



National Team Report – July 2016

The State Girl Guide Organisations have been holding their AGMs over the past few months. These important meetings include the adoption of the Annual and Financial reports and are an opportunity for members to hear about the successes of the previous year and the extent to which the organisation has achieved its strategic goals. We encourage you to take the time to read your State's Annual Report which you will find on your State website, and also the GGA Annual Report on the GGA website.

On behalf of Girl Guides Australia, we are pleased to welcome Sarah Neill as the new State Commissioner for Girl Guides NSW/ACT. We are very grateful to Elizabeth Starr for her committed leadership of her State and for the valuable contribution she has made as a member of the Australian Guiding Committee.

What version of Guide Lines are you currently using? Do you know that you will find the most up to date version online these days? The work to create this online portal is a way in which GGA ensures that we best support our leaders by providing easily accessible and current information. There is a feedback button for any comments, as we would love to hear how you think we can make it as useful and easy as possible. Have you visited it yet? <http://guidelinesforgirlguides.org.au/>

Just prior to the Federal Government going into Caretaker mode, Robinette and Kit met with members of staff from the offices of various Ministers at Parliament House in Canberra. As a result of this visit Girl Guides Australia is very excited to report the receipt of funding from the Federal Government to continue the work on Voices against Violence which will see the first of the pilot programs commence in selected states. This project plays a vital role in helping us to maintain our relevance to the girls and young women in our movement.

As we write this, two young women have just returned from Ghana where they took part in the 2016 Juliette Lowe Seminar at Kusafari. JLS, as it is commonly referred to, is a project based international event for 18 – 25 year olds. We look forward to hearing the results of the work on projects Emma and Kate have undertaken.

The 12th Asia Pacific Regional Conference will be held in Kathmandu, Nepal this year, between 28 August and 3 September, with the theme "Hamro Danphe - Connect, Growth, Impact". The Australian delegation of Robinette Emonson, Kate Moore, Dani Smith, Holly Bracken and Emily Milton Smith will be keeping us all informed through the GGA website, Facebook and Twitter. Additional information can be found on the WAGGGS Asia Pacific website. The delegation is enormously grateful to those Units and Trefoil Guilds who have provided goods for the market stall.

Finally we want to thank everyone involved in making our 2016 Girl Guide Biscuit Campaign such a huge success. From our competition winners through to the National and State office organisers and the managers, leaders, support groups, parents and Guides, congratulations on your efforts which have once again raised the profile of Girl Guiding in your local area and across all of Australia.

Robinette, Susan and Miranda