

A strong foundation

MAKING A LASTING CONTRIBUTION TO OUR LANDSCAPES LIVING COLLECTIONS AND SCIENCE

While the Victorian Government provides considerable annual funding to Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria for its day-to-day operations and specific projects, this support does not cover all of the costs associated with maintaining and developing the Gardens.

In 2001, the Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation Victoria was established by the Board, with a founding donation from the late Dame Elisabeth Murdoch AC DBE, as a charitable trust to provide a supplementary source of funding and build a secure financial base for Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria. Other income is generated through business operations, sponsorships and grants.

Donations and bequests received by the Foundation are placed in long-term investments and the income generated is used for critical research projects and enhancements to the Gardens. In its first fifteen years of operation, the Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation Victoria achieved an investment base of over \$10.5 million, providing a strong foundation from which we can secure the future of the Gardens.

The Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation Victoria has been endorsed as an income tax exempt charitable entity, and as a deductible gift recipient under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.



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AN ENDURING GIFT

Make a bequest to help our Gardens grow

An invitation



So too is the scientific legacy inherited from generations of plant scientists at the National Herbarium of Victoria, supplemented today with the Australian Research Centre for Urban Ecology based at The University of Melbourne.

These places connect people to the natural world – through the two Gardens and through the expansion of knowledge, understanding, conservation and appreciation of plants.

I invite you to make a bequest to Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria to build on this legacy. By doing so, you will make a lasting contribution to our landscapes and plant collections as well as to much-needed research by our plant scientists. Together we can build a future where plants are conserved and cared for in equal measure.

**Professor
Timothy J Entwisle**

Director and Chief
Executive, Royal Botanic
Gardens Victoria

Every generation is gifted with special places that have been imagined, created and nurtured by those who have come before them.

The Melbourne Gardens we enjoy today was established in 1846 by those who sought to create a botanical garden for the citizens of Melbourne, and our generation has overseen the addition of the Australian Garden to a precious area of natural bushland at Cranbourne Gardens – two very special places that will endure for generations to come.

A lasting contribution



By remembering Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria in your Will, you will be making a lasting contribution to maintaining our landscapes and living collections, and supporting vital plant science and conservation research programs.

Your gift of monetary funds or specific assets will be invested and secured immediately. Unless specifically requested, only the investment income generated by the funds held by the Foundation will be utilised by Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria. This long-term investment strategy and the independent funds that are generated from it will help the Gardens thrive.

There are a number of different ways to make a gift to Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria in your Will.

- **Residuary bequests**

Residuary bequests are the best way to recognise the Gardens. This simply means that after you have provided for your close relatives and friends in your Will, the remaining (residuary) moneys and/or assets pass to the Gardens as your nominated residuary beneficiary.

- **Gifts of cash, shares, property and other assets**

Bequests of cash, shares, property and/or other assets or possessions are also possible, on the understanding that all such gifts will be used to further the work of Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria.

- **Contingency bequests**

Contingency bequests allow you ensure that your partner, a relative or friend has the use of property and/or invested capital for his or her lifetime, but with those moneys and/or assets eventually passing to Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria.

- **Bequests of specific sums**

Specific sums can also be left to Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, but it is important that a bequest of this kind is reviewed regularly as the value of such a gift can be seriously eroded by inflation.

If you would like more information about making a bequest, please contact our office on (03) 9252 2303 or complete and return the adjacent form. Your enquiry will be dealt with promptly and confidentially. Alternatively, your own solicitor should be able to assist you. All bequests are to be made to Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation Victoria.

Thank you

We welcome your support and interest. If you have already made a bequest to Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, please let us know so that we can thank you personally.

If you are still considering your decision, we would be pleased to help you. You can contact us by completing the form below or by phoning the Foundation Branch.

Title (Please tick) Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____

Daytime contact number: _____

Email: _____

Fax: _____

The best time to contact me is at am pm
on _____ (day of week).

(Please tick, as appropriate)

I have already included Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation Victoria in my Will.

I would like to talk to the Foundation Officer about the best way to help Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria through my Will. Please contact me.

Please send me details of other ways to support Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria.

Thank you for your generous donation to Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria.

Please send this form to:

The Foundation Officer

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