

## **National Team Report – September 2017**

Girl Guides Australia hosted three WAGGGS representatives here in Australia for a WAGGGS triennium partnership visit. Natasha Hendrick (Deputy Chair of WAGGGS World Board), Minor Yuda (World Board member) and Karen Chatto (WAGGGS representative – stepping in at the last moment) met with GGA representatives and the GGA Board early in August to discuss GGA's strategic direction and processes.

GGA was also very fortunate to have Natasha and Minor present at our strategic planning day to share the inspirational work being undertaken by WAGGGS at a global and regional level. There is no doubt Girl Guiding is making a positive difference to the lives of girls and young women

Members of the GGA delegation to the WAGGGS World Conference in India are currently finalising their preparations. Helen Geard, Miranda Cummings, Bronwyn Cole, Ro Derwin, Micheala Collins and Karen Bevan will arrive in India in mid-September for the week-long conference, which is being held in Delhi. Bronwyn Hughes will also be attending having been selected by WAGGGS to be a member of the support team.

World Conference is a wonderful opportunity for GGA to connect with other member organisations to learn about relevant and effective programs and initiatives being undertaken by Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world. It is also an important occasion for shaping the work being done at the international level by WAGGGS to have a positive impact on the lives of all girls. We'll be sharing our adventure with everyone, so keep an eye out on the GGA website and social media for regular updates – and we'd love to hear from people in Australia throughout the conference.

There are also some amazing international opportunities available for leaders of girls. The Asia Pacific Region is inviting leaders to the second Asia Pacific Region Conference for Leaders of Girls 2017: Learn, Lead, Inspire! This conference will be held in the Philippines and is about supporting unit leaders to learn innovative ideas and approaches, lead their teams to be more girl-centred, and inspire the young people they work with to reach their fullest potential and take action to change the world. The leaders selected from Australia will have a wonderful time and we look forward to hearing their stories.

Have you checked out our new GGA website yet? The address is the same - <https://www.girlguides.org.au/> Take a look, learn something new – and if you have any comments please let us know via the feedback tool on the website.

Finally, as the term of Acting Chief Commissioner Helen Geard will finish at the end of this year we advise that advertising for a new GGA Chief Commissioner will commence shortly.

Helen Geard, Acting Chief Commissioner

Miranda Cummings, Assistant Chief Commissioner