

**HOW WILL YOUR VOICE
BE HEARD IN THE FUTURE?**

**REMEMBER THE GREENS WA
IN YOUR WILL AND YOUR
VISION LIVES ON**



**THE
GREENS**

Your bequest to the Greens will ensure that a brighter future will be left for a new generation. You don't have to be wealthy to make a difference. Any gift is a powerful way to influence the future landscape.

Jo Vallentine, Bequest Patron and Australia's first Greens Senator

THE GREENS ARE THE ONLY POLITICAL PARTY WITH A VISION FOR AUSTRALIA'S LONG-TERM FUTURE



Young Greens Charlotte, Georgia and Rai persuading voters to take action for a better future. *Photo: Georgia Blackburn*

Maybe you've supported the Greens WA for much of your life. Maybe you've only just discovered that the Greens express your values. Maybe you've had a fortunate life, and want to arm others to carry forward our work, maybe your life has been a struggle and you want to strengthen the voice for vulnerable Australians and our endangered environment in the future.

If you want the next generation and all future generations here and around the globe to have a world worth living in, please consider the Greens in your will. Your influence doesn't have to stop when you do. You can go on making a difference by leaving a bequest to the Greens WA in your will.





THIS COULD BE THE EASIEST WAY FOR YOU TO HAVE THE LARGEST IMPACT

THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE FUTURE YOU WANT FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

All bequests are placed in our Future Fund, established in 2014 under the patronage of Jo Vallentine. The first Green to sit in Federal Parliament, Jo is a tireless campaigner for social justice and a nuclear-free future.

This Fund is the backbone of our commitment to a sustainable future for us and the planet: whether that be our own office premises, additional professional staff or stronger community campaigning. Already more than 30 generous supporters have invested over half a million dollars in our future.



I love the idea that this fund, and our movement, will outlive any one of us. A Greek proverb runs that "a society grows great when elders plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." That's what this fund, and our work, means to me.

Former Senator, Scott Ludlam and founding donor to the Future Fund.

Photo: Shane Guthrie



OUR VALUED BEQUESTERS -AND WHY THEY ARE THINKING OF THE FUTURE

In 2016 Michele (Shell) Birkelbach, a registered nurse and Greens member, died far too young. Shell expressed her strong sense of civic responsibility through several bequests in her will, including the Greens (WA). We are touched and honoured that our first bequest came from Shell.

Shell with Spartacus



Doing more to protect the environment in general, and giving to the Greens in particular, is the best inheritance I can give to my children and grandchildren. Jo Vallentine and Scott Ludlam stood for outcomes such as global nuclear disarmament which are simply THE most important for the future of the planet. I can't easily emulate their contributions, but I can – and will – donate generously to the Greens (both while I am alive and in my will).

Norman Pater with Jo Vallentine. *Photo: Shane Guthrie*

Leaving a bequest to Greens WA gives me comfort that I can make a difference to the world of green politics long after I have gone.

Trish Cowcher-Guthrie with some of the Greens campaigning team.

Photo: Georgia Blackburn



My father was a committed 'citizen', engaging with our governments to make them serve us better. I honour Dad's vision by passing on to the Greens WA his bequest to me. F. Paul Bulbeck will still be holding governments to account, long after I have gone too!

Chilla Bulbeck with her father in the 1980s.

THE BOAB SOCIETY: EXPRESSING YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The Greens are the only political voice that stays true to our stated and shared values. We are the only party with a program of policies developed by our members. Greens around the world are united under the same four pillars we developed in the 1970s: a vision for a different society and politics. An understanding that humans are part of nature; a commitment to social justice and human values; peace and nonviolence and maximising participatory democracy.

Achieving these pillars is still a work in progress. We can only keep and strengthen the voice for nature and the community in Western Australia with bequests from people like you.

Those who have informed us of their intention to leave a gift in their will are invited to join the Boab Society. The Boab Tree prepares for the future by retaining moisture and providing food and medicine across its 2000 years lifetime. The Boab Society will celebrate our generous supporters with annual events, opportunities to meet our Greens politicians and party elders, and join the Greens community of benefactors who, like you, are creating a legacy of positive change.

