

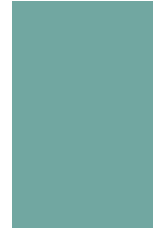
# A BOTANICAL BEQUEST

Leaving a lasting legacy to  
Australia's national garden



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL  
BOTANIC GARDENS

# Message from the Executive Director



**In 1945, noted Australian botanist, Lindsay Pryor received £1,000 to start work on what would become the Australian National Botanic Gardens and the transformation of Black Mountain farm land into 'Australia's garden' began.**

Reflecting on these modest beginnings, I'm always struck by how much has been achieved during the preceding years.

The commitment of governments, botanists, horticulturalists and the community for just over half a century has made the Gardens a leading scientific institution with the world's most comprehensive collection of Australian plants, as well as an enduring and much-loved national attraction.

The generosity of many individuals has also been vital to this success. Bequests from people wishing to leave a legacy to a place they loved and for work they valued, will help us to enhance the Gardens.

As we look to the next half century and our many exciting plans for the Gardens' future, we invite you to consider making a bequest to the Australian National Botanic Gardens – helping us in our mission to inspire, inform and connect people to Australia's amazing and diverse flora.

**Dr Judy West**  
**Executive Director**





# About the Australian National Botanic Gardens



## A living collection like no other

The Australian National Botanic Gardens is the world's most comprehensive display of living Australian native plants. With over 6,000 species representing one-third of known Australian plants, the Gardens is the only place in the world you can see this diversity of Australian native plants in one location.

Spanning 40 hectares of water-wise, sustainably managed gardens, the Australian National Botanic Gardens' collection includes over 70,000 plants.

Collected over the last five decades, the plants range from coastal regions, alpine meadows, tropical rainforests to dry deserts.

## A world-leader in research

The Australian National Botanic Gardens has a strong international reputation for scientific and horticultural research and often works collaboratively with leading institutions.

The Australian National Botanic Gardens' partnership with CSIRO at the Centre for Australian National Biodiversity Research, for example, fosters vital work that enhances knowledge, conservation and sustainable use of Australian flora.

The Centre houses the Australian National Herbarium, a leading research institution for the naming and

classification of Australian plants, which holds a collection of over 1.4 million specimens.

The Australian National Botanic Gardens also plays an important role as part of the national biodiversity safety net through our Seed Bank.

## An inspiring place

From cleared dairy farms at the foot of Black Mountain to a much-loved national institution, the Australian National Botanic Gardens welcomes close to half a million people from across the nation and around the world every year.

Of these visitors, more than 12,000 students throughout Australia come to take part in environmental education programs, fostering an understanding and an appreciation for Australia's native flora.

## Management

The Gardens are managed by the Director of National Parks – a Commonwealth Statutory Agency established to manage Commonwealth reserves such as the Australian National Botanic Gardens. The Director of National Parks is governed in accordance with the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997 and relevant government policies.



# What is a bequest?



A bequest is a gift made through a Will. It is a way to give tangible support to what you value and to leave a lasting legacy in your memory.

A bequest helps us to realise the long-term vision for the Gardens, enabling us to:

- expand the living collection by developing new gardens
- engage in new research projects
- increase our conservation efforts
- share our knowledge more effectively
- deliver new education and public programs

We direct bequests to where they will provide the most benefit, but you may wish to nominate a specific purpose for your bequest. If so, we encourage you to contact the Australian National Botanic Gardens General Manager for a confidential discussion about your preferences and ideas.

Importantly, the Australian National Botanic Gardens manages and accounts for all proceeds of bequests, in accordance with Commonwealth Government guidelines, ensuring that funds are directed to the purpose for which they were provided.

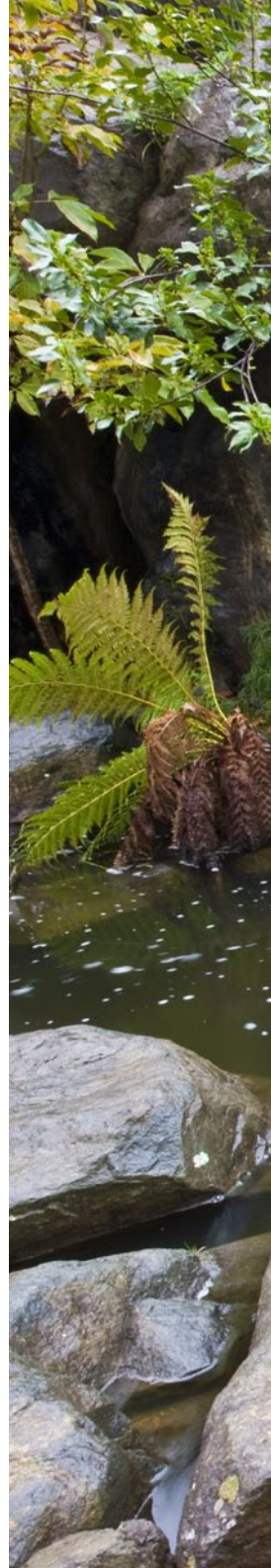
## The Ducrou Pavilion

The Ducrou Pavilion on the Eucalypt Lawn was made possible through a generous bequest from Anne Ducrou. The Pavilion features a series of roofs supported by columns of abstract 'trees', which help reinforce the importance of real trees to the Gardens' landscape. Opened in 1999, the pavilion continues to be a popular venue for picnics and is often used for special events.





