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Leave a Legacy of Antarctic Exploration

A guide to leaving a gift in your Will to Antarctic Heritage Trust



Leaving a Gift to the Antarctic Heritage Trust

Including a gift in your Will to the Antarctic Heritage Trust is truly special. By doing so, you will support the legacy of Antarctic exploration and create opportunities for young people to be inspired by the iconic explorers that you admire. Together we can continue to safeguard the historic huts and 20,000 items left behind from Borchgrevink's, Scott's, Shackleton's and Hillary's Antarctic expeditions and encourage the next generation of explorers. "It is a time-warp without parallel. You walk into Scott's Hut and you are transported to the year 1912 in a way that is quite impossible anywhere else in the world."



- Sir David Attenborough



A Legacy of Exploration

Though the initial phase of conservation work to ensure the historic huts are weathertight and structurally sound is well underway, we need your help to continue to monitor and maintain the huts on an annual basis.

The three heroic-era bases at Ross Island and Sir Edmund Hillary's hut at Scott base have been through the initial phase of conservation, along with 20,000 items left behind by the explorers. The Trust continues to work on conservation of the first expedition base built on the continent - Borchgrevink's huts at Cape Adare.

An annual monitoring and maintenance programme is critical for the Trust to continue to preserve these sites for generations to come.







You can encourage the next generation with the same spirit of exploration as the early polar explorers.

With your support, they will be better equipped to embrace the unknown, face uncertainty and make a positive contribution to our changing world through our Inspiring Explorers[™] programme. Your gift will grow the next generation of explorers, perhaps even inspire tomorrow's Shackletons and Hillarys!

A gift in your Will of cash, an asset or item, no matter how large or small, will make a significant difference.

Making a Will is a way of ensuring that your final wishes are known and can be fulfilled just as you wanted. It offers peace of mind, knowing that your assets will go to the very people and places you have chosen because they were important to you.

Discussing your gift

We welcome the opportunity to have a confidential meeting to discuss your wishes. This will enable us to understand your expectations and ensure your gift will honour your legacy. We can also share our Gifts in Wills Policy upon request.



How to leave a gift

Including a gift in your Will to Antarctic Heritage Trust is very simple to do, even if you have a current Will. A gift can be made in many ways and we encourage you to speak with your legal advisor to get appropriate advice. You should also let your family and friends know if you do decide to support us.

Below are three examples of how to include a gift in your will. Please discuss with your legal advisor the best way to structure a gift in your will to the Antarctic Heritage Trust.

- Residual remainder of your estate after gifts to family and friends
- Percentage a percentage of the value of your estate
- Pecuniary or specific — a specific sum of money, property or items

You may also be interested in gifting an artefact to be repatriated to one of the historic huts in Antarctica if it came from there. If this is something you would like to do, it is very important that you discuss this with us so that we can be sure that we have the ability to use your donated artefact in the way you intended.

When preparing your Will, please seek qualified legal advice from your Lawyer, the Public Trust Office or a trusted Will writing company.

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Letting us know

If you do leave a gift in your Will to us, please tell us as we would really like to be able to thank you. As a legacy supporter, you will receive regular Trust updates that show examples of the impact your gift could make. You'll also be invited to Trust events in your area as well as special opportunities to meet the conservators and young people your gift may support. We would also welcome the opportunity to discuss how you would like us to acknowledge your gift. Many of our supporters like to allocate a friend or family member that we can report back to and share how their gift made an impact. Others prefer we share their story in a future newsletter or update. If you would like to remain anonymous, we will honour that. The decision is yours.

Olive & Robin's Story

After visiting the historic huts during a 2012 expedition to the Ross Sea, Olive and Robin Day decided to leave a aift in their Wills to the Antarctic Heritage Trust. Olive remembers seeing all kinds of artefacts including Marmite and cheese. "The penguin that was sitting on the table at Scott's Hut still smelled," says Robin. They feel privileged to have been able to see a site that many will never get the chance to visit.





They hope that by sharing about their decision to leave a gift in their Wills, more people will decide to do the same. "If you don't have anywhere specific to leave your inheritance, you should consider the Antarctic Heritage Trust and the work that they do," shared Olive. "We're looking generations ahead," shared Robin. "If it's not protected now there will be nothing to protect", he continued.

Thank you to Olive and Robin for sharing their story and making a gift to the Antarctic Heritage Trust to continue the legacy of Antarctic exploration.

Thank you

for considering supporting Antarctic Heritage Trust in this way. Contact us today for more information or to discuss your wishes.

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