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Shane Warne leaves bulk of \$20.7 million estate to his children



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Celebrated Australian cricketer Shane Warne left behind an estate worth over \$20 million, including real estate worth \$6.5 million, according to probate records that have just been released.

The legendary leg spinner, known as one of the world's best cricketers, left the bulk of his estate – divided into equal parts – to his three children.



Shane Warne and some of the properties he owned throughout his life.

The will in the probate documents granted this week by the Supreme Court of Victoria shows that after debts, taxes and costs, Summer, Jackson and Brooke Warne would each receive 31 per cent of the late cricketer's estate.

The will, dated December 3, 2021, does not mention the children's mother, Warne's ex-wife Simone Callahan.

Fans and friends around the world were shocked at the news in early March 2022 that Warne had <u>collapsed</u> and died from a suspected heart attack while on holiday in Koh Samui, Thailand.

The probate documents reveal that the \$6.5 million in property Warne owned referred solely to his home in Duffy Street, Portsea, on Mornington Peninsula.

Warne also had a \$1.2 million deposit on a property in The Esplanade in St Kilda, in Melbourne's inner south.

He had \$5 million in a Commonwealth Bank account, personal loans worth \$1.3 million and a Mercedes-Benz worth \$350,000.

Warne left a further 2 per cent of his estate to his brother, Jason Warne, and 2.5 per cent each to niece Tyla Warne and nephew Sebastian Warne.

In the will, Warne bequeaths his car collection to his son Jackson.

Warne's death certificate, issued in Victoria, says he died on March 4, 2022, in Thailand, aged 52. His cause of death is given as coronary artery atherosclerosis.

He was buried at Sorrento Cemetery, south of Melbourne, on March 22, 2022. The informant was Helen Nolan, his former personal assistant.

His occupation was given as business owner and relationship status as divorced. He had married Callahan in South Yarra in Melbourne in 1995.

The documents state that most of Warne's total estate – over \$17 million – was held in Victoria. Of his assets outside Victoria – it's not specified where – Warne left a personal estate of \$3.36 million, which includes shares worth \$2.8 million and over \$500,000 in bank accounts.

The total value of Warne's personal belongings was given as \$2.6 million and the value of motor vehicles "and similar" was given as \$375,000.

Warne's total liabilities of \$295,000 were broken down into over \$277,000 in "household bills" and over \$17,000 on credit cards.

Warne names four executors and trustees of his will: his father, Keith Warne, accountant Robert Cochran, friend Aaron Hamill and his adviser Andrew Neophitou.

As an international cricketer from 1991 to 2007, Warne played 145 Tests for Australia, taking 708 wickets as a right-arm leg-spin bowler.

As a lower-order batsman, Warne scored more than 3000 Test runs.

Warne was also a player, coach and captain of the Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League.

Off field, Warne was involved in several scandals including being found to have taken a prohibited substance.

He was famous for a relationship with British actor and producer Liz Hurley.

Elton John, Chris Martin, Ed Sheeran and Robbie Williams were among the stars who performed in front of thousands of fans at the memorial to Warne at the cricketer's beloved Melbourne Cricket Ground on March 30, 2022.

His three children unveiled the Shane Warne Stand on the night. *The Morning Edition newsletter is our guide to the day's most important and interesting stories, analysis and insights. Sign up here.*

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