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If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them

Henry David Thoreau, US environmental philosopher quoted by first female Australian Greens leader, Christine Milne

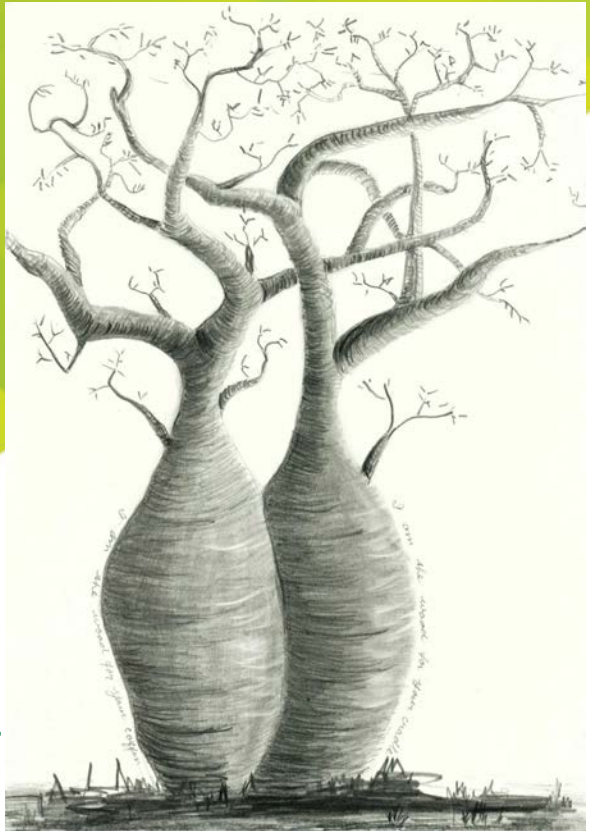


Image kindly supplied by the artist, Judy Warne.
Dunkeld 3294, "Off The Rails Gallery"



NUTS AND BOLTS: HOW TO REMEMBER THE GREENS IN YOUR WILL

Every person 18 years and over should have a valid will to express their wishes. You should update your will every few years to reflect changing personal circumstances.

Making your will can be simple and inexpensive. It must be in writing and signed before two witnesses who also must sign as witnesses. However, we suggest you consult a solicitor to ensure your intentions are clearly expressed and legally binding. If you already have a valid will, you can remember the Greens (WA) in a codicil added to your existing will.

Your donation can be

- a percentage: the most flexible way to give, as you don't have to adjust this as your assets change
- the residue: whatever is left in your estate, after you have made provision for your family and friends
- a fixed amount: which may need to be changed over time to account for inflation and your changed circumstances

References to bequests to the Greens (WA) in your will should include our full name: "The Greens (WA) Incorporated" and include our ABN: 41 747 355 722. Sample wording to leave a gift to the Greens

"I give to The Greens (WA) Inc. (ABN 41 747 355 722)% of my estate OR the rest and residue of my estate OR the sum of \$..... (nominated gift amount) for its general purposes free of all duties and taxes payable upon or in consequence of my death, and I declare that the receipt of its Secretary, Treasurer or other authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

If you decide to include the Greens (WA) in your will, please let us know or ask your solicitor to notify us. We want to thank you personally, invite you to join our Boab Society and make sure you are kept updated on our achievements.

WANT TO KNOW MORE OR INFORM US OF YOUR INTENTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT:

- **OUR BEQUEST CO-ORDINATOR, CHILLA BULBECK: 0407 165 753**
- **ROWENA IN THE GREENS OFFICE: (+618) (08) 6365 2131 or send an email to office@wa.greens.org.au**

All conversations are completely confidential and without obligation.



YOUR LIVING LEGACY – AN EXCEPTIONAL GIFT

Please complete this form for more information or to let us know you will leave a bequest. Your advice greatly helps us work with you to achieve a sustainable future society and environment. It will be treated in complete confidence. Thank you again for your support.

Confidential

To:

Title: Name:

Address:

Phone: Email:

Date of Birth (optional):

I have included the Greens WA in my will

I would like to be included in the Boab Society

I agree to my name being published on the Boab Society honour roll

I am intending to include the Greens WA when next I update or make my will

I would like more information on supporting the Greens through a gift in my will

All bequest gifts whatever their type or size are important to Greens WA. Upon receipt of your confirmation we would welcome the opportunity to thank you and invite you to Boab Society events and other special events.

Please return to:

Bequests Coordinator, c/- Office Manager, Rowena Skinner,
office@wa.greens.org.au, phone (08) 6365 2131

Or post to Bequests Coordinator, GWA, 1, 440 William St. Perth 6000.

Or fill out this form online at: greens.org.au/wa/makeabequest

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