



# Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater

## How to make a bequest to the Friends

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### **Helmeted Honeyeaters need Friends for Life**

The activities of Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater have been able to grow in recent years through the generosity of those who have made a gift to us through their Will. Our community nursery, for example, will receive a much needed upgrade in 2010-11 to ensure continuity of water supply over summer through the support of bequests and member donations. As a result, our work of protecting and planting habitat for the Helmeted Honeyeater and the other fauna and flora species that co-exist with it has been greatly enhanced into the future.

### **Some things to consider before making a bequest**

A clearly written and up-to-date Will is the only way that you can be absolutely certain that your Estate will be distributed according to your wishes. You can provide security for your family and friends, and, at the same time, take the opportunity to further support the causes that have been most important to you during your lifetime.

To make a bequest, you must either make a Will, or supplement your existing Will. We strongly recommend that you seek professional legal advice when making your Will, however, here are some ways in which you can make a bequest to Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater:

- With a residual bequest you can provide for your family and friends first and leave what is left (the residue) to Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater
- Leave a percentage or nominated portion of your Estate or of the residue to Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater
- Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater can be the beneficiary of a life insurance policy
- You may wish to make a bequest that takes effect after the death of your partner or other family member; your beneficiary would retain your Estate during their lifetime, after which the indicated portion would be passed on to Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater.

Remember that the effects of inflation may, over time, devalue a specific cash sum: this type of bequest may need to be reviewed regularly.

### **The right wording**

Once you have decided on the type of bequest you would like to make, ask your solicitor to draft the appropriate clause. You may use the following wordings as a guide.

*'I bequeath [insert here the details of the bequest eg. the whole/a percentage/something specific/residue] of my estate to Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater or successor organisation of P.O. Box 131, Woori Yallock, in the State of Victoria, 3139 for purposes that it shall determine, and this bequest will be free from all duties. The receipt of this bequest by any authorised officer of Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater or successor organisation shall form valid discharge to my executor.'*

Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater is an incorporated organisation. Our incorporation number is A0020449D. Our ABN is 11 091 816 085.

Your gift will be allocated to the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater's Member Donations fund. A project is determined each year by the Friends committee to which donations are allocated. Projects underpin Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater's core aims. These aims are:

- To protect existing habitat and plant future habitat for the Helmeted Honeyeater
- To raise awareness about the plight of the Helmeted Honeyeater and enlist broad community support for the Recovery project.

### **Changing your Will**

If your existing Will is satisfactory but you would like to include a bequest to Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater, you can add a codicil that must be signed and witnessed the same way as your Will. Always seek legal advice when changing your Will.

### **Please let us know**

We understand that making your Will is a very personal matter. But if you have already remembered Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater in your Will, or are considering doing so, advising Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater of your bequest enables us to thank you personally.

Alternatively, you may ask your solicitor to inform us on your behalf.

Please be assured that any bequest information passed on to Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater will be held in the utmost confidence.

### **Further information**

For further information about making a bequest to Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater, or any other aspect of our work, please contact the Friends on 03 5964 8341 or email [heho1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:heho1@optusnet.com.au).

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