

Give the  
gift of  
literacy

raising  
literacy  
AUSTRALIA

*"The fire of literacy is created by the emotional sparks between a child, a book, and the person reading. It isn't achieved by the book alone, nor by the child alone, nor by the adult who is reading aloud – it's the relationship winding between all three, bringing them together in easy harmony."*

– Mem Fox, AM and award winning children's author.



### Thank you for your interest in our Bequest Program

Together, we can ensure that the promotion of early childhood literacy and the production and publication of quality literature remains an ongoing priority for Australian children.

*Raising Literacy Australia* is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and is able to accept gifts through the *Raising Literacy Australia Public Fund*.

Within this brochure you will find all the information you will require when making a bequest to *Raising Literacy Australia*. If you already have a solicitor, simply read through the information and take it with you to your next appointment. Alternatively, you can phone your solicitor and ask them to call us.

Your gift is one that has the power to positively change lives now and in the future and your legacy will ensure that *Raising Literacy Australia* has the ongoing capacity to improve and enrich Australian lives through literacy.

If I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to call on **(08) 8331 3095**. I welcome the opportunity to meet for a confidential discussion and outline the steps of making a bequest in more detail.

Yours sincerely,  
Nicole Marshall

Development Manager  
*Raising Literacy Australia*



### Making a bequest to Raising Literacy Australia

Making a bequest to *Raising Literacy Australia* is a simple and easy process. This brochure provides practical information on how to make *Raising Literacy Australia* part of your enduring legacy. The information provided should answer many of your questions; outlining information on the *Bequest Program* and direction on how to make *Raising Literacy Australia* a beneficiary of your Will.

### If you do not currently have a Will

To make a Will you should seek professional advice from a solicitor. Having a current Will ensures your loved ones will be provided for and gives valuable peace of mind.



### If you would like to make an amendment to your existing Will

If you already have a Will you can make an amendment or codicil (an amendment to an existing Will). Contact your solicitor and provide them with the 'Information for Solicitors' on our website. It is recommended that your Will is reviewed every few years to ensure it still reflects your wishes. This is particularly important in the event of marriage or divorce, buying a property, the birth of a child, retirement, or the death of a loved one.

### Trusts

If you are a Trustee of a Family Trust, Perpetual Trust or Charitable Trust you may wish to consider either making *Raising Literacy Australia* a beneficiary of the Trust or providing for an annual donation to *Raising Literacy Australia* from the Trust. If you are interested in doing so, we would recommend that you speak with your accountant or solicitor who will be able to assist you with the necessary arrangements.



### Suggested wording for your Will:

To make a bequest to *Raising Literacy Australia*, please provide the following wording to your solicitor:

*I GIVE ..... % of the residue of my estate (or, the sum of \$ ..... ; or, the specific items of ..... ; or, my residue of my estate) to Raising Literacy Australia Incorporated, Post Office Box 147, Kent Town, South Australia 5071 to be used for the purpose of promoting literacy in Australia, free from all debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, and I DECLARE that the receipt by the Chief Executive Officer of Raising Literacy Australia shall be sufficient and complete discharge to by Executor(s).*

### Advising us of your Bequest

By remembering *Raising Literacy Australia* in your Will, you will be joining a select group of people who are committed to supporting literacy development in the Australian community. If you decide to leave a gift to *Raising Literacy Australia* in your Will, please contact **bequests@raisingliteracy.org.au** or phone **(08) 8331 3095** and provide us with as much information as possible. This will help us plan for the future and, more importantly, provide us with the opportunity to thank you for your generosity.



### Use of Funds

Funds received by *Raising Literacy Australia* from bequests will contribute to the production of quality children's literature and will help to support our dedicated literacy programs including *The Little Big Book Club*, *The Big Book Club* and *Building Foundations for Early Learning*. Distribution of bequest funds will be at the discretion of the Board and executive management of *Raising Literacy Australia*, within the above parameters. This will allow future management of *Raising Literacy Australia* to direct funds to the most valuable and effective areas of its operations.

### Acknowledgment

Benefactors providing for *Raising Literacy Australia* in their Will are recognised as a Patron of *Raising Literacy Australia* and will be acknowledged in printed publications and on *Raising Literacy Australia*'s associated websites. However, if you choose to leave your bequest anonymously, *Raising Literacy Australia* will ensure your details remain confidential.