



# GIFTS IN WILLS

## PLANNING A LASTING GIFT FOR NATURE

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## OUR THANKS TO

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The friends and family we've worked  
with to realise the wishes of their loved  
ones who have died and left a gift to the  
TLC in their will  
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TLC supporters who have trusted us by  
leaving a gift to nature in their wills  
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their probono support and suggestions for  
wording to leave a simple gift in your will



The Tasmanian Land Conservancy acknowledges the traditional owners of this land. We pay respect to elders past and present and acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

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Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*). Photo: Heath Holden





# LEAVING A BEQUEST



By leaving a gift to the Tasmanian Land Conservancy in your will you can help protect nature in Tasmania, forever.

The Tasmanian Land Conservancy (TLC) was established in 2001 with \$50 in the bank and a handful of committed volunteers. Since then, we have grown to be one of Tasmania's largest private landholders.

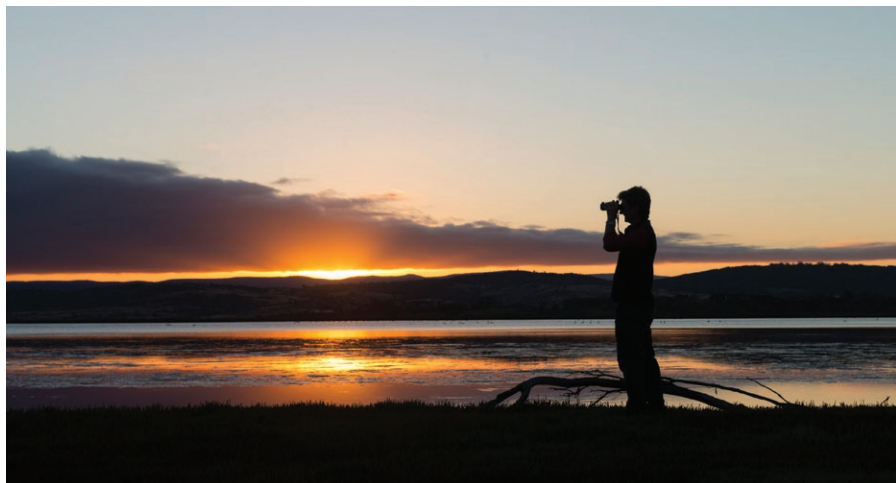
We protect and manage nature on our own land, and we work alongside other committed landholders to identify, protect and manage important areas for nature conservation. From remote mountain tops

to coastal environments, woodlands, wetlands and grasslands, the TLC's network of reserves across the state protects some of the most important natural areas in Tasmania.

The TLC is a for-purpose (not-for-profit), apolitical, science and community-based organisation.

Through science, community and enduring commitment, we inspire and empower people to conserve nature in Tasmania: we do this for the benefit of current and future human generations and for nature itself.

People connect to nature in so many different ways. Leaving a gift in your will is something simple and powerful you can do to make sure the wild places you love today are protected for the future.



Natural Guardian Sally Bryant at the TLC's Big Punchbowl Reserve. Photo: Matthew Newton  
Opposite: TLC's Lutregala Marsh Reserve. Photo: Andy Townsend





“Our contribution to the TLC is, in a small measure, an attempt to maintain those elements that remind us of our dependence on nature and encourage us to include its consideration in our future plans for the planet.”

Sharyn Yelverton and Herman  
Mouthaan, Natural Guardians

# WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR GIFT?



Protecting nature through buying and managing land is critical, but it is just the beginning of the conservation journey. We need to ensure we can look after the places we protect today for the future.

We pride ourselves on looking after nature through our long-term ecological monitoring program, which captures data that lets us understand the complex ecosystems our reserves protect. This evidence allows us to assess, prioritise and implement management where it is most needed.

Gifts in wills play a crucial role in ensuring the TLC continues protecting and looking after nature in Tasmania, in perpetuity.

Unless otherwise specified in your will, a gift to the TLC will be directed towards our conservation programs, going to the most vital and relevant areas of our work at the time. For example, it may be that your gift is directed to the acquisition of a conservation property, or held in the TLC Foundation.

Established in 2009, the TLC Foundation is an endowment fund that provides the independent, long-term resources to pay for the ongoing management of our reserves. Capital in the TLC Foundation is invested using an ethical screening process. Returns provide a reliable source of funding to support conservation science and reserve management programs across the TLC reserve estate. Read more about the Foundation on page 13.

Since 2001, we have been growing our programs and their conservation impact, earning the respect and trust of supporters and the broader community. We pride ourselves on sound governance, strategic decision making, consistent and transparent reporting and the very best return for nature conservation for every dollar spent.

You can be confident that your gift will make an enduring difference.

