



**QUEENSLAND
MUSEUM**
FOUNDATION

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Queensland Museum acknowledges the First Peoples – the Traditional Owners of the lands, seas and skies where we live and work – and we recognise their continuing connection to community and Country. We pay respect to Elders, past and present, and traditional cultural, spiritual and educational practices. We appreciate the important role First Nations people play in Queensland’s story – past, present and future.

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Dilly bag from Cape York, Queensland.
The dilly bag has both a practical purpose and cultural meaning.

From ancient artefacts to modern innovations, each of our sites shares a unique strand in Queensland's evolving story.

QUEENSLAND MUSEUM KURILPA, BRISBANE

Our iconic museum showcasing world-class exhibitions and diverse stories.

QUEENSLAND MUSEUM COBB+CO, TOOWOOMBA

Celebrating the region's extraordinary pioneering heritage.

QUEENSLAND MUSEUM RAIL WORKSHOPS, IPSWICH

The birthplace of rail and industry in Queensland.

QUEENSLAND MUSEUM TROPICS, TOWNSVILLE

Exploring the natural and cultural diversity of North Queensland.

QUEENSLAND MUSEUM COLLECTIONS & RESEARCH CENTRE, HENDRA

The home of research and behind-the-scenes care for our collections.

► Senior Curator of Maritime Archaeology, Dr Maddy McAllister, behind the scenes at Queensland Museum Tropics.





PLAY YOUR PART IN
QUEENSLAND'S STORY:
**WE CAN'T TELL IT
WITHOUT YOU**

UNIQUELY QUEENSLAND

Since 1862, Queensland Museum has brought together science, natural and social histories, and cultural heritage to inspire curiosity and share knowledge.

Our extraordinary collections include more than 15 million natural history specimens, geological treasures and cultural artefacts, representing the unique stories of Queensland and beyond.

Our registered charity, the Queensland Museum Foundation (ABN 71 409 081 264), raises essential funds to support everything we do, from scientific research and conservation of collection items to public exhibitions, education programs, and inclusive community activities.

YOUR WILL, YOUR WISHES

Your Will ensures that everything you have worked hard for in your lifetime is passed on in accordance with your wishes. After making provisions for your family and other loved ones, you may want to consider a gift in your Will to the causes you care about.

**A gift in your Will
to the Queensland
Museum Foundation
can provide vital support
to preserve and share
Queensland's natural
and cultural heritage
for future generations
to experience.**

Every gift, large or small, makes a difference.

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL IS AN INCREDIBLE ACT OF GENEROSITY.

Your gift, no matter the size, will leave an enduring impact for this generation and the next.

A gift in your Will to the Queensland Museum Foundation could help us:

- conserve and restore fragile artefacts.
- acquire new objects to enhance the State Collection.
- continue our ground-breaking scientific research including identifying new and at-risk species.
- support a curatorial or research position.
- develop new exhibitions and refurbish galleries to engage and inspire people of all ages.
- deliver learning programs, in person and online, to connect with communities across Queensland.

► *Muttaburrasaurus langdoni*, Queensland Museum Kurilpa.

AN ENDURING IMPACT





Stories of Generosity

THE JOE FRANCSE COLLECTION

A passionate amateur mineralogist, Joe Francese gathered an exceptional private collection of more than 7,000 mineral specimens during his lifetime. Joe generously gifted the collection to Queensland Museum in his Will.

The Joe Francese Collection features a wide range of Australian and international minerals, gemstones and carved stones. It is one of the most comprehensive, well-documented and scientifically important collections of its kind in Australia, an invaluable resource for future research and education.

Queensland Museum Kurilpa is proud to showcase stunning specimens from the Joe Francese Collection in its *Minerals: Inspirational Treasures from the Earth* gallery.

- ◀ Dodd Case No. 18: New Guinea butterflies, *Papilio ulysse*.
- ◀ Linarite and Brochantite, Joe Francese Collection.
- ◀ *Sea Monsters*, Queensland Museum Tropics.

