A Will to Transform Lives

A Refugee is…

People can become refugees through war, or civil unrest, persecution for religious or racial reasons; belonging to a particular social or national group or having political opinion. No one wants to become a refugee and leave their own country, but refugees have no choice, as they expect to suffer if they return home.

Unfortunately, just as there have always been refugees, it is certain that there will be many refugees in the world for a long time to come.

Resettlement in Australia is one way of ensuring a positive long term resolution for many refugees.

Your privacy is important.
All personal information remains confidential.
Your details will not be disclosed to any other organisation.
Australian Refugee Association

The Australian Refugee Association Inc (ARA) established in 1975 is a non-government organisation and a registered charity.

ARA helps refugees (including asylum seekers, family and friends of refugees, community members as well as former refugees and migrants from similar backgrounds) to settle in Australia with independence and dignity, and to develop and achieve their aspirations and opportunities in life.

ARA provides advice, assistance and advocacy in Settlement, Migration, Employment, Community Education and Policy Development.

Services provided by ARA

- Assistance with settlement for new arrivals
- Information, counselling, advice and referral to other relevant services
- Community and cultural orientation
- Migration advice and assistance
- Household goods
- Employment assistance
- Emergency financial and material assistance
- Proposer and family support
- Assistance with reunification of families
- Refugee youth support
- Encouraging and assisting refugees to maintain their cultural traditions in emerging communities
- Advice on common legal matters
- Public education

Who needs a Will?

A will, correctly written, is a clear and legally binding statement of your wishes.

Your will is the only way in which you can be confident that your affairs will be settled as you wish.

It is only effective if it has been properly prepared and executed. It is strongly recommended that you seek professional advice when making your will.

Who benefits from a Will?

You - No matter how large or small your estate, you decide how your assets will be distributed.

Your loved ones - They will receive what you have given to them as quickly and as simply as possible. They will not have to make difficult decisions about distribution of your assets.

The causes you believe in - Goods or assets can be legally directed to a charity like the Australian Refugee Association Inc or other organisations of your choosing.

What is a Bequest?

A bequest is an instruction in your will that a gift from your estate will be made to a person, or to an organisation.

Your solicitor or trustee company can explain how to leave a bequest to the Australian Refugee Association Inc. A bequest can be made in a new will or in some cases by adding a codicil to an existing will.

Types of Bequests

A Bequest of Money - The gift of a specific sum of money

Residual Gift - A percentage of your Estate

A Bequest of Property - This can include shares, stocks and bonds, real estate, works of art, collectables and jewellery or the proceeds of life insurance policies.

Preparation of your Will

Your solicitor will discuss your wishes with you. He/She will be able to give you unbiased and objective advice regarding the legal distribution of your estate.

The Australian Refugee Association Inc can supply names and addresses of solicitors who are able to assist you with preparation of your will for a nominal fee or special rate.

How your Bequest will bring a lasting gift to Australian Refugee Association

Your bequest will assist the Australian Refugee Association Inc to ensure that refugees receive assistance to settle in Australia with independence and dignity.

ARA would be pleased to discuss with you how your gift will be used. If you have made or intend to make a gift in support of the work of the Australian Refugee Association Inc, we would appreciate the chance to thank you and acknowledge your support.