



**FOR THE FUTURE**  
*for* **THE WILD**

A lasting gift in your Will

**TARONGA**   
CONSERVATION SOCIETY AUSTRALIA.

*For the Wild*

# A GIFT FOR THE FUTURE

The background of the entire page is a photograph of two elephants in a savanna landscape at sunset. The elephants are silhouetted against the bright, golden light of the setting sun, which is positioned between them, creating a lens flare effect. The sky is a warm, hazy orange, and the foreground shows the dark, textured silhouettes of tall grasses.

At Taronga, we believe that we all - humankind and animals alike - have a future together. We believe in a world that we can share, a world where all our wild species can make a comeback. Where the wild can remain the wild. And we believe that for this future to become reality, one species must lead us there...ours.

Taronga operates two zoos, Taronga Zoo in Sydney and Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo. We have cared for animals for over a century. Our zoos deliver experiences and programs that create genuine connections between people and wildlife.

Taronga is involved in a wide range of conservation activities in Australia and globally and makes a significant contribution to reverse the decline of endangered species. From breed and release programs for native Australian species to conservation partnerships around the world. From scientific research to educating children and adults at our zoos and in the community, Taronga positively impacts wildlife, people and the natural environment.

Taronga Conservation Society Australia is a not-for-profit organisation and relies on funding from generous donors to continue the initiatives that contribute towards a shared future for wildlife and people. Your gift will have a lasting impact.



# FOR WILD AUSTRALIA

Taronga is involved in the protection of many Australian endangered species through breeding programs and by releasing these zoo-bred animals back into the wild. We research issues affecting the species and educate the community about what they can do to help protect the animal. We even plant trees to regenerate the natural habitats.

Taronga is responsible for an annual zoo-based breeding and bi-annual wild release program for the critically endangered Regent Honeyeater. It is estimated that there are only about 300 left in the wild. Tagged birds are released, monitored and scientific findings recorded. Between 50-75 bred birds are released every other year until the population of Regent Honeyeaters has improved to the point at which it no longer meets threatened species status.

# HOW WE HELP AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS



**Christmas Island**  
Christmas Island Flying Fox Health, Ecology and Conservation



**Kimberley Region**  
Banking Cane Toad Predators



**Western Australia**  
Understanding shark attacks: Sensory cues emitted by aquatic mammals and humans  
Carnaby's Black Cockatoo Conservation



**Dubbo**  
Tasmanian Devil nutritional requirements

**Western NSW**  
Greater Bilby Conservation with Australian Wildlife Conservancy

**Riverina**  
George's Turtle Mortality Event Investigation  
Platypus conservation and management planning



**Tasmania**  
Contraception for Tasmanian Devil management



**Hunter Region**  
Disease Investigation – Eastern Grey Kangaroo Mass Mortality

**Highlands**  
Experimental reintroduction of Northern Corroboree Frogs  
Trialling fenced, disease-free enclosures to establish wild populations of Southern Corroboree Frogs

**Townsville**  
Resistance to Chytridiomycosis in Endangered frogs

**Great Barrier Reef**  
Preserving and growing coral for future restoration  
Investigating outbreaks of systemic coccidiosis of Green Turtles



**Central Coast**  
Do oil spills leave lasting health consequences for Pelicans?  
Effectiveness of wildlife corridors in the Gosford region



**Lord Howe Island**  
Satellite telemetry of Australian juvenile Loggerhead Turtles in the South Pacific Ocean



**Sydney**  
Regent Honeyeater Breeding Program

**Oceans South of Sydney**  
Marine parks, predators & hotspots  
Disease Investigation – Risso's Dolphin Mortality Investigation

**South Coast**  
Wild Shark Social Networks  
Long-nosed Potoroo Health Assessment and Translocation



Taronga has a strong commitment to research and conservation science across a range of disciplines including animal behaviour, reproduction, ecology, nutrition, genetics and wildlife health.

Here are just a few examples of the projects that Taronga is working on to protect animals in Australia.

# FOR WILD AROUND THE GLOBE

Taronga works in partnership with conservation experts and community groups around the world to identify and reduce key threats to endangered and critically endangered species, protect vital habitat for wildlife and address human-wildlife conflict.

The Sumatran Tiger is critically endangered in the wild, with fewer than 400 holding on for survival in fragile patches of forest on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia. Taronga's support assist in protecting and regenerating some of the few remaining tiger habitat areas, which also benefits many other endangered species such as Asian Elephants, Sumatran Rhinos, Orang-utan and Sun Bears. Taronga's support of Wildlife Protection Units also helps to reduce the number of Sumatran Tigers killed by illegal poaching activities.



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**Brazil**  
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**Nepal**  
360° Snow Leopard Conservation with National Trust for Nature Conservation



**China**  
Giant Panda sperm cryopreservation and metabolism



**Sumatra**  
Rhino protection with Intentiona Rhino Foundation



**South East Asia**  
Stopping Wildlife Trade with TRAFFIC

**Beads for Wildlife**  
Supporting people and wildlife in Northern Kenya through alternative incomes and anti-poaching patrols



**Wildlife Witness**  
Combating illegal wildlife trade for greater protection of wildlife around the world including Sun Bears, rhinoceros and elephants



# FOR THE SICK AND INJURED

Taronga's two Wildlife Hospitals care for and treat around 1,200 animals every year. Both hospitals, at Taronga Zoo in Sydney and Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo, are responsible for maintaining the health of the Zoos' animals, and treat and rehabilitate wildlife brought to the hospitals.