THE HARRY WEST MEMORIAL FUND

Harry West was passionate about Queensland's history and heritage, on land and water. He included a financial gift in his Will to establish the Harry West Memorial Fund, a perpetual fund to support Queensland Museum.

Over the past 30 years, the Harry West Memorial Fund has generated a sustainable income stream, while the capital has been invested and preserved. In this way, Harry's extraordinary philanthropic legacy continues to make a significant contribution to what Queensland Museum can achieve.

How to leave a gift in your Will

When making or updating your Will, we strongly recommend you discuss your intentions with your family and seek legal advice from a qualified solicitor to ensure your Will is legally valid and correctly reflects your wishes.

Types of gifts in Wills:

A RESIDUARY GIFT is the gift of the remainder of your estate, or a share in the remainder, once your loved ones have been taken care of.

A SPECIFIC MONETARY GIFT is the gift of a fixed sum of money.

A SPECIFIC ASSET is the gift of a particular asset, such as real estate property, shares, jewellery, or an object of value.

Sample Will wording for a monetary gift to the Queensland Museum Foundation:

"I give [*the sum of \$_____*] or [*specific percentage of my estate*] to the Trustee for Queensland Museum Foundation Trust ABN 71 409 081 264 for its general charitable purposes. I declare that the receipt of the Trustee for Queensland Museum Foundation Trust shall be sufficient discharge to my executor / trustees. A general charitable intent applies to this gift."

Please note the information presented here is not legal advice.

► *Wild State*, Queensland Museum Kurilpa.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For many people, a gift in their Will is the most powerful philanthropic contribution they will ever make and requires careful consideration. Some common questions include:

My gift is not likely to be large. Will it still make a difference?

All gifts, no matter the size, make a significant impact, helping to ensure our remarkable objects and their stories live on to delight, inspire and inform people for generations to come.

I'd like my gift to be used for a particular museum or purpose; how do I do this?

An unrestricted monetary gift is always helpful as it allows the Queensland Museum Foundation to direct the funds wherever they're most needed when the time comes.

We understand many people feel passionate about a particular aspect of our work or one of our museums. If you have specific wishes attached to a gift in your Will, we welcome the opportunity to discuss your plans with you in advance, to ensure we can fulfil your wishes in future.

Can I leave an object to Queensland Museum?

Over the years, our collections have grown thanks to the generosity of individuals who have left objects of significance to the museum.

If you wish to leave a specific object or collection of objects in your Will, we welcome the opportunity to discuss your plans with you in advance, to ensure we can fulfil your wishes in future.

▼ Neck ornament consists of a polished pearl-shell surrounded by plaited rito.
© Queensland Museum, Peter Waddington.



▲ Image from the Fred Port Collection.

In 1862 the Queensland Philosophical Society founded the Queensland Museum in Brisbane, operating from a room set aside in the Old Windmill, which still stands in Spring Hill.

THE COXEN CIRCLE

The Coxen Circle honours those who have generously chosen to leave a gift in their Will to Queensland Museum. It is named in recognition of Charles and Elizabeth Coxen.

A passionate naturalist, Charles Coxen (1809–1876) was the first curator and secretary of Queensland Museum. His wife Elizabeth (1825–1906) was the first female member of the Royal Society of Queensland. Together, they helped establish Queensland Museum's early collections and its reputation for excellence.

Members of the Coxen Circle continue this legacy of exploration and education, ensuring Queensland Museum remains a place of inspiration and knowledge.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Thank you for choosing to support our work through the Queensland Museum Foundation. Your contribution will have lasting impact.

We understand the details of your Will are private. Please consider getting in touch to let us know—this allows the museum to thank you as a member of the Coxen Circle and ensure we can fulfil your wishes as you intend.

Informing us of a gift in your Will is non-binding and you are free to change your intentions at any stage in the future.

Contact Queensland Museum Foundation

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