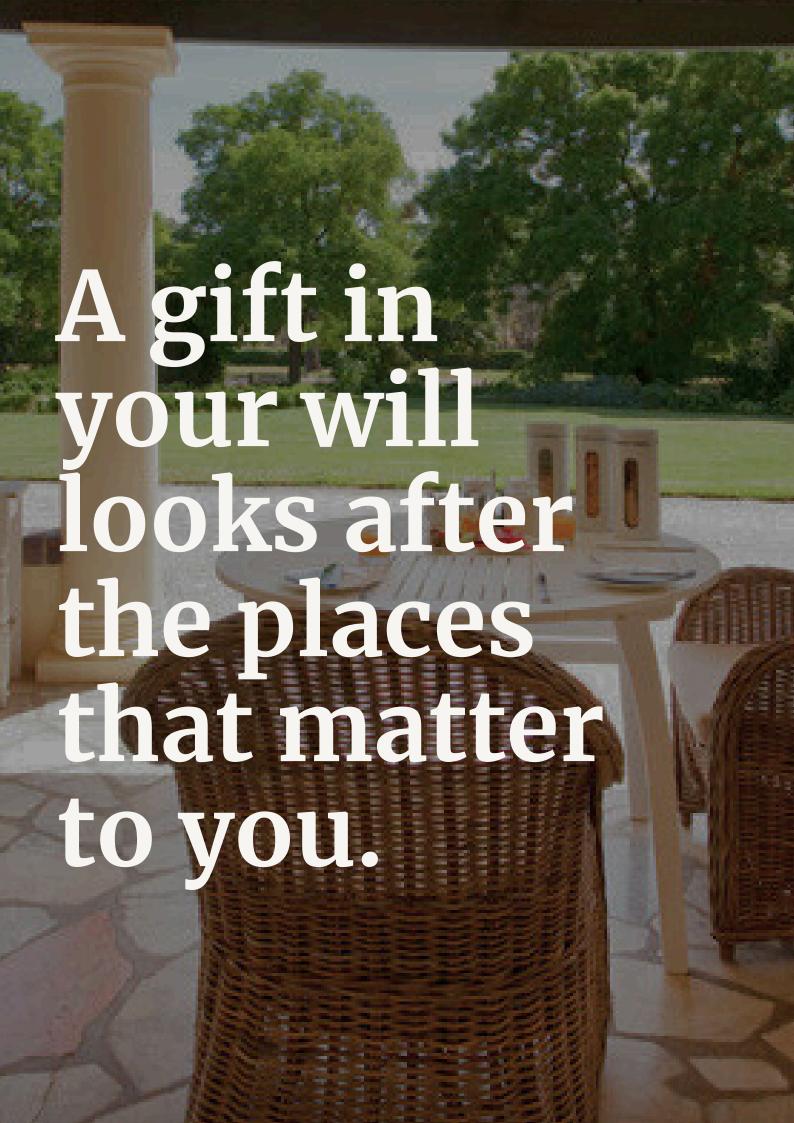


# Our Bequest Program





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Your connection to National Trust places is important. They're the coastal scenes that quicken our senses, the lush forests that put us in touch with our roots, and the great houses where we lose ourselves in bygone splendour.

Leaving a gift or bequest in your will to the National Trust of South Australia is a meaningful way to leave a lasting legacy by providing ongoing support for the protection of South Australia's heritage and the places you love.

This guide covers the following topics to help you extend the impact of generosity.

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# The gift of a lifetime.

Every gift, no matter the size, helps secure the future of the National Trust of South Australia's conservation and advocacy efforts, extending the impact of your generosity well beyond your lifetime.

Unrestricted gifts in wills are especially valuable as they enable us to use your bequest where the need is greatest. If you prefer, you can choose to leave your gift to the place that matters most to you.

If you are considering making a bequest to the National Trust, we would love to hear from you so that we can assist with any information you need and to thank you personally.

If you do make a bequest or have already made a bequest to the National Trust, please notify us so we can honour you in the Alison Ashby Legacy Circle and invite you to special events and functions.

# We protect and care for places so people and nature can thrive.

The National Trust of South Australia is a community-based, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to conserving, managing, and promoting South Australia's natural, built, cultural and indigenous heritage.

Founded in 1955 under an Act of Parliament, the National Trust is not a government entity and relies on the generosity of the community through donations, grants, membership, entry fees, and sponsorship.

The Trust's core mission is to protect and promote historic sites, nature reserves, museums, cultural collections, and local heritage icons. By preserving these valuable assets, the Trust seeks to inspire current and future generations to connect with their past, appreciate their present, and envision a shared heritage for the future.



## About Bequests

WHAT IS A BEQUEST?

A charitable bequest is a gift you make in your will and is actioned by a distribution from your estate.

A charitable bequest to the National Trust is very personal and can be made in a variety of ways to reflect your particular wishes. These include:

#### Residue

The remainder of your estate after other commitments have been settled.

#### Percentage

This can be a percentage of the residue of your estate. Leaving a percentage means your gift is not affected by inflation.

#### Asset

This could include specific real estate, shares, bonds or other articles of value.

#### **Pecuniary gift**

A nominated and specific sum of money. You may consider including an adjustment to account for inflation.

**HOW DO I MAKE A WILL?** 

We always recommend using a qualified solicitor to make a new will or to amend (using a Codicil) an existing one.



### About the Alison Ashby Legacy Circle

By leaving a bequest to the National Trust of South Australia, you will enjoy a range of exclusive benefits, including invitations to special events, private <u>functions</u>, and guided tours at our heritage properties.

Alison Marjorie Ashby (1901–1987) was a pioneering South Australian botanist and conservationist whose deep commitment to the preservation of the state's natural and built heritage cemented her legacy within the National Trust of South Australia. She became the first woman to serve on the Trust's Council, breaking barriers and bringing a progressive vision to the organisation. Ashby is perhaps best known for her significant contribution of Watiparinga, her property at Blackwood, which she gifted to the Trust. Watiparinga became a conservation reserve, reflecting her lifelong dedication to protecting native flora and fostering an appreciation of South Australia's unique biodiversity. Her involvement laid a strong foundation for the Trust's ongoing work in heritage and conservation.

Your generosity will be acknowledged in our publications, such as newsletters and annual reports, ensuring your contribution is recognised within our community. You also have the option to opt-out of public acknowledgements. Your bequest will leave a lasting legacy in the preservation of South Australia's most cherished heritage sites for future generations.

#### How can I talk or contact someone about leaving a gift to the National Trust?

We are happy to assist you with any questions you may have. Please call us on (08) 8202 9200 during office hours or send an email to admin@nationaltrustsa.org.au.

#### What specific information do I need to include?

When leaving a gift in your will to the National Trust of South Australia please include the following information:

Our full legal name: The National Trust of South Australia

Our address: The National Trust of South Australia PO Box 290, North Adelaide SA 5006

Our ABN: 45 432 652 725

#### **Next steps**

We recommend that you seek advice from a solicitor to ensure that the wording of your will reflects your exact wishes. You may also wish to speak to an accountant with respect to taxation and financial matters.

If you wish to discuss with us how your bequest could be targeted to achieve long term viability and impact for the National Trust, we ask that you or your solicitor contact our Chief Executive Officer, Simon Ambrose <a href="mailto:simon.ambrose@nationaltrustsa.org.au">simon.ambrose@nationaltrustsa.org.au</a>

If you have left a bequest (or are planning to do so) to the National Trust we would like to keep in touch with you through our Alison Ashby Legacy Circle. We thank you for your support



