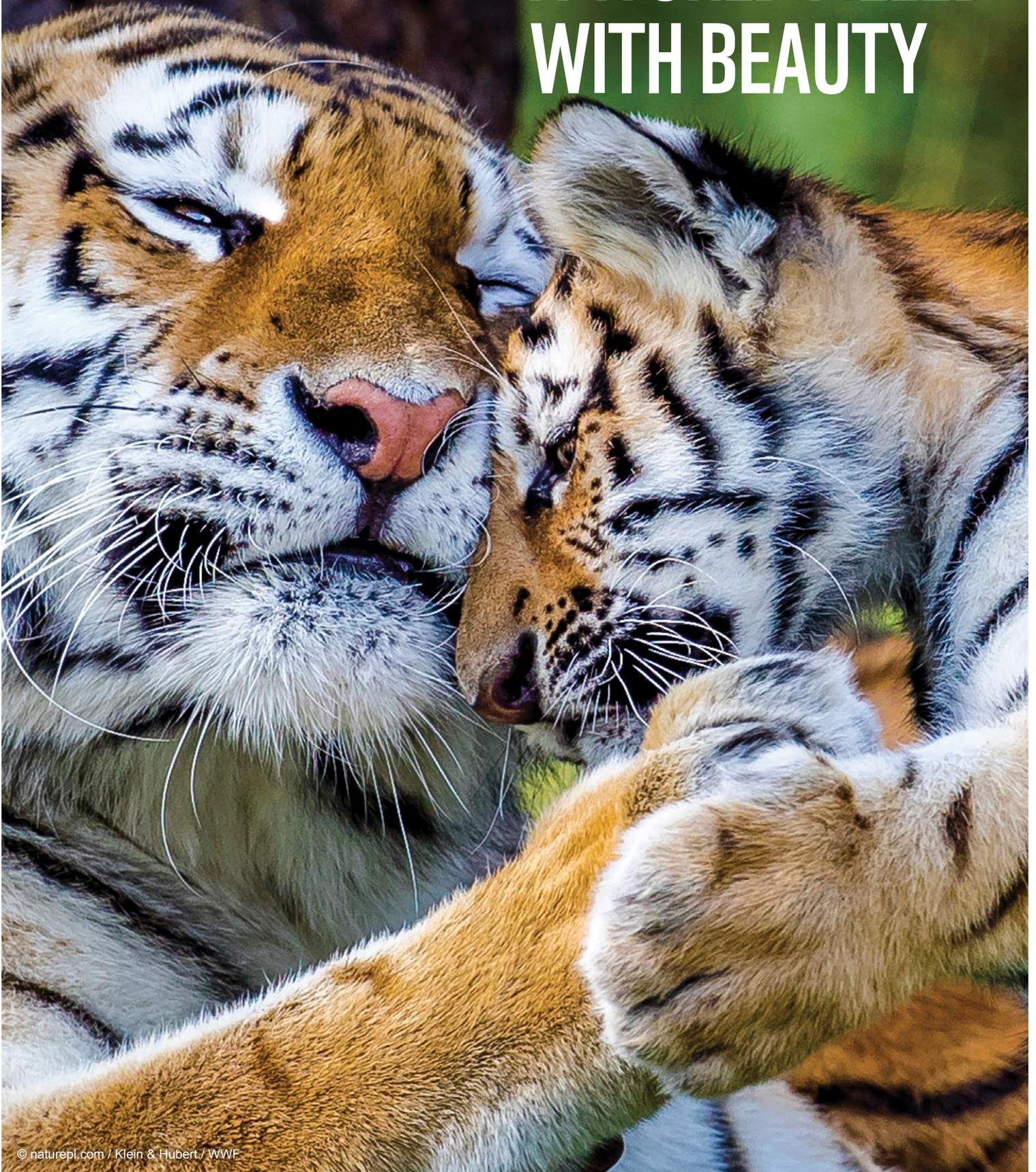




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THE WORLD YOU  
HAVE TO GIVE IS  
A WORLD FILLED  
WITH BEAUTY





**“If we take care of nature,  
nature will take care of us.”**

**Sir David Attenborough**

# FOR NATURE, FOREVER

## Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will

Throughout this booklet you'll learn more about the dedicated defenders of our wild places and species. Whether to plant and protect native habitat, or restore global tiger numbers—your decision to join these defenders is more important than ever before.

