

9-15 September 2019

**Post Event Report** 

## **Executive Summary**

- This year over 200 people attended IAC supporter events across Australia.
- Overall, the campaign delivered even higher reach than previous years
  - Digital activity reached more than **646,799** people
  - Media activity reached an approximate of **23,301,344** people
- 68% supporter engagement
- The report shows that income growth over the next 20 years is expected to be strong, but slower than we've seen over the last decade.
- Long-term growth in bequest numbers is expected to be higher than of late, driven by more deaths and a greater proportion of child-free deaths,
- By 2040, gifts in wills income will be 2.3 times higher than today and the total number of bequests received will be 1.9 times higher than today.



## Include a Charity Week Events



Include a Charity Week 2019 brought Legacy Foresight's Development Director, **Meg Abdy**.

Meg has been analysing the legacy market since 1994 when she coordinated the first legacy forecasting project, now known as Legacy Monitor.

This year, we launched the first ever Australian Legacy Foresight report which revealed the results of the long-term outlook for the gifts in Wills sector over the next 20 years.

The findings were presented at a series of breakfast briefings across the country. Please see the next slide for the key findings



## Legacy Foresight Report



Include a Charity Week 2019 brought in Legacy Foresight to analyse the recent trends in Australian gifts in wills giving and explore the long-term outlook for the sector over the next 20 years.

#### **Key findings:**

- We expect small declines in gifts in wills income of -0.1% in 2019 and -0.3% in 2020 as recent falls in house prices feed through to residual bequest values.
- Long-term growth in bequest numbers is expected to be higher than of late, driven by more deaths and a greater proportion of child-free deaths.
- Long-term growth in average values is expected to be lower than of late, due to slower expected growth
  in house prices and share prices.
- Overall, income growth over the next 20 years is expected to be strong, but slower than we've seen over the last decade.
- By 2040, gifts in wills income will be 2.3 times higher than today this is in real terms after inflation, and reflects the purchasing power of charities i.e. what they can do with the money they receive
- In comparison, the more mature British bequest sector is predicted to be 1.7 times higher by 2040
- By 2040, the total number of bequests received will be 1.9 times higher than today



## Event numbers

State	Breakfast seminar	Workshop	
QLD	38	18	
NSW	110	70	
VIC	70	49	
SA	26	8	
WA	22	9	



## Event photos















## Our digital campaign

Reached more than **646,799** people & more than **7,234** people interacted with the campaign.

(interacted = click on search/display ad, watch more than 30/3 secs (YouTube/Facebook) of video, engage with social media post)



## Digital Strategy

- **1. Prospecting (audience building)** start by reaching the target audience and encouraging engagement with the campaign.
- 2. Remarketing Reach back out to those people who engaged with the landing page and video content to encourage them engage further and potential take an action (download, view, etc.).
- 3. List build for future engagement email opt-ins.
- **4. Test and iterate –** by taking stock of potential audience groups and messaging we can ensure that we are able to test and iterate based on results



## Digital Media Channels used

- Facebook highly targeted ads, video and promoted posts to specific demographics, interests and behaviours.
- YouTube to specific demographics, interests and behaviours video promoted as a pre-roll (TrueView charged per view when somebody watched at least 30 seconds of the clip).
- Google Display Network- to specific demographics, interests and behaviours
- Paid Search using Google Grant targeted people searching directly for information relating to leaving a bequest.
- Remarketing targeting all visitors of the website using:
  - Facebook
  - 2. Google Display Network



# Digital – Summary

Channel	Planned Investment	Actual Spend	Reach	Interactions	Clicks
Facebook	\$14,000	\$13,380.14	576,826	5,464 Like/share/comment	4,798
Facebook Remarketing	\$1,000	\$758.83	7,128	195 Like/share/comment	357
YouTube	\$2,000	\$42.34	4,411	923 views	21
Display Prospecting – banners	\$500	\$264.61	55,512	576 clicks	576
Display Remarketing	\$500	\$354.08	\$2,922	76 clicks	76
	\$18,000	\$14,800	646,799 people reached	7,234 people interacted	5,828



