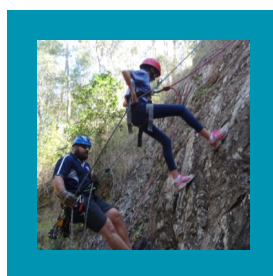
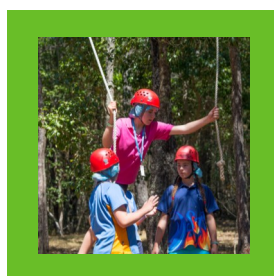
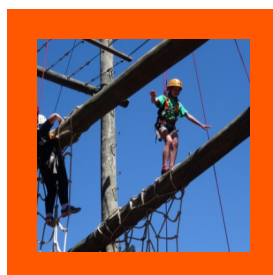




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SOUTH AUSTRALIA



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# VISION & MISSION

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## Vision

*To be Australia's leading organisation for girls and young women in leadership and personal development.*

## Mission

*To enable girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.*



# STATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

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Welcome to the Girl Guides SA inc Annual Report for the year 2015. The Board, State Management Team and Region Manager team have combined efforts over 2015 to support Guiding in South Australia. In doing so the executive teams were following the Girl Guides Australia and Girl Guides South Australia Strategic and Operational plans from 2015 - 2020.

Our State Management Team reported to the Board on their progress in all aspects of the Strategic Plan. The Region Managers reported to the State Management Team on the efforts within their Region to provide a quality program experience for the Guides that utilises the fundamentals and elements of the Australian Guide Program.

The Adult Learning Qualification was fully established within South Australia, the Management Qualification has been rolled out over the year and the Outdoor Qualifications were being refined and gradually released. Girl Guides South Australia held the Leaders event called Let's Shine again early in 2015 to enthuse Leaders and Managers for the year while incorporating networking and information on 2015 activities. The day included respectful behaviours training, Free Being Me, the Girl Guides Australia and Girl Guides South Australia Strategic Plans, and presentation of awards and prizes. More opportunities were available for the members to discuss matters with Board members. Further opportunities were made available for members and Units to review the Australian Guide Program with exciting recommendations to come later in 2015 and early 2016.

State Events linked to the Program included the Australia Day Parade, Camp Amity, Anzac Day Youth Vigils, Dawn Services and the Anzac Day March, Earthkeepers Camp in April, and Biscuit Day. The biscuit program continues to teach girls retail and management skills to assist them to be successfully employed in the field of their choice. The basis of



# MESSAGE FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

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the GGSA Biscuit Program was used for the Girl Guides Australia Guide Your Money Program.

Our triple bottom line is vital to the success of the organisation and the organisations ability to remain sustainable. As the State Commissioner for part of 2015 I would like to thank all our volunteer Leaders and Managers who are vital to the success of our mission mentoring and leading the next generation of girls and young women resulting in a better global community for all.

We Know Girls!

***Dr Michelle Stone***  
***State Commissioner***  
***1.1.2012 to 25.7.2015***



# MESSAGE FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

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I would like begin by thanking Michelle Stone and Anna Boulderstone for serving as State Commissioner and Assistant State Commissioner up until July.

Looking back over the year as I prepared to write this report, I thought about what we achieved during the year. Michelle has shared many highlights and mentioned the work that happens in the background to govern and manage the activities of Girl Guides SA Inc.

You will see in the pages that follow that the volunteers of Girl Guides SA Inc provide camps and activities, fun and friendship, laughter and learning throughout the year. We don't always hear about the impact we make, but a Guide Leader shared this email with me (reproduced with permission).

*Dawn, I received the following from a Guide's mum. It really made my heart sing.*

*'I am so impressed by Guides - what a wonderful, wonderful organisation to nurture and empower young girls to womanhood - go the Guides.'*

*When it all seems too much, or we are not feeling appreciated for giving our time, or we feel like we are not achieving anything or no one cares, they do! It is about the girls, it is about making a difference one girl at a time, it is a safe haven from schoolyard exclusion and bullying, it is a place to build self-esteem, it is a place girls can be themselves and be accepted despite their differences or disabilities.*

*Sometimes being a Leader feels like hard work, but to receive an email like this made my day and makes it all worthwhile.*

This is the impact we want to have for all Guides, for all girls.



# MESSAGE FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

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The management committees and the board work behind the scenes to look after our people, and keep Guiding well governed, current and relevant for the girls. Our volunteers look after, inspire and empower the girls, delivering exciting activities in a caring, inclusive environment.

