

SALUTING THEIR SERVICE 2026

Communication



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 or Remembrance Day service,
- Complete one challenge from ANZAC heritage and
- Choose three other challenges to complete this year's challenge badge. You may like to "specialise" in just one topic or choose your extra challenges from any area.

Remember to challenge yourselves, do your best and try something new!

Take part in a ceremony to salute their service - an Anzac Day ceremony, Dawn service or Remembrance Day, either virtually, at school or in your community.

ANZAC HERITAGE

Complete at least one of the following:

- Research a typical meal for soldiers in WWI and find out why ANZAC biscuits were such a popular gift to receive. Make and eat these with a group or your Patrol
- Create a poppy or a wreath to recognise the service of people and place it at a monument or cenotaph <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/commemoration/event-planning/poppies>
- Create a song, game or poem about Simpson and this donkey and share it with others.
- 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>
- Your choice

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

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



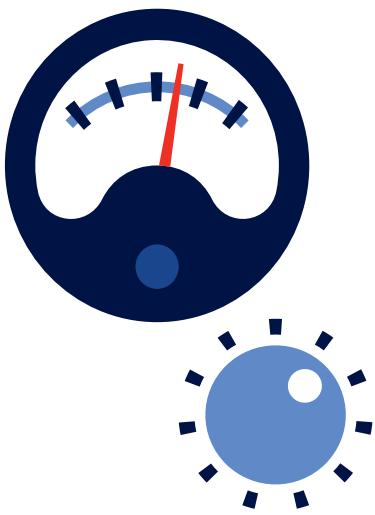
Discover and **Decide** what you are going to do. You then need to **Plan** the activity and **Do** it.

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...

TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES AND RADIO

- The teletypewriter was used for sending messages long distances by telegraph. A message that was sent turned into a telegram when received. Research how telegraphs worked, then design a telegraph with modern features.
- Telephones became a secure and immediate way to communicate by WWII. Make and use a tin can telephone to relay messages. Discuss with a group or your Patrol how telephones have developed from this simple start.
- Two-way radios connected army Generals to their troops. Visit a radio station and find out what has changed since war times or use UHF radio handpieces to talk to other Girl Guides.
- Your choice



HELP TO COMMUNICATE

- Airplanes were used to deliver messages or drop parcels when delivery on the ground would be too dangerous. Design and make a flying machine that can deliver a note or object across the room or area.
- Today we use a phone to call 000 in an emergency. Discuss with your Patrol or group how you would "call for help" in 1915.
- During down time, soldiers needed to boost each other's morale. They chatted, played games, and read letters. Play the Come in Spinner game www.mylittlebookcase.com.au/activities/activity-come-in-spinner-an-anzac-game-for-kids
- Your choice

SHARING NEWS

- Much of the information families received about progress in the war came through newspapers. Visit a library, museum or research online and read some of the articles written during wartime. Discuss what you find out.
- Letters to and from troops on the war front were very important. Research some of these letters, then write a letter in the mail to another Guide Unit explaining what you found out and sharing your own news.
- Today, care packages are sent to troops deployed overseas in a scheme coordinated by the RSL Australian Overseas Fund. Explore what items are included in the packages and support the scheme by donating to it, including writing a personal postcard.
- Your choice

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. This badge syllabus is available for all members to take part in. The Badge can be bought from your usual Girl Guide retail outlet.

