

PROTECT
NATURE WITH
**A GIFT IN
YOUR WILL**



Nature
Foundation



From the Chair

Jan
Ferguson
OAM

Nature Foundation is a vital element of the natural reserve system in Australia.

Our heritage stems from South Australia and Nature Foundation's nature reserves comprise almost 40% of all private protected areas in South Australia and 6% nationally.

Our reserves directly protect our precious biodiversity.

Our work is becoming increasingly urgent as protected areas become the final refuges for more threatened species and ecosystems.

By making a gift in your Will to Nature Foundation, we will wisely invest to help secure unique landscapes, flora and fauna for future generations.

Pretty Point, Hiltaba Nature Reserve

(Photo - Bill Doyle)

Cover image:

Dympna Cullen with a Crest-tailed Mulgara, the focus of her PhD, which was supported by a Nature Foundation research grant.

(Photo - Jack Dickson)

A gift to Nature Foundation in your Will can support vital research that underpins our conservation work and informs the sustainable management of Australia's unique biodiversity.

Testimonial

Peter and James have been members of Nature Foundation since 1997. They valued the work being done to protect targeted threatened species and richly biodiverse bushland. Since then, Nature Foundation has grown in its knowledge, capacity and impact. By moving from a small inner suburban block in Prospect to a 117-hectare bushland coastal property on Kangaroo Island, they too have grown in their knowledge and desire to protect what remains.

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For over 13 years we have been involved in several community science projects and regenerating and protecting the land. Threatened animals such as the Hooded Plover, Echidna, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Rosenberg’s Goanna and Beautiful Firetail are a frequent, if not daily sighting for us. In spring thousands of the near threatened Hare Orchid appear along with the other 11 orchids on our property.

We are constantly reminded that such wildness is being whittled away. We wanted to play our part in ensuring its ongoing protection by placing 100 acres under a Heritage Agreement. The environment has supported and provided all the essentials that have sustained our lives. Taking the next step of leaving a bequest to Nature Foundation will continue to pay back and provide beyond our custodianship.

As members for near 25 years, we have observed the operation and diligence and expanding vision of Nature Foundation and its staff and feel confident that our bequest will be valued and put to its best use.

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Pygmy Possum
Peter Hastwell with James Barnes
(Photos – Peter Hastwell)



Why **leave a gift** in your Will to Nature Foundation?

Leaving a gift in your Will to Nature Foundation is a powerful way to support a cause that has deep significance for you. It is part of the legacy that you choose to leave that tells future generations that this is something you care about – something worth fighting for, something worth protecting and preserving. That is a strong message of support and provides leadership and guidance to future generations.

Nature Foundation plays a crucial role in protecting the magnificent natural environment that sustains us all. A gift in your Will helps us to invest in conserving, restoring and protecting Australian landscapes, flora and fauna to ensure their survival for future generations.

All gifts, of any size, make a difference. When you include Nature Foundation in your Will, your gift protects nature, the environment, the ecosystems, the land, the water, the trees and grasses, the rocks and rivers, the insects, birds and animals:

- Your gift can be held in perpetuity to help protect nature far into the future.
- Your gift can be directed to where it is most critically needed at that time.

- Your gift can be directed to advance the conservation management plan on our Nature Reserves.
- Your gift can help to educate young scientists and finance valuable scientific knowledge to help save threatened species.
- Your gift can contribute to the purchase of threatened bushland with high conservation value or you may gift an area of land to be protected and managed for conservation.

Murbpook Nature Reserve
(Photo - Charles Phillipot)

Saltbush Blue Butterfly
(*Theclinesthes serpentata*)
(Photo - Coral Johnston)



A gift for **Woodland birds**

Para Woodlands Nature Reserve is a great success story that grew from a gift of land and funds from the late Elizabeth Law-Smith.

In 2003 Elizabeth gifted a portion of her farm, Yaringa near Gawler, and funds to restore the 500 hectare property to a functioning grassy woodland to provide habitat for local fauna, with focus on declining woodland birds.

To date, planting has occurred over 200 hectares, with more than 118,000 native plants and 1,000 kilograms of native grass seed used for direct seeding. A mix of locally indigenous eucalypts, sheoaks, and other tree and shrub species have been selected to re-establish functional open woodlands with a grassy understorey.

One of many victories for the Para Woodlands Nature Reserve is recolonisation of the revegetated areas by Diamond Firetail finches, which are now permanent residents.

Elizabeth Law-Smith

(Photo – Cath Leo)

*Grassy woodlands at Para
Woodlands Nature Reserve*

(Photo – Leanne Rosser)

*Diamond Firetail finch at
Para Woodlands*

(Photo – Dragos Moise)



How do I leave a gift in my Will to Nature Foundation?



*Mount Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-wren at
Watchalunga Nature Reserve*

(Photo – Subbu Conley)

A gift to Nature Foundation in your Will can assist us to protect these critically endangered birds at Watchalunga Nature Reserve.

The process to draw up or amend your Will to leave a gift to Nature Foundation is easy.

Contact a lawyer of your choice or contact Nature Foundation and we can refer you to one or more lawyers who specialise in Wills and estate planning.

For more information, please contact

**Patrick Mentzel – Philanthropy Coordinator
at Nature Foundation on 08 8340 2880**

or email patrick.mentzel@naturefoundation.org.au

and he will be delighted to talk to you about your intentions and answer any questions you may have relating to Nature Foundation.

