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# Conor Tomlin

*“You cannot leave Africa, Africa said. It is always with you, there inside your head.” – Bridget Dore, poet.*

Conor Tomlin was born in Johannesburg on 28 March 1999. His life involved extensive travel and experiences of living around the world with his parents due to his mum’s career. As a boy, he lived in Egypt, Ireland, England, in the USA in both California and Nashville, and in Australia, before returning to South Africa to live in Cape Town when he was 13. There, he attended the British International School, and upon graduation, he left South Africa again to attend college in the USA, where he studied Computer Science.

Conor was a real all-rounder in life. He was an enthusiastic and strong rugby player, which he was well suited to with his 6ft3 sturdy frame. He played the tuba in the school band in Australia, and performed a leading role in two school plays; Aladdin and High School Musical. He was a capable student, achieving A grades in



his A Levels in Maths, Computer Science, and Spanish.

Conor continued his love of travel by participating in Rustic Pathways projects as a volunteer in Thailand, Laos, and Peru during school holidays.

But his heart was increasingly in Africa, and he fell in love with the bush initially through trips with his family, and later through his work as a volunteer on wildlife conservation projects in the Kruger National Park and in Zimbabwe. Conor missed South Africa very much during the two years he was at college in the USA and returned every holiday, which always involved a trip to the bush. He was a keen wildlife photographer, and leaves behind him literally thousands of photos of wildlife, birds, and of the beautiful African habitats he visited. Conor was also a very capable horse rider and a special memory his family have of him was his happiness from the experience of game viewing by horseback in the Kalahari, during their last family bush trip.

Conor was known for his kindness and generous spirit; he made friends all over the world, always with an open heart, and many have written of how he helped them. He was a kind and affectionate big brother to his sister, Aoife, and a loving son to his parents, Stephen and Fiona. Conor was a special young man who planned to return to Africa after college. He talked of using his Computer Science skills to contribute to the fight against poaching. Sadly, this couldn’t be fulfilled due to Conor’s tragic and untimely death. He is greatly missed by all who knew him, who cherish their memories of him and the gifts and love he brought to their lives.

Conor’s family have decided to donate funds to the EWT Wildlife in Trade Programme Conservation Canine Project for the next five years, in honour of Conor and to memorialise his life and love for Africa’s bush.

## Who is the Endangered Wildlife Trust?

The Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), champion of conservation in Africa, has worked tirelessly for close to 50 years to save wildlife and habitats. From the smallest frog, to the majestic rhino; from sweeping grasslands to arid drylands; from our shorelines to winding rivers: the EWT is working with you, to protect our planet.

The EWT's team of field-based specialists works across southern and East Africa, where committed conservation action is needed the most. Working with our partners, including businesses and governments, the EWT is at the forefront of conducting applied research, supporting community conservation and livelihoods, training and building capacity, addressing human wildlife conflict, monitoring threatened species and establishing safe spaces for wildlife range expansion.

A beacon of hope for Africa's wildlife, landscapes and communities, the EWT is protecting forever, together.

## Why should I remember the EWT in my will?

It's the kind of subject we may not like to dwell on, but none of us can avoid the need to have an up-to-date will, ensuring that our last wishes are carried out and our legacy is continued in the way that we would choose.

We don't often think about how people will remember us when we are gone. But take a moment to think about the legacy that you could potentially leave. What are the things you want your loved ones to remember about you after you're gone? That you worked hard to afford the finer things in life? Or that you were committed to making a difference to the world around you, by speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves, and protecting our natural world?



Including a bequest to an organisation that you have supported in your lifetime, or that you would have liked to support is a way to bring meaning and purpose to a life well-lived. You, and your values, beliefs and philanthropic investment, will live on in the lives touched by your support.

Should you choose to remember the EWT in your will, you are not only helping the EWT to secure the futures of dozens of Endangered species for years to come, but you could also be providing tax benefits to your loved ones.

Section 4(h) of the Estate Duty Act determines that bequests made to public benefit organisations such as the EWT should first be deducted from the nett value of your estate before estate duty is determined. This means that remembering the EWT in your will could exempt your estate from estate duty. A deduction for estate duty purposes is allowed in respect of the value of property bequeathed to a public benefit organisation.

The EWT relies on bequests both large and small to ensure that we continue fulfilling our vision of a healthy planet and an equitable world that values and sustains the diversity of all life. Donations to the EWT from Estates provide the lifeblood of this home-grown South African conservation leader, by supporting much needed conservation action and enabling the EWT to continue achieving conservation successes.

Thank you if you have already decided to leave a bequest. We assure you that your legacy will make a lasting impact to the benefit of all who inhabit our beautiful country.





### Your bequest will help us to...

- Empower communities to live and work in harmony with nature
- Increase safe space for Cheetahs and Wild Dogs in South Africa and beyond
- Conserve grasslands and wetlands to secure our critical water sources
- Ensure our iconic raptors remain in the skies
- Raise awareness and create connections between young people and their natural environment through our schools programmes, developing the guardians of the future

... and so much more! Protecting forever, together.

## How can I remember the EWT in my will?

We recommend that you use the below wording:

*"I bequeath to the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) registered NPO number 015-502 of Plot 27 and 28 Austin Road, Glen Austin AH, Midrand, Gauteng, (insert bequest details of your choice), and I express the that such estate be used for the purpose of conserving threatened species and habitats for future generations."*

There are different types of bequests that you can select from, namely:

- Residue of your estate
- A percentage of your estate
- A specific sum of money
- A life insurance policy
- Property

Please feel free to contact us should you need a codicil for your existing will, by emailing [ewt@ewt.org.za](mailto:ewt@ewt.org.za) or phoning 011 372 3600.

