



Cawthron Institute

Leaving your legacy for a better future

Creating a lasting impact

Cawthron Institute is Aotearoa New Zealand's largest independent science institute based in Nelson. Officially established in 1921 with a bequest from Nelson businessman and philanthropist Thomas Cawthron, we have a century-long legacy of delivering world-class science that helps to protect our natural environment, the sustainable growth of New Zealand's primary industries, and the wellbeing of our people.

Thomas Cawthron had a vision that science could contribute to 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 foundations for the Cawthron Institute.

Thomas Cawthron's legacy is realised everyday by our 300 highly qualified scientists, technicians and specialist staff who come from all over the world to undertake research that makes a lasting difference to the improved management of our freshwater and coastal ecosystems and growth of our blue economy.

World-class science for a better future

Cawthron Institute delivers world-class science and develops innovative, practical solutions that contribute to our quality of life and the future health of our natural environment and resources.

Cawthron's early work played a pivotal role in understanding soils and crop production. Today, we are focused on ocean and freshwater-related science, which is helping to address the urgent challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss and food security, and creating healthy ecosystems, thriving communities and a prosperous blue economy.

Our scientists bring a plethora of world knowledge and have been able to identify emerging areas of interest to assist industry, and New Zealand, to become sustainable and successful. At Cawthron, we believe that research, science and innovation are essential to building a sustainable future for generations to come.



How you can help

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

By choosing to leave a gift to Cawthron in your will, you are supporting vital research to ensure our freshwater and marine environments will be healthy and safe for future generations.

A gift in your will allows you to play a part in advancing science, and will be used to support and extend the work of our scientists.

General or unrestricted bequests allows Cawthron to apply the funds to areas of research with the greatest need.

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

General or unrestricted bequests allow Cawthron 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.

Your will is one of the most important statements of your life. By choosing to leave a gift to Cawthron, 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 would love to talk with you

Please feel free to get in touch with us if you are considering leaving a gift in your will.

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 and invite you to get in touch with us.

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