## Digital – Landing Page Analysis



- Total 1,858 page views
- Majority of visits came from mobile devices (87%), tablet (9%), desktop (4%) – demonstrating the importance of mobile optimized websites
- Avg. time on page was 2min 02 seconds compared to site wide average of 1min 41secs – indicating good levels of engagement
- Most visits from paid media activity Facebook (71%)



## Summary of Learnings

- Google's Responsive Ad format automatically generates ads to match the "look and feel" of the hosting webpage, theoretically attracting more clicks. However, sometimes it can make the headline, the picture and the description feel unrelated - we need to ensure that all combinations have relevant messaging.
- Facebook provides excellent reach, although CPCs for the highly targeted groups are much higher than Google.
- The online will writing tool offer had low levels of conversion (handful of leads) the better avenue for lead conversion is probably to use the downloadable kit AND then "upsell" people to the will writing service.
- Overall the campaign delivered even higher reach than previous years.



## Advertising

Include a Charity's 30-second ad promoting gifts in Wills, ran across radio stations such as Light FM, Vision FM and Fine Music FM, which all reach regional and metropolitan Australia.

The ad was played various times throughout the day on each station from 5 – 14 September.

Our four-minute advertorial on Channel 9's Today Extra, created in 2018, with Helen Merrick and Paul Hancock played on 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 16 September. The segment also highlighted two bequestors from Include a Charity video (Stroke Foundation and Bush Heritage). Watch it <a href="here">here</a>!



## Media coverage summary

The 2019 Include a Charity PR campaign resulted in a good mix of overwhelmingly positive trade publication, print/online newspaper stories and radio interviews that reached our largest audience yet. In all, there were 107 placements if we consider some stories ran in print and online versions and in some cases, radio interviews were repeated on some community radio stations. Our TV segment ran on 45 stations across Australia eight days running.

The Legacy Foresight research into gifts in wills trends in Australia was helpful in securing interviews and stories in The Australian and four Fairfax newspapers this year, which boosted our audience reach considerably. While there were less case study stories than previous years, those that were published were positive in tone with a good mix of charities represented.



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Some radio interviews also did not eventuate due to presenter illness or unavailability of spokespeople when requested.

The repetition of the TV advertorial featuring Include a Charity's campaign director Helen Merrick on a national morning TV show (Channel 9's Today Extra) also helped us to reach a sizable Australian audience in the target demographic.

Please note, with limited media monitoring it is possible some stories have not been picked up, and we are still waiting on a couple to appear in Australian Lawyer's Weekly and the West End magazine (Brisbane).

Estimated audience reach: 23,301,344.



## Media - Print

- **1 May | Law Journal of Victoria (print and online)**: Published article by publicist on how lawyers can raise the charitable bequests question with clients and have an impact on charitable giving.
- **1 September | F&P (Aug/Sept print edition, online and e-news)**: Published media release information about the Legacy Foresight research and the Meg Abdy speaking tour for fundraisers in five cities.
- **1 September | Go 55s (spring print edition, online and e-news)**: Published media release information about Include a Charity Week and profile of Aruma bequestor, Michael Ross.
- **1 September | The Senior (six state editions and digital)**: Published media release information about Include a Charity Week and profile of Leukemia Foundation bequestor, Pam Ganly.
- **1 September | The Golden Oldie (print edition)**: Published media release information about Include a Charity Week and Sydney Children's Hospital Network bequestor, Betty Olsen.
- **2 September | Whitehorse Leader (print edition)**: Published profile of World Vision bequestor Andrew Stephenson and motivations for leaving a bequest.
- 4 September | Canberra Weekly (print edition): Published information from Include a Charity media release.
- **5 September | The Dubbo Photo News (print and online)**: Published media release information about Include a Charity Week and interviewed MS Ltd bequestor, Ken Collins.

