

A. GINFO 03 (2023) A NEW QUEEN'S GUIDE AWARD SYLLABUS FOR 2023

Girl Guides Australia is excited to announce that the Queen's Guide Award has been updated.

The NEW 2023 Queen's Guide Award syllabus provides a wide range of challenges making the Award more relevant to today's Girl Guides and easier to understand for girls, Leaders, and parents.

The challenges are based on SIX skill areas:

Creative Thinking	Communication
Character	Collaboration
Community	Commitment to Learning

The Gold Endeavour Award, which can now be commenced when a Guide turns 13 years of age, remains a key component of the Queen's Guide Award.

A special thank you to the Queen's Guide Review Project Team. Thanks also is extended to all who have provided feedback and those Guides and Leaders who have taken part in the pilot program.

The **2023 Queen's Guide Award syllabus** can be found on the GGA website:

<https://www.girlguides.org.au/resources/queens-guide-award/>.

The Queen's Guide Award booklet provides valuable information to support girls, Leaders, and parents.

Please note: the Queen's Guide Award syllabus (and Gold Endeavour) as detailed in *AIM HIGH* is **NO longer current** for new Queen's Guide Award candidates.

What does this mean for those who want to start their Queen's Guide Award and those who are already working on their Queen's Guide Award?

Guides commencing the Queen's Guide Award in 2023

From February 2023, all Girl Guides choosing to complete the Queen's Guide Award, must start on the 2023 syllabus.

The Queen's Guide Award booklet (which contains the syllabus for the Gold Endeavour Award and Queen's Guide Award) provides information to support girls on their Queen's Guide journey. Additional information will be provided to girls when they register for their Queen's Guide Award.

Guides working on the Queen's Guide Award Pilot

Guides currently taking part in the Pilot program will need to transfer to the 2023 Queen's Guide Award syllabus. All work completed to date will be able to be matched to the challenges in the new syllabus. This should be done in consultation with Peers and Unit Leader/s.

Girl Guides working on the *Aim High* Queen's Guide Award syllabus

Girl Guides currently working on the *Aim High* version of the Queen's Guide Award, may continue to work on the *Aim High* version.

Leaders are asked to review where their Guides are in relation to the version of the Queen's Guide Award they are working on and support them to make the decision to EITHER transfer to the NEW version or remain on the version that has been commenced.

Leaders are encouraged to reach out to others who may be able to provide support (e.g., State Queen's Guide Award coordinators) and other material available.

Registration and Record Keeping

It is still important that Girl Guides commencing the Queen's Guide Award register with their State Queen's Guide Award coordinator. A simple process has been developed to facilitate registration. The GGA website has a link on the [Queen's Guide page](#) to an online registration form. When the form has been completed it will be sent to the respective State Queen's Guide coordinator who will contact the Girl Guide and the Unit Leader with relevant information on next steps.

Girl Guides will be invited to join a Queen's Guide Award group to facilitate the assessment process for the award. This could be an online program e.g., Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams. When the registration is received, the State Queen's Guide Award coordinator will send to the Girl Guide and the Unit Leader all the relevant information on how to join and access the preferred online platform for your State.

Further Support

To allow a smooth transition to the 2023 Queen's Guide Award, there will be virtual information sessions available to State personnel over the first few months, and there will be ongoing assistance from both the project team and the National Coordinator – Youth.

Please keep your eye open for further communication on State.

ANY QUESTIONS

Please refer all question to either your State Queen's Guide Award coordinator or to Wendy Kirk, the National Coordinator – Youth (youth@girlguides.org.au).