



Your legacy standing guard for wildlife.

Thank you for considering leaving a gift to Wildlife Victoria in your Will.

About Wildlife Victoria

Wildlife Victoria is a volunteer-based charity. We have provided a vital Wildlife Emergency Response Service to the community since 1989; helping sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. We receive over 130,000 enquiries for help each year and up to 700 per day during peak periods. Our precious native wildlife comes in all sizes and so do the rescues. From wombats to swans, kangaroos to snakes; when a native creature is in need, your support allows us to respond.

At Wildlife Victoria, we maintain a wildlife care and response network across the state. It includes trained volunteer wildlife rescuers, transporters, shelters and emergency services.

Supported by our community, we have developed this extensive wildlife network and an advanced database to respond swiftly and effectively to all manner of wildlife rescue situations. From the moment we receive a call, any time day or night, our emergency response operators coordinate the trained volunteers with a priority to treat each creature with dignity and compassion.

Wildlife Victoria rely heavily on the generosity of the public for donations and the time, resources and commitment of over 1,200 wildlife volunteers.

Please help us help those in need by being a voice for our iconic wildlife.

Wildlife Guardians

Wildlife Guardians is a community for those who have chosen to leave a gift to Wildlife Victoria in their Will. Your generosity will support our state's precious wildlife for generations to come.

As a Wildlife Guardian, your legacy will safeguard unique creatures found nowhere else in the world. A bequest in your Will to Wildlife Victoria will support the rescue and rehabilitation of our amazing fauna.

To join the Wildlife Guardians, simply notify us of your bequest to Wildlife Victoria. We would like the opportunity to thank you personally and recognise your decision to assist our work.

Types of Bequests

Some types of bequests you may consider are:

Residue bequest – whole

The simplest way to support our vital work and protect our precious wildlife. After providing for your loved ones, the residue (remainder) of your estate will be left to Wildlife Victoria.

Residue bequest – percentage

Similar to residue whole, this option means that after your loved ones, you wish to bequeath a percentage of your remaining estate to carry on our crucial mission.

Cash bequest

A specific amount to continue Wildlife Victoria's vital work, please consider that the effects of inflation may, overtime, devalue the benefits that a specified cash gift may provide.

Specific bequest

If you wish to leave a specific item, for example property or shares.

Suggested Wording

When including Wildlife Victoria in your Will, it is important to use the correct wording to ensure your wishes are accurately carried out.

Once you have decided on the type of bequest you would like to make, ask your solicitor to draft the appropriate clause. You may wish to use the following wording as a guide:

'I bequeath, free of all duties, **the residue** or **percentage residue of my estate**; or **the sum of \$(amount)**; or **(specified items)** to Wildlife Victoria Inc. (ABN 27 753 478 012), to be used for its general purposes. The written receipt of the Secretary or other officer of Wildlife Victoria Inc. may be accepted by my executors as a full and sufficient discharge of my bequest.'

To ensure your bequest reaches us, it is important to use our full legal name (Wildlife Victoria Inc.) and registered Australian Business Number (ABN 27 753 478 012).

If you already have a Will...

A codicil is an easy way to include a gift to Wildlife Victoria without having to rewrite your Will. It is an instruction added to you already existing Will. It is important to seek professional advice to ensure it legally valid.

SafeWill

Wildlife Victoria has a partnership with SafeWill, an online organisation that aims to make Will writing more accessible and affordable. If you are looking for a simple, affordable way to set up a Will and leave a bequest, head to safewill.com/wildlifestvictoria to find out more.

Wildlife Victoria's Pledge

When you leave a gift to Wildlife Victoria in your Will, we want you to feel assured in your decision; our commitments to you are as follows:

- Wildlife Victoria will always respect your privacy. We understand that your Will is completely personal to you.
- We know that, rightly so, your loved ones will always come first.
- We will use your gift carefully and with thorough consideration as to fulfill its greatest potential to benefit wildlife.
- We will, at all times, handle your gift with care, sensitivity and respect.

A message from Lisa

Thank you for considering a gift in your Will to Wildlife Victoria. Your generous gift will help to support the future of our precious wildlife long into the future.

A gift in your Will doesn't have to be large to have great impact. Just a small percentage of what's left after your loved ones are provided for can make a big difference. A gift in your Will ensures your legacy will stand guard to help us protect our precious wildlife for the future.

I can't think of a better way for your kindness to live on than to leave a gift in your Will to our wildlife through Wildlife Victoria. On behalf of the many precious lives your gift will affect, I want to sincerely thank you for your interest in remembering Wildlife Victoria in your Will.



Lisa Palma
CEO

**For a confidential discussion about bequests
please call: (03) 9445 0310**