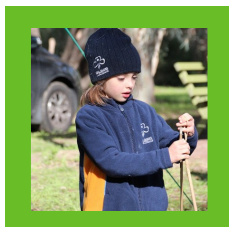
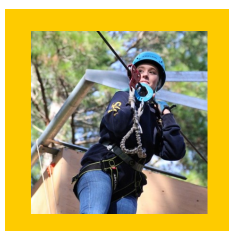
This is how we achieve our mission.

For all you give to Guiding to support girls, we would like to thank all members, volunteers, staff members and supporters of Guiding.

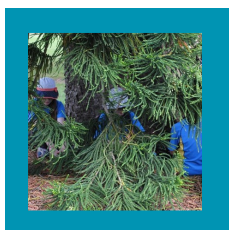
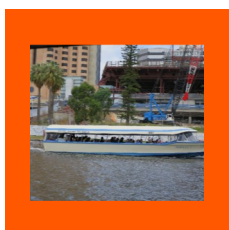
***Dawn Borchardt, Heather Barnes,  
Emma Gillett, Julie Campbell  
State Commissioner and Team***

# PROGRAM TEAM

High ropes, catapults and outdoor cooking at Douglas Scrub



Children's Week Mini Amazing Race



The 2015 year has been another busy one for the Program Team with girls & leaders being involved in a number of fun and exciting activities and events.

We held 2 activity based events throughout the year starting with the Douglas Scrub Activity Day and Come and Go Camping Event in May. A different format was offered that encouraged leaders to attend with their girls even if they had no camping qualifications.

Girls and leaders had the option of choosing to do archery or high ropes along with the other activities of outdoor cooking, initiative games, pioneering, nature play, geocaching, a wide camping and camping in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. 118 girls and 34 leaders attended the Activity Day including 30 girls and 9 leaders camping outdoors and 18 girls and 8 leaders.

It was wonderful to have leaders and girls join us from Whyalla for this event. This was a fantastic weekend making the most of the outdoors and Douglas Scrub. There were many positive comments from girls and leaders alike.

Our second activity based event was our Children's Week Mini Amazing Race through the Adelaide Botanic Gardens for our 5-9 year old Girl Guides. The girls started their race with a ride on Popeye from Elder Park to the Zoo landing. They then thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the adventures that they had on a mission in the gardens.

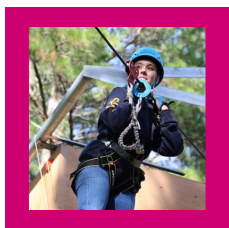
The event was attended by 93 girls, 27 leaders and 6 parent helpers. We also had the help of 3 10+ Girl Guides and a Trefoil member who assisted the Program Team with the running of the event. We received a generous grant from the Children's Week Association of SA Inc. that helped us in the running of this event.



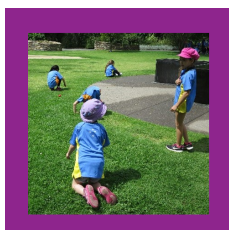
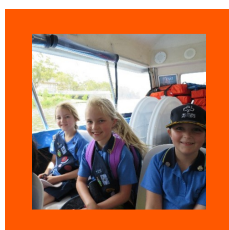


# PROGRAM TEAM

High ropes, catapults and outdoor cooking at Douglas Scrub



Children's Week Mini Amazing Race



We held 2 youth training events during 2015. The Youth Leadership Skills Weekend in June for girls aged 14-17. This event was attended by 17 girls from both the metro and country areas and run by Julia McTier, Emma Sheard and Michelle Winn.

The second was the Kalori Leadership training for girls in August. This event was held at Flagstaff Hill and was attended by 20 girls from 8 different Units. A great day of connecting with other Guides and learning some new skills to take back to their own Units.

The Program Team & the Queen's Guide Committee were delighted to celebrate with the girls who achieved their BP Award or Queen's Guide Award in 2015. Six girls received their Queen's Guide Award at Government House in July.

The following girls are our Queen's Guide recipients for 2015;

Melissa Greer – Berri Tall Poppies

Brianna Webber – Berri Tall Poppies

Isabella Jarvis – Berri Tall Poppies

Tayla Skipworth – Hillcrest

Shannon Hollis – Hills Power Rangers

Caitlin Payne – Eastern Plains Splash

Twenty-five girls received their BP Awards in November at a Ceremony at GTS Dolphin. The girls were entertained and inspired by Briana McTier our Guest Speaker who shared about her International experiences at a Guide Camp in the USA.

