

# Make health equity your legacy



**How a charitable gift in your Will can create sustainable health solutions for all.**



**Burnet**  
reach for the many



**"The unique combination of medical research and public health action is what makes Burnet Institute so effective."**

**– MARY PADBURY,  
CHAIR, BURNET INSTITUTE**

# Research

## Your belief in research can improve the health and wellbeing of many people.

Our beliefs can drive change for millions of people across the globe. Through a charitable gift in your Will, you are making a powerful statement of your belief in a future where people can equitably access timely, affordable and effective healthcare.

In my time as board member at Burnet Institute I have been fortunate to see some of these exciting innovations in healthcare. Burnet is working hard to develop vaccines for infectious diseases like malaria, HIV, and now COVID-19, accelerating easier testing and treatment for Hepatitis, TB and HIV, and helping mothers and babies in PNG survive and thrive. And Burnet led the way in Australia with our Know C-19 initiative, helping disseminate vital science-backed pandemic information to the community during some very uncertain times. All of this incredible work is supported by the generous gifts of people like you.

**Please consider a gift in your Will today. You can help translate research discoveries and evidence into sustainable health solutions for tomorrow.**



A charitable gift in your Will can expand the work of Burnet even further. You can help ensure ongoing advocacy, more research and reporting, and more community engagement to enable better health outcomes.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought healthcare to the fore, presenting increased opportunities to address the root causes of inequality in healthcare, and increasing the quality of life for many. Your gift can help address today's challenges – ensuring vaccine equity and widespread access to affordable life-saving treatments for our communities – but you can also help fund the solutions to the healthcare challenges of tomorrow. You can support improved health equity for the next generations.

When you consider including a gift in your Will to Burnet, you are declaring your belief in a future where healthcare is not dependent on who you are, or where you live. This fair approach to tackling some of the major illnesses of our time is what I value so much about the work of the team at Burnet. This is what I believe helps our work to make such a positive difference in so many communities.

Together, we can attain improved health outcomes for so many more people.

Thank you for your time today to consider leaving a gift in your Will to the Burnet Institute.



*Mary Padbury*

**Mary Padbury**  
Chair, Burnet Institute

# Breakthroughs

**With our roots in the wards of the Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital, the Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health, known as Burnet Institute, has developed into a world-renowned research facility dedicated to saving lives. Everything we do stems from a focus on creating sustainable health solutions, here in Australia and around the world.**

We are the only NGO medical research institute to hold an accreditation with both the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council, and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Our reputation as a sector-leading medical research institute is second to none. This reputation, along with our global partnerships, including with the World Health Organization, allows us to provide better healthcare for all Australians and our communities worldwide. Every researcher, field officer and staff member shares a belief that unequal access to health is an injustice that must be righted. Through the support of generous people like you, we are getting closer to a future of better health for all.

Work may begin in the lab, but we take this research into the field to make a sustainable contribution to health outcomes in countries across the globe.

Our offices in Melbourne, Papua New Guinea and Myanmar are home to more than 380 medical research and public health staff, working to improve health outcomes for people living with malaria, hepatitis, tuberculosis, HIV and AIDS, influenza and emerging infectious diseases, including COVID-19.

We work with communities on the ground to share knowledge, educate, and gain a greater understanding of the challenges and risks at play. This allows us to create accessible and responsive health solutions, without shame or stigma.

We are dedicated to creating a more equitable world, with better access to healthcare so no one is left behind. And we invite you to join us. Through your gift, your legacy can be health, knowledge, and care for all.



Together we work to challenge global health issues in:



Disease  
Elimination



Health  
Security and  
Pandemic  
Preparedness



Maternal,  
Child and  
Adolescent  
Health

A portrait of Professor Brendan Crabb AC, a middle-aged man with grey hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a light blue patterned shirt. He is sitting and smiling slightly. The background is a blurred indoor setting.

**"We believe that every person in the world has an equal right, a human right, to basic healthcare. To achieve this requires both commitment and innovation."**

