

## Gift Acceptance Policy

Bush Heritage Australia receives significant and generous support from a wide range of Donors who make our work possible. As an organisation committed to operating transparently and in alignment with our Constitutional Objects and organisational values, as well as being a registered charity and a member of the Fundraising Institute of Australia (FIA), we take our legal and social responsibilities in accepting and managing gifts seriously.

Bush Heritage will:

- Use all forms of Gift to support our stated vision, comply with our Constitutional Objects and with our Public Fund Rules;
- Maintain our legal status as an Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission (ACNC) registered charity and Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status as a Registered Environmental Organisation;
- Receipt Gifts in accordance with the Australian Taxation Office laws, regulations and guidelines;
- Hold and maintain all applicable fundraising licences in every State and Territory of Australia and comply to all applicable laws;
- Honour Donor intent, ensuring donations are disbursed in accordance with the conditions in which they were accepted, so long as such conditions do not contradict or limit the Constitutional powers of the Bush Heritage Board or breach any applicable laws;
- Carefully consider Gifts of land, which will be assessed under the Bush Heritage Australia Land Acquisition Policy (as amended) based on informed decisions and documented processes, ensuring transparency and alignment with our values;
- Maintain membership of the FIA, or a superseding fundraising peak body, and thus a commitment to the industry's Code of Conduct;
- Keep all personal information about Donors and prospective Donors confidential in accordance with Privacy Laws;
- Recognise Gifts and donations where possible and appropriate with pre-approval by the Donor;
- Manage risks as an integral element of soliciting and administering Gifts in accordance with the key principles set out in the Risk Management Policy and Procedure; and
- Maintain a current Gift Acceptance Procedure, which provides a framework for implementation of this Policy.

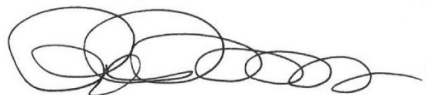
This Policy applies to:

- The acceptance and acknowledgement of philanthropic donations received from or pledged by individuals, private ancillary funds, public ancillary funds, philanthropic trusts and foundations and corporations;
- All Gifts, including cash, cheques, cryptocurrency, securities, pro bono services, gifts-in-kind, gifts of asset and gifts in will; and
- The acknowledgement of Gifts of land (subject to the assessment and acceptance of such Gifts of land being processed in accordance with the Land Acquisition Policy).

This Policy does not apply to:

- Income received from government grants, consultancy, fee-for-service arrangements or brand licencing agreements.

Approved by the Board:  
Date: 25 August 2022



(President, Sue O'Connor)