The beauty of our bushlands, forests and oceans, and the precious animals that rely on these unique landscapes need support to survive. Put simply, global conservation efforts rely on the support of dedicated people like you.

Every gift helps fund projects that protect animals, habitats, and humanity across the globe.

However, it is the most remarkable gift of all—a gift in your Will—that opens new doors. Every gift from a Will helps us respond faster to crises, commit to long-term projects, and expand our capacity to meet the challenges the planet faces.

The changes you wish to see are only achievable when we stand together to

protect the natural world we love. And including WWF-Australia in your Will is the most significant way you can ensure long-term programs in Australia, and worldwide, can continue.

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**“After I moved to Australia I soon became concerned about the plight of much of the country’s wildlife. 60 years later I’m still a WWF supporter and continuing my legacy to nature with a gift in my Will.”**

David Waterhouse



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# OUR CONNECTION TO NATURE IS A GIFT

Our earliest memories are filled with nature; from exploring the bush or rainforest, playing at the beach, or being awed by animals in our own backyards. The love you have for nature is what drives you to protect it.

Across the globe, our natural world is facing unprecedented challenges. You've lived through bushfires, deforestation and extreme weather events. You've felt the fear when wondering what kind of world future generations will experience, and which wonders may be lost forever.

Only together can we save what we love.

A gift in your Will is much more than a donation. It is a statement of your belief in a future where humans live in harmony with nature—where we can create everlasting havens for wildlife, and a healthy planet for people.

When you make a gift in your Will to WWF, you're acting on your true and deep love of nature. By making a gift in your Will, you are offering new opportunities: to halt extinction, meet climate challenges,

and better protect the natural world you know and love.

At this critical moment for our environment, a legacy of protection, preservation and care for the natural world can be your gift to nature and to the future. You can protect more than humanity. You can protect wildlife on the brink of being lost forever.

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**The places you love, their wonder and their majesty must be protected. And they can be, with your help.**



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# VISIONARY FUTURES REQUIRE VISIONARY PEOPLE

**Your gift will give our natural world the chance  
it needs to face the gravest threats.**

Already generous gifts have helped pioneer conservation programs that are reversing the damage humanity has wreaked upon natural environments.

Globally, the TX2 program—aiming to **double the number of tigers** living in the wild—has shown thrilling signs of progress. For the first time in history tiger numbers are on the rise.

At home in Australia, in the aftermath of the disastrous bushfires of 2019–20, WWF-Australia launched **Regenerate Australia**, a visionary program to respond urgently to the needs of fire-affected wildlife; protect & restore what remains; and future-proof Australia's landscapes.

**In the coming decade WWF is committed to:**

- Protect at least 30% of all land, sea and freshwater;
- Halt species extinction caused by human activity;
- Halve the footprint of consumption and production;
- Support Indigenous Peoples and local communities to govern and sustainably manage their lands, territories and waters;
- Feed the world within planetary boundaries;
- Shape the global nature agenda through policy and advocacy.

Our goals are ambitious, but they must be. For species like tigers and koalas this is not a matter of conviction—it is their last chance.

**We must act.**

The decision to give the greatest gift of all is an act of hope in a future where the most vulnerable species can thrive in their natural environment once more. A hope that the impact of humans can be reversed and our precious environment returned to what it once was.

It requires visionary people determined to make the crucial decision to protect our planet.

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**It's these decisions, formed by a  
love for nature, and strengthened  
by a vision for a better world,  
that will ensure we can rise to  
any challenge—together.**