#### Media - Print

- **7 September | The Australian (print and online edition**): Interview with Meg Abdy and quotes from Helen Merrick. Used backgrounder story on World Vision bequestor, Gordon Lambert as well as media release information.
- **9 September | The West Australian (print and online)**: Published media release information about include a Charity and photo story with Heart Foundation bequestor, Judith Broadway. A second article in the same edition was a how-to story about including a charity in your will by WA spokesperson, Vicki Rasmussen.
- **9 September | Starts at 60 (online)**: Published first-person account from Marjorie Pettigrew, volunteer and bequestor to Cancer Council NSW about her great experiences with the charity and the support she's received.
- **10 September | Warringal and Drouin Gazette (print and online)**: Published media release information about Include a Charity Week and interviewed MS Ltd bequestor, Peter O'Reilly.
- **12 September (Pro Bono Australia (online)**: Published detailed article about Legacy Foresight research and interviewed Meg Abdy at Melbourne dinner event.
- **18 September | Newcastle Herald (print and online editions)**: Published story about two sisters who were leaving a portion of their mother's house proceeds to a local charity. Featured Include a Charity information.
- **21 September | Brisbane Times (online)**: Published story about Legacy Foresight research, interview with Helen Merrick and Greenpeace bequestor, Helen Fischer.



#### Media - Print

- **22 September | Sun-Herald (print and online)**: Published story about Legacy Foresight research, interview with Helen Merrick and Prince of Wales bequestor, John Carbery.
- **22 September | The Sunday Age (print and online)**: Published story about Legacy Foresight research, interview with Helen Merrick and Greenpeace bequestor, Helen Fischer.
- **22 September | WA Today (online**): Published story about Legacy Foresight research, interview with Helen Merrick and Greenpeace bequestor, Helen Fischer.
- 1 October | F&P (print and online): Published story about Legacy Foresight research and baby boomer insights, written by Meg Abdy.
- **3 October | Third Sector (online)**: Published article about Legacy Foresight research and baby boomer insights. Quotes from Helen and Meg were provided by the in-house publicist.
- **9 October | Australian Lawyers Weekly (online)**: Produced an article noting many lawyers don't ask clients about bequests. Story featured Include a Charity research and an interview Jennifer Maher, a Melbourne lawyer who is an Include a Charity advocate and a legal professional who asks the charitable bequest question of clients.



#### Media - Radio

- **28 August | Eastside Radio Sydney (Drive with Holly Williams)**: Live, five-minute interview with Helen Merrick on Include a Charity Week and key statistics.
- **2 September| Blue Mountains Radio (Breakfast with Ron Green**): Live, 10-minute interview with Helen Merrick on Include a Charity Week, key statistics, challenges to wills and research.
- **2, 4, 6, 9, 11 and 13 September | SWR 99FM Sydney (Brekky with Bosco)**: Eight-minute pre-recorded interview with Helen Merrick broadcast six times during before and during Include a Charity Week. Topics included the generosity of Australians, the disconnect with death, getting solicitors to ask the question and the charities involved.
- **3 September | 2RRR Sydney (Breakfast with Shona and Hugh)**: Live 10-minute interview with Helen Merrick on Include a Charity Week, new research, generosity of Australians, disconnect with death and if can you leave a bequest to your pet.
- **3 September | Curtin-FM, Perth (Afternoons with Jenny Seaton)**: Live, 20-minute interview with Vicki Rasmussen on Include a Charity Week, tips for including a charity in your will, talk-back queries.
- **4 September | 1WAY-FM, Canberra (Drive with Cay Merritt)**: Live, 15-minute interview with Helen Merrick on Include a Charity Week, generosity of Australians, where you can leave a gift and particular charities that do great work.
- **5 September | 2CC (Talking Canberra Drive with Rod Henshaw)**: Live, seven-minute interview with Helen Merrick on Include a Charity Week, generosity of Australians, disconnect with death and will challenges.



## Media - Radio

**6 September | 2RDJ Sydney (Drive with Neil Lithgow)**: Pre-taped, 20-minute interview with Helen Merrick and estates lawyer Robert Monahan on will writing, will challenges, myths, asking the question and Include a Charity Week. This interview ran on the Friday drive program and was broadcast twice on the breakfast program during the week.

**7 September | 2MCE Bathurst (Breakfast with Tim Williams)**: Live, seven-minute interview on the need for a will, generosity of Australians, charities involved and Include a Charity Week.

**7 September | Joy-FM Melbourne (Saturday Magazine)**: Live, 12-minute interview with Ross Anderson on generosity of Australians, the need for wills, why gifts in wills are important to a charity's work, the significance of bequests to RSCPA and Joy Radio, and Include a Charity Week information.

**12 September ABC Pilbara (Mornings with Jordan Fritz)**: Live, five-minute interview with Vicki Rasmussen on Include a Charity Week, myths around bequesting, and things to get right when you consider a charity in your will.

