

# Making a gift in your will

Your will is one of the most important statements of your life. By choosing to leave a gift to the Cawthron Foundation, you are supporting vital research to ensure that our waterways and natural environments will be healthy and safe for us and for future generations.

We suggest that you consult your legal advisor about preparing or amending your will.

General or unrestricted bequests allow the Foundation to apply the funds to areas of research with the greatest need and give flexibility to respond to changing priorities. Alternatively you can nominate an area of specific interest to you:

- Freshwater ecology
- Coastal and marine ecology
- Safe sustainable food supplies
- Biodiversity (endangered species)
- Scholarships and Fellowships



## Types of Bequests

There are three main types of bequests:

**Specific** – this is leaving a set amount

**e.g.** I (name) hereby give and bequeath \$50,000 to the Cawthron Foundation.

**Residual** – this is all, or a nominated percentage of the remaining funds after providing for family and/or friends

**e.g.** I (name) hereby give and bequeath the residue of my estate to the Cawthron Foundation.

**Percentage** – you may nominate a percentage or fraction of your estate

**e.g.** I (name) hereby give and bequeath 20% of my estate to the Cawthron Foundation.

More information on how Cawthron Foundation bequests are managed and the innovative research Cawthron Institute undertakes is available on our website [www.cawthron.org.nz/foundation](http://www.cawthron.org.nz/foundation)

*If you have already included a bequest to the Cawthron Foundation in your will, we would appreciate the opportunity to be able to thank you. This also allows us to plan better for the future.*

*There is no need to specify an amount, just a simple phone call. After acknowledging your support we will keep you up-to-date with our work through our newsletter and invitations to events.*

## We would love to talk with you.

Please contact the Cawthron Foundation team:

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*Cawthron Foundation - proudly supporting the Cawthron Institute.*



# Making a gift in your will to Cawthron Foundation

Enabling world class science that builds a better future for us all

# Thomas Cawthron – creating a lasting legacy

Thomas Cawthron was a businessman and visionary who knew scientific discovery and research were essential for a young New Zealand.

Motivated by this passion, in 1902 he made his will leaving the bulk of his estate to establish a research institute. It was the single largest bequest in New Zealand at the time and laid the foundation for the Cawthron Institute.

Today Thomas Cawthron's bequest is represented in the Institute's extensive research facilities and the 200 highly-qualified scientists, researchers, laboratory professionals and specialist staff.



## Over 100 years later and science is more important than ever

Cawthron Institute delivers world-class science and develops practical solutions that make a real contribution to our quality of life and the future health of our natural environment and resources.

You are just as likely to find our scientists in an estuary as in a lab, working to retain and improve the quality of New Zealand's vital ecologies. Our teams of dedicated scientists are passionate about the purity of our waterways and the health of our ecosystems.

Cawthron's earliest work played a pivotal role in understanding soils and crop production in our developing nation. The more recent focus on sustainability and environmental protection will ensure a healthy environment and economy for today's communities and future generations.

## Leaving your legacy for a better future

Your bequest will help to protect our environment for the future.

Cawthron Foundation is an independent charitable trust established to support the world-class, independent research developed and delivered by the Cawthron Institute to benefit New Zealand and our global environment.

A gift in your will to the Cawthron Foundation enables you to play a part in developing science for a better future. Your gift will be used to support and extend the work of our scientists to ensure our rivers, estuaries, oceans and food is safe for communities now and in the future.

