

# BEQUESTS

## AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

A bequest made in your Will is a way to provide financial support to help secure the work of the National Museum of Australia for years to come. For many people this is the most powerful and meaningful philanthropic contribution they will ever make.

A bequest to the National Museum ensures the stories and lessons from our past – the stories at the heart of our institution – continue to shape Australia today and into the future. Funds received from bequests become part of The National Museum of Australia Endowment Fund.

The following pages will provide you with more information as you consider nominating The National Museum of Australia in your estate planning. Please contact our Bequest Managers for a confidential discussion about how you can support the Museum and future generations.

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## The Museum Bequest Circle

The Museum Bequest Circle brings together our bequest donors and acknowledges the significant role these individuals play in the continuing work of the National Museum of Australia.

While many donors wish to remain anonymous, we encourage everyone who has included the National Museum of Australia in their Will to notify us and become active members of this significant community.

Joining this community enables you to enjoy insights into the Museum's collection and behind the scenes access to our work.

Your incredible act of generosity will be recognised online, in our *Annual Report* and *Year in Review*, unless you wish to remain anonymous.

## The importance of writing a Will

A Will provides you the opportunity to direct how your estate is to be distributed amongst those individuals and organisations that are most important to you. In the absence of a Will, the state decides who will receive your assets. A current and legal Will minimises delays and expense at a challenging time; creating a Will ensures your plans are fulfilled.

Often people feel that they do not have the means during their lifetime to provide philanthropic help to others. Creating a bequest in your Will today ensures you are able to maintain your current standard of living while also providing vital support to The National Museum of Australia.

## Information on adding a bequest in your Will

We recommend all potential bequest donors

discuss plans with family and friends, as well as seeking independent legal advice.

## Drafting a bequest

You can choose to leave a percentage of your estate, a specific dollar amount or a residuary bequest.

Gifts can be made in the form of funds or property – this includes both shares and real estate.

People change their Wills for many reasons, particularly when their personal circumstances change. A minor change can be made by adding a codicil, or a new Will may be written to ensure clarity of intent.

## Organisational information and suggested wording:

The full legal name of the organisation is:

- The National Museum of Australia, Lawson Crescent, Acton ACT 2601
- ABN: 70 592 297 967

*We recommend including the Museum's ABN and its address details when referencing the National Museum of Australia.*

### Suggested wording:

"I give and bequeath to The National Museum of Australia, Lawson Crescent, Acton ACT 2601

ABN: 70 592 297 967

- a) All of my residuary estate, or
- b) .....% of my residuary estate, or
- c) The sum of \$.....

to be used for the general purposes of the company at the discretion of the Museum Director and the Museum Board."