

# Free Wills Workshop for First Nations peoples

**Tuesday 24 & Wednesday 25 September.**  
Appointments are available from 9:30AM on the Tuesday.

Come along to our free community Wills Workshop.

Sparke Helmore Lawyers will be making Wills for First Nations community members. They can also help out with *Power of Attorney* and *Appointment of Enduring Guardian* documents.

The Wills Workshop will take place over two days.

Day 1 - Tuesday 24 September	Day 2 - Wednesday 25 September
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On Day 1, you can meet with a lawyer and tell them what you would like in your Will.</li> <li>You will need to bring all your information and identity documents to the meeting (see below).</li> <li>Your lawyer will prepare your Will overnight.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On Day 2, you will meet with your lawyer again and go through your Will.</li> <li>Your lawyer will explain your Will to you and answer any questions.</li> <li>You will sign your Will in front of your lawyer, so that it is a legal document.</li> <li>If you are appointing attorneys and/or guardians, it is helpful if they can attend with you on Day 2.</li> </ul>

## What to bring

- ☐ Identity documents (i.e. drivers licence, birth certificate, passport etc).
- ☐ The full name and address of your executor(s). Your executor is the person who will hand out your belongings the way that you have asked them to in your Will.
- ☐ The full names of anyone you would like to leave your belongings to.
- ☐ A list of the special items that you would like to leave to people (i.e. jewellery, art, photos etc).
- ☐ The name of a guardian that you would like to look after your children (if they are under 18 years old).
- ☐ The full name and address of the person (or persons) you would like to make decisions about your money and property if you can't make these decisions yourself (if you would like a Power of Attorney).
- ☐ The full name and address of the person (or persons) you would like to make health and lifestyle decisions about you if you no longer can (if you would like an Appointment of Enduring Guardian).

Anything that you say to your lawyer on the day will be kept private and confidential.

**For more information or to book an appointment, call Sandy on (02) 4929 5482 then press option 3.**

## What is a Will?

A Will is a legal document that says who will get your belongings when you pass away. This can include property, cars, art, money, jewellery, photos or anything else that is important to you. All of these belongings form your **estate**. You can also put other things into your Will, such as who you would like to care for your children. Making a Will helps you to plan for the future and have a say in what happens after you die. When you make a Will, you will need to choose someone to look after your estate. This person is called an **executor** and they will hand out your belongings the way that you have asked them to in your Will. You can choose more than one executor. What they do is very important, so it should be someone that you trust who is over 18 years old.

## What is a “Power of Attorney”?

A Power of Attorney gives someone you know and trust the power to make decisions about your **money and property** if you can't make these decisions yourself. This person is called your **attorney**. You can choose more than one person you trust who is over 18 years old to be your attorney. Your attorney can sign documents and deal with financial matters such as your bank accounts and property. You may want them to pay your bills or sell your house for you. Your attorney does not have the power to use your money and belongings for themselves, unless you want them to. You can also change or cancel your Power of Attorney at any time, while you have the mental ability to do so.

## What is an “Appointment of Guardian”?

An Appointment of Guardian is a legal document that gives someone you know and trust the power to make **health and lifestyle** decisions about you if you no longer can. These decisions can be about your medical treatment or who you will live with. This person is called your **guardian**. You can choose more than one person you trust who is over 18 years old be your guardian. You can choose the amount of power that you give to your guardian. For example, you may want your guardian to only make decisions about your medical treatment and not about where you live. You can also ask for specific things. For example, you can tell your guardian if there is a particular nursing home that you do not want to go to or if there is a certain doctor you want to see. You can also change or cancel your Appointment of Guardian at any time while you have the mental ability to do so.

**If you have any questions at all, we are here to help. We look forward to meeting you.**

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