

Your legacy standing guard for wildlife.

WILDLIFE VICTORIA
ON CALL TO HELP
03 8400 7300

About Wildlife Victoria

Wildlife Victoria is a not for profit, volunteer based charity. We have provided a vital Emergency Response Service to the community for over 30 years; helping sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. We receive around 88,000 calls for help each year and up to 600 per day in peak periods. Our precious native wildlife comes in all sizes and so do the rescues. From wombats to swans, when a native creature is in need, your support allows us to respond.

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

Supported solely by the 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, our operators coordinate the trained volunteers with a priority to treat each creature with dignity and humanity.

Wildlife Victoria receives no ongoing government funding. We rely on the generosity of the public for donations and the time, resources and commitment of over 1000 wildlife volunteers.

Please help us help those in need – our own iconic voiceless creatures.



Wildlife Guardians

Wildlife Guardians are those who have chosen to leave a bequest to Wildlife Victoria in their Will. They are supporters that have made a personal choice with extraordinary consequences for 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, support the rescue and reintroduction of amazing fauna to our wilderness and cradle helpless orphans that can only thank you with their survival. A bequest in your Will to Wildlife Victoria is a gift to the often forgotten and voiceless.

Wealth is not a prerequisite of belonging to the Wildlife Guardians, gifts of any size are welcome; instead Wildlife Guardians are distinguished because of their consideration and care for our wildlife.

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.

A message from Megan:

Most people never consider leaving a gift in their Will to charity. I would like to thank you for your interest; we truly appreciate everyone that gives hope to the future of our precious wildlife with a gift to Wildlife Victoria.

A gift in your Will doesn't have to be large to make a difference. Just a small percentage of what's left after your loved ones are provided for can make a big difference.

This brochure explains how a gift in your Will can help Wildlife Victoria respond to thousands of calls every year for wildlife in desperate need. 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.

Dr Megan Davidson, CEO



Types of Bequests

When planning a bequest to Wildlife Victoria, you can choose the type of gift that suits you best. Some of the types you may consider are:

Residue bequest – whole

The simplest way to support the vital work of Wildlife Victoria 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.



Choosing the right words

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) per cent of the 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).



Wildlife Victoria's Pledge

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

- 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.
- Because we are dedicated to our wildlife, we always encourage people to leave something to Wildlife Victoria. But we realise that it's your decision and you need to make it in your own time.
- We will use your gift carefully and with thorough consideration as to fulfil its greatest potential to benefit wildlife.
- We will, at all times, handle your gift with care, sensitivity and respect.

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