



NATIONAL TEAM REPORT AUGUST 2015

The cold weather in Melbourne always signals the start of the Gang Show season and we are delighted to have had a chance to attend some of these wonderful Guide Scout collaborative events. Robinette was a guest at both the Melbourne and Mildura Gang Shows where she enjoyed fantastic entertainment. She also visited rehearsals of the Camberwell Showtime where she spent time with the talented and enthusiastic cast and crew.

So much more than just a piece of theatre; Gang Shows in all their guises are vehicles for personal growth and development. They offer our young people a sense of belonging and connectedness, a love of the performing arts, confidence, the value of being a part of a team, friendship and leadership skills. Across the country we recognise that many of our volunteers are involved in making the shows a reality and we commend them for their hard work.

Miranda and Robinette had a wonderful time in Perth as Girl Guides WA celebrated its 100th Birthday with a massive party in the centre of the city. More than 1000 Guides, leaders, families and supporters gathered to share the activities scattered around the city culminating in a spectacular streamer display after we all renewed our Promise. A special mention must go to all those involved in the event, and particular to the team who put together a fantastic history display in the Perth Town Hall. There were pictures and stories from a wide range of sources creating a display of Guiding history of which GGWA can be most proud. Congratulations to GGWA and all those involved in ensuring that the entire centenary year leading up to this event was such a success.

We said farewell this month to State CEO, Wendy Lewis from Girl Guides Victoria. Wendy served Victoria for more than ten years and she has provided great service and innovation to both Victoria and also to Girl Guides Australia. We are delighted to welcome Jennifer Fleming to the role.

Meeting the Guides and Leaders in Alice Springs over her two day visit has been a highlight for Robinette in recent times. Guiding is clearly flourishing in the Centre as they prepare for the fun and adventure of the Great Bunya Gathering in September.

Have you heard about the Schoolies at Sangam event yet? This great new initiative will take place from 28 November – 6 December 2015 in India, and is for 17-19 year old school leavers to celebrate the end of their formal schooling as an alternative to other Schoolies options. Members in the age group can invite their friends to join them to add some extra excitement to the event. For more information check out the 'International Events' on the Girl Guides Australia website – it closes 31 August 2015.

Robinette, Susan and Miranda