

National Team Report – May 2017

The month of May of course means Girl Guide Biscuits! Saturday 20 May is Biscuit Day for 2017, which is a great chance to get out into the community to ensure that everyone around Australia has easy access to our great range of Girl Guide Biscuits. Be innovative – and we would love to hear your selling success stories.

We also look forward to hearing stories of Girl Guides and Units who participated in ANZAC Day services, marches and activities – and completed the Animals in War 2017 ANZAC Challenge badge.

One of the key priorities for Girl Guide activities is risk management – ensuring that everyone can have a great time in an appropriately safe environment. The Guide Lines web site (<http://www.guidelinesforgirlguides.org.au>) has been recently updated to include the revised Risk Assessment Plan (RAP) form. It also has a clear explanation of when Leaders are required to complete the form – which is only for adventure-based activities or activities that are not routine or predictable. Check out Guide Lines for further supporting information.

Additionally, documents, forms and other material to support the People Management Framework Policy have been uploaded to Guide Lines. You can find these by going to Governance > Policies > People and Performance Management Policy. The material is designed to assist with regular feedback, encouragement, coaching, mentoring and guidance to help people successfully fulfil the requirements and expectations of their role. We encourage everyone to have a read.

Girl Guides Australia continues to work towards making Guide Lines the key source of information to assist in keeping our members safe and supported. It should always be the “go to” source of information and we welcome your suggestions to make it as user-friendly and accessible as possible.

In international news, there was a large group of Australians attending the Arts4Change, Kusafiri in Madagascar during April. Participants discovered about how art can make positive change in the community and explored Madagascar. There is a second Arts4Change event at Sangam in July this year – scholarships are available!

WAGGGS have a great on-line resource called Surf Smart available to help young people / our members stay safe while they are on the web. Young people will learn about trojan horses, password protection and how to connect with others in a safe manner. All you need to do is type in ‘Surf Smart WAGGGS’ into your web search program to find out more.

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