It was another busy year for the Program Team and we enjoyed the opportunity to involve a large number of girls and leaders in activities linked to our Australian Guide Program.



# OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Over the course of 2015, it was great to hear and see so many units in the outdoors! Those Sage14 jumpers have seen during many sleepovers and camps. Girls and leaders took part in sleepovers, camps, adventure and not-so-adventure activities over the course of the year, not just state organised but unit, district and region too. 1526 girls and leaders took part in sleepovers, indoor camps and outdoor established camps. We had 89 members working on swimming skills and a further 195 went kayaking. Rock Climbing was a big hit with North Met representing most of the 103 participants.

August saw a change as Phyllis Salmon was succeeded by Megan Davies as the State Outdoor Activities Manager. Thank you to Phyllis for all your time and hard work in the role. Phyllis rewarded herself with a World Centres tour, which was well deserved!



Since her appointment, Megan has been working hard to appoint Outdoor Skills Assessors for kayaking and outdoor camping (established sites), ensure paperwork and risk assessments are completed correctly and working towards building better relationships between Girl Guides SA Inc. and outdoor activity providers.



## Great Bunya Gathering (GBG)

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of October, 46 girls and 18 leaders/ Olaves awoke bright and early and headed to the airport for their flight to Queensland for the Great Bunya Gathering on Lake Somerset. They joined over 1,400 other members of WAGGGS for 9 glorious and slightly damp days. There were so many activities to take part in from rock climbing and abseiling to

*Pictures from top to bottom :  
Megan talking Ella down the wall  
Robinette, the selfie stick and the Olaves  
Bell tents on the bank*



# OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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swimming, kayaking and paddle-boarding, from archery to mudslides and everything in between!

57 girls and 28 leaders turned up to a perfect day at GTS Dolphin; activities included sailing, kayaking, rafting, swimming, sandcastles, kites, relay races and giant games. Thank you to Jane Boroky, her committee and team of volunteers. Special thanks to Sandy Payne—safety boat, Lyndon Zimmerman—sailing and Peter Camp-Smith—lifeguard.



*Pictures : Lake Somerset & State Outdoor Activities Manager – Megan Davies being “fashionable” at Wet’n’wild*



# LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

Learning and Development Department continued to offer a range of trainings for Leaders throughout the year. In response to leader requests for night time trainings we ran a successful Leadership Qualification over six nights throughout March and April.

A Camp Leader training was run at Balaklava with Leaders working on the new Camping Qualification modules. The Guide and Scout property there provided an ideal site for this outdoor training. Several Leaders now have their camping qualification completed and are providing camping opportunities for their Guides.

Two very successful Outdoors Skills days were run in the Metropolitan area. The Southern Outdoors Skills day in May had a large number of participants, both Trainers and Leaders updating their outdoor skills and learning some new skills as well. The Northern Outdoor Skills day held in August was also well attended and enjoyed by the participants. The most popular part of the day being the outdoor cooking with a range of different types of cooking methods tried. Cooking cheese rolls in flowerpots to eat with soup was a new and novel idea that some Leaders have now tried with their own Guides.

Country Leader Trainings in 2015 were run by our 'Trio of Travelling Trainers.' Country Leaders were offered a range of trainings over the weekend. The Trainers ran Leadership Qualification, Learning Partner and the Outdoor Skills Day between them to cater for the needs of those country Leaders. These were very busy, but highly successful weekends and the amount of time and effort given by these Trainers is recognised and greatly appreciated.



*Outdoor Cooking*



*Rolls*



# LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

The Learning Partner training in May was completed by six Leaders who have been appointed as Learning Partners in their Districts. The Learning and Development appreciates the efforts of all those Learning Partners, Leaders as mentors and District Managers who are all supporting training and contributing to the development of these new Leaders.

A kayaking training was run for Leaders wishing to gain water qualifications and for those needing to gain hours to complete or keep their qualifications current. The number of Leaders interested in kayaking for their girls is increasing and the Outdoors Department is slowly growing their Team.

We are continuing our efforts to build the Learning and Development Team. A successful Presenting with Pizzazz workshop was run in November and we now have some new potential Workshop Presenters and Trainers. Other Trainer development continued with Trainers weekends held in February and July and Trainers Day in December, with one member of the Learning and Development Team completing the Learning and Development Passport and becoming a Workshop Presenter.

