

# Leave a gift in your will

Help Merri Creek's future by leaving a bequest

If you love Merri Creek and wish to help protect it beyond your lifetime, please consider making a gift in your will to Merri Creek Management Committee. Your gift could help turbocharge our habitat restoration program, enable more kids to get involved in learning about the creek, support our partnership with Wurundjeri Traditional Owners, help protect endangered species, and more.

Your gift, large or small, will fund important projects which may not otherwise be possible.

Making a will is the best way to make sure your wishes are fulfilled. It needn't be complicated or expensive, but we recommend that you seek the services of an Australian lawyer to ensure your wishes and intentions are recorded correctly.

Here are some ways in which you can make a bequest to the Merri Creek Management Committee:

- leave the residue of your estate after specific bequests have been left to family and friends;
- leave a nominated portion or a fixed percentage of your estate. This guards against the effects of inflation over time;
- leave a specific gift, such as property or shares.

Remember to review your will every few years to ensure it still reflects your wishes.

## You may like to use the following wording as a guide:

*'I bequeath, free of all duties [insert here details of the bequest] to Merri Creek Management Committee Inc (ABN 13 025 599 242), to be used for its general purposes. The written receipt of the Secretary or other officer of MCMC may be accepted by my executors as a full and complete discharge.'*

To be certain that your bequest reaches us, it is important to use our full legal name ('Merri Creek Management Committee Inc') and registered Australian Business Number (ABN 13 025 599 242).



## **Adding to an existing will**

If you are generally happy with your existing will but you would like to include a bequest to Merri Creek Management Committee, you can add a codicil. It must be signed and witnessed in the same way as your will. Always seek legal advice when making any changes to your will.

## **Get in touch**

We understand that making your will is a very personal matter. But if you have already included Merri Creek Management Committee in your will, or are considering doing so, please let us know so we can let you know about our community events. All bequest information is held in the utmost confidence.

## **Contact**

If you'd like to discuss your bequest ideas, or advise us of an intended gift, please email us at [bequests@mcmc.org.au](mailto:bequests@mcmc.org.au) or telephone Bernadette Thomas on (03) 9380 8199.

Thank you for your consideration. A gift in your will gives Merri Creek a lasting future.

## **Merri Creek Management Committee**

Merri Creek Management Committee is a not-for-profit organisation which works to preserve the natural and cultural heritage of Merri Creek and its tributaries, their corridors and associated ecological communities.

Find out more about us at [www.mcmc.org.au](http://www.mcmc.org.au)

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