of your gift, you will be helping to give the best of care, right here on the Peninsula, for generations to come.

If you would like to leave a gift in your Will to Peninsula Health, please contact us at:



03 9788 1232 or



fundraising@phcn.vic.gov.au

Ways to support Peninsula Health in your Will:

Residual gift. A residual legacy is what is left of your estate after all of your wishes have been carried out and expenses in finalising your estate have been met. This is a popular choice for many of our supporters as it allows you to first leave gifts to your loved ones and pay any financial commitments. It also automatically adjusts to changes in the value of your estate.

Percentage-based gift. This can include a percentage of your general estate (i.e. all the funds, properties or assets against your Will) or a percentage of the residuary once gifts and other costs have been processed according to your wishes.

Pecuniary gift. A pecuniary legacy ensures Peninsula Health receives a specific cash amount.

Specific gift. A specific legacy provides you with the certainty that a specific item – such as property, shares or artworks – will be gifted to Peninsula Health.

If you wish to remember Peninsula Health in your Will, you can use our suggested wording found at the end of this booklet as a guideline.

We recommend that you speak to a solicitor to get their advice and make sure your final wishes are reflected in your Will.

When considering leaving a gift in your Will, it's important to make sure that you look after your family and friends first. Once you've taken care of them, you can then divide whatever is left over to your nominated charities.

Suggested wording for your Will

Including a gift in your Will is simple. You can ask your solicitor to insert the following clause into your Will.

I give free of all duties or taxes...

(Please insert the appropriate statement from these options below:)

- › (insert number) % of my estate
- › The residual of my estate
- › (insert number) % of the residual of my estate
- › The sum of \$ (insert value of your gift)
- › (insert number) of my (insert name of shares) shares
- › To Peninsula Health (ABN 52 892 860 259) of 2 Hastings Road, Frankston Victoria, 3199 for its general purposes.
- › The official receipt of the organisation shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor.

Contact Us

For further information or to ask us any questions, please contact our **Gifts in Wills Team**.



(03) 9788 1232



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Our promise to you

It is a big decision to leave part of your estate to Peninsula Health and we appreciate this act of generosity. Your contribution will help us to achieve our Peninsula Health mission – healthy lives for everyone.

Thank you for considering the gift of care for generations to come, through a gift in your Will.

If you decide to leave a gift to Peninsula Health in your Will, we make the following promises to you:

We will

Use your gift carefully and wisely so it can have the greatest positive impact on the community.

Give you and your loved ones the opportunity to be connected with the work you are supporting.

Handle your gift with care, sensitivity and respect.

Recognise and appreciate that your Will is completely personal to you.

Treat your information and intentions with the strictest of confidence.





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