Thanks goes to all those Leaders and Managers who have supported and contributed towards the planning and organisation of trainings and workshops, the hosted trainings at their halls, assisted with catering and equipment and helped with presentations. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the Learning and Development Team. Special thanks and recognition goes to all the members of the Learning and Development Team who give so much extra time to plan and present the numerous trainings throughout the year.

*Gadget suspended flagpole*



*Geocaching*



# OLAVE PROGRAM



In 2015 the Olive Program ignited, sparked and inspired. We had a change in State Managers, National framework and launched our very own website! Our new framework focuses on the three aspects of community, adventure and self-development. We also have a brand new tag line 'live for the challenge'.



We are very thankful to Nicole Young for the service she has provided as the SA Olive State Manager. Congratulations Nicole on your appointment as the National Olive Program Manager. In October we welcomed Emma Sheard in as the new SA Olive Program Manager.

We are very excited to share with everyone our new interactive website

<http://www.olaveprogramresource.org.au/>

it is definitely worth a viewing as it comprehensively covers all aspects of the Olive Program and has lots of handy links that everyone can use.



The year started with s'mores at the Olive booth at Let' Shine. Leaders were given a preview of all the exciting changes that were made to the National Framework in 2015.

Olaves organised a linking event with Guides aged 16+ at Bounce. It was a great adventure and everyone was exhausted after an hour of intense bouncing.

We served our community by participating in the Cancer Council's Adelaide Central Relay for Life. As a team we managed to keep our baton continuously moving from 2pm Saturday to 9am Sunday. Our top walker managed to walk 42 kilometres! This event was made extra special as Katrina Stroet chose to celebrate her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday with the Olive Program team at the relay.





# OLAVE PROGRAM



We attempted a geocaching and kayaking adventure at GTS Dolphin. Unfortunately the weather was unkind and not conducive to kayaking. The day evolved into geocaching and an impromptu scavenger hunt. Everyone who attended had a lot of fun even if it was a little cold and windy.



The inaugural Race with Olaves was a fabulous success. We had six mixed teams of Olaves and 14+ Guides racing around Adelaide CBD. A big thankyou to the wonderful checkpoint leaders for facilitating all the silliness. The checkpoint locations included the Central Markets, Adelaide Museum, Adelaide Art gallery, Myers' food court and Victoria Square. Check out one team playing leapfrog near Victoria Square. Some of the challenges included creating a 'dragon' yoga pose, posing like a painting in the art gallery, counting all of the chairs in the food court and playing sardines near Parliament house. Due to the success the Olave Program committee has decided that this will become an annual August event.



We were very excited to celebrate the presentation of two Olave-Baden Powell Awards at the Queen's Guide and Leader's Award Ceremony. A huge congratulations to Claire Brown and Emma Sheard on the completion of this award.

The SA Olave Program was fortunate to have Sarah Ashe represent us at Guiding at the House. This event was to showcase Guiding at Parliament House in Canberra. An Olave from each State was selected to attend as a support team for the event. SA was lucky enough to also have Nicole Young in attendance as this was during her transition to National Olave Program Manager.

September was quite a busy month as it was also 'Spark! Reigniting the Olave Program'. This was the



# OLAVE PROGRAM

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National launch of the changes to the Olave Program that developed from the Olave Program Review. Part of Spark! was to introduce our new program INSPIRE. INSPIRE is a one hour program to be run by Olaves in a guide Unit during a regular weekly meeting. It provides an introduction to the Olave Program for Guides of any w=age and facilitates connections between Olaves, Guides and Unit leaders. So far INSPIRE has been really successful. We are hoping to reach all Units in South Australia in the coming years.

As we head into the Olave Program's 20<sup>th</sup> year in 2016 (check out the website for a potted history of the Olave Program) we will carry forward the Spark! from 2015 and continue to INSPIRE young women in South Australia to Live for the Challenge!





# TREFOIL GUILD

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*Florrie cuts the cake*

## WORLD THINKING DAY 2015

World Thinking Day 2015 was celebrated as the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of Adelaide Trefoil Guild, which was the first Guild registered in Australia. Florrie Evans, from Para Districts Guild cut the cake and was presented with flowers and certificate by the Mayor of The City of Playford in appreciation of 76 years of Combined Service to guiding and Trefoil Guild.



*Enjoying Mt Gambier sunshine*

## VOLCANIC VENTURE

On the weekend 20-23 March, 19 TG members and 3 husbands joined 14 members from Barwon TG (Geelong) and the 4 members of Boandik TG (Mt Gambier) in Mt Gambier for a great weekend of fun and fellowship and of course, food!

