

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER – JULY 2011

The WAGGGS world conference is being held during July 2011 in Edinburgh Scotland and organising it is a huge undertaking for all involved. You can find out more about the conference on the WAGGGS website and there is a great Unit resource available called *World Guiding Goes Tartan* that you can download. After you have finished reading about the conference you can discover what is happening across the world in Guiding (www.wagggsworld.org).

Congratulations and well done to Amy Spark from Victoria she was selected as a young WAGGGS representative to attend the world conference. Amy will be given the opportunity to participate in a wide range of different leadership activities during the conference week.

Have you ever thought about participating in Guiding at a world level? For example, there are currently vacancies on four World Board committees. You can submit nominations until 4 July 2011 for the Constitutions, Finance, Fund Development and World Centre's Committees. Due to the timing of your newsletters this deadline may have already past. There will however be more opportunities and you can register your interest in being involved or find out more information by contacting Joan Bunker, International Manager at international@girlguides.org.au

There is also an ongoing invitation to become a Friend of the Asia Pacific and make a contribution to countries in our Region. More information and membership forms can be downloaded from WAGGGS website or you can email Joan Bunker.

The above information represents a small snapshot of the opportunities and resources available to us as members of a world wide movement. You never know where Guiding may take you! There are of course many options closer to home that you may want to consider including a number of national and state vacancies, more information is available on the Girl Guides Australia website and through your state communication channels.

Thank you to all our volunteers for your work and dedication you all play a key role in supporting our girls and making the Guiding movement strong in Australia.

If someone listens, or stretches out a hand, or whispers a kind word of encouragement, or attempts to understand, extraordinary things begin to happen.
Loretta Girzartis

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Chief Commissioner