Taronga's hospitals provide a high standard of care, and have well-equipped, modern veterinary facilities. A dedicated team of professionals work together with the keepers to deliver first class diagnostic services and veterinary care for a wide range of Australian and exotic animals.

*The Marine Turtle Satellite Tracking Project enables monitoring of marine turtles treated and released from Taronga Wildlife Hospital. Research into their movement and survival will shed light on the behaviour of marine turtles along the East Coast.*





## JACQUELINE CROOKSTON

“I have loved animals all my life and it gives me great pleasure to help them receive the best husbandry and veterinary care possible.”

A bequest, left by the late Jacqueline Crookston, enabled the Taronga Wildlife Hospital to purchase a much needed digital x-ray machine. The new equipment now makes it possible to radiograph any creature from the world’s smallest gliding mammal to the large and rather muscular Red Kangaroos. Providing amazing detail and flexibility, the new system makes veterinary diagnosis easier and speedier, limiting the amount of time animals need to be under anaesthetic.

Taronga would not have been able to purchase the state-of the art technology without the generous bequest from Ms Crookston, a long-time supporter.

# HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

A bequest is an instruction in your Will to leave a gift (money, property or other asset) to a specific person, organisation or charity. Your Will is an important document that must be properly prepared and executed and we recommend that you seek legal advice when writing or updating your Will to ensure that your wishes are met.

After your loved ones are provided for, you may want to consider leaving a gift to Taronga Conservation Society Australia.

## **There are several types of bequests, which include:**

- Residuary: The remainder of your estate
- Percentage: A percentage of your estate
- Pecuniary: A fixed cash amount
- A specific asset: A fixed asset such as shares, real estate or other particular items of value
- Alternate: in the event that your Executor is unable to distribute some part of your estate (for example if a nominated beneficiary predeceases you).

Every gift whether small or large will help Taronga secure a shared future for wildlife and people.

When we receive a legacy at Taronga, we direct the funds where they are most needed. If you are considering specifying a particular animal or project, however, please bear in mind that a Will is generally written many years before coming into effect, and that Taronga's priorities may change over that time. Therefore we ask that you consider granting Taronga the authority to respond to these changing needs if required.

## **Leaving a gift in your Will is easy:**

- Consult a solicitor
- Make your Will or update it. A codicil can be added to your existing Will noting the change. This can be done via written (email) exchange and signing the amendment at the solicitor.
- Include in your Will the type of gift you wish to give to charity



A large chimpanzee and a smaller baby chimpanzee are walking through tall grass. The large chimpanzee is on the right, looking towards the camera. The baby chimpanzee is on the left, looking towards the right. The background is a soft-focus green field.

# FRIENDS *of* THE FUTURE

If you leave a gift in your Will you may like to consider becoming a Friend of the Future, joining a special group of our most committed supporters.

'Friends of the Future' receive invitations to special events and up-to-date news through our quarterly magazine, *Wild Life*.

With your permission, Taronga will also honour and acknowledge your generosity and legacy through a plaque in our 'Partners in Conservation' gallery' near Taronga Zoo's top entrance. In this way, friends and family can be comforted in the knowledge that their loved one's values live on and are appreciated and publicly recognised.

# OUR BEQUEST CHARTER

As a conservation organisation with responsibility for the care of wildlife, we ensure that at all times the needs, interests and welfare of our animals is a primary consideration. We believe that good animal welfare is essential, and will also assist us to achieve our conservation goals.

## **When you entrust us with a gift in your will, we ensure that:**

- We acknowledge the significance of your wish to benefit Taronga Conservation Society Australia as part of your last Will & Testament
- We understand that loved ones come first, and we encourage you to discuss your intentions with them before finalising your Will.
- We will always respect your privacy. We will not disclose any information you give us without your expressed permission.
- We will invest your gift responsibly and cost effectively so that it has the greatest impact towards our vision to secure a shared future for wildlife and people; we protect threatened species, increase understanding of wildlife and inspire community action.
- We would love to know that you have included Taronga in your Will, so that we can discuss any wishes you may have and give you the option of having your name inscribed in our 'Partners in Conservation' gallery at Taronga Zoo. Naturally, we understand if you decide not to tell us.
- We will give you and your loved ones the choice and opportunity to connect with the work we do, which is made possible by gifts like yours.



# FOR YOUR SOLICITOR

Please complete the form below and take along to your solicitor

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give to  
Taronga Conservation Society Australia (ABN 41 733 619 876):

the whole of my estate

% percent of my estate

% percent of the residue of my estate

the sum of

\$

My  
(insert name of asset)

I declare that the receipt of the Chairperson of the  
Zoological Parks Board of NSW or the Chairperson's  
delegate shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors  
for this bequest.



# FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like discuss your wishes or have any further questions please contact us over the phone or come and meet us at Taronga Zoo, on Bradleys Head Road in Mosman.

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