

# A Gift in your Will can bring hope to people in the Outback

How to leave a lasting legacy



**Frontier Services**  
Standing with people in the bush



# Our History

Over 110 years ago, Reverend John Flynn OBE was commissioned by the Presbyterian Church to look at the needs of people in the Australian Outback. His report resulted in the establishment of the Australian Inland Mission in 1912, which is now known as Frontier Services.

Flynn had a vision to establish a “mantle of safety” so people could build sustainable communities despite the hardships of outback Australia. He was instrumental in establishing many of the services for remote Australia that people still rely on today.

So significant has been the impact of our founder, his story is depicted on our currency, featuring on the \$20 note: a picture of Rev John Flynn, an early Bush Chaplain, an early medical diagnostic chart, the pedal radio and the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Frontier Services’ founder, Rev John



Flynn was there at the beginning of them all.

Today we are continuing his vision by working towards equality of access to vital services for people in remote areas.

***“Still the welcome visitor, the friend, the counsellor and advocate for the people of remote Australia.”***



# A message of thanks from our National Director

Thank you for considering the future of those living in remote Australia through a Gift to Frontier Services in your Will. A bequest is the greatest gift that you can give. Every bequest makes a difference, regardless of size and we are so very grateful for them all.

Leaving a Gift in your Will to Frontier Services will ensure that Reverend John Flynn's vision of a "mantle of safety" continues for another 100 years and beyond. Your support means that people who are socially isolated by the tyranny of distance can have a brighter future. Your gift secures your place in our ongoing commitment to providing a better quality of life for those living remotely.

Once you have taken care of your loved ones, please consider leaving a Gift in your Will to Frontier Services to make a real and lasting difference. Alternatively, you can choose to leave a bequest to the John Flynn Foundation, our endowment fund. Your gift will help build a significant reserve which will provide a steady income stream over the long term to support our programs in rural Australia.

I am so grateful that you are considering leaving a bequest and would welcome the opportunity to acknowledge your commitment.

Thank you

Rob Floyd  
National Director



# What are the needs of remote Australia today?

As access to mental health and other critical services in rural and remote areas continues to decline, the disparity between metropolitan and remote areas continues to grow. Now more than ever, the people of remote Australia need our help.

Statistics show the incidence of suicide and self harm for men in remote Australia is twice as high as that for men in metropolitan areas, yet the funding for mental health and other medical services to support someone living in remote Australia is up to 7 times less.\*

Remoteness has never just been about geography. Economic change impacts disproportionately in remote areas, often devastating people's lives and hopes.

And the environment is always tough. The sense of social isolation is more prevalent now than it has ever been, providing the space between anguish and solace, in which our Bush Chaplains and Outback Links volunteers make the difference.

Today, our Bush Chaplains continue to provide practical, pastoral and spiritual care to isolated families and communities across Australia. They are often first responders in times

of personal or community disasters. In addition to their traditional chaplaincy work of baptisms, weddings and funerals, they provide a listening ear to the issues affecting families and communities. As trusted companions, they bring fellowship and a sense of connection. They are and always have been standing with people in the bush.

For years, our Outback Links volunteer program has been connecting skilled volunteers with people in remote Australia who could use a helping hand. We provide relief through our community of more than 1,000 volunteers, who donate their time and skills to do repairs and maintenance on equipment, the home and around the property. Our volunteers bring hope and resources to those living in isolation.

Our Bush Chaplains and Outback Links volunteers go where they are needed. They make long journeys across inhospitable terrains to celebrate life's joys and hardships in creek beds, on verandas, on beaches, in pubs. They are steadfast friends, always available to lend a hand.

A Gift in your Will can allow this vital work to continue for generations to come.

\*<http://ruralhealth.org.au/sites/default/files/publications/nrha-mental-health-factsheet-dec-2017.pdf>





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# How your gift helps

Bequests have a significant and lasting impact, allowing us to continue growing essential programs that bring practical and pastoral care to people doing it tough in rural and remote Australia.

