

## AGINFO 17 (2025) Retirement of the Commonwealth Award

The Commonwealth Award was introduced into the Girl Guides Australia recognition framework in 2002. It was modelled off and remains owned by Girl Guiding UK. The Award sought to challenge members aged 16-25 to develop in areas of Guiding history, knowledge of the Commonwealth and citizenship. Girl Guiding UK will be retiring the award from January 2026.

After considering feedback from youth and adult members, Girl Guides Australia will be retiring the Commonwealth Award. This decision has been made to reflect the retirement of the award by Girl Guiding UK as well as considerations regarding the contemporary relevance of the award in Girl Guiding Australia.

The cut-off for new **registrations** to commence this award will be **30 December 2025**. The award will be removed from the youth award books on that date. The cut-off for **completing** the award will be **30 June 2026**. All activities must be completed, approved by an assessor, signed by the State Award manager and submitted to GGA prior to that date for the applicant to be successful.

Please share this information with your members.