

# REMEMBER ECU

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

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Edith Cowan University



THE WESTERN  
AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY  
OF PERFORMING ARTS  
(WAAPA) AT EDITH  
COWAN UNIVERSITY

**IS RECOGNISED  
INTERNATIONALLY  
AS ONE OF THE  
WORLD'S LEADING  
PERFORMING  
ARTS TRAINING  
INSTITUTIONS.**



**WAAPA provides the most comprehensive range of performing arts training in Australia – both on stage and behind-the-scenes. It plays an essential role in enriching the local and international arts scene across acting, musical theatre, contemporary and classical music, dance, costume, production and arts management.**

Our world-class staff are dedicated to bringing out the best of our students and providing rigorous training of the highest order. The employment record of our graduates continues to be outstanding and is well-attuned to the needs of the industry –nationally and globally.

Philanthropy has long played a vital role in ensuring that WAAPA offers outstanding opportunities, breaking down barriers and recognising excellence to ensure that the most talented students can access a WAAPA education. The generosity of our community of donors has a tremendous impact through helping us to create a diverse and dynamic environment for our students. Each gift creates a ripple effect, generating a direct impact on beneficiaries and their families and inspiring others who are witness to such generosity.



# SUPPORT

## STUDENTS

Students are the heart of WAAPA. A gift in your Will could create opportunity for students by recognising excellence or helping them to overcome disadvantage, allowing them to achieve their full potential. For example, supporting students through creating a scholarship is an enduring way to change the lives of future generations. We can work together to shape your gift in the way that is most meaningful to you – one that will create maximum impact for WAAPA students.

## PERFORMANCE

WAAPA's annual performance program is an integral element of our training. A legacy gift in support of the Production and Visiting Artist Support Fund will help our students unleash their potential and bring further richness to their education through performance experiences. We want all of our students to have exposure to world-class artists to give them the cutting-edge experience that will lead them into successful careers – both here in Australia and internationally – and your gift could make that a reality.

## THE FUTURE

WAAPA is a dynamic place and a gift allowing us to respond to needs and challenges as they arise can help us to stay at the forefront of the performing arts scene. An unrestricted bequest to WAAPA allows us a very special opportunity to apply your generosity to where the need is greatest at that time, generating maximum impact and continuing WAAPA's legacy as a world-leading institution.







# SHARING STORIES OF IMPACT

**Paulette Carson had a love of ballet from childhood. During her life she performed at the Moulin Rouge in Paris and taught ballet to children of the British Royal family.**

Now, through the Paulette Carson Scholarship, her memory and passion for dance continues to live on in future generations of aspiring artists.

Brent Carson was a recipient of the scholarship, before he graduated from WAAPA at the end of 2019. He never met the late Paulette Carson, nor is he related to her, yet the young dancer's life changed forever after being awarded a scholarship.

The Paulette Carson Scholarship was established through The Estate of Paulette Carson to assist aspiring young ballet dancers to achieve their dreams. For Brent, that meant being able to undertake industry placements with renowned national dance companies during his final year of training at WAAPA, free of the

financial pressure to support himself at this important time. These outstanding opportunities led to him being offered a highly coveted Young Artist position with the West Australian Ballet (WAB).

"Three times during the season a dancer was injured and I was asked to learn their role," he explains. "Each time, I had been doing completely different choreography just the day before. But at WAAPA I had been taught to stay calm and focus. So I learnt the new choreography that day and performed it on stage that night. "This is life in a company: dancers need to be able to pick up choreography fast. My WAAPA training prepared me for this."

"I love how physical ballet is, how tremendously difficult it is," he said. The Paulette Carson Scholarship has put Brent's career firmly on track, supporting him in his transition from WAAPA student to his professional life: "It's a dream come true."



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# FAQS

## **Why is it important to let the University know about my gift to WAAPA?**

It is very important that we can carry out your wishes in the most meaningful way to you. Although you are under no obligation to do so, discussing your intentions with us ahead of time allows us to work with you to shape your gift, and maintain vital records for the future. You may wish to consider providing the University with a copy of your Will once it is signed, and up-to-date contact details for your executor(s) and trustee(s), to ensure that we can give full effect to your gift when the time comes. All details are kept strictly confidential by the University.