**– PROFESSOR BRENDAN CRABB AC,  
DIRECTOR AND CEO**

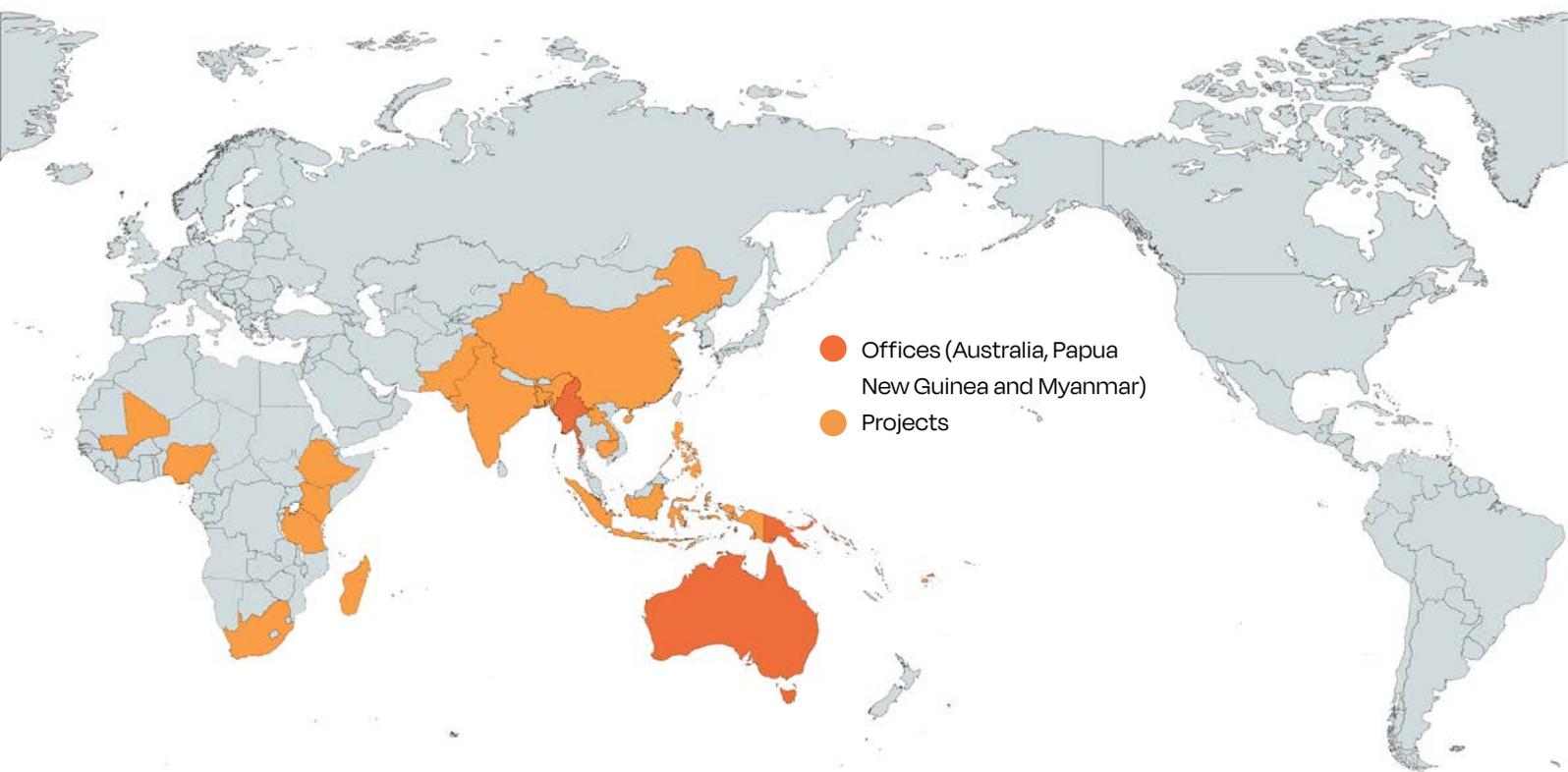
# Creating health equity around the world

**Burnet research saves lives, whether it be in the past, the present or the future. This is made possible with the help of generous people like you.**

A charitable gift in your Will allows Burnet to provide innovative and specialised health solutions to a diverse range of groups in Australia and across the world, including:

- Children, adolescents and women
- Culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- The LGBTQIA+ community
- Those living with drug dependencies

While based in Melbourne, Burnet has a long-standing presence in the Asia-Pacific Region, with country offices in Papua New Guinea and Myanmar. Our close working relationships with partners helps support a range of public health programs in many Asian, Pacific and African countries.



# Our health work in action



Continuing our dedicated work to eliminate HIV, through health solutions that can be implemented throughout the world.



Providing life-saving healthcare for women and children through our Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies program in PNG.



Driving progress towards an Australia free of hepatitis-C by 2030, through our EC Australia partnership.



Making a significant and ongoing contribution to the COVID-19 pandemic response through innovative and evidence-based public health and laboratory-based research.



Supporting scientific research and innovation that has led to over 4,621 peer-reviewed publications since 1988.



Developing candidate vaccines for HIV, hepatitis-C, COVID-19, malaria, and better point-of-care diagnostic tools.



Uncovering breakthrough insights into drug-resistant tuberculosis, its emergence and spread.



Supporting healthy ageing programs for older Australians to ensure that no matter our age, we can live full and healthy lives.

