



National Team Report – August 2016

Nineteen young women from around Australian and New Zealand attended Leading Edge 2016 in Alice Springs in July. Leading Edge is Girl Guides Australia's premier leadership seminar for young women aged 16-20. The attendees learned a range of skills while also having a lot of fun and developing new friendships and networks. Thanks to Helen Reid, GGA Program Manager and her assistants for planning and running such a fabulous event.

A month ago, Girl Guides Australia CEO Kit McMahon advised the GGA Board of her intention to resign to take up an exciting new senior executive post related to young people and learning, where she will leverage the skills and knowledge that she has contributed to and grown while CEO of GGA. In due course, this will find her based in Melbourne.

The GGA Board has appointed Paul Giles as interim CEO for a three to six month period to enable a thorough search for the right permanent replacement to take place while ensuring GGA's work and projects can continue in an uninterrupted manner. Paul has been an appointed director on the GGA Board since September 2015 and will take a leave of absence from the Board during his time in the interim CEO position. Girl Guides NSW-ACT have offered support in the form of the limited-hours secondment of Peta Gilles (GGNSW-ACT CEO) to provide Paul with practical and Guiding support.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the wonderful work Kit has done in her three and a half years with GGA. Kit's energy, drive and commitment to Girl Guiding across Australia have been boundless and will be missed. The outcomes of her work will ensure her legacy is a strong one.

In July we enjoyed hearing the stories of high levels of Girl Guide biscuit sales on election day. Congratulations to all those who are continuing to promote Guiding and develop the skills of their Guides in communication, marketing and business through the sales of Girl Guides Biscuits. And especial congratulations to GGNSW-ACT Guide, Maya, who was covering in the elections as a Rookie Reporter for Behind the News on national ABC television.

Robinette, Susan and Miranda

Gone Home: In July we farewelled Sylvia Le Marquand who served for five years as National Training Manager during the late 1990's after also serving the State of Victoria as State Training Advisor. Sylvia was one of the first to raise the issue of formal acknowledgement of 'prior learning' during her term. A stalwart of Guiding over many years in so many other roles, she will be missed.