## **Can I set up a scholarship, and one that lasts in perpetuity?**

Yes, for gifts of a certain size, a scholarship can be established and the body of the gift can be invested into the University's long-term investment portfolio. This will preserve the capital and utilise the returns to award your scholarship for generations to come. We would be delighted to discuss these possibilities with you.

## **Will the University use any of my gift for University administration or other similar costs?**

No. Your gift will be committed for the specific purpose that is outlined in your Will – although we do ask that you discuss this with us ahead of time to ensure that the details of your gift can be applied in a real-life setting.

## **Can I see the potential impact of my gift during my lifetime?**

If you let us know about your legacy gift, we would be delighted to welcome you to our Dircksey Society, our ever-growing community of legacy pledgers, members of which receive special insights into the impact of giving at the University. Equally, if you would prefer to remain anonymous, or to keep communication to a minimum, we will ensure that we communicate with you in the way that best suits you.

# SUGGESTED BEQUEST WORDING

**A bequest is a gift left in a Will. The wording of a bequest in your Will is important and can constitute a significant statement on the causes important to you, the donor.**

Whilst WAAPA and Edith Cowan University are not able to provide legal or financial advice in the making of your Will, we can help you plan a gift that suits your wishes. The following are different kinds of bequests which can be made in a Will. You should obtain independent legal advice to determine whether any of these examples are appropriate to suit your specific circumstances and intentions. This document should not be relied upon as legal advice. We recommend writing your Will with a lawyer, to ensure it becomes a legally enforceable document.



## RESIDUAL BEQUEST

After the estate has paid all debts, administration costs, and distributed other gifts and bequests, any property in the estate which is left is called the residuary estate. You can choose to give all, or a percentage, of your residuary estate to Edith Cowan University to support WAAPA.

### Sample wording:

I give all (or specific percentage) of the residue of my estate to Edith Cowan University for the purposes of supporting the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts in a manner to be determined at the discretion of Edith Cowan University. I declare that the receipt by Edith Cowan University of this gift shall be sufficient discharge to my executor(s) and trustee(s).

## SPECIFIC BEQUEST

You may leave a specific bequest to Edith Cowan University by leaving a specific sum of money, a specific percentage of your estate, or an asset (e.g. shares, property, or significant works of art) in your Will.

### Sample wording:

I give (sum of \$..... , OR my property located at 'residential address', OR specific assets) to Edith Cowan University for the purposes of supporting the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts in a manner to be determined at the discretion of Edith Cowan University. I declare that the receipt by Edith Cowan University of this gift shall be sufficient discharge to my executor(s) and trustee(s).



## SPECIFIC PURPOSE BEQUEST

You may wish to include specific instructions in your Will as to the purpose of the bequest. This type of bequest is called a specific purpose bequest, and restricts the use of your gift as directed by you.

### Sample wording:

I give (whole of my estate, OR specific percentage of my estate, OR specific assets, OR the residue of my estate, OR sum of \$.....) to Edith Cowan University for the purpose (insert scholarships, visiting artists, musical instruments, etc.) at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts. If at any time Edith Cowan University determines that it is impossible or impracticable to carry out this stated purpose, then Edith Cowan University may apply the income of the bequest for such purpose or purposes as Edith Cowan University determines most closely accords with the stated purpose. I declare that the receipt by Edith Cowan University of this gift shall be sufficient discharge to my executor(s) and trustee(s).

## ENDOWMENT BEQUEST

To ensure the permanence of a gift, you may wish to consider an endowment. Endowments are managed by ECU in a way that protects the original value of the endowment capital. Your gift stays intact and only the annual interest income is used. This allows your gift to have a much greater impact over a longer period of time.

Please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at Edith Cowan University to discuss the details if you are interested in creating an endowment.

### SUPERANNUATION AND LIFE INSURANCE

Your superannuation, life insurance policy and similar, may not be covered by your Will, as they are typically held by a trustee. If you would like to make a bequest from your superannuation, life insurance policy or similar, you should do so with the company that looks after your superannuation or policies. You are also welcome to contact ECU to discuss this further.



# THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO WAAPA

We would be delighted to speak with you about your future plans. Please contact a member of our team on **+61 8 6304 2761** for a strictly confidential conversation or email **[supportingwaapa@ecu.edu.au](mailto:supportingwaapa@ecu.edu.au)**.

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