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**Read more about the TLC's conservation programs, governance and achievements in our Annual Reports at [tasland.org.au/about-the-tlc/newsletters-and-annual-reports](https://tasland.org.au/about-the-tlc/newsletters-and-annual-reports)**

# A LASTING GIFT FOR NATURE



**Pamela Rothwell (Pam) had the wonderful generosity and foresight to leave a gift in her will to the TLC.**

Having communicated with Pam over the years, and most recently with her family, we knew that Pam wanted her bequest to support a project such as the purchase and permanent protection of land. After Pam's death in 2016 her gift was directed to the TLC's property acquisition campaign at the time.

Pam's gift helped the TLC protect in perpetuity 150 hectares of important swift parrot habitat at Little Swanport on Tasmania's east coast.

Pam's son Roy, who lives in Tasmania with his wife and children, thinks that his mother would be thrilled to be associated with the Little Swanport project. "Pam had a heightened sense of curiosity in all manner of things, embracing art, politics, history, music, gardening, geography, travel, languages, textiles and design, knitting and craft, sport, and domestic animals," explains Roy.

Pam thoroughly investigated several organisations before confirming her final intentions and we are heartened and so grateful that she was passionate about nature conservation in Tasmania and trusted in the TLC to honour her wishes.

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**Read about Little Swanport and the TLC's suite of reserves at [www.tasland.org.au/reserves](http://www.tasland.org.au/reserves)**



TLC's Little Swanport Reserve. Photo: Rob Blakers



# CREATING YOUR LEGACY



In many cases, the best way to support the TLC is through a monetary gift from your estate. This may be a specific sum of money, but keep in mind loss of value over time. Consider a gift of all or a specified portion of the residue of your estate. This can give the TLC funds remaining after you have made appropriate provision for family and loved ones and estate expenses.

It is a simple and effective way to support the TLC's conservation work, giving nature the best chance to flourish, now and for future generations.

If you are considering leaving your own property to the TLC in your will, we encourage you to speak with us about the suitability and practicalities of such a gift.

The objects and purposes which already bind the TLC provide a framework for the use of all funds and property we receive. Our focus on the perpetual protection and ongoing management of land of exceptional ecological value gives our supporters peace



Common wombat (*Vombatus ursinus*)  
Photo: Andy Townsend

of mind that their gift will be put to good use. We encourage you to not restrict the use of your gift as certain programs or initiatives today may not be as vital or relevant when your gift is eventually received.

We encourage you to reach out to us, and then seek advice from a solicitor when drafting your will, because the wording used is very important.

# WORDING FOR SIMPLE GIFTS

The following is some basic general wording for a simple monetary gift in your will to TLC:

To leave a part, or all, of the residue of your estate for TLC to use in accordance with its objects and purposes, your will could express:

“I give [X percent of] the residue of my Estate to Tasmanian Land Conservancy Inc (ABN 88 743 606 934) or its successor entity for its general purposes, free of all duties, and declare that the receipt of an executive officer at the time is a sufficient discharge to my executor/s”

You may wish to express to TLC, in a way which does not bind TLC, your preferred focus for the gift:

“I give [X percent of] the residue of my Estate to Tasmanian Land Conservancy Inc (ABN 88 743 606 934) or its successor entity for its general purposes and I express the wish but without creating any trust or imposing any binding obligation upon the Tasmanian Land Conservancy Inc that my gift be used to support [insert a significant purpose within TLC’s programs].”

It is important, if you wish to specify a purpose, to express that you do not intend to create a legal obligation on TLC otherwise the TLC may be unable to accept or effectively use the gift.



TLC's Skullbone Plains Reserve. Photo: Matthew Newton

# PLEASE LET US KNOW

If you have decided to leave the TLC a gift in your will, please let us know. Confirming your gift to the TLC gives us a chance to personally thank you for your generosity and commitment and to keep you updated about our work.



If you have a property you believe should be preserved, please get in touch so we can confirm whether it is possible for the TLC to meet your aims.

Details of all pledged gifts remain confidential unless otherwise agreed.

“I’ve admired the TLC for many years and I’m pleased to leave a gift in my will to support their conservation work beyond my lifetime. For me, making a bequest to an organisation is a very personal and private commitment. I’ve made my intentions known to the TLC, and my choice to remain anonymous is respected.”

Anonymous bequestor



TLC's Conservation Scientist Rowena Hamer monitoring at Egg Islands Reserve. Photo: Andy Townsend

# NATURAL GUARDIANS

When you let us know you are leaving a gift in your will, we will invite you to join the TLC's community of Natural Guardians. This group has been established to recognise and bring together supporters who have made this profound commitment to nature.

Natural Guardians receive exclusive invitations to special events and hosted trips to our magnificent reserves. Our community brings together people from diverse backgrounds through the shared value of protecting nature.

Being recognised as a Natural Guardian is entirely optional within the TLC bequest program.

Visit the TLC website at [tasland.org.au/bequests-in-wills](http://tasland.org.au/bequests-in-wills) to see pictures and video from previous reserve visits.

"It's a decision that all of us have to make on earth: what to do with our possessions. We're not going to live forever but your land is lasting ... An organisation like the TLC will evolve but the philosophy will be maintained and it's that philosophy that's convinced us to make all our properties available to the TLC with the knowledge that it will be cared for and looked after."

