Plant a seed by leaving a gift in your Will
The Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia is a living and preserved collection of rare and beautiful species from across the world. The gardens are a living, pulsing, breathing reminder of the beauty and variety of nature. They belong to all South Australians. By leaving a gift in your Will you can help to ensure they thrive long into the future.

WE PRESERVE THE PAST
Our three gardens encompass plants from tropical to cool climates. Our State Herbarium contains more than one million specimens, and the Santos Museum of Economic Botany is one of the last remaining museums of its kind in the world.

WE PLANT THE FUTURE
We grow rare and threatened species. Our Seed Conservation Centre works hard to save threatened South Australian species by collecting and banking seeds from across the state and partnering with local land managers to restore degraded habitat.

WE CELEBRATE THE MAGIC OF PLANTS
Each year more than 17,000 children participate in our education programs, while 2.6 million people visit to stroll, picnic, celebrate, wonder and remember. In 1868 the exotic *Victoria amazonica* waterlily caused a sensation when it flowered for the first time at Adelaide Botanic Garden, attracting almost one-third of the state’s population in just 20 days. In the summer of 2015-2016 the exotic *Amorphophallus titanum*, or Corpse Flower, attracted 16,000 visitors and 2 million online viewers during its rare flowering.
ADELAIDE BOTANIC GARDEN

Adelaide Botanic Garden and the adjacent Botanic Park cover 50 hectares of magnificently maintained gardens and stunning architecture. It is an outstanding cultural asset, and a credit to those early donors and gardeners who began to plan and plant it over 160 years ago. Those who began the planting planned a garden that could be built upon, and would provide a green oasis for the city that grew around it.

They knew they would never get to see the gardens in their full glory. Instead they planted for their children and grandchildren – and we are the beneficiaries of their dedication.

Gardeners at Adelaide Botanic Garden circa 1900

“A stunning environment in the midst of a busy city. Shade and light, shape and texture; a precious heritage.”

Lindy, garden visitor
GORGEOUS TRANQUIL SETTINGS — lovely to sit and listen to the birds and wildlife.

Tracy, garden visitor

MOUNT LOFTY BOTANIC GARDEN
Planned in 1958 and finally opened to the public in 1977, this garden of 97 hectares is famous for its spectacular autumn colours and hidden gullies of cool-climate plants. It features rare magnolias, camellias and rhododendrons, and is much loved by Adelaide Hills residents.

WITTUNGA BOTANIC GARDEN
Wittunga, in Blackwood, was bequeathed to the Botanic Gardens of South Australia by the Ashby family in 1965. This extraordinarily generous gift has enabled us to showcase a collection of water-wise plants from South Australia and South Africa, across 14 hectares. This wonderful gift that the Ashby family willed to the people of South Australia is still remembered and enjoyed today, and we thank the family for their gift.
When Lyn Edwards moved to Crafers in the Adelaide Hills in the 1980’s she discovered Mount Lofty Botanic Garden. She spent her lunchtimes walking in Rhododendron Gully and watching the gardens transform with each season.

Being a gardener herself Lyn knows the time and effort it takes to nurture one. She thinks of both Mount Lofty and Adelaide Botanic Garden as her own private oasis - so she feels it is only natural she should give back. Lyn believes ‘if you love the gardens, support them’.

‘We needed to rewrite our Wills, and after looking after our daughter we thought about what else we love. I have loved these gardens for 25 years. It is nice to know that when I am gone a beautiful garden will continue for others to enjoy, partly because of my help – that is a lovely thought.’

Dr Lyn Edwards
Volunteer garden guide
Edite Nicholls always appreciated the beauty of plants, especially magnolias. She shared her love of nature with her husband John.

JOHN HAS REMEMBERED HIS WIFE EDITE THROUGH A LIVING WILL

When the love of his life passed away John wanted to remember Edite in a very special way. He chose to donate her entire life insurance policy to the Botanic Gardens. This extremely generous gift set up Magnolia Gully at Mount Lofty Botanic Garden in 1977.

Since then John has visited their special place regularly and recently donated several ‘Black Tulip’ magnolias to add to the collection.

John wants to ensure Magnolia Gully remains beautiful well into the future. That is why he is leaving a gift to the Gardens in his Will.

“I’ve always wanted to leave the world a better place. My daughter Jenny knows all about my wishes and is very supportive.”

John Nicholls, magnolia lover and generous donor
Leaving a gift in your Will to the Gardens will help to maintain our living collections, extend our education programs, and continue vital research into threatened species and our South Australian flora.

When you leave a gift in your Will you can be sure the things you are passionate about will live on after you have gone. You can plant a living legacy that will flourish for generations to come.

You can leave a gift to be used exclusively at one of our three garden sites at Adelaide, Mount Lofty or Wittunga Botanic Gardens; or the State Herbarium or SA Seed Conservation Centre. You can also leave a gift for general purposes, to be used at the discretion of the Board of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium. In both cases, rather than being used for day-to-day expenses, your gift will be held separately in a reserve fund, allowing your gift to grow until a suitable project becomes available – often a new living collection or important research.

You can leave:
- a specific amount of money, property, insurance, shares etc
- a percentage of your estate
- the remainder of your estate after your beneficiaries have been provided for (known as a residual gift)
- your entire estate or your entire estate in the event that you outlive your heirs

**Wording for your Will**

Your solicitor can draft a new Will or add a charitable gift to your existing Will.

‘I give to the Trustee for Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation Fund (ABN 27 967 437 460) (the Foundation)…..

**TYPE OF GIFT**
the sum of $___________or
my_____________ (eg, property or proceeds of insurance policy) or
a percentage of ________% of my estate or
a percentage of ________% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate or
the whole of my estate

**PURPOSE OF GIFT**
To be used for…..
its general purposes or
Adelaide Botanic Garden or
Mount Lofty Botanic Garden or
Wittunga Botanic Garden or
the State Herbarium or
the South Australian Seed Conservation Centre

…..for which an authorised receipt from the Foundation will be a sufficient discharge for my Executor.’

**PLEASE NOTE**
The Trustee for Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation Fund represents Adelaide Botanic Garden Foundation, Mount Lofty Botanic Garden Foundation, Wittunga Botanic Garden Foundation, and Botanic Gardens of South Australia Foundation.
A Garden Tribute Seat allows you to remember a loved one of your own, or be remembered yourself. A memorial plaque on a seat at any of our three gardens lasts for 10 years, and provides a tranquil and personal space for quiet reflection. You can remember a family member or friend now. You can also let your own family know that you would like to be remembered this way.

You can let your loved ones know now that you would like funeral donations to be made to the Gardens in your memory, rather than floral tributes at your funeral. Memorial donation envelopes are available for distribution to funeral attendees.

Please do let us know if you intend to remember the Gardens in your Will. You can do this by writing to us, telephoning, having your solicitor confirm this with us, or sending a copy of the relevant extract from your Will.

Thank you for remembering the Gardens.
When I am gone a **Beautiful Garden** will continue for others to enjoy.

*Lyn Edwards, Volunteer Garden Guide*

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