

## Does the ASF/KCF have charitable status?

Yes.

The Australian Speleological Federation and The ASF Karst Conservation Fund are entered on the Register of Environmental Organisations. Donations are tax deductible under sections 30–15, 30–55 and subdivision 30-E of the Income Tax Act 1997.

## What Kinds of gifts can I make to the ASF/KCF?

- A percentage or fraction of your estate; or
- your whole estate;
- A residual gift which is the remainder of your Estate after first leaving gifts to your loved ones and payment of any other financial commitments;
- A pecuniary gift for a specific amount of money. This can be money, property, including land, or shares.

For more information see:

<https://www.includecharity.com.au/make-a-will/how-to-leave-a-gift-to-charity/>



**Contact** the ASF General Secretary for an information pack with more information with regard to leaving a bequest to The ASF Karst Conservation Fund or the Australian Speleological Federation Inc at:

[asf.caves.info@gmail.com](mailto:asf.caves.info@gmail.com)

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# Bequest Information

Australian Speleological Federation or  
The ASF Karst Conservation Fund  
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### **How can I leave a lasting legacy to the ASF or The ASF Karst Conservation Fund?**

By leaving a gift to Australian Speleological Federation Inc (ASF) or The ASF Karst Conservation Fund (KCF) in your Will, you will be playing a vital role in helping to foster the environmental aim of the ASF, namely to safeguard and protect the natural environment, specifically the cave and karst environment of Australia.

You can be confident your contribution will be positioned where it can make the biggest difference to Australia's caves and karst. As we cannot predict future concerns and needs, we ask that you allow ASF/KCF to direct your gift to the area of greatest need at the time.

**We recommend you seek the advice of a solicitor or Public Trustee when making your Will. The information in this document is not intended to replace or substitute the advice of a qualified solicitor.**

### **How will my gift help?**

There are many ways your bequest will help protect Australia's caves and karst environments.

### **Past projects** included:

Funding was provided to: construct and install a gate in the sand trap section of Dogleg Cave, Wee Jasper, NSW by the Canberra Speleological Society Inc assisted by other caving groups of ASF; Southern Tasmanian Caverneers to support their re-survey of Exit Cave in Tasmania over week-long expeditions.

**Current Projects** funded by the KCF include: an investigation into the Habitat Use and Nightly Foraging Flight Activity of the Southern Bent-wing Bat using miniature GPS trackers by University of Adelaide; the Vulnerability of Australian bats to white-nose syndrome - a catastrophic fungal disease by Western Sydney University; Promote the Australian Cave Animal of the Year which was launched in January 2019 and aims to raise the profile of cave animals in the community and draw attention to the importance of caves as important animal habitat; relocating lost and incorrectly numbered caves and karst features and locate and document possible new dolines and cave entrances in the vicinity of the Kelly Hill tourist caves on Kangaroo Island using aerial and LIDAR imagery, drones, and ground survey methods by the Speleo clubs in South Australia; assessing the impact of a major bushfire on the Yarrangobilly West Deep Creek doline and cave environments and

monitoring the natural recovery process by Highland Caving Group.

**Future Projects** may include: funding an inventory of Australian enigmatic but at-risk cave crickets for conservation that will describe upwards of ten new cave cricket species, produce an accessible key to species identification for use by cavers, consultants and robustly characterise the cave crickets nationwide.

### **What steps do I need to take to leave a bequest to the ASF/KCF?**

**Step 1** Think about your family and who will benefit from your will?

**Step 2** Find a solicitor or Public Trustee and make an appointment to see the solicitor.

**Step 3** Prepare the wording in your will.

**Step 4** Let us know of your intentions.

Please let us know of your intentions by sending an extract of your Will to our General Secretary at

[asf.caves.info@gmail.com](mailto:asf.caves.info@gmail.com)

### **How can I change my existing Will?**

You may have already made your Will and feel that it is satisfactory. In this case, you may simply like to add a Codicil setting out your instructions for a bequest to ASF/KCF. This is the simplest way to include ASF/KCF in your current Will. You will need to ensure it is signed and witnessed by a solicitor or Public Trustee.