



NATIONAL TEAM REPORT SEPTEMBER 2015

Girl Guides Australia is delighted to announce three new appointments at national level – congratulations to Barbara Fairbairn of NSW-ACT on her appointment as National Trefoil Adviser, Nicole Young of SA as incoming National Olave Program Manager (from October 2015), and Bronwyn Hughes of NSW-ACT as the National GOLD Project Manager. We thank these three women for their dedication and commitment to Guiding and wish them all the best in their new roles.

At its recent busy and productive meeting the Girl Guides Australia Board ratified the formation of a Marketing and Communications Committee, and are also pleased to announce a change in biscuit supplier. We look forward with excitement to seeing the new range that will be launched next biscuit season and are really pleased to be able to support an Australian supplier.

The Board also ratified the project plan for our national Financial Literacy Project (called "Guide Your Money") and we are looking forward to watching that develop over time. Two of our other national projects are also progressing very well, with productive workshops held in Sydney recently for both the Free Being Me and the Voices Against Violence project teams.

We extend a big thank you to all our Leaders, Managers, parents and Guides who so positively responded to the call for feedback to our AGP Review. We have had over 4200 individual responses from all parts of the Guiding community including over 3000 responses from our Girl Guides. Right now our project team are busy crunching the data, with the support of an amazing volunteer research team of Claire Bickell (Vic), Alice Hennen (NSW-ACT), Jo Kitchener (NSW-ACT), Sara Vassallo (NSW-ACT), Gresley Wakelin-King (Vic), Lauren Wheatley (Vic) and Sharon O'Brien (WA).

September is shaping to be extremely exciting for Australian Guiding. In mid-September, Girl Guides Australia is hosting "Guiding at the House", to showcase Guiding at Parliament House. State and national leadership teams will be present to attend meetings with relevant ministers and members of parliament. Congratulations to the Olaves from each state organisation who have been selected to attend in the role of "Support Team" for this event.

"Spark! Re-igniting the Olave Program" is also taking place in mid-September, to launch the amendments to the Olave Program that have developed from the Olave Program Review. Olaves and other Guiding members will join together in state events to celebrate and learn about the exciting possibilities in the new Olave Program.

And of course at the end of September, hundreds and hundreds of Guides and leaders are heading to the Great Bunya Gathering in Queensland for a week of fun, friendship and adventure. A big thank you to the GBG organising committee and Girl Guides Queensland for all their hard work to date and wish them, and everyone attending, all the best for the event. We look forward to meeting many of you there!

Robinette, Susan and Miranda