



## National Team Report – December 2016

What a year 2016 has been! We feel very privileged to have been part of such a great year for Girl Guiding in Australia. We know that across Australia Guiding is lucky to have so many fabulous members and supporters who are giving girls every opportunity, and together we are doing everything possible to “empower girls and young woman to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members”.

And of course that translates on a global level as well. Has everyone seen the new WAGGGS branding? “For Her World” is the new WAGGGS strapline. The wording has been developed to better show who WAGGGS are and what we do at a global level – because for over 100 years WAGGGS has been the only global movement geared entirely to every girl and any girl. Also, if you’re looking for a bit of summer Guiding reading, check out the 2017 World Thinking Day challenge pack which is out now with the theme “Let’s Grow” (<https://www.wagggs.org/en/what-we-do/world-thinking-day/>).

2016 has certainly been a busy year! It’s hard to choose, but some of the highlights of the past 12 months have included the Asia Pacific Regional Conference in Nepal, the successful new Girl Guide Biscuits, our online GuideLines (if you haven’t already – do check out <http://www.guidelinesforgirlguides.org.au>), the fabulous national Guides Go Outdoors challenge, and hearing the great stories from Guiding’s young women – in particular Kate and Emma (our Juliette Low Seminar attendees) and Hannah (our UN Commission for the Status of Women representative).

We know that there are a number of members having some fantastic Guiding adventures over the holidays. Miranda is joining a large group of Olaves from across Australia who are heading off to Sangam in India after Christmas for the “Young Women Changing Tomorrow” event. Susan will be resting up at home after her visit to Sangam for an OBPS event in November and Robinette is taking some special family time travelling to the USA with her daughter and two grandsons.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of Guiding over 2016 – we know there are thousands across Australia who have contributed their time, energy and resources to developing girls and young women. Because of you, girls have had their first camping experience, faced and overcome challenges, grown and thrived in the safe girls-only space of Guiding.

We wish all Guiding members and supporters a happy and safe holiday season, a well-deserved relaxing break and all the very best for 2017.