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BEQUESTS TO THE STATE LIBRARY OF NSW



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NEW SOUTH WALES



Help us **strengthen
and share** our
irreplaceable collection
and resources

THE STATE LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

is one of Australia's oldest and most important public institutions. Our Library is founded on the great benefactions of David Scott Mitchell and Sir William Dixson. Actively collecting since 1826, the Library preserves and presents the social, cultural and scientific history of our state and our nation for the benefit of all.

Its rich collections, both physical and digital, alongside partnerships with public libraries across NSW and other vibrant collaborations enable Australians to examine their past and imagine their future. In short, the Library occupies a unique position at the very heart of our civil society.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEQUESTS

A gift in your will, no matter the size, will make a difference. We need your help to acquire, conserve and share our collections, improve our facilities, offer free exhibitions and services, and run educational programs and fellowships.

MAKING A BEQUEST

All bequests are welcome. Your bequest can take the form of a residual gift, a percentage of your estate or a specific amount or assets such as shares, property, a book collection or work of art. Bequests can also be made in memory of loved ones.

If your gift includes materials intended for the Library's collection, please let us know first.

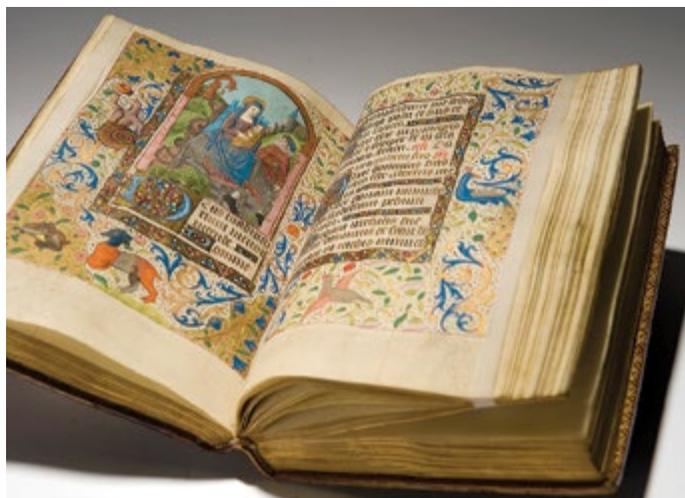
SUGGESTED WORDING

We recommend you speak to a solicitor about your intentions in regard to making a bequest. If a bequest is subject to any conditions, our Foundation Director can assist in determining how the Library is best able to fulfil your wishes.

Please see below for examples of suggested wording.

- **Leave us the residue of your estate (after you have taken care of your family and friends). This is called a 'residual bequest'.**
'I give and bequeath to the State Library of New South Wales Foundation (ABN 76 343 150 267), of 1 Shakespeare Place, Sydney, NSW, Australia, the residue of my estate to be used for its general purposes.'

- **Leave us a percentage of your estate.**
'I give and bequeath to the State Library of New South Wales Foundation (ABN 76 343 150 267), of 1 Shakespeare Place, Sydney, NSW, Australia, (the desired percentage) of my estate to be used for its general purposes.'
- **Leave us a specific amount or asset.**
'I give and bequeath to the State Library of New South Wales Foundation (ABN 76 343 150 267), of 1 Shakespeare Place, Sydney, NSW, Australia, the sum of \$(amount) to be used for its general purposes.'



JOIN OUR LIBRARY CIRCLE

Supporters who have notified us of their intentions to leave a gift to the Library in their will are invited to join the exclusive Library Circle program. If you wish to join this program you will enjoy a closer relationship with the Library through functions and behind-the-scenes viewings.

As a way of showing our deep appreciation, members of the Library Circle are publicly acknowledged.



PLEASE CONTACT US

If you are considering or have already included the Library in your will, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and answer any questions you might have. However, the Library also respects the wishes of those who prefer to remain anonymous.

We appreciate that your will is very personal and any information you provide will be treated confidentially.

If you would like to receive more information or have a behind-the-scenes viewing of the Library, please contact:

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Cover: Sam Hood's eldest son, Albert, in between his cousins; he is holding his child, Jeanette, c. 1922, photograph by Sam Hood
Home and Away - 7279

Back: View from North Sydney showing the near closure of two spans, 1930-1932? (detail), photograph by Ted Hood
Home and Away - 2181

Inside: Mitchell Library reading room, gala night 2010

Book of Hours, Northern France, late 15th century, Safe 1/7d
Bequest of David Scott Mitchell, 1907

First World War diaries from the Library's collection

All other photographic/
imaging work by Digitisation
& Imaging Services,
State Library of NSW