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Launch of National Mentor Training on Girl Guides Learning

In 2024, it was agreed that Mentor Training would be consolidated and centralised on the Girl Guides Learning platform (GGL), thereby offering consistent and accessible Mentor training across the country.

Today we are launching the new National Mentor Training activities - 'Mentor Skills' and 'Becoming a Girl Guides Mentor' that have been developed by a working group of volunteers from across Girl Guiding in Australia.

These activities are available and mandatory for anyone wanting to become a Mentor to Leaders and Managers in Training. They are easy test and learn activities that can be completed on the go and at times that suit the trainee.

There are also additional resources available to both prospective and existing mentors in the GGL section of <u>Guidelines for Girl Guides</u> under 'Becoming a Mentor' and 'Mentor Skills'.

The process to becoming a Mentor has also changed as follows:

- 1. The prospective Mentor completes the two activities on GGL.
- 2. The relevant volunteer for the State Guiding Organisation checks that the training has been completed and assesses the individual's suitability as a Mentor.
- 3. When approved, the volunteer at state or local level responsible for appointing new Mentors, pairs them with a trainee Leader or Manager.

No other training is required to become a Mentor.

SGGOs reserve the right to ask existing Mentors to refresh their training by completing the two GGL activities again from time to time.

NOTE: Completing the GGL Mentor Training does not guarantee that trainees will become Mentors, the decision for each appointment remains with each SGGO.

Our Girl Guides Mentors play a key role in our organisation, and we are excited to support new Mentors in their journey to supporting our Leaders and Managers in Training.

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