Naturally, you will want to take care of your family and loved ones first, making sure that they are looked after. We always recommend that you ask your solicitor about the best way to do this. Once they are taken care of, there are two ways you can support our future work:

Leaving a Gift in your Will to Frontier Services will continue to help future generations. These gifts support all our endeavours and are vital to allow us to strategically meet the needs of remote Australia, and continue to provide practical, pastoral and spiritual care. Your gift will be used wisely and where it is needed most. We are extremely grateful for your support.

Alternatively, you can leave your bequest as an investment for the benefit of future generations through our endowment fund, the John Flynn Foundation, which provides for the long term needs of isolated communities and individuals: the investment income is used to fund our program work, while the capital continues to grow over time and provides a sustainable income stream into the future.

We honour the memory of Reverend John Flynn, recognising that your foresight is not just about a gift today, but an investment in the future of rural and remote Australia, and continues his vision of a “mantle of safety” over the inland.





# Lindsay's lasting legacy in the outback

*A love for the outback and the people who live there inspired Lindsay to become a Bush Chaplain. It's also what inspired him to leave a Gift in his Will, helping to ensure his legacy will last well into the future.*

"Reverend John Flynn made such a difference for people in the bush, and I love how we continue to stand with those people. Life is tough in these remote areas, with people facing many issues. I consider it a great honour to be in a position to help them."

As a Bush Chaplain, Lindsay's passion to help people, to connect with them, is the same passion that inspired him to leave a Gift in his Will to Frontier Services.

"I always had it in my mind to make a Will, but I'd never actually done it. When I discovered I could leave a gift to Frontier Services, I finally acted."

Knowing that his gift will benefit people who really need it brings Lindsay enormous satisfaction.

***"My vision is for the work of Frontier Services to continue for many years to come."***

"Just having a presence makes an enormous difference in these vast areas around Australia, where people can feel so isolated and alone.

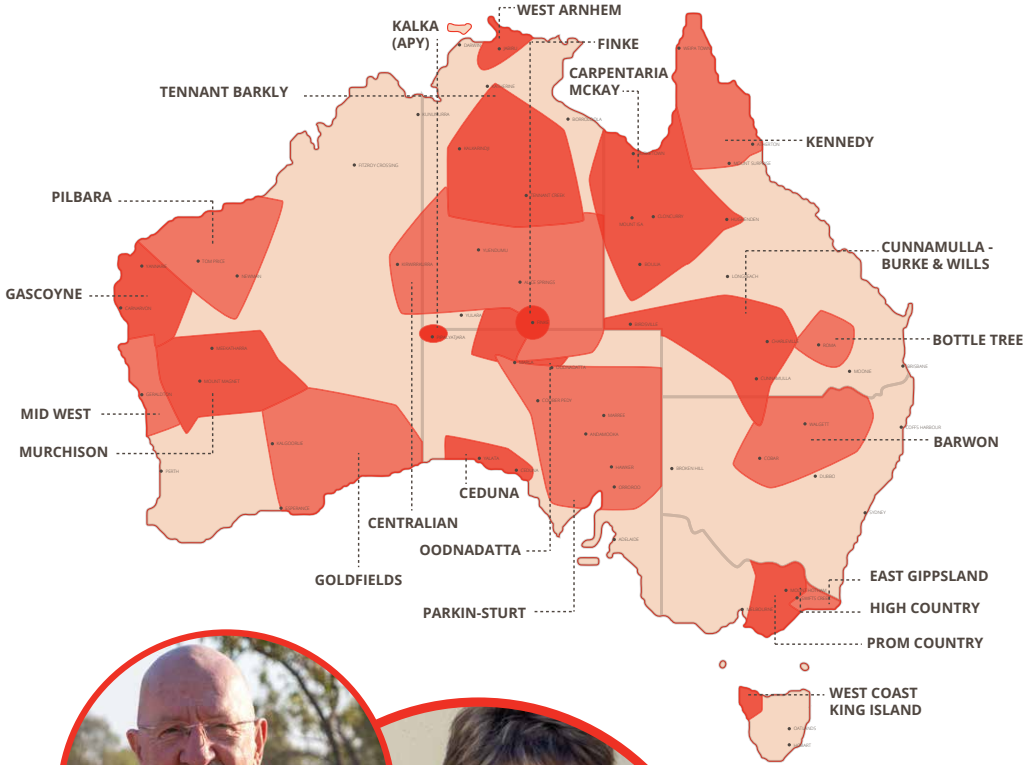
"As Bush Chaplains, we all deal with this in different ways. For me, it's bringing music into small schools and nursing homes. It's getting to know folks and supporting them in the struggles they face. It all gives me such joy and purpose."

