



## MISSION, MESSAGE & MINISTRY

**The Mission** of BHC is proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, and the deepening of the spiritual life of Christian believers through faithful Bible exposition carefully applied to daily life, work and witness.

**The Message** of BHC emphasises a life of sustained fellowship with God through surrender to Christ as Saviour and Lord, victory over sin and power for service through the indwelling Holy Spirit, and God's call to share the gospel with others to the ends of the earth. It is this definite integrated Biblical message which distinguishes the ministry of BHC.

**The Ministry** of BHC is exercised through conventions and other events held during the year. The Council has a property of some 8 hectares with a variety of facilities. However, in keeping with our commitment to share the message of the Bible to all people, specific ministry to men, women, and young people takes place through camps, conferences and evangelistic outreach. Planned new accommodation and dining room facilities will enhance the development of current ministries and open up new possibilities.

This brochure sets out a number of ways that a bequest can make a lasting contribution to BHC, and provides guidelines for making a Will. This material is an information guide only and should not be relied upon as a substitute for professional advice.

## DOES BHC NEED MY HELP?

### The answer is a resounding YES!

While our dependence is upon God who called this ministry to birth nearly a century ago - He has supplied our needs through generous faithful friends who have given to the convention. Time and again specific and urgent needs have been met by the timely arrival of financial gifts and bequests. This has enabled this Bible teaching ministry to continue, and made possible the maintenance and development our property. Much has been done, but the upgrading of our facilities continues.

### A bequest to the Convention is a GIFT THAT TRANSFORMS.

Thank you for prayerfully considering making provision for Belgrave Heights Convention in your Will.



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## A GIFT THAT TRANSFORMS

*'All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.'*

2 Timothy 3:16,17 (NLT)

## WILLS & BEQUESTS



## BELGRAVE HEIGHTS CONVENTION

**The Belgrave Heights Convention (BHC) had its origins in the desire of a group of Christians in Victoria to meet for the study of the Scriptures, fellowship and prayer in order to grow in their knowledge of Christ. Links formed with the Keswick Convention in the United Kingdom and other similar convention ministries across Australia. Christmas 1918 was the first annual convention at Upwey. The Convention moved to Belgrave Heights in 1950, and Easter conventions began in 1953.**

The Convention ministries offer something for everyone - life changing Bible teaching, uplifting worship and great fellowship, combined with the opportunity to reflect, relax and enjoy time in the wonderful bush setting of Belgrave Heights.

The Council of BHC are grateful to the Lord for the generous gifts of many supporters, which have made the ministry possible for nearly one hundred years!

To provide for this Bible teaching ministry to continue into the future we invite your financial partnership in the form of a legacy or bequest in your will.

**A bequest will have a powerful lasting impact upon people through the teaching, exposition and application of the Word of God. They will be transformed and equipped to serve in their families, churches, communities and daily vocations - and some in mission to the unreached nations of the world.**

**Who can measure such impact?**



## WHY SHOULD I MAKE A WILL?

We cannot take our assets with us when we die. But we can make sure they are used for Gospel and Bible teaching ministry long after we have gone by deciding now how we want them to be used by making a will.

About one in three of all Australians die intestate - without leaving a Will. Even when we have made one, it should also be reviewed as our circumstances change.

If you fail to leave a valid Will, your estate may be distributed among the persons prescribed by an Act of Parliament and by a person whom the Registrar of Probate recognises as the proper person to do that. The Administrator may not be a person of your choice and may add considerable cost to your estate. When you make a Will you appoint an Executor of your choice for your estate to be distributed in the way you intend.

## HOW DO I GO ABOUT IT?

This brochure provides information to assist you as you consider your Will. However you should seek professional assistance to ensure that your Will:

- is legally valid
- expresses your wishes for the distribution of your estate
- makes adequate provision for your family and dependants, and
- can assist Christian organisations such as Belgrave Heights Convention if you wish.



## HOW CAN I MAKE A BEQUEST?

The following are provided as guidelines for the use of your professional adviser who will adapt them for any specific requirement of your Will.

A **Residuary Bequest** will provide for Belgrave Heights Convention to receive in whole or in part of whatever is left of your estate after specific bequests have been fulfilled:

"I give to the Belgrave Heights Convention of 3 Convention Avenue, Belgrave Heights in the State of Victoria, the rest and residue of my estate of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situate for its Christian religious purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Secretary, Treasurer or other proper officer of the said Convention, shall be a complete discharge to my Trustees therefore who shall not be bound to see to the application thereof".

An Unrestricted Gift could be made in the following terms:

"I give to the Belgrave Heights Convention of 3 Convention Avenue, Belgrave Heights in the State of Victoria, the sum of \$..... for its Christian religious purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Secretary, Treasurer or other proper officer of the said Convention shall be a complete discharge to my Trustees therefore who shall not be bound to see to the application thereof".

(This clause may be modified to deal with property or other securities.)

For **Real Estate**:

"I give and devise all that piece of land being (land to be described) to the Belgrave Heights Convention of 3 Convention Avenue, Belgrave Heights in the State of Victoria for its Christian religious purposes".