“We are blessed to live in this wonderful community that reacts immediately to a search and rescue call out. They spent the whole night looking for us.” Mike Ward

Checklist: Deciding on your gift
You may find it helpful to have this checklist handy when deciding what to leave and when making your Will, to ensure your intentions are understood.

1. I would like to leave:
   - A share of my estate
   - The residue of my estate
     (after taking care of loved ones)
   - A specific sum of money
   - My shares / a property / an investment / other

2. I would like to leave it to:
   - Royal New Zealand Coastguard Incorporated
     (registered charity number CC36138)
   Level 2, 470 Parnell Road, Parnell, Auckland 1052
   You can also choose to leave something to a specific Coastguard Unit, in which case you would need to use their full name, registered charity number and address. Please visit our website, www.coastguard.co.nz, for a full list of Coastguard Units and their contact details.

3. I would like Coastguard to use it:
   - Where it’s most needed
   - For a specific purpose
     (please discuss with Coastguard first)

YES, I want to protect future generations from disaster on the water. I have left, or intend to leave, a gift to Coastguard in my Will.

Title Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr
First name
Last name
Address
City
Post code
Telephone
Mobile
Email

Please tick as appropriate:
- I have included Coastguard in my Will.
- I intend to include Coastguard in my Will.
- I would welcome the opportunity to speak to someone about the best way to help Coastguard through my Will. Please contact me.

Please post to:
Coastguard New Zealand
P.O. Box 33559, Takapuna, Auckland 0740
Or scan this form and email it to: pauline.sheddan@coastguard.co.nz

The Celia Knowles Bequest Journey
Celia Knowles had a lifelong interest in boating and was a keen Coastguard supporter. She left a gift in her will specifying it would be used to fund a rescue vessel. Celia’s Executors advised Coastguard of the gift and with her bequest forming a significant part of the funds needed to build a new rescue vessel, the order was placed. The build was completed and Celia Knowles Rescue was launched at a special ceremony on 1 December 2009. Today Celia Knowles Rescue has saved over 100 people’s lives and will continue to serve the community for years to come.

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Help the work live on.

Coastguard is a member of the Include a Charity campaign

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Royal New Zealand Coastguard Inc, registered charity CC36138
There will always be a need for our volunteers to risk their own lives to save the lives of others.

Our beautiful oceans, rivers and lakes are both a playground and a workplace for thousands of New Zealanders. But this environment is often challenging – the waters very cold and frequently rough, with changeable conditions and a rugged coastline.

Volunteer Coastguard crews first started responding to calls for help in the 1800s, and ever since then our mission has been simple: to save lives at sea. It’s the beacon that guides our work.

Including Coastguard in your Will

Leaving something to Coastguard is a wonderful way of protecting our future generations from disaster on the water, after you’ve gone.

Coastguard receives some funding from the government, but it only covers approximately 15% of what it takes to train our volunteers, undertake search and rescue operations and maintain our vessels and equipment.

Making or updating your Will

Everyone should have a Will. It’s a record of how you would like your assets to be distributed after you die, and can include your intentions for the care of your loved ones.

If you pass away without a Will, your loved ones may face difficulty sorting out your wishes, and what happens to your estate may not be what you would expect, or want.

What can you leave in your Will?

Many people who leave gifts to charity choose to leave a share of their estate or residual gift, but specific sums of money and many other possessions like property, investments and other assets can also be gifted.

Leaving a share of your estate ensures your gift will be worth the same when your estate is distributed as it is today – because a dollar today will not be worth the same in 10 or 20 years’ time. A residual gift means leaving the balance of your estate, once all specific bequests (to your loved ones and friends) have been allocated.

Making your first Will

If you’re about to make a Will, and would like to include a gift to Coastguard this can be arranged as part of the drafting process. A good starting point for making a Will is to speak to your lawyer (you can find one via the New Zealand Law Society). Trustee companies, like Public Trust or Guardian Trust can also help.

Updating an existing Will

If you already have a Will and the only change you want to make is to leave a legacy to Coastguard, you can simply add a Codicil. A Codicil is a legal document that adds to or changes an existing Will. You will need to ensure it is written and witnessed correctly, but the process is simpler and less expensive than rewriting your Will in full.

Recommended wording

“I give to Coastguard New Zealand (% of my estate / the residue of my estate / a sum of money / my property or other assets) for general purposes, for which the receipt of an authorised officer of Coastguard New Zealand shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my trustees”.

Should you prefer to make your bequest for a special area of interest, please contact us. By telling us what is important to you, we are able to suggest how your gift can best help Coastguard in the future. You can also choose to leave something to a specific Coastguard Unit, in which case you would need to replace “Coastguard New Zealand” with their name. Please visit our website, www.coastguard.co.nz, for a full list of Coastguard Units and their contact details.

Your Will or Codicil must be worded and witnessed correctly to be legally binding. We strongly recommend that you seek advice from a legal advisor or trustee company when arranging your Will.

We’d like to thank you!

To encourage our crews, and help us face the future with confidence, it would be very helpful if you could tell us about your intentions to leave a gift in your Will to Coastguard.

It is not binding — it simply means we are able to recognise your generosity and thank you personally for your kindness. If you are happy to share your intentions with us, please complete and return the form overleaf.

Any details that you make available to us are treated with the strictest confidence.

“Thank God the Coastguard volunteers were there. I would have been gone if it wasn’t for them.”

Peter Deefholts