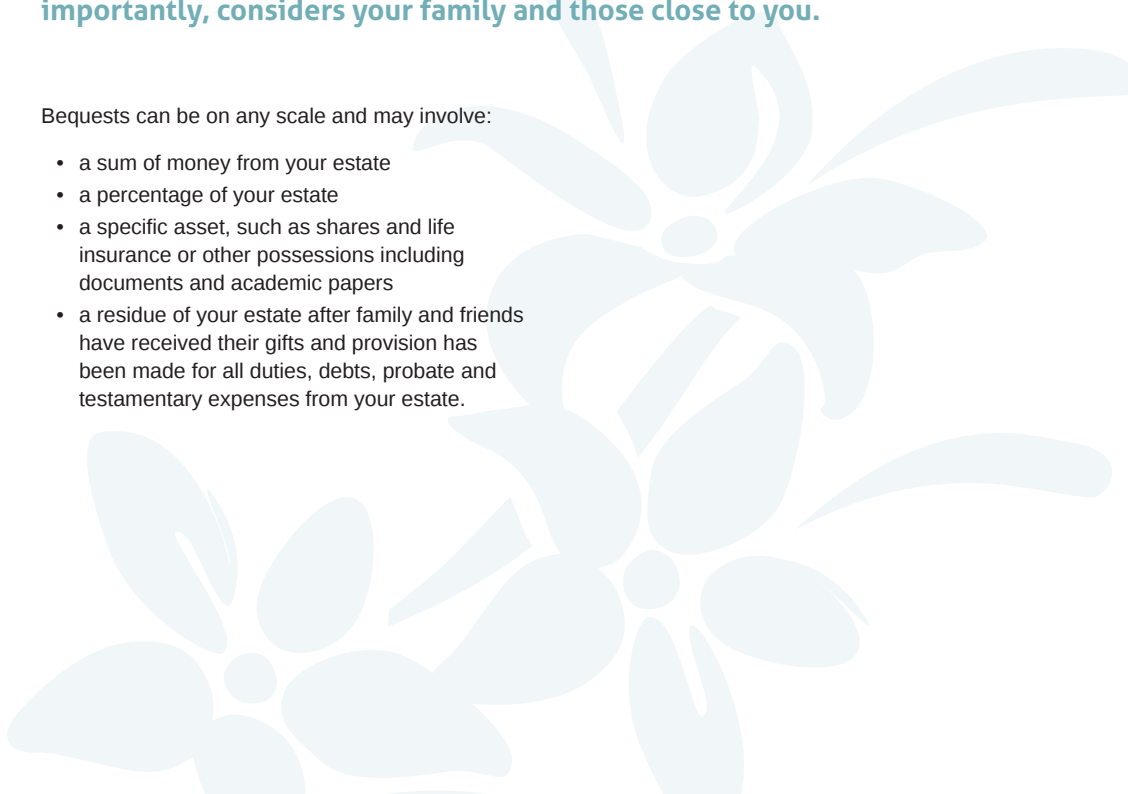
# Types of bequests



**Bequests can take many forms and we recommend that if you're considering making a gift in your Will, you seek independent legal and financial advice. This will ensure that the type of gift suits your circumstances and, importantly, considers your family and those close to you.**

Bequests can be on any scale and may involve:

- a sum of money from your estate
- a percentage of your estate
- a specific asset, such as shares and life insurance or other possessions including documents and academic papers
- a residue of your estate after family and friends have received their gifts and provision has been made for all duties, debts, probate and testamentary expenses from your estate.







# Making a bequest



**The following draft clauses are intended only as a guide, for the reference of your solicitor, and we encourage you to seek independent legal advice in preparing or amending your Will.**

Should you or your solicitor have any queries about making a bequest to the Australian National Botanic Gardens, please contact the General Manager on (02) 6250 9500.

## Draft wording for an unrestricted bequest

I give the Director of National Parks trading as the **Australian National Botanic Gardens**, GPO Box 1777, Canberra, ACT, 2601

Specify either

- a. the sum of cash;
- b. shares, property, other assets or possessions;
- c. the percentage of the estate; or
- d. the percentage of the residue of the estate

free of all duties, debts, probate and testamentary expenses, to support the activities of the Australian National Botanic Gardens. I direct that the receipt of the Executive Director of the Australian National Botanic Gardens or their delegate shall be full and sufficient discharge to my Executor or Trustee.

## Draft wording for a specific bequest

I give the Director of National Parks trading as the **Australian National Botanic Gardens**, GPO Box 1777, Canberra, ACT, 2601

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- c. the percentage of the estate; or
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free of all duties, debts, probate and testamentary expenses, to be used for

[describe details of specific purpose]

If that purpose is not available for whatever reason, I request that my gift be applied in a similar field or for such other purposes as the Australian National Botanic Gardens determines in its sole discretion are most closely in accordance with my directions. I direct that the receipt of the Executive Director of the Australian National Botanic Gardens or their delegate shall be full and sufficient discharge to my Executor or Trustee.



## Please let us know so we can thank you

Should you decide to include the Australian National Botanic Gardens in your Will, we would like to thank you personally and to invite you to events and functions at the Gardens that align with your areas of interest.

Please note that unless you specifically allow us to do so, we maintain strict confidence and do not disclose the names of any of our bequestors.

To help us get to know you, please:

- phone the General Manager (02) 6250 9500;
- advise the General Manager in writing at the Australian National Botanic Gardens, GPO Box 1777, Canberra, ACT, 2601; or
- send an email to [anbg-info@anbg.gov.au](mailto:anbg-info@anbg.gov.au)



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