

Leave a Legacy

of wilderness and wonder



Penguin
Foundation 

Protect what you love for generations to come.



Perhaps you've stood on the boardwalk at dusk, **watching little penguins return home.**

Maybe you've felt a deep peace in the sound of the sea, or a quiet joy in knowing places like Phillip Island still exist; **wild, beautiful, and thriving.**

By leaving a gift in your Will to the Penguin Foundation, you're ensuring that experience lives on for future generations.

Your legacy becomes a gift to the future, one that protects this fragile ecosystem, ensuring Phillip Island remains a haven not only for penguins, but for all the wildlife that depend on it.

Your gift safeguards habitats, fuels scientific discoveries and builds a future where the wild still thrives.

Maxine's legacy

"Maxine often shared fondly her memories of her first sighting of penguins on a family bus tour to Philip Island. It was a moment, she said, that ignited her lifelong love for animals.

Her gift to the Penguin Foundation was a way in which she wished to ensure that love of nature lives on for others to enjoy just as she did."

- Christine
Maxine's niece

A gift for the future

"I've been fascinated by nature since childhood, watching every wildlife documentary I could, even in black and white!

That wonder and awe has only deepened over the years, along with concern for the challenges our environment faces. Since retiring to Milawul (Phillip Island), I've volunteered with the Nature Parks and seen firsthand the care, integrity and impact of their work. Leaving a gift to the Penguin Foundation in my Will was an easy decision.

Mother nature has given me so much pleasure and joy it feels only right to give something back and help protect it for the future."

- Bill
Penguin Foundation supporter

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Welcome and thank you.

For over 20 years, **the generosity of supporters like you** has been at the heart of the Penguin Foundation's work.

Your contributions have helped protect Phillip Island's unique ecosystems, support vital research, and safeguard the world's largest little penguin colony.

Thanks to this support, we've been able to monitor penguin health, better understand how marine debris affects Australian fur seals, and improve the outlook for threatened species like the Eastern barred bandicoot through targeted recovery programs.

We truly appreciate your interest in how a gift in your Will can leave a lasting legacy, and we welcome you to meet our team to further discuss the impact you would like your gift to make.

Your thoughtful consideration means a great deal to us and to the future of Phillip Island's precious flora and fauna.

With heartfelt thanks,

- Simone Clancy
Penguin Foundation Chair



The Penguin Foundation is dedicated to preserving the rich biodiversity of Phillip Island (Milawul), a place where nature's raw beauty thrives.

Through innovative conservation, cutting-edge research, and inspiring community engagement initiatives, we protect and restore the island's vital ecosystems, **safeguarding them for the future.**

Phillip Island is home to the world's largest colony of little penguins, and its diverse habitats, from coastal dunes to woodlands and wetlands, that provide sanctuary for a wealth of native species.


These environments are not just landscapes; they are the lifeline to threatened species, internationally significant migratory birds, and locally significant coastal and terrestrial wildlife - it is our purpose to ensure they endure.


By leaving a gift in your Will to the Penguin Foundation, you play an essential role in protecting this unique island safe haven.

Recently funded projects




Our key objectives

 **Conserve and protect**
Safeguard vital habitats and wildlife populations.

 **Restore and enhance**
Revitalise degraded habitats to provide safe refuges for wildlife.

 **Support wildlife research and rehabilitation**
Invest in world class wildlife research, rescue and rehabilitation programs.

 **Inform and inspire**
Offer programs that inform the public and actively engage them in conservation and fundraising efforts.

“By restoring this landscape, we’re not only protecting wildlife but creating a legacy of innovative habitat adaptation that builds landscape resilience for our little penguins to thrive into the future.”

- Ben Thomas

Phillip Island Nature Parks Reserve Manager

A gift in your Will can fund visionary, leading edge conservation projects and vital groundbreaking research.

The little penguin legacy: Future proofing little penguin habitat

The little penguin habitat restoration project is a long-term conservation initiative that aims to future-proof the environment that is critical to protect vulnerable species, such as little penguins, short-tailed shearwaters, and Eastern barred bandicoots, on the Summerland Peninsula.

In response to threats such as bushfires, climate change, and habitat loss, the project focuses on using evidence led approaches to bushfire mitigation and habitat restoration and resilience efforts.

The initiative also fosters deeper connections between communities and nature while strengthening biodiversity.



A Bush stone-curlew
on Phillip Island



“The project will track the birds’ survival and breeding to establish a self-sustaining population, with findings guiding future reintroductions and broader recovery efforts for South eastern Australia.”

- Dr. Duncan Sutherland
Phillip Island Nature Parks Senior Scientist

Rewilding the island

In August 2024, the first groups of bush stone-curlews from Mt Rothwell were released on Phillip Island (Milawul), marking a significant milestone in wildlife conservation.

Once common across South-Eastern Australia, the species is now Critically Endangered due to habitat loss and introduced predators.

This release begins a long-term recovery program led by the Penguin Foundation and Phillip Island Nature Parks, in close collaboration with the Odonata Foundation, and the Australian National University, combining scientific research and on-the-ground conservation to restore the species in areas it has vanished.



Your lasting legacy

We understand the decision to include a **gift in your Will to the Penguin Foundation is a considered and personal choice.**

We invite you to connect with our Nature Parks staff and researchers, so together we can ensure your gift delivers the lasting impact you envision.

Many of our supporters choose to leave a gift that strengthens the foundations for our ongoing conservation success.

The area you choose to support can reflect your passions, whether it's protecting our little penguins, restoring coastal ecosystems, or advancing vital research.



Types of Gifts

The area of greatest need

A gift directed towards the area of greatest need directly supports the Foundation's most urgent conservation efforts.

Hands-on conservation

Your gift funds hands-on conservation projects, providing essential support for the immediate protection and care of Phillip Island's wildlife and habitats.

Internationally significant research

Your gift supports vital research initiatives, to drive innovative solutions that underpin the long-term protection of Phillip Island's wildlife and habitats.



What kind of gift can I leave?

There are several ways you can structure a gift in your Will to the Penguin Foundation.

These options ensure that **your loved ones are cared for first** and foremost, while **leaving a lasting legacy** to help protect the future of Phillip Island's unique wildlife and ecosystems.

How you can structure your gift

A residual gift

A gift of all or a portion of what remains in your estate after specific gifts, debts, expenses, and estate administration have been taken care of.

The whole or part of your estate

A gift of your entire estate or a portion of it.

A specific gift

A gift of a specific sum of money, shares or real estate.

Obtaining legal advice

We encourage you to speak with your legal or financial advisor and discuss your intentions with your loved ones.

This helps ensure your wishes are clearly expressed in your Will and can be honoured just as you intended. If you decide to include a gift to the Penguin Foundation in your Will, you may wish to use the following suggested wording:

I give my residuary estate OR [insert percentage] % of my residuary estate; OR the sum of \$[insert amount]; OR [insert specified assets, such as real estate, or shares, etc.] to the Penguin Foundation Limited ABN 35 788 349 395, for its general purposes OR (insert specific purpose).

I declare that the receipt of the proper officer of the organisation shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors.



Keeping in touch

We understand your Will and financial matters are deeply personal.

However, if you feel comfortable, we kindly invite you to let us know in writing once you've included a gift to the Penguin Foundation in your Will, and the purpose you've intended for it.

Knowing about your generous decision allows us to thank you during your lifetime and honour your support in a meaningful way. It also gives you and your family the opportunity to connect with others who share your passion through the Penguin Foundation community.

Further information

For a confidential legacy discussion or information how to leave a gift in your Will to the Penguin Foundation, please contact our *Executive Officer, Rebecca Passlow* at:

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