# NICK'S WISH FOR THE FUTURE

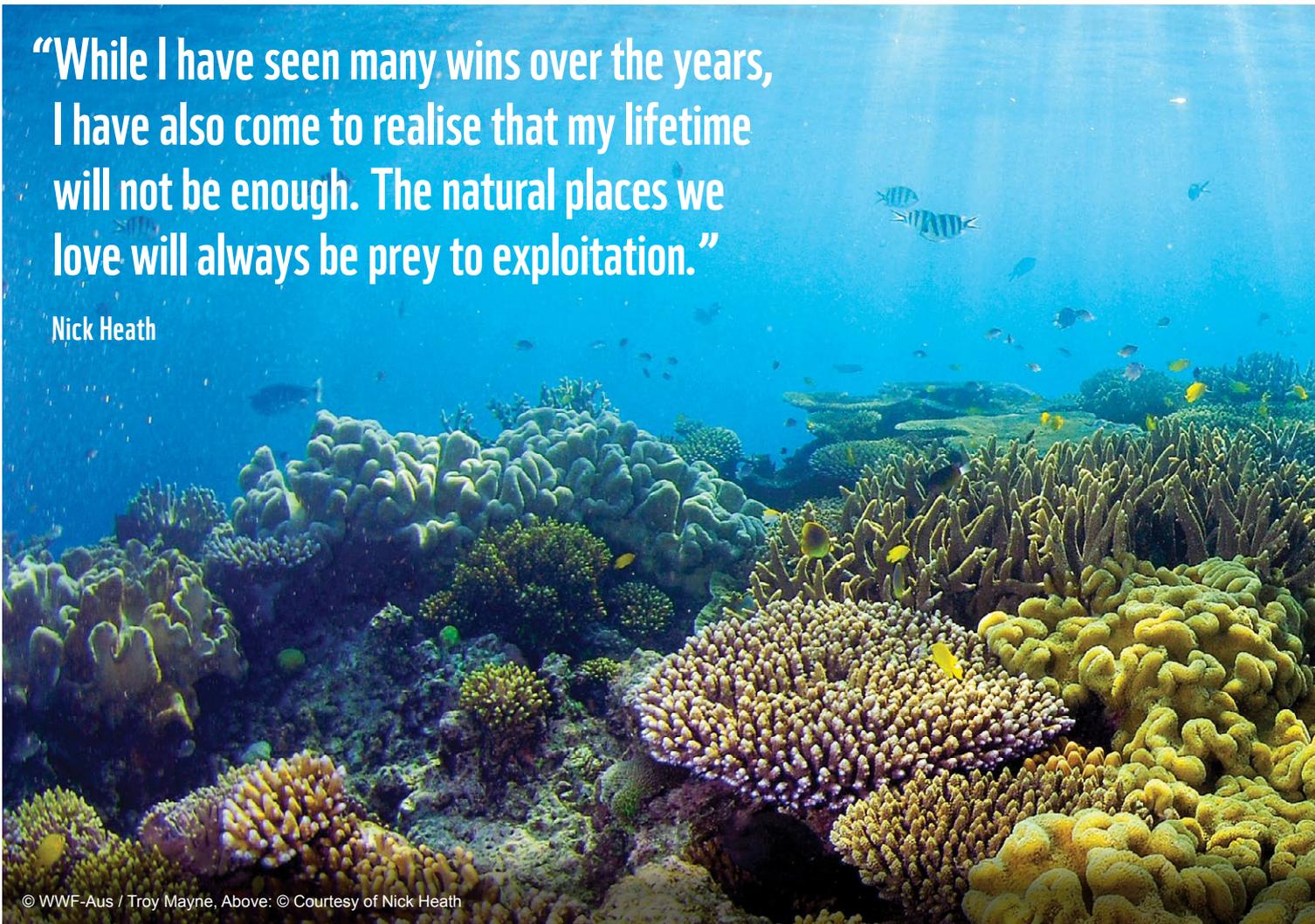


NICK HEATH  
WITH HIS FAMILY

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“While I have seen many wins over the years, I have also come to realise that my lifetime will not be enough. The natural places we love will always be prey to exploitation.”

Nick Heath



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Nick's connection to the Great Barrier Reef was formed at a very early age. His dad was a dive boat captain, and Nick spent his childhood in the reefs and coral islands between Mackay and Cooktown.

Exploring the wonder of one of the world's most diverse and precious environments, Nick was horrified to return home years later and see the destruction of this precious site. The Reef was, in his words, 'turning to rubble.'

Observing the once rainbow-coloured corals turned brown and white as they decayed—Nick vowed to devote his working life to conserving what was left. He joined the WWF team to protect the Reef from pollution, overfishing and other human impacts.

