

"Nature Foundation SA has been 'Saving, Protecting and Restoring' nature for more than three decades. I was one of four people (along with Warren Bonython, Dr Mark Bonnin and David Cleland) who started the foundation in October 1981. We realised the importance of helping the Government to properly look after nature, so we decided to raise money to do this very necessary work.

"The same remains true today, we need to partner with government agencies and community groups to care for our fragile natural world. I believe it is each individual's responsibility to play their own small part in safeguarding our unique South Australian environment for future generations

to enjoy.

"It is wonderful to look back on all the projects that Nature Foundation SA has initiated and achieved: the native species we are protecting and the threatened ecosystems we have saved.

> "With your help too, we will be able to successfully achieve so much more for nature to sustain our precious natural environment into the future."

NFSA Co-founder and Patron Dr Barbara Hardy AO

Mount Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-wren

One of our most recent efforts has been to help save one of Australia's smallest and shyest birds. The Mount Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-wren is found only on South Australia's Fleurieu Peninsula, where as few as 250 individuals now remain.

Photo: Martin Stokes

"My husband and I are fortunate to be the owners and custodians of a parcel of heritage-listed scrub and woodland on the banks of the Angas River, near Macclesfield in the Adelaide Hills. Each year we welcome more varieties of flora and fauna to this unique site and watch it evolve through the seasons.

"We have made the choice to bequest this valuable bushland to Nature Foundation SA. Nature Foundation SA's inclusive vision for the protection and restoration of all aspects of nature resonates with our own lifelong commitment to nature conservation. We believe that Nature Foundation SA has the vision, the love of nature, the ability and the experience to continue to care for this property into the future. We know this precious place will be safe in their hands."

Narelle and Staffan Adelaide Hills



WHY LEAVE A BEQUEST?

Naturally, you will want your will to provide for your loved ones after you are gone.

However, by including a bequest to a charity such as Nature Foundation SA you are also giving them the gift of a protected natural world for future generations to experience and enjoy.

Leaving a bequest to Nature Foundation SA is a way of creating a positive environmental legacy. For those who have routinely supported charities over the years, a bequest is a way of continuing your love for nature in perpetuity, helping to safeguard the landscapes and species you care about beyond your own lifetime. Even for those who may not have been regular charity supporters, a bequest can be a meaningful and lasting memorial.

Charities such as Nature Foundation SA play an increasingly vital role in protecting our natural environment, and depend on financial support from donors to continue their valuable work.

Leaving a bequest is not something reserved purely for the wealthy. When you include a charity in your will, your gift, regardless of the size, helps to protect nature.

In this way, the continued works of Nature Foundation SA also become part of your enduring legacy.

Hiltaba Nature Reserv Photo: Greg Johnston



Nature Foundation SA regularly partners in specific projects with other conservation organisations. Our contribution to the Australian Sea Lion conservation effort at Seal Bay on Kangaroo Island has significantly improved the chances of survival for one of the rarest seals in the world.

ABOUT NATURE FOUNDATION SA

During the course of our history, Nature Foundation SA has helped protect 1.15 million hectares of South Australian bushland, creating improved habitat and valuable conservation corridors for South Australian animals and birdlife.

Our scientific research and conservation programs protecting vulnerable native species such as the Pygmy Bluetongue Lizard and the Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby are helping to ensure their long term survival.

Through our Water for Nature program, many threatened wetlands and floodplains along the River Murray have received life-giving environmental water to restore their fragile ecosystems.

The positive impact of your bequest could take the form of permanent protection of a valuable section of bush land, the regeneration of biodiversity through planting or environmental watering, or scientific research to help us understand and preserve populations of endangered native species of flora and fauna.

Brad Page

"My mother, Gillian Briggs (1931-2011), was a long-standing supporter of Nature Foundation SA. She was fascinated by science and natural history from an early age. Her particular interests in biology and botany led to a lifelong, active involvement in conservation and the environment. This ranged from on-ground activities such as pulling weeds, participating in tree and bird surveys, and volunteering in the Botanic Gardens, through to administrative roles such as past President of the Field Naturalist and Field Geology Clubs, roles in the Botany Club, and representative on the Conservation Council of South Australia.

> "My mother demonstrated her commitment to the natural environment throughout her lifetime, and chose to leave a generous bequest to Nature Foundation SA in her will. Our family is immensely proud that her passion for nature will continue, as Nature Foundation SA's future conservation activities become part of her legacy."

> > Jenny Awbery Adelaide

Gillian Briggs

TYPES OF BEQUEST

Bequests can take many forms and can be of any size. A bequest can be a financial contribution, or the gift of a property, a piece of land or stock market shares.

Residual Bequest

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

Pecuniary or Specific Bequest

This is a specified gift which can be money, residential property, land, stocks or shares. (This is sometimes called a bequest *in specie*.)

Percentage or Fractional Bequest

This is a gift expressed as a percentage or fraction of your estate. Dividing your estate by percentage 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.

Bequest of Conservation Land

If you are the owner of a piece of land with conservation value, please contact Nature Foundation SA to discuss this possibility further.

Bequest of Entire Estate

This comprises your entire estate and is usually left by those without family or other preferred beneficiaries, or those wanting to achieve something very significant with their gift.

Gifts of property, stocks and shares left to charities under your will are usually exempt from capital gains tax. If you decide that making a bequest to Nature Foundation SA in your will is of interest to you, please contact us, or speak to your legal advisor for further information.

CHOOSE HOW YOUR GIFT HELPS NATURE

When you leave a bequest, you may choose to nominate a specific application for your gift, such as the ongoing maintenance of a nature reserve or the establishment of an annual scientific research scholarship.

Bequest to Vital Work

When you leave a bequest for Vital Work, the Nature Foundation SA Council will direct those funds to where they are most critically needed to help nature.

Funding of a Research Scholarship

By funding a research scholarship, your bequest could both help to educate the next generation of scientists and finance valuable research into endangered species or fragile ecosystems.

The Gift of Water

Leaving a bequest to our Water for Nature program will help us to continue delivering life-giving environmental water to wetlands and floodplain ecosystems. Alternatively, you can bequest a sum of money to be used for purchasing water, or a specific volume of water to be purchased at the current market rate.

Bequest to a Specific Property

If you have a favourite Nature Foundation SA nature reserve, you can leave a bequest specifically to further the conservation management plan and maintenance of this property.



Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby

Our efforts to increase biodiversity and reduce predation pressure at Hiltaba Nature Reserve have seen improved survival rates and an increased population of the endangered Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby.

Bequest to Buy Property

Your bequest can help us to protect an even greater area of threatened bushland by assisting the purchase of another property with high conservation value.

Bequest to Bushbank SA

Bushbank SA is a revolving fund through which we purchase, protect and on-sell private land with significant conservation value to appropriate new owners. Your bequest could be an area of land to be protected, or a financial contribution to further this cause.

Perpetual Endowment Fund

A bequest to the Nature Foundation SA Perpetual Endowment Fund will continue to contribute towards our efforts to Save, Protect and Restore nature far into the future.





If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of leaving a bequest, please do not hesitate to contact Nature Foundation SA.

All personal information will be held in strictest confidence, although acknowledgement of your thoughtfulness may be recognised by Nature Foundation SA in various ways, including our Honour Roll.

Please contact our Bequest Liaison to discuss any specific requirements you may have.

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