Over the weekend there were opportunities to explore the wonders of Mt Gambier, Saturday markets, coffee shops, caves and gardens and the beautiful Glenelg River.



*Mt Gambier caves*

## STATE GATHERING

Once again we had the privilege of using the Pineview Village Community Hall for our AGM. Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser, Barbara Dean visited us and encouraged us to put our best effort into the 22<sup>nd</sup> Australian Trefoil Guild Gathering in Adelaide in October 2016. This was Barbara's last visit to SA as Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser. Louise Eldridge (Entente TG) led us through an engaging presentation "Climbing Your family Tree".



*Louise explains the process of researching Family Trees*



# TREFOIL GUILD

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## NORTHERN TREFOIL GUILD

I was invited to join Northern BP Guild for their June meeting as they were interested to hear about the activities of Trefoil Guild in SA. It was a pleasure to share with them just how easy it was for them to rejoin Trefoil Guild after an absence of over 10 years. By August they had decided to become a Trefoil Guild again. We are pleased to welcome them back and look forward to lots of fellowship in the future. Helen Warmingham has joined the 22nd ATGG Program sub-committee!

## GUILD ACTIVITIES

Our Guilds have enjoyed a variety of activities in 2015, held picnics, visited galleries and exhibits, shared hotel meals and meals in member's homes, celebrated Guild anniversaries, invited guest speakers to our meetings, written our personal Guiding histories and crafts to name some.

## NEW AUSTRALIAN TREFOIL GUILD ADVISER

Mrs Barbara Fairbairn from NSW was appointed as Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser Elect in July. Barbara's term in this role began on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015 when Mrs Barbara Dean's term finished. *Welcome Barbara Fairbairn.*



## OUTREACH FUND

Our Outreach Fund was busy in 2015! We were able to help 12 girls going to The Great Bunya Gathering in Queensland, 3 girls going to overseas camps and 8 adults travelling interstate or from country areas to attend Guide functions in Adelaide. These funds are raised from Parcel Minding at The Royal Show, sales of dried fruit, sales of used postage stamps and donations from recycling cans and bottles.

## SERVICE TO GUIDING

The objective to support Guiding is met in many ways. We have served 'real coffee' at Let's Shine, prepared Magpie Calling for postage, staffed camps, helped at Guide Unit meetings, cleaned Guide halls, carried out maintenance jobs around Guide Halls and raised money for Outreach Fund as reported above. When Nepal suffered devastating earthquakes in April 2015, we were able to send \$500 donation for Guides and Scouts to use for buying tents for the countless people left homeless.



# TREFOIL GUILD

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*Part of the ANZAC  
display at RGH*

## SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

We carry our Guiding Spirit into the community as often as we can, too. Members are involved in Big Morning Teas for Cancer Council fundraising, packing toiletries for Girls on Track Program, serving refreshments at ANZAC Vigils and assisting with Camp Amity ( for children with special needs). Numerous volunteer activities in the community are undertaken by members, eg Meals on Wheels delivery and preparation and caring for parks and reserves. Many, many red poppies were knitted, crocheted and displayed by members for the hundred year commemoration of ANZAC in 2015, in particular at 'The Repat' and at Goolwa War Memorial.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Blue G's Trefoil Guild hosted our Christmas party in 2015. A wonderful day of fellowship and Christmas fun and food was enjoyed by some 45 members. We were entertained with Christmas songs, old and new, and some community singing. Well done to Blue G's for making it such a good day despite the hot conditions.



*Barbara Dean*

## THANKS

In finishing, thanks to 'The Team', Janet, Roz, and Sandra and every member of SA Trefoil Guild for all that you generously put in to Trefoil Guild. Thanks to Guide House staff and volunteers for their support. Thankyou to Barbara Dean for her infectious zeal for Trefoil Guild over her term as Aust TG Adviser.



# GIRLS ON TRACK FOR LIFE PROGRAM

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The Girls on Track for Life program has been developed as community programs in partnerships with Girl Guides, The Smith Family and Communities for Children (Anglicare). This twelve week program has been adapted from the highly successful program run by Girl Guides New Zealand in their after school clubs. The program aims to develop basic life skills, including healthy eating, body image, responsible decision making, personal safety and socialization skills, as well as developing team work, self confidence and self respect for girls aged between 7 and 12 years of age from vulnerable families.

