

You - and your Will to care for tomorrow

When is the right time to make – or update – your Will?

Today.

Your life has probably changed a good deal over the years, and your Will should reflect those changes.

Even if you have already made a Will, is it up to date?

There are milestones in your life that mean you should think afresh about what you want to happen after your lifetime. Have you married, re-married, sold a house, sold a business... Do you have new family members, such as grandchildren?

Everyone, no matter what their circumstances, should have a will. It is an act of kindness to those who you leave behind to leave a will that clearly explains how you would like your estate divided. This helps avoid family disagreements about what your intentions would have been, and ensures that your wishes are carried out.

Making or revising your Will also allows you the opportunity to include a bequest to those organisations that you have supported in your lifetime. We hope that you might consider the New South Wales Rail Transport Museum in this category.

How the work of the NSW Rail Transport Museum would benefit from being included in your Will

The needs of our community and volunteer organisations keep growing every year.

But you can help the Rail Transport Museum by making it certain that we can meet the needs in the years to come.

By including the NSW Rail Transport Museum in your Will and letting us know of your intention, you allow us to plan for the future stability and growth of the organisation, securing the benefits of our historic collection for generations to come.

How to go about making out a Will to the NSW Rail Transport Museum

Making an up-to-date Will is simple and inexpensive. Simply consult a solicitor or Trustee Company to draw up your will. If you do not have a solicitor, then call the Community Referral Service at the Law Society of NSW on (02) 9926 0300. They will provide you with the names of local solicitors who can help you. You can find Trustee Companies or the Public Trustee Service in the Yellow Pages under Trustee Services.

How to word a bequest to the NSW Rail Transport Museum in your Will

There are various types of bequests:

You can leave a percentage of your estate; a specific sum of money; a specific item of personal or real property; or the residue of the estate after providing for others.

Here is a guide:

“I give.... (*see note below)... to the New South Wales Rail Transport Museum (the NSWRTM) to be used at the absolute discretion of the NSWRTM for its general purposes and I direct that the signed receipt of the NSWRTM shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor or trustee.”

Note: Insert details of the bequest, ie. A percentage of your estate or the \$ amount (words and figures); or specific items of personal and/or real property.

“My Bequest Intention” Form

Please download and print the attached form “My Bequest Intention” and fill out the form that indicates to us what your bequest intentions are. This will allow the NSWRTM to acknowledge your bequest in advance and to encourage us to plan for the future of the Museum.

Please post the form to:

The Hon. Treasurer
NSW Rail Transport Museum
PO Box K37
Haymarket NSW 1240