"While I have seen many wins over the years I have also come to realise that my

lifetime will not be enough. The natural places we love will always be prey to exploitation.

"I chose to leave a gift in my Will to WWF to fight for the Great Barrier Reef when I am no longer around to fight for it myself.

"As the father of two young children, the protection of our natural world is more important to me than ever before."

**"Through my gift to WWF  
I can give my children the  
greatest gift of all—the  
hope of clean air, fresh water  
and a healthy planet."**



# BOB AND CATHY'S LASTING COMMITMENT TO WILDLIFE



**BOB AND CATHY  
STUART**

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Cathy and Bob have spent decades caring for the natural world. Beginning her journey as a volunteer wildlife rehabilitator in 2003, Cathy used her experience in healthcare to provide round-the-clock support to quendas, clack glove wallabies and sacred kingfishers—with plenty of help from Bob.

The reputation of this dedicated duo led to an endearing nickname—the ‘Bobcats.’ Their blended name is a nod to the animals and habitats they protect, and the global conservation movement they support.

Precious memories of a life dedicated to protecting animals is part of what inspired Cathy and Bob to plan for a future—one where animals continue to receive the specialised care they need.

Cathy knows that by including a gift to WWF in her Will she is helping to

ensure that no animal is forgotten in the face of disaster.

“Humans don’t always think of the other species we share this planet with. Sure, it is good news when a fire causes no loss of human life... but the impact on the wildlife of the area is devastating and long lasting,” she says.

“The work WWF does to protect and promote care of our precious wildlife and their habitat is vital, and we are both happy to support the cause.”

**“None of us knows what the future holds. But we know, when the time comes, our gift will help WWF to continue this work.”**





**“I have supported WWF-Australia for the past 30 years. In doing so, I am not a voice alone in the wilderness. This organisation, held in high esteem globally, has and will make the difference that is required, for ourselves and future generations.”**

Marléne Verbeek, who left a gift in her Will

# A MISSION BORN OF LOVE MUST BE SUSTAINED BY LOVE

**You've already shown that you are dedicated to preserving our wildlife and wild spaces. Today is the time to act and protect what you love.**

## 01

### **SPEAK TO YOUR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES**

Making or updating your Will is an incredibly personal and significant decision.

Consider your family and friends. Reflect on leaving a gift to WWF—even a gift of 1% of your estate will help to protect the animals you care about—and discuss your decision with your loved ones, sharing your vision for the future with them.

## 02

### **DECIDE WHAT KIND OF GIFT TO LEAVE**

A residual bequest has the greatest impact in the future. You can make a gift of the residue (remainder) of your estate, or a share of the residue, once other specific gifts and expenses have been taken care of.

You can also choose to leave a percentage share of your estate or a specific bequest in your Will.

## 03

### **ENLIST THE HELP OF A PROFESSIONAL**

Your Will is an important legal document, and should be worded correctly to ensure your wishes are carried out.

A solicitor or public trustee can help you with this process. You may also wish to consider creating a free legal Will online. Visit our partners at [gatheredhere.com.au/wwf](http://gatheredhere.com.au/wwf) to see if this option is right for you.

## 04

### **CREATE YOUR LEGACY FOR NATURE**

To include a gift to WWF-Australia, all you need is our ABN 57 001 594 074 and registered name—World Wide Fund for Nature Australia.

You may wish to use our recommended wording:

I give to World Wide Fund for Nature Australia (ABN 57 001 594 074) free of all taxes and other deductions (the residue of my estate / a \_\_\_% share of my estate / the sum of \$\_\_\_) for its general purposes, and the receipt given on behalf of the World Wide Fund for Nature Australia shall be sufficient discharge to my trustee.

**If you have any questions or wish to discuss your legacy please contact our Gifts in Wills team on 1800 032 551, or email [giftsinwills@wwf.org.au](mailto:giftsinwills@wwf.org.au)**



**“When people come together  
for the good of humanity  
and the Earth, we can  
accomplish great things.”**

**David Suzuki**





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YOUR WILL CAN BE YOUR LASTING LEGACY TO THE WORLD YOU LOVE.**

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