



## NATIONAL TEAM REPORT JULY 2015

The State Girl Guide Organisations have been holding their AGMs over the past few months. Robinette very much enjoyed the opportunity to attend the Girl Guides Northern Territory AGM, and was able to welcome the new State Commissioner for GGNT, Ann Lilley. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Isabelle Skinner for her contribution to Guiding as Acting State Commissioner for GGNT.

We are also pleased to welcome Dawn Borchardt as the new State Commissioner for Girl Guides South Australia, who will be starting her role on 25 July. Many of you will be familiar with Dawn from her time as National L&D Manager and her work in leading the development of our now-not-so-new ALQP. We are very grateful to Michelle Stone for her wonderful leadership of GGSA over the past three and a half years, as well as her contribution to Guiding at a national level on the Girl Guides Australia Board and as a member of the Guiding Operations Board Committee.

After a short extension to allow important consultation with current, external and past members of Guiding to be completed, the consultation phase of the AGP Review has now closed. We look forward to seeing the results, once our fantastic team of volunteers has been able to assess and evaluate the large amount of data that the AGP Review Project Team has received. Thank you very much to all Guides, leaders, adult members and families who have shared their views and experiences via our online survey as well as through the caravans and Guide Unit activities.

We were also delighted to learn that Girl Guides Australia were awarded funds to support our national project team to prepare and plan for the future roll out of the Voices against Violence program. Announced by Minister Cash on 12 June in Sydney, GGA director and project sponsor Velia Nicholls and project team member Kate Jenkins were on hand to celebrate the announcement. Voices against Violence is a non-formal learning program for boys and girls that has been developed by UN Women and WAGGGS. The initiative is designed to help young people learn to talk about violence, understand its root causes, recognise their rights and develop the skills and confidence to access those rights for themselves and others.

We hope that many of you took the opportunity along with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world to pledge to do #oneless thing in order to ensure a sustainable future for our planet on World Environment Day on 5 June. The care, respect and concern that all Guides young and old have for our environment is demonstrated often through the service and advocacy projects that the girls choose to be involved in, and there is always scope to consider applying the #oneless principle in Guide meetings, trainings, campsites and even at state and national offices.

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