

# 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 80,000 enquiries for help each year and up to 700 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 rely heavily 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 by being a voice for our iconic wildlife.



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## Wildlife Guardians

Wildlife Guardians is a community for those who have chosen to leave a gift to Wildlife Victoria in their Will. Your generous 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, 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.

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.



## 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:

- 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 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 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 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.

*Lisa Palma, CEO*



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## 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 your already existing Will. It is important to seek professional advice to ensure it legally valid.

## 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.



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