Making a bequest to Nature Foundation can help ensure that future generations will be able to experience the beauty of Australia's natural environment.

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We chose Nature Foundation because of their long track record in conservation in this state. We talked with staff about our concern to protect our land in the longer term and were reassured this organisation could ensure care and protection into the future. It feels good to know that in bequeathing our beloved property to Nature Foundation we can make this happen.

Jane and Jocelyn

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To be able to protect unique species and restore land as Nature Foundation does, is nothing short of a miracle.

Marie and Clive O'Connor at a Vision for Nature Society visit to Cleland Wildlife Park

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Sunrise at Hiltaba Nature Reserve

(Photo - Natasha Harper)

A gift to Nature Foundation in your Will can help us acquire more properties like Hiltaba to provide a safe haven for threatened species like the Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby.



Watchalunga Nature Reserve

(Photo – Alan Bevan)

**Nature needs your help
now more than ever.**

**Leaving a Gift in Will
directed towards the
Forever Nature Fund.**

Nature Foundation's Forever Nature Fund has been created for the purpose of raising capital to purchase and manage areas of critical habitat, that are prioritised using data driven scientific and environmental assessment tools. The Forever Nature Fund will enable Nature Foundation to act quickly and decisively when a property of high biodiversity value is available for purchase, and create more critical refuges for Australian wildlife.

Our ambitious target is to raise \$20 million to double our impact to 1 million hectares of protected land by 2030—in support of Australia's commitment to 30 percent of land and sea protected by 2030.

You can leave a Gift in Will directly towards the Forever Nature Fund to help protect critical habitat and our precious wildlife. Today, tomorrow and forever.

Contact us if you would like more information about the Forever Nature Fund, or specific wording for it that can be used in your Will.



What types of gifts **can you leave** in your Will?

Gifts in Wills can take many forms and be of any size, including a financial contribution, the gift of a property, a piece of land or stock market shares.

Residuary Gift

This gives the remainder of your estate after first leaving specific gifts to your loved ones.

Specific Gift

A specified gift that can be money, residential property, land, shares, or specific items such as vehicles.

Percentage or Fractional Gift

A gift expressed as a percentage or fraction of your estate. Dividing your estate by percentages or fractions gives longevity to your Will because the gifts are not influenced by inflation or changes in the value or composition of your estate.

Gifts of Land for Conservation

If you are the owner of a piece of land with conservation value, please contact Nature Foundation to discuss giving your land for conservation.

Gift of Entire Estate

You can give your entire estate to Nature Foundation if you want to achieve something very significant with your gift. In a very real sense, it becomes your life's work.

Gifts of property or shares left to charities under your Will are usually exempt from capital gains tax.



Native Blue Banded Bee at Hiltaba Nature Reserve

(Photo - Coral Johnston)

Wording you can include in your Will

“I give to Nature Foundation Ltd ACNC Registered Charity ABN 24 131 531 874 of Level 2 Payinthe, 128 Prospect Road Prospect SA 5082:

- the sum of (\$.....); or
- (.....%) of my total estate; or
- the residue of my estate; or
- (.....%) of the residue of my estate; or
- the following items of my property (.....) absolutely;

free of all duties for the general purposes of that or any successor organisation, and I direct that the receipt of a duly authorised officer of Nature Foundation Ltd shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors.”

If you wish to leave a gift for a specific purpose or fund, for example the Forever Nature Fund, please speak to your lawyer or contact Patrick Mentzel – Philanthropy Coordinator on 08 8340 2880 or patrick.mentzel@naturefoundation.org.au about how to do this.

Join the **Vision for Nature Society**



Mount Magnificent

(Photo – Patrick Mentzel)

Pygmy Bluetongue at Tiliqua Nature Reserve

(Photo – Lucy Clive)

A gift to Nature Foundation in your Will can assist us in protecting these endangered lizards, which were thought to be extinct prior to their rediscovery near Burra in 1992.



The Vision for Nature Society is a way for us to recognise you for including Nature Foundation in your Will.

When you confirm the gift to Nature Foundation in your Will you will be invited to join the Vision for Nature Society to enjoy the benefits of membership of this select group.

The Vision for Nature Society brings together people with a deep concern for, and commitment to, our natural environment thriving well beyond our own lifetimes. The Society offers a wide range of social, cultural and nature conservation events, with opportunities to meet like-minded people and engage with a dynamic community of staff, Board directors, researchers and donors.

Your membership of the Society is a way to thank you for your generous support and enables us to engage with you on a personal level about Nature Foundation's conservation work during your lifetime.

Glossy Black-cockatoos at Cygnet River on Kangaroo Island

(Photo – Eleanor Sobey)



A gift to Nature Foundation in your Will makes a profound difference to nature through helping to protect Australian landscapes and wildlife for future generations.

From all of us at Nature Foundation and the broader community...

Thank you.

Next steps

For further information about gifting or Nature Foundation and what we do, please contact us.

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We recommend that you seek advice from a lawyer to ensure that the wording of your Will reflects your exact wishes. You may wish to speak to an accountant about taxation and financial matters.


If you are a lawyer with a client who would like to leave a gift to Nature Foundation, please pass on our sincere thanks. We would be happy to speak to you and your client personally about their gift if appropriate.



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