## Who can draw up my will?

It is important to ask expert advice from a financial planner, attorney or bank before attempting to draw up your will.

Including a bequest to the EWT in your will can reduce the amount of tax payable on your estate.

## Create a lasting memory

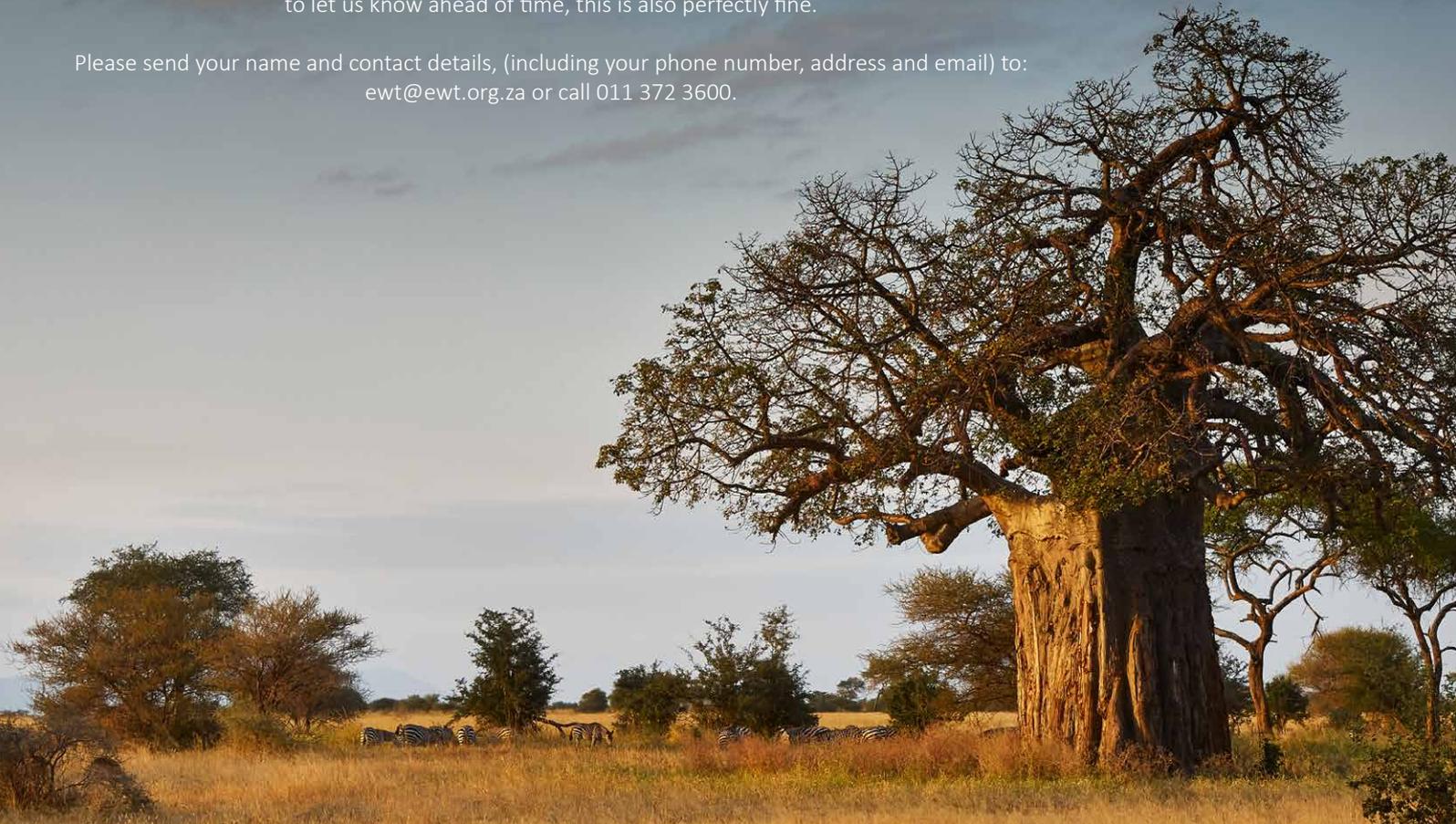
We also invite people to remember their loved ones by planting an indigenous tree of their choice, from a list provided, in the Forever Forest at the EWT Conservation Campus in Midrand. The tree will include a plaque, commemorating the person to be remembered. By planting a tree in the Forever Forest, you're not just creating an enduring, living memorial for your loved one, but are also giving back to the environment and future generations. The EWT will be creating a beautiful, serene space where people can gather with family and friends, to pay tribute to and remember their loved ones now passed, and find the tranquillity needed to heal. In time, the space will include walking paths and appropriate nesting logs and boxes to attract indigenous wildlife, and there will be the option of adding a bench, memory rock, or animal sculpture to your memorial. Those who opt to remember their loved ones by planting a tree in the Forever Forest will be invited to a planting ceremony, but if unable to attend, EWT staff will undertake this solemn responsibility on your behalf.



# Keep in touch

If you choose to leave a gift to the EWT in your will, we would love to know. We appreciate and value your support, and will record your details so we can keep you informed of our activities and conservation successes. We would also love to visit you personally and get to know you better! If you prefer not to let us know ahead of time, this is also perfectly fine.

Please send your name and contact details, (including your phone number, address and email) to:  
[ewt@ewt.org.za](mailto:ewt@ewt.org.za) or call 011 372 3600.



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