Since the inception of the program in 2008, we have gained partnerships with the Metropolitan Fire Service, Soroptimist International, Voice Interests and Education of Women Clubs of South Australia, Communities for Children, Safer Communities and SAPOL, enabling Guides to deliver these programs

. These programs are run for girls aged between 7 and 12 years, from vulnerable families, and are financed by grants and local community support. In 2015 we were fortunate to gain grants from Communities for Children and Communities for Children Plus, West Torrens Rotary Club and the RAA (rural). Financial donations were also received from many Church Groups, the Kotara YWCA group, the Quilters Guild of

South Australia, Tea Tree Gully Probus Club, Scouts SA Triple S Group, Rotary and Kiwanis Groups.

The Community support for these programs with the donations of toiletries, and gifts is amazing with groups like the Orange Tree Quilters, Melrose Park Sewing groups, VIEW (Voice Interest Education of Women) Soroptimist International Torrens Group, Trefoil Members, The Teddy Bear Association, Mothers Union at Warradale, Brighton and Seacliff. A special Thanks to the Burnside Trefoil members who assist with the bagging of the toiletries etc once a term which is a fantastic help.

2015 programs were delivered in the Port Adelaide/Enfield council area, Whyalla, City of Playford and the City of Onkaparinga areas -we were able to run seven programs per term - A total of 105 girls participated in our programs each term.

During 2015 we have had success in getting some girls to join Guides— particularly in Whyalla. We continue to be overwhelmed with the support from the Community allowing us to run these programs, and the benefits to the girls and their families have been outstanding. The Evaluation of these programs is very successful, with the school retention rate increasing to 87% for these girls and the peer groups that have been formed have gained strength within the school communities.



# CHILDREN'S WEEK

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**Children's Week 2015** is an annual Festival celebrated throughout Australia from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Sunday 1st November each year. The Children's Week Association of South Australia is affiliated with the Children's Week Council of Australia. The National Patron is His Excellency Mr. Peter Cosgrove; the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and State Patron is Mrs Lan Le, wife of the Governor of South Australia. State Ambassador is Mem Fox and the Media Ambassador is Jane Reilly.

Children's Week 2015 celebrated the theme of '[Children's Rights are Human Rights](#)'. Our Patron Mrs Lan Le launched the week of activities at Coorara Primary School at Morphett Vale.

A diverse range of healthy lifestyle activities were held throughout the state that focused attention of the wider community on children, in particular issues of health, recreation, sport, child care, education, cultural, social and emotional needs and the recognition of children's achievements.

Children's Week has been celebrated in South Australia for the past 36 years and has been supported by the Government of South Australia (Department of Education and Child Development) and the Federal Department of Social Services.

Throughout this nearly two weeks of frenetic activity, thousands of children had the chance to celebrate their own achievements, display their talents and just have good fun. Family activities reflect on the lives of children in other parts of the world where safety and freedom are not automatic.

Girl Guides South Australia is an active member of the Children's Week Committee. This committee meets monthly and consists of 20 organisations that have involvement with Youth.

Girl Guides SA were successful in gaining a small grant from Children's Week to assist with the running of the Mini Amazing Race, and a trip on Popeye which was held on 25th October, in the Botanical Gardens which 93 girls participated in the day.



*Guides at the Mini Amazing Race in the Adelaide Botanical Gardens 2015*



# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN AUSTRALIA

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National Council of Women Australia is a national non-government umbrella organisation with broadly humanitarian and educational objectives, which seeks to raise the awareness of women and girls to their rights and responsibilities as citizens and to encourage the participation of women in all aspects of community life.

NCWA links groups across Australia, each with diverse affiliates, in a federal structure and provides a forum for considered debate on policy matters brought forward by the constituent Councils. Individually and in partnership, NCWA works for improved conditions for women and children, especially the most vulnerable. In the ACT, New South Wales, Queensland, South

Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia members maintain an active program of seminars, conferences, consultations, submissions and publications.

Girl Guides South Australia has been an active member of the NCWSA for many years, and currently is represented with Helen Pointon OAM appointed Treasurer and Margie Berlemon AM being the Youth Adviser. GGSA is also actively involved with the Ruth Gibson CBE Memorial Award. This is a Financial Award offered to young women to continue their educational studies, and is administered through the NCWSA. GGSA have been very successful over the years in gaining these Awards





# BLUE AND GOLD SOCIETY

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The objective of the Society is to bring together men and women who appreciate the value of the Girl Guide program and can, through their community involvement, inform others about how our program is designed to help girls, and young women lead, achieve and succeed.



