

Australian Guide Promise & Law - Adult Survey

1. Before you start

Girl Guides Australia is presently undertaking a review of the wording used in the Australian Guide Promise and Law. You may like to take a few minutes to read the three articles distributed in the State Girl Guide Organisations Newsletters since May and watch the Promise and Law Webinar held in August before you take part in the survey. (The webinar does take a few minutes to download, please give it time)

Copy the links below into your web browser to download the articles and webinar:

[http://www.girlguides.org.au/public/attach/What the Promise means in Australia today.pdf](http://www.girlguides.org.au/public/attach/What%20the%20Promise%20means%20in%20Australia%20today.pdf)

<http://tinyurl.com/GirlGuidesRecording>

2. About you

* 1. Position in Guiding

- Leader of Adults
- Leader of Youth
- Trefoil Guild member
- Parent
- Staff member of Girl Guide Organisation
- Volunteer non-member
- Adult member no leadership position
- Olave Member
- Community Non-Guide member
- National, State or Region appointment

* 2. Age

- 18 - 30
- 31 - 45
- 46 - 60
- Over 60

* 3. Postcode

* 4. Gender

- Male
- Female

* 5. Length of Membership

- Nil, not a member
- Up to 5 years
- 6 - 10 years
- 11 - 15 years
- 16 - 20 years
- 21 - 30 years
- Over 30 years

3. About your Promise

* 6. Have you made or renewed your Promise in the last 5 years?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

7. Who do we make a Promise to?

- Girl Guides Australia or my State Girl Guide Organisation
- Myself
- WAGGGS
- Members of my Unit
- I don't know
- Other (please specify)

4.

The ideal and spirit are clearly expressed in the Promise and Law - Fundamental Principles of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. To be a Member of WAGGGS, each national Girl Guide and Girl Scout organization must contain the essence of the fundamental principles which were defined at the 21st World Conference in 1972.

It is the duty of each Girl Guide / Girl Scout to acknowledge her search for spiritual meaning.

The essence of Duty to Country is the acceptance of the concept of responsibility to the communities in which we live.

The essence of Service is the acceptance of the practice of helpfulness to others.

8. The suggestions below are mostly taken from the Promises of other Member Organisations. You may not like any of the listed options but would like to see a combination of several. There is space for you to have your say.

Essence of Duty to God – Spirituality

	Strongly like	Somewhat like	Don't like
Being true to your beliefs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To do my duty to God	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To be true to myself, my beliefs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To search for the spiritual value in my life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To serve God (God can be interpreted in a number of ways, depending on one's spiritual beliefs. The word 'God' be replaced with whatever word your spiritual beliefs dictate)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To explore my faith	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
With faith in God I will do my best	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To love my God*(replace with your choice such as Allah, Dharma or a word used for your god)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
With the help of my God to be true to myself	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To search for the meaning of my life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other: specify your expression

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9. Essence of Duty to Country – responsibility to the communities in which we live

	Strongly like	Somewhat like	Don't like
To acknowledge my country	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To respect our land, Australia	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To serve the Queen* and my country (*optional)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
And Australia	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To help everyone wherever I can	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be responsible for my community,	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
my country and the world;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
And my country	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To do my best to help my country	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To be involved in the community where I live	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other: specify your expression

10. Essence – of Service – helpfulness to others

	Strongly like	Somewhat like	Don't prefer
Give service to my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I will take action for a better world	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To care and share in my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To help other people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To be involved in the community where I live	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To help everyone wherever I can	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Try to be helpful to other people;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To help other people at all times	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be caring and help other people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To do my best to help my country	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other: specify your expression

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11. Essence of the Law - The method by which we aim to achieve the Promise is the Law, what are the words that best describe how we symbolise this in the Promise?

	Strongly like	Somewhat like	Don't like
To live by the Guide law	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To respect the Guide law	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To abide by the Guide law	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To keep the Guide law	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To obey the Guide law	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To accept the Guide law	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To make Guiding values my way of life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To fulfil all my own duties and to observe the Guide Law	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To live according to the Guide Law	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

* 12. Do you consider the Promise suitable for members of all ages?

- Yes
- No

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5. The Guide Law

The values expressed in the Guide Law set the behaviours Guide members use to action the Promise. Each essence of the Promise requires a slightly different set of values to achieve the desired outcome.

“To keep the Guide Law” expresses responsibility of action for self and others – a code of living. It is to accept the responsibility for oneself, to ensure one’s self discipline over one’s actions and development. A person has to accept and understand herself, in order to be able to love, understand and act for others.

13. Please rank in order of importance values which you think best show you the way to live by the Guide Promise. (You can rank as few or as many as you wish)

	Strongly like	Somewhat like	Don't like	N/A
Live with courage and strength	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Respect yourself and others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Face challenges and learns from her experiences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Respects your heritage and the heritage of your country	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make the world a better place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speak the truth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be fair and have fun	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Listen to others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be a good friend, cheerful and polite to everyone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protect our common environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strive for peace	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Embraces your individuality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be honest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Work well with others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Share with others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use your resources wisely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Respect the custodians of our country	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use your time and abilities wisely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recognise and use your talents and abilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be friendly and helpful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be a good team member	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Love and protect nature and the environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Take care of the world around you	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be a good role model	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be courageous, self-controlled and optimistic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discover and cultivate your talents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Share in the sisterhood of Guiding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Be creative, willing and participate in the life of the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cherish the living world	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have courage and be cheerful in all difficulties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be obedient	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be friendly and cheerful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be kind to animals and respect all living things	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use resources wisely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be courageous and strong	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be honest, reliable and trustworthy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be hard-working; do nothing by halves	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be a true friend	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Care for the environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Respects all living things and take care of the world around you	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be honest and trustworthy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Take care of your own possessions and those of other people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lead a healthy life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be friendly and a sister to all Guides	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be helpful and use your time and abilities wisely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Thinks of others before yourself	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be loyal and trustworthy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Respect other people's opinions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be responsible for what you say and do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be caring and help others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Respect and help other people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be honest and fair	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make good use of your time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be self-controlled in all you think, say and do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be considerate and caring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Love and care for their families	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Show love and thoughtfulness in her home and community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use your time and resources wisely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be hard working, reliable and responsible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be polite and considerate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be tolerant	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be helpful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stands up for what you believes in	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Be honest and just	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Respect authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Respect other people's rights and obey the law	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Take action for a better world	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6.

14. Do you consider the Guide Law suitable for members of all ages?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

If there were differences for different ages, what would they be?

15. Do you have any other comments for the Promise and Law Working party to take into consideration?