

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a bequest?

A bequest is a gift left in your will. It is also known as a legacy. You can leave a bequest by writing a new will, or by adding a codicil (an addition) to your existing will. We recommend you consult a solicitor who can help you write your will.

What is the best way to leave a bequest?

A Monetary Bequest (i.e. not property, shares, etc.) or a Residuary Bequest is the best way to leave a bequest to AWS. A residuary is a gift of what remains after all your other provisions have been made, enabling you to put your loved ones first. A Residuary Bequest also keeps up with inflation, this is the most effective way to provide a gift to AWS. You can also leave a percentage of your estate or Pecuniary Bequest, which is a fixed sum of money to be left to AWS.

Can I leave a bequest to a specific project?

Having flexible funds is essential to our ability to respond rapidly and where the need is greatest. Leaving a bequest for the Society's general use is the most effective as it means that your gift will definitely be used where it is needed most. Leaving a bequest to a specific type of work or location might mean that it cannot be used. As such, we ask that you do not designate your gift to a particular project or region.

Can AWS help me write my will?

We recommend you consult a solicitor who can help you write your will. There is also a public trustee in every state of Australia that offers will-writing services.



Can I make AWS the Executor of my will?

We appreciate your trust in the Society. Please contact us to discuss your needs further.

Can I leave a property or shares?

Yes, but monetary gifts are preferred as AWS may need to convert any property or shares into cash to be able to use them. This means additional time and resources spent trying to get the best price and sell these items before we can put your bequest to use.

My relative has passed away and left a bequest in their will for AWS. What do I need to do?

We very much appreciate bequests left to us from generous supporters. Please ask the Executor to notify us in writing of the bequest by sending a letter to the Company Secretary, 29B/17 Macmahon Street, Hurstville NSW 2220 or via email info@aws.org.au and we can start the process of transferring the bequest to AWS.

Why is having a will so important?

If you do not have a will when you die, state laws will determine how your assets will be distributed. Leaving clear instructions and sharing your decisions with your family and friends can give you the peace of mind that your final wishes will be understood and respected after you are gone. We recognise that writing a will is one of the most significant decisions you will ever make. That is why we know it is important to take your time and have all of the information you need to help you make up your mind.

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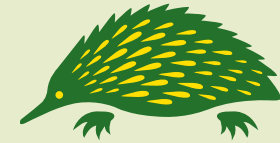
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YOUR LEGACY FOR AUSTRALIA'S WILDLIFE



**YOUR BEQUEST WILL HELP US TO
CONTINUE TO PRESERVE AUSTRALIA'S
WILDLIFE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS**

THE AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Australian Wildlife Society, formed in 1909, is a national not-for-profit wildlife conservation organisation. Our mission is to conserve Australia's wildlife (flora and fauna) through national environmental education, advocacy, and community involvement.



We are a tax-deductible gift recipient and registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission. Our public fund is listed on the Register of Environmental Organisations under item 6.1.1 of subsection 30-55(1) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

The Society is funded through membership fees, sponsorship, partnerships, and donations and is managed by an elected board of ten volunteer directors. We hold regular monthly meetings to discuss important wildlife conservation matters and make several significant decisions on which we act.

Your bequest will go directly to wildlife conservation across Australia. Some examples of our recent projects are listed below:

1. Supporting wildlife rescue groups rehabilitating injured wildlife,
2. Active involvement in national environmental education,
3. Advocating for the protection of Australia's threatened wildlife and habitats,
4. Offering University Research Grants and Scholarships to students at Australian universities,
5. Offering free membership to all students in Australia,
6. Offering Conservation Group Grants,
7. Founding Australian Wildlife Week,
8. The presentation of our four Annual Awards,
9. The Society has selected several wildlife conservation projects in each state of Australia to receive funding under the Kinder partnership, and
10. Conducting an annual Threatened Wildlife Photographic Competition that promotes the conservation of threatened Australian wildlife through photography.

HOW YOUR BEQUEST WILL BE USED

By remembering AWS with a bequest in your will, you are making a unique commitment. Your bequest to AWS will help us continue to preserve Australia's wildlife for future generations.

We rely on our supporters' generosity to enable us to continue working towards the conservation of Australian wildlife (flora and fauna). Without you, our work would simply not be possible. Whatever the amount you bequeath to AWS, your contribution is invaluable.

A bequest is one of the most effective and long-lasting ways you can help AWS. Your promise of future support is deeply appreciated. If you have included a bequest to AWS in your will, please let us know. We thank you personally for this bequest of support. At all times your privacy will be fully respected and the information you provide will remain strictly confidential.



HOW TO MAKE A BEQUEST

If you already have a will but would like to leave a bequest to AWS, you can do so by making a simple addition to your existing will. If you do not have a will at the moment, you can simply include a bequest when you write a new will. Whatever your circumstances, we would advise you to see a solicitor to ensure that your wishes will be followed.

When catastrophic events occur and our immediate action is required, it is essential that all our programs continue without interruption. Financial flexibility is crucial to our ability to respond to priority needs, so we ask that you do not designate your gift to a particular project or region.

Types of bequests:

1. A **Residuary Bequest** is the most effective way to leave a bequest to AWS. It is a gift of what remains after you have made provisions for your loved ones. A residuary gift will keep up with inflation. It will mean your bequest will achieve as much in our projects in the future as you would like it to now.
2. Leaving a **percentage of your estate** allows you to decide what proportion of your total estate you would like to give to AWS. A percentage gift will also keep up with inflation.
3. A **Pecuniary Bequest** is a fixed sum of money to be left to AWS. This type of gift will not keep up with inflation.

Recommended bequest wording

Please take this information with you when you visit your solicitor to draft or update your will. We suggest the following wording:

"I give and bequeath

- the residue, or
- [.....] percentage of my whole estate, or
- [.....] percentage of the residue, or
- the specific sum of \$[.....]

to the Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia Limited, for its general purposes, and declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia Limited shall be a complete discharge to my Executors in respect of any sum paid to the Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia Limited."

Your solicitor may also require the following detail:
ABN: 13 817 470 816