

...I used to lie awake and wonder desperately what could be done about the destruction of our heritage when the great essential of course was permanence... It had to be some new organization pledged to perpetual responsibility. Moreover, it had to rise among the people themselves as a nation pledges to perpetual responsibility...

ANNIE WYATT

Founder of the National Trust in Australia



A bequest to the National Trust of Australia (ACT) helps ensure our rich heritage is acknowledged & preserved for future generations.



Bequests are a vital source of income for the National Trust of Australia (ACT). In fact, without bequests, it is doubtful that the Trust's mission, to safeguard and preserve our heritage for future generations, could continue. A greater appreciation of the importance of bequests can be gained by considering what the Trust achieves. This leaflet asks for your help and offers you that opportunity.

Sound reasons to support the National Trust of Australia (ACT) are:

- * Established in 1947, the National Trust is Australia's leading organisation concerned with conservation and heritage sites that affect every community.
- * The National Trust of Australia (ACT), which began in the 1970s, works to protect and conserve the natural and cultural heritage of our Territory.
- * The National Trust of Australia (ACT) is a not-for-profit, community-based, voluntary organisation funded from membership subscriptions, donations and operational activities.
- * The National Trust of Australia (ACT) does receive some support from the Commonwealth Government. Whilst very welcome, it represents only a small percentage of our operational budget.
- * Bequests also allow the Trust to act quickly when unplanned opportunities occur and during emergency situations.

Bequesting to the National Trust



A bequest is simply a gift made through a will. Every bequest to the National Trust of Australia (ACT), whether an entire estate or a cherished personal item, counts and is appreciated. There are several types of bequests you might consider:

A percentage or fractional bequest

Expressed as either a percentage of your estate (eg. 25%) or as a fraction (eg. a quarter). This method is preferable to a specific bequest, as it takes inflationary pressures over time into account.

Residual bequest

The remainder of your estate once all other beneficiaries have received their inheritance.

A specific bequest

Specifies the type of gift. For example, a gift of money, property, a life insurance policy, stocks and shares or a personal collectable or historic item.

The whole estate

This comprises your whole estate.

Your Bequest

It is always important that the wording of a bequest accurately identifies the beneficiary. In the case of the National Trust of Australia (ACT), this is by the inclusion of the ABN (Australian Business Number) of the Trust. The correct wording is as follows *I give to the National Trust of Australia (ACT) ABN 50 797 949 955 for its general purposes ('a specific amount or gift' OR 'a percentage' OR 'the residue' OR 'the whole of my entire estate free of all duties for which a receipt from the Secretary or other authorised person will be sufficient discharge for the Executor')*

Recognition of your legacy

Should you wish, your contribution will be recognised in each Annual Report, you will be invited each year to a reception to meet with the members of the National Trust and its Council, and once departed you will be commemorated for all time on an Honour Board at the National Trust of Australia (ACT). The National Trust is a not-for-profit, community organisation and as such is required to raise all of its income from those who share the ideals expressed by Annie Wyatt. We hope you will help in this. Contact the Executive Director of the National Trust (ACT).

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**Yes, I would like to speak to the National Trust (ACT) about leaving a bequest.
Without obligation, please contact me.**

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