Lindsay says that anyone can feel this same sense of purpose, by leaving a Gift in their Will to Frontier Services like he has.

"This is an opportunity to make a positive impact in remote Australia. As you do it, you are standing with those in the bush and showing your support for them. Don't hesitate!"



# Our Bush Chaplains are a friendly face at the furthest fences in remote communities across the country





# Eula's eternal connection to Frontier Services

*Frontier Services has been part of Eula's life for as long as she can remember. She is heartened to know that her deep connection with the bush and the people living on the land can continue into the future, thanks to a gift she has left in her Will.*

"Leaving a bequest to Frontier Services feels like a way to pay it forward for the huge role it has played in my life and my family's. It's also a way to keep the connection after I'm gone," says Eula.

"Fred McKay influenced Dad's decision to become a minister, and we all lived in Western Australia while he trained and worked as a home missionary," shares Eula. "Dad's work and mum's involvement meant I really grew up with AIM and Frontier Services built into our family."

As a young adult, Eula qualified as an Early Childhood Educator in Sydney but felt the strong calling of the bush. She successfully applied to join AIM in their preschool at Halls Creek in WA to work with First Nations communities.

"I wasn't aware that, at the same time, Dad also had a calling to become a Patrol Padre, now called Bush Chaplain," she adds. "He ended up going back to Alice Springs as I was leaving for Halls Creek."

To Eula, the family's lifelong connection with the church and Frontier Services is an ever-present adventure for all of them. Proudly she adds, "Red dirt is in my blood."

Eula emphasises that the true value of Frontier Services is often in the discreet activities.

"A listening ear, a good yarn, makes such a difference to people living in the bush, and it's really important we continue to provide that sense of connection."

When asked what she'd say to anyone considering leaving a Gift in their Will to Frontier Services, her answer was simple and immediate:

"You shouldn't underestimate the power of your generosity."

***"Your gift, big or small, can create ripples that change the lives of people living in the bush."***

It's a way to continue making a difference long after you're gone."



# Leaving a Gift in your Will

Having an up-to-date Will is one of the most important things you can do for yourself and your family. Once you have taken care of your loved ones, please consider leaving a Gift in your Will to Frontier Services to make an immediate difference in outback Australia. Alternatively, a Gift in your Will to our endowment fund - the John Flynn Foundation - will help provide a steady income stream over the long term to support our programs in the future.



## Getting started

We recommend that you discuss your Will with a legal practitioner or other advisor to ensure your wishes can be carried out as you intend. It is also important to let your family know of your decision to support the work of Frontier Services through a Gift in your Will.



## Suggested wording for your Will

### Bequest to Frontier Services

*"I leave to Uniting Church in Australia Frontier Services, ABN 77 231 384 646, of 262 Pitt Street Sydney NSW 2000, [the residue of my estate] or [% percentage of my estate] or [the sum \$\* specific amount] for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer or such authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."*

or

### Bequest to the John Flynn Foundation

*"I leave to the John Flynn Foundation, ABN 66 261 841 602, of 262 Pitt Street Sydney NSW 2000, [the residue of my estate] or [% percentage of my estate] or [the sum \$\* specific amount] and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer or such authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."*

## Write your Will for free

Frontier Services has partnered with “Gathered Here”, Australia’s largest and most trusted free Wills platform, to offer you the opportunity to write your Will for free (plus free and unlimited updates of your Will for life).

Making a Will with Gathered Here is easy and can be done from the comfort of your own home. In just 10 minutes, you can make important preparations for your family and pledge a meaningful gift to a cause you care about.

➤ Visit [frontierservices.org/bequests](https://frontierservices.org/bequests) to get started today

### Letting us know

If you choose to leave a bequest to either Frontier Services or the John Flynn Foundation, we would appreciate you letting us know. This information will help us plan for our future – to manage our programs, resources and our communications with you. We would love to express our gratitude and keep you informed of our work.





## FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information regarding leaving a Gift in your Will, get in touch with our our team today.

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