Peter Sims and John Wilson,  
Natural Guardians



Peter Sims and John Wilson at Daisy Dell Reserve with the TLC's Operations Manager Leigh Walters.  
Photo: Eddie Safarik. Opposite: Tinderbox Hills. Photo: Matt Palmer





"I absolutely treasure those bequestor days because it is a great opportunity to connect to places: the reserves and also the wonderful community of Natural Guardians. I find it so reassuring that there is good in the world."

Sue Lovegrove





“It doesn’t matter who you are, where you come from, what you can and can’t do - the TLC will welcome you and make sure that any skills or time or money that you have are best used to support the natural environment in Tasmania. For me, a way of doing that is to make sure the TLC is a gift beneficiary in my will.”

Jo Naylor, Natural Guardian



# ABOUT THE TLC FOUNDATION



The TLC Foundation ensures the irreplaceable ecosystems found on our reserves are maintained through a permanent, reliable source of income.

The Tasmanian Land Conservancy (TLC) Foundation is an endowment fund, set up to provide critical support for the effective conservation management of our suite of reserves. It enables the independent, long-term resourcing of on-ground management activities and ecological monitoring.

The Foundation is made up of individual named funds. These are established with a minimum contribution of \$10,000; founders can continue making contributions afterwards. Some fund founders set up a web page to tell the story of their fund. Many of these are in tribute to someone special and are a way to honour their memory, share images and invite others to contribute to the fund.

The Foundation funds let us carry out essential tasks, such as weeding, fencing, road works, feral animal control and fire management. The Foundation also supports the all-important scientific work that happens right across our reserve estate, including the installation of visual and

acoustic monitoring devices, which are gathering really valuable data on the health and status of vegetation, wildlife and other ecosystem values. The Foundation gives us the security to plan for the future with long-term conservation objectives across our reserves.

Our ambition is to grow the Foundation so it covers 100% of all annual management costs of the TLC's reserves, and we are well on the way. We would not have the Foundation growing towards that 100% goal without the enormous generosity of those individuals who are giving to the foundation within their lifetime, or who are choosing to leave a bequest.

Capital from the Foundation is ethically invested to provide a reliable source of income for the long-term conservation management of the TLC's reserves. The Foundation's investments are managed by JBWere Philanthropic Services and the TLC board is overseen by the TLC Foundation Committee. A sub-committee of the TLC Board, the Foundation Committee operates under strong and transparent governance arrangements. Gifts are preserved to generate return while managing risk.

Find out more about the TLC Foundation and read about its successes at [tasland.org.au/the-tlc-foundation](https://tasland.org.au/the-tlc-foundation)







# YOUR BEQUEST MAKES A DIFFERENCE

“My partner Christine Caleidin and I chose to move to Hobart in 2011. For us, Tasmania was where our project of conviviality – living with the natural world – could be realised.

Paraphrasing from the definition of public health, we saw conservation as the art and science of protecting places of natural wonder. The TLC does this well in Tasmania and it's why we chose to support it. Collaborations in the TLC's reserves Skullbone Plains and the Big Punchbowl are outstanding examples of how to create a sense of wonder about this beautiful corner of our living planet.

Sadly, Christine died in 2016. I established the Solas Fund through the TLC Foundation in loving memory of her and to support the art and science of the TLC.

Among her many talents, Christine was a silk painter. She had a discerning eye for colour and revelled in the splendour of the ever-changing Tasmanian light. Solas is the Irish word for light. I am proud that Christine's memory lives on through the TLC Foundation.”

Michael Bentley,  
Natural Guardian

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**Read about the Solas Fund  
and other named funds in  
the TLC Foundation at  
[tasland.org.au/the-tlc-  
foundation/existing-  
foundation-funds](https://tasland.org.au/the-tlc-foundation/existing-foundation-funds)**



Photo: Karen Brown  
Opposite: Forester moth. Photo: Tim Rudman

“We are so incredibly grateful for the contribution so many people make to our work at the TLC. We continue to seek new ways to achieve conservation that value nature and the economic, cultural and social benefits it provides us all. Our supporters are making the most profound commitment by leaving a gift to nature in their will. It inspires us every day to work hard to make sure these places are protected not just today, but forever.”

James Hattam, TLC CEO  
and Natural Guardian

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For further information about the TLC's Natural Guardians (gifts in wills) program or to confirm that we are included in your will, please contact Planned Giving Coordinator, Annabelle Sweetman – [asweetman@tasland.org.au](mailto:asweetman@tasland.org.au)

All information will be kept in confidence.



James Hattam at TLC's Vale of Belvoir Reserve. Photo: Heath Holden  
Opposite: TLC's Skullbone Plains Reserve. Photo: Chris Crerar





“When I go to wild places  
I look down at the  
complicated small worlds at  
my feet. Here is evolution’s  
flamboyance. Here it is  
always showtime.”

Pete Hay, writer and TLC supporter