# The power of your gift

## The life-saving power of medical research

Paul Collins was only 25 when he received a confronting diagnosis of HIV. Initially filled with trepidation and terror at the thought of his life being cut short, Paul found himself at the Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital, seeking out support.

"I remember so vividly the early days at Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital: young people in the prime of their life, everywhere, all sick... Advances in HIV research since then have been astounding," Paul says.



Over three decades later, Paul proudly describes himself as 'living proof that HIV is a manageable condition.'

"I am so grateful to all those who have played an integral part in my health management, for their guidance and their belief in me," he says.

Crucial research conducted with the support of Burnet Institute has significantly improved outcomes for people living with HIV. Generous supporters have helped fund research to launch pioneering rapid HIV Testing Services, as well as novel treatments to prevent transmission of HIV, including in culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Like so many other Australians, Paul credits his good health to life-saving advances in HIV research, including those supported by Burnet.

"With the right support and medical care, it's possible to live a full life – and accomplish goals I once never thought possible," Paul says.

But not everyone in our region has the same access to these life-saving medical interventions and treatments. Burnet is working to put them in the hands of everyone who needs them.

**"I am proud to have left a gift in my Will to ensure that Burnet's research continues to change the lives of people living with HIV and AIDS worldwide. It's my way of making a contribution to their future and saying 'thank you' to all those whose work has transformed my own life."**



**"A gift in my Will is something tangible that I can do now in support of Burnet, with practical benefits to flow into the future. I envisage in the years ahead, I will be in a position to increase my support and provide more significant donations."**

## The legacy of life

A working mother with three young children, Belinda Collins is a passionate supporter of equitable healthcare and supporting innovative research. After a personal experience with the healthcare system here in Australia, Belinda knew she had to do something.

"My eldest son, Sam, suffered complications at birth," Belinda says. "Thanks to Australia's excellent healthcare system this was a minor complication. The outcome would have been very different in many parts of the world."

With Sam healthy and well, Belinda's determination to make sure that more mothers could find the support they needed in the months before and after childbirth led her to Burnet.

"I am inspired by the work of Burnet, the dedication of its research scientists and the

vision of its management to focus on the [marginalised]," she said. "The ability to translate research in the laboratory to implementation in the field, such as the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies program, is unique."

Between balancing caring for her children and working part-time, the opportunities to donate are limited by family budgets. These limitations led to opportunity, with Belinda choosing to leave a gift in her Will to Burnet.

Belinda's foresight means that she will increase access to the life-saving treatments that supported her and her son.

"I encourage everyone to leave a gift in their Will to Burnet – in support of the many vulnerable people whose life opportunities are considerably improved by their wonderful work."

# How to make health equity your legacy

## Q. Should I tell my family of my wish to leave a gift in my Will to Burnet?

Definitely. We welcome any questions your family or friends may have about our work, or how we will invest your gift when the time comes. They may like to come on a lab tour with you to see what previous gifts in Wills have made possible.

## Q. Are gifts of any size accepted?

We are honoured and grateful to receive gifts of any size. Whatever kind of gift you leave, we promise it will make a tangible impact and be greatly appreciated by those whose work your gift will make possible.

## Q. What type of gift has the most impact?

Any gift you feel able to leave will have a huge impact. Only 6% of Australians leave a charitable gift in their Will, so the fact that you are considering this makes you special already. One of the most beneficial gifts is a percentage of your estate which will hold value over time. We recommend speaking with your solicitor and family for the best advice.

## Q. Can I leave a gift to a specific area of research?

You can, but it can make allocating funding difficult for research if a disease is cured, or a problem solved. We recommend that you let us know your wishes when you write your

Will, and we will apply your gift to the most appropriate area when the time comes. We are also more than happy to discuss this with your family.

## Q. Can my gift become part of Burnet Institute's Endowment Fund?

Absolutely. Please contact our offices to discuss your considerations further.

## Q. What wording do I use to draw up my Will?

There are various online Will writing facilities available, but we recommend seeking the assistance of a solicitor to draft the clause that is appropriate to you and your loved ones. The following words can be used as a guide :

*"I give the sum of \$[amount]; OR [insert percentage] of my residuary estate; OR [specific assets, such as real estate, shares, artwork, etc] to the Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health Ltd ABN 49 007 349 984 for its general purposes [OR otherwise]. I declare that the receipt of the Secretary or other proper officer for the time being of the organisation shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors/trustees."*



**1% for the 99%**

1% of your estate can equal health equity for the 99% of the population who do not have access to life-saving healthcare.

# Make health equity your legacy

Please consider a charitable gift in your Will to Burnet Institute, so together we can continue to create sustainable health solutions for generations to come.

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