

TreeProject

Sowing the seeds for a sustainable future

Long lasting connection

A gift in your Will helps connection to land, nature and community continue to grow through TreeProject.



Returning healthy, sustainable & indigenous ecosystems to the Victorian landscape.

How it all began

The idea for TreeProject developed when two friends, Maggie McLeod and Belinda Gross, were discussing the many ailments afflicting our environment. Whatever travesty against the environment came up in their discussions, one central solution kept coming up: planting trees. Then and there, Maggie McLeod made a commitment to plant 1 million trees. Through this pledge TreeProject was conceived. By early 1989, TreeProject officially became a community-based not for profit organisation launching its first public planting event at Yarra Bend Park.

"We knew we were on to something with identifying trees as a solution when over 700 people came and 5000 plants were in the ground before lunch time!" said Maggie.

"Within 15 years our goal of 1 million seedlings was met, thanks to the support and commitment of our volunteers."



A message from the Committee

TreeProject has always been about connection to land and community.

TreeProject exists because thousands of Victorians have chosen to care - to grow, to plant, to volunteer, to support. Every seedling is connected to someone who believed our landscapes are worth restoring.

The work we do doesn't happen overnight. Restoring native ecosystems takes decades of commitment. It takes growers tending seedlings in backyards, volunteer planters turning up on cold mornings and supporters who believe in the bigger picture.

Together, we are rebuilding shelterbelts, strengthening local landscapes and creating habitat for wildlife that depends on healthy, connected environments. Each indigenous seedling grown and planted is a quiet act of renewal, returning diversity, resilience and life back to the land.

By choosing to leave a gift to TreeProject in your Will, you are helping ensure this work continues well beyond today. Your legacy would help future generations of volunteers grow seedlings and expand the corridors that protect wildlife and restore ecosystems.

It is a practical gift. A hopeful gift. And a lasting contribution to the landscapes we all love and share. On behalf of the TreeProject Committee, thank you for being part of this community - today, and into the future.



Thank you for your gift

TreeProject meant a lot to Robyn, she was a volunteer and believed in the good that we are doing, it was personal to her that we continued our work putting plants in the ground. With her final gift to TreeProject, it makes us profoundly grateful that she invested in our vision to help build a better, greener tomorrow.

People like Robyn Calder help TreeProject to continue our mission. Her legacy continues to make the planet a better place.

How can we begin to thank people that leave a bequest in their Will for TreeProject, it means so much to us that we can continue our work for future generations to come.



**A gift in your Will is more than a donation,
it's a way of passing on your values of care,
hope and renewal to future generations.**

A greener tomorrow for future generations

Why leaving a gift for TreeProject is a great idea

- **Enduring impact** - your gift will grow into thousands of native seedlings local to the area to create habitat and restore ecosystems.
- **Community powered** - your legacy supports linking urban volunteer growers and rural Victorian communities where the seedlings are planted.
- **Proven track record** - With over 2.5 million trees planted since 1989 and OAMs awarded to Founder Maggie McLeod and manager Lyn Grocke, TreeProject has a proud history of turning community support into real impact.



Leave an enduring Legacy

The difference your gift can make includes:

- Restoring bushland, waterways and soil health
- Providing safe habitat for birds and animals
- Supporting landholders to regenerate farmland and create shelterbelts for livestock and wildlife
- Storing carbon to help with combatting climate change
- Ensuring e generations to come inherit a healthier, greener environment





Suggested wording for your Will

When preparing your Will, it is important to always seek legal advice.

As a guide you can include wording such as the following:

“I give and bequeath \$#[amount]# to TreeProject (ABN 90669079400) for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the secretary, trustee or other officer of such organisation is sufficient release for my trustees without seeing to the final distribution of the funds.”

Other forms of gifts, such as a percentage of your estate or a residual gift, can also be arranged with your solicitor.

Leaving a gift in your Will is simple, yet deeply meaningful. Talk with your loved ones about your wishes or speak with your solicitor or trusted Will service.

If you are comfortable to, let us know so we can thank you and share how your legacy will make a difference.

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Last Will and Testament



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