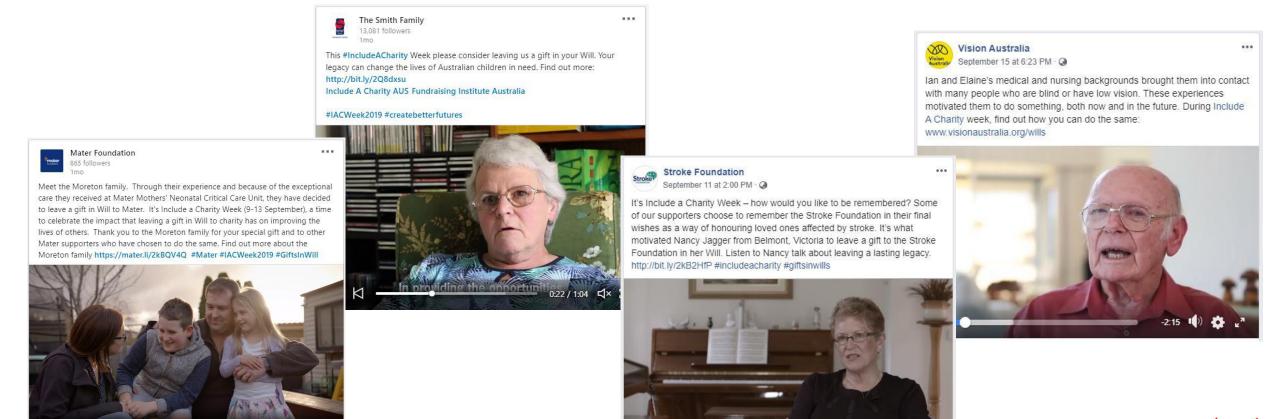
**13 September | ABC Kimberley (Mornings with Edwin Cowlishaw)**: Live, seven-minute interview with Vicki Rasmussen on Include a Charity Week, what it is, the aims, statistics on generosity and what to consider when including a charity in your will.

22 October | ABC Gippsland (Mornings with Amber Irving-Guthrie): Live, seven minute interview with Ross Anderson on Include a Charity, its aims and how people can leave bequests and how much can be left. Followed an interview with a local lawyer about family blowouts and contesting of wills.



We had an amazing amount of engagement from our supporters this year! Many took to social media to promote the week.

Some shared bequestor videos telling their story and their reasons behind leaving a gift in their Will!



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#### Some shared bequestor stories!









Some printed posters to put around their office!



Will you help us bring the next BIG thing in cancer care to Cabrini's community?

**RSPCA Victoria** 

**Cabrini Foundation** 



Some had gifts in Wills days!



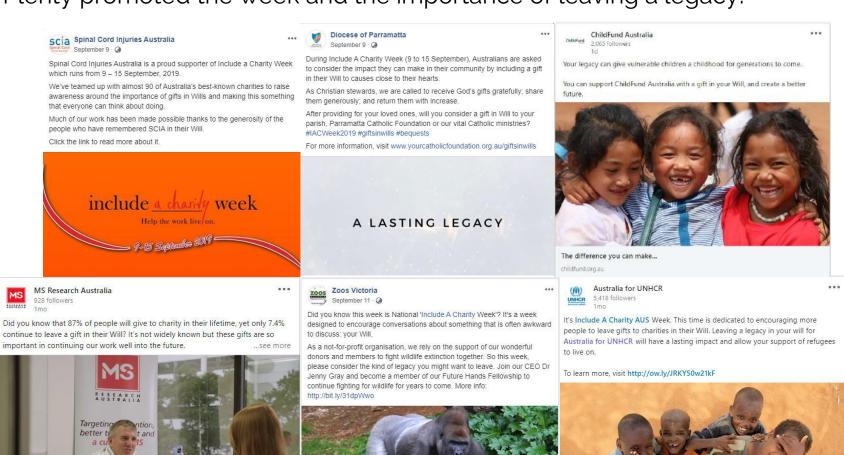
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**Salvation Army** 



#### Plenty promoted the week and the importance of leaving a legacy!



68% engagement



## Now onto 2020!

# We hope to see you next year!

# Include a Charity Week 2020 will be 7-13 September.

