

# Give nature a future voice

LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL





## Catherine Young has left a gift to the Victorian National Parks Association in her Will



I often feel helpless when it comes to defending the few natural habitats left for species other than ourselves.

I don't have time to be more active in standing up for the environment... I am thankful that the VNPA is out there working to preserve the natural environments that I value so much.

My bequest and ongoing financial support for the VNPA are ways I can contribute to the preservation of our forests, marine areas, grasslands, wetlands and other habitats. By making a bequest I am reassured that the VNPA will continue to work and fight for the natural world to ensure its future survival.

#### Your Will is your legacy

Making a legally valid Will, and ensuring it is up to date, is an important part of future financial planning. It is the best way of ensuring you have provided for your family and friends, and that your wishes are fulfilled.

Leaving a gift in your Will to the Victorian National Parks Association will also ensure you continue to protect Victoria's natural heritage for future generations.

As a not-for-profit, non-government, totally independent organisation, we depend on the generosity of our community of supporters to fund our work.

Your gift, large or small, will make a significant difference to our work, funding projects and campaigns which may not otherwise be possible. A gift in your Will also ensures the Victorian National Parks Association will continue to be here to stand up for Victoria's national parks, amazing natural places and wildlife.

### Including the VNPA in your Will

Making or updating a Will need not be complicated or expensive, but we do recommend that you seek the services of an Australian solicitor or lawyer to ensure your wishes and intentions are recorded correctly.

If you have already written a Will and would like to include a gift to the Victorian National Parks Association, you can easily do so by adding a codicil (a short legal amendment) to your existing Will, with the assistance of an Australian lawyer.

#### We suggest the following wording as a guide:

I bequeath to the Victorian National Parks Association Inc. (ABN: 34 217 717 593) the [residue of my estate / [insert %] of my estate / sum of \$[insert specified sum] for general purposes free of all duties. The receipt of the Treasurer, Secretary or other Authorised Officer shall be a complete and sufficient discharge to my trustees.

#### Please get in touch

We recognise that your Will is a very personal matter and we respect your confidentiality at all times.

If you are considering leaving a gift in your Will, or you have already included the Victorian National Parks Association your Will, please get in touch so we can assist you and discuss your wishes. Please contact us via:

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