

SALUTING THEIR SERVICE 2024

Animals in War



Girl Guides Australia has created this resource to support the Australian Guide Program. Girl Guides can research other areas of the Recognition System to find what other challenges might be relevant to them.

Olaves and Adult Members are invited to undertake the challenge.



SYLLABUS

Take part in an ANZAC Day ceremony, Dawn service or a Remembrance Day ceremony either virtually, at school or in your community.

- Complete one challenge from the ANZAC heritage section below and then choose at least three other challenges from the sections listed below to complete this year's challenge badge. You may like to 'specialise' in just one topic or choose your extra challenges from any of these sections below.

Please consider the safest and best way to participate in this challenge.

ANZAC HERITAGE

Complete at least one of the following:

- Flags are important for the Defence Forces. Learn to fold and parade an appropriate flag in your Unit or Group.
- Make some damper or ANZAC biscuits and share with your Unit or Group.
- Create a poppy or help to build a rosemary wreath to place at a monument or cenotaph in your local area.
- Research what the ANZAC spirit is, create an activity, then share with your Patrol or group explaining the meaning <https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/encyclopedia/ANZAC/spirit>

You will find some resources to help you complete the activities in this section at: <https://ANZACportal.dva.gov.au/commemoration/>.

Remember, we have a process for planning activities in our Girl Guide Program:

1. **DISCOVER**
2. **DECIDE**
3. **PLAN**
4. **DO**
5. **EVALUATE**



Discover and **Decide** what you are going to do. You then need to **Plan** the activity and **Do** it.

After the activity you need to **Evaluate** how your activity went and share your findings or what you may have learnt with your Patrol, Unit or Peer group.

This badge syllabus is available for all members to take part in...



CARRYING THE LOAD

- Discover the role of mules and donkeys as pack animals, and why mules were so good at carrying equipment and supplies over rugged hills. <https://spana.org/au/blog/what-is-a-mule-13-things-you-didnt-know>
- Australia was famous for WWI Light Horse Regiments. The horses and their riders fought in Egypt and Palestine, showing bravery and a strong bond between man and horse. Find and colour a picture of a horse and rider from this time.
- Camels served in the Middle East during WWI. A strong camel could carry 300kg. Collect this load in people or equipment and figure out a way to carry it using just people power.
- Choose and plan an alternative *Carrying the Load* challenge for yourself, discuss it with your Patrol, Unit or Leader, then do it.



HELPING TO COMMUNICATE

- Dogs were trained to carry messages to troops. Bake some dog treats and use them to train your dog or donate them to an animal shelter.
- Dogs also acted as guard dogs and scouts, using their sensitive hearing and great sense of smell to alert their handler. How do you think they could do this silently so the enemy didn't hear them?
- Pigeons carried tiny messages on their legs all the way back to their home. Create some ways to make tiny messages that could be attached to a pigeon band.
- Choose and plan an alternative *Helping to Communicate* challenge for yourself, discuss it with your Patrol, Unit or Leader, then do it.

SPECIAL ABILITIES

- Sniffing out trouble is the job of a tracker dog. Imagine you were a dog and putting in a job application to work in the Army. What would you say were your special skills? Act out an 'interview' with an 'army recruiter'.
- The Dickin Medal was awarded in WW2 to any animal or bird displaying conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Research the awards granted in Australia and use the information to create a game, poster, etc.
- Animals were used as mascots and support animals during many wars. Make a list of animals used as mascots or support then create a display to celebrate their contribution.
- Choose and plan an alternative *Special Abilities* challenge for yourself, discuss it with your Patrol, Unit or Leader, then do it.

The badge you earn can be worn at the top of the back of the sash for the following twelve months.

No sash? Maybe put it on your camp blanket, book bag, or camp hat. You should do this with any older ANZAC badges you have also.

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