The concept of the Society was well received and there are currently over 60 members, representative of the business world, the public sector and the general community with Guide Leaders and former Guiding members. Members undertake to be 'Ambassadors' for Girl Guides South Australia.



Social functions are held each year at which members learn more about what is happening Guiding with current activities, and have opportunity to network with other interested parties.

The Blue and Gold Society held a Cocktail party at The Public Schools Club in Hutt Street in November, which was well attended.

*Pictures from the op*

*Sandra Turner and Sally Porter;*

*Susan Waters, Helen and Rob Goldney AM;*

*Judy Angus, John Moore, Kay Moore, and Pat Burgess*

*enjoying a chat at the Cocktail Party.*

## CAMP AMITY

**GIRL GUIDES SA CAMP AMITY** (for girls with disabilities) was a wonderful event for all involved. 12 Guides aged 14 – 18yrs volunteered to be a Buddy to a child aged 6-12 years with a mild disability at a three day camp at Warradale. The Guides spent a night at camp to set up and receive some training and on Fri morning the children arrived. The Guides did a great job reassuring the parents and there were no tears from the children as their parents left.

The Guides took on the role of “Mum” being responsible for their

child’s every need, including supporting them through the camp program, their personal care needs and getting up to them during the night as required.

The program included games, outdoor activities, a dance party, a dolphin cruise, cooking, gift making, a campfire and crafts. During a visit to the Hart Mill playground the Guides helped the kids down a huge slide, round and round in a hamster wheel and climbing maze and lifted them on and off the flying fox. With a Girl Guide Buddy everything is possible!







## LET'S SHINE 2015

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Early February this year again saw Leaders from across the State, both country and city, gather in one place for heaps of fun, networking time, training, fun, presentations, food and fun. The event was held at the Payneham Library and Community Centre with one section set up as forums for interest groups in Guiding to give information, answer questions and possible recruit new Leaders or Units to enjoy the activities provided by the interest group. There also was a display by Nature Play SA and Paracord Survival Bracelets demonstration and sales. The other area was set up with tables for groups facing a stage.

The initial part of the day involved Respectful Behaviours training and workshopping covering some of the requirements for the Work, Health and Safety Act and Girl Guides South Australia's commitment to Leader training. The Girl Guides South Australia Inc strategic plan was presented to the members by Michelle Stone and Anna Baulderstone as members of the Girl Guides South Australia Inc Board as an adjunct to the Girl Guides Australia Strategic Plan 2020. We know Girls is the catch phrase in addition to the mission for Australian Guiding and that Girl

Guides South Australia Inc stands for girls rights & safety, community and diversity and their education and future. Our next speakers were Jessica Rogers and Emma Sheard to talk to the Free Being Me program for girls. The girls were passionate about the program and gave insight for the Leaders present about how the program works. Each Unit present were given the Free Being Me education books for their age range and the Leader handbook. Over the lunch/networking break many Leaders took advantage of the many interest groups present especially the Free Being Me table to continue discussions, find out information, learn new skills and book times for the survival bracelets to become part of their unit programs.

We welcomed the Chief Commissioner of Australia, Robinette Emonson after lunch and she spoke on the Australian Guiding Strategic Plan and the World Conference. She was very excited about the election of Natasha Hendrick to the World Board by such a wide margin in the first ballot and on the networking and information gained from the experience for Australian Guiding. Michelle Stone then spoke on sales and PR - how to sell ourselves



## LET'S SHINE 2015

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better. The topic was broken up into membership sales, biscuit sales and marketing. Each Leader went away with a USB with information from all the Managers, information sheets on increasing membership and biscuit income and marketing collateral, as well as the calendar for 2015. Michelle Winn shared her experience at the International Conference for Leaders of Youth with an engaging look at what is essential within Guiding to be considered part of the Australian Guide Program to allow the program to fly and the girls to remain involved. Our last presentation was a presentation by Michelle Stone on iGGi (i Girl Guide interactive) a program that Girl Guides South Australia Inc received a grant for to

run. iGGi is a program that would allow guiding to reach rural and remote Guides and allow further training & communication between girls, and between girls and Leaders in a safe online environment.

At the conclusion of the day Robinette Emonson presented WAGGGS Asia Pacific Awards to Golda Munro and Annie Hyland. Then prizes were awarded to units with all Leaders present, Districts with all Leaders present and the Region with the highest percentage of Leaders present. The raffle door prizes were drawn and the prizes distributed. Region Manager appointment badges were presented to those newer Region Managers and taps was sung.



# EARTHKEEPERS CAMP

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Earthkeepers is an exciting, and fun environmental education camp held at Douglas Scrub Campsite. There is drama and mystery! For guides aged 9 - 11 years of age this year the camp was held on the first weekend of the April school holidays to allow country units to attend. Each Guide is invited to become an Earthkeeper in the magical setting of a "Lab" that belongs to a mysterious unseen character known as EM. Accommodation is indoors but all activities are outdoors.

An Earthkeeper carries a key ring with 4 keys representing Knowledge, Experience, Yourself and Sharing. The girls and first time accompanying Leaders earned two keys in camp and then the Leaders help the girls to gain their last two keys after camp. As the

Earthkeepers program contains some mysteries that need to be experienced at camp I can't tell you much more about the weekend. You will need to experience it yourself. Suffice it to say it is a full fun-filled learning experience that at the end of it you will become more in tune with the earth.

The Earthkeepers Team provides the qualifications required, whole camp program, catering, organisation and staffing. Leaders need to arrange transport to and from camp and assist with duties. No camping qualifications are required by the Leaders attending. This years' Units who attended were Knightsbridge Rainbow Guides, Knightsbridge Narwhal Guides, Magill Nightingale Guides, Berri Junior Guides, Belair Tawny Guides, Belair Fabtastalistic Guides, and Aldinga Guides.



# 2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS

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## JUNIOR BP

Summer Partridge

Laura Aldridge

Ella Savage

Jacinta Rowe

Melody Haskins

Ella Turner

Tarlia Blades

Grace Rolfe

Erin McMillan

Leah Anninos

Nina D'Alton

Natalie Bull

Chloe Cooper

Jordyn Nillissen

Charlotte Parks

Emelia Smith

Lily Maitland

Brianna Wenzel

Gretel Lees

Nevada Ross

Tasma Schutz

Yanan Fan

Keely McNamee

Lucinda Cleland

Emma Hejka

Eugenia Antonopoulos

Paris Wood

Miranda Fidge

Hanna Ewart

Darcey Kinson

Abigail Sharp

Sophie Marafioti

Lauren Cugley

Sophie Brown

Taylor Baggio

Rhiannon Einam

Holly Mouldsdale

Imogen Hall

Eliza Scott

Laura Stephens



# 2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS

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## BP PRESENTATION

Kirstie Hurst	Kidman Corella Guides
Lucy Pontifex	Highgate Guides
Amy de Ron	Gawler South Para Guides
Brianna McLean	Lockleys 2nd Guides
Mackenzie Flay	Gawler South Para Guides
Madeline Parks	Gawler South Para Guides
Karmin Poulsh	Gawler South Para Guides
Hannah Cameron	Gawler South Para Guides
Caitlin Curran	Plympton/Kurralta Pk Guides
Tasma Schulz	Murray Bridge Guides
Samara McPhee	Berri Jnr Guides
Holly Amos	Berri Jnr Guides
Teagan Rosser	Willunga Guides
Nina D'Alton	Willunga Guides
Erin McMillan	Willunga Guides
Leah Anninos	Willunga Guides
Delainey Einam	Hillcrest Guides
Mikayla Tovo	Mawson Nashwauk Guides
Zali Pankhurst	Berri Senior Guides
Adristi Maheswari	Hahndorf Guides
Eloise Penno	Hahndorf Guides
Miranda Fidge	Hahndorf Guides
Casey Horvath	Hahndorf Guides
Hannah Ewart	Hahndorf Guides
Lara Buteyn	Plympton/Kurralta Pk Guides
Erin Marley	Elizabeth Park Kestrel Guides



# 2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS

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## QUEENS GUIDE AWARDS

Caitlin Payne – Leadership Focus	Eastern Plains Splash Guides
Tayla Skipworth – Arts Focus	Hillcrest Guides
Brianna Webber – Arts Focus	Berri Tall Poppies
Melissa Greer – Special Focus	Berri Tall Poppies
Isabella Jarvis – Arts Focus	Berri Tall Poppies,
Shannon Hollis – Special Focus	Hills Power Ranger Guides

## ADULT AWARDS

Lynette Sawley	Thanks
Emma Sheard	OBP
Claire Brown	OBP
Sarah Ashe	Banksia
Kate Turner